



## Spring 2020...A Spring Like No Other!

We began Spring 2020 with the SEEDS Connections High School Diversity and Environmental Leadership Program. Following this inspiring week, we received the same news as the rest of Alberta that the province would be cancelling all in-person school programs due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Other services that were deemed non-essential followed school closures, as the province went into lockdown. We were faced with unique challenges never seen before in our 69 years of operation. We had some difficult decisions to make which included the new, recently arrived Latitude Volunteers going home to New Zealand, the cancellation of in-person Spring Outdoor School Programs and rental bookings. Through these challenges, a window of opportunity was created as we had the chance to re-evaluate our programs and services, began thinking outside of the normal parameters and transitioned to online programming.

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## The Peanut Gallery



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A regular online program called "Kampers Korner" was created to continue to engage children in outdoor school and camp activities such as nature discovery, songs, stories and crafts that they could do at home. Staff and alumni also put on our first live online Kampfire in May. We also had students from Jennie Elliott participate in online Outdoor School. We commend all the staff involved in continuing to create and deliver all of this awesome program content during this time of physical distancing.

## Summer Kamp 2020 What's New?

With the recent Stage 2 Alberta Relaunch beginning June 12th, Kamp Kiwanis has decided to operate both online summer camp programs and summer day camp programs (with restrictions) in 2020. Overnight programs are still prohibited. Many kids are feeling the effects of isolation and the reduction of social interactions due to the COVID-19 pandemic and we feel the summer camp experience is more important than ever. The benefits that a summer camp experience can bring to a child's life are still very real. Kamp Kiwanis believes that it is our responsibility to continue to provide the sense of community and the relationships that are built at summer camp - in 2020 we will do this through day camps and online programs. For more information on our Summer Camps and Leadership Programs please visit our website at [kampkiwanis.ca](http://kampkiwanis.ca)

Please also visit our blog at <https://www.kampkiwanis.ca/blog> for ongoing articles. You are welcome to send us your feedback or potential contributions to our newsletter at [community@kampkiwanis.ca](mailto:community@kampkiwanis.ca)

## Shaw Birdies for Kids Presented by AltaLink



Kamp Kiwanis is proud to be a participating charity in Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink (BFK) in 2020.

BFK is a non-profit program run under the Shaw Charity Classic Foundation. 100% of donations made through BFK on behalf of Kamp Kiwanis will go directly to Kamp Kiwanis. Donations will be matched up to 50%, with funds going directly to Kamp Kiwanis, making your donation go even further!

The program donation period runs until August 30, 2020. To donate: <https://shawcharityclassic.com/donatenow>

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SHAW CHARITY CLASSIC AND BIRDIES FOR KIDS: <https://shawcharityclassic.com/>



Mountain Made Box, a company out of Cochrane, is generously donating \$1 from every box purchased to Kamp Kiwanis! Owners Kari and Erica curate high quality, unique boxes that help showcase items all made in Canada and most in the Rocky Mountain area. To see all the wonderful products Mountain Made Box has to offer visit [mountainmadebox.com](http://mountainmadebox.com)

### Upcoming Dates

**June 23 @630pm-**  
Kamp Kiwanis AGM  
**June 26 -** Live Online  
Kampfire  
**June 29 -** Summer  
Kamps Begin (Online  
and Daycamps)