



Welcome to our very first Camp Summit annual newsletter! We are very excited about the 2008 camping season ahead and we can't wait to share the adventures with you! We hope that you enjoy our very first newsletter as we take a look back on the 2007 camping season and look ahead to our most exciting year yet!

We had a tremendous 2007 season – there were many special people, moments, and adventures that made it so fantastic! It seems like every year at Summit we are astonished by what a successful camping season we have had and last year was no exception. Every summer program we ran in 2007 saw record-breaking registration numbers - it was thrilling to have many of our camps sell out! More campers than ever took part in fun, dynamic and creative camp programs. Our Outdoor Education Centre also had a very busy Spring and Fall season providing educational and meaningful programs to over 1500 students from schools in Vancouver, the Lower Mainland, Squamish, and as far as Toronto & Mexico. As you can see we have kept busy!

We had a very strong and motivated team this past year. Jarvis Strong who has been with us for many years moved into the role of Outdoor Centre Director in late 2006. His energy and dedication to outdoor education was integral in the success of the Spring and Fall school programs. Sharon Fields, our full time office administrator had her hands full - when you have record breaking numbers you have more campers to register and organize and due to her tremendous efforts our camp office ran smoothly and efficiently. Shannon Wilson had her first full year at Summit in 2007 and assumed the role as Assistant Summer Camp Director. Her hard work resulted in many exciting programs and a number of new systems. All of our staff whether they were outdoor centre staff, summer staff, trippers or sub-contractors played a huge part in the success of Camp Summit this past year. On behalf of Summit, many thanks to everyone's commitment to providing rewarding and memorable experiences for all of our campers and students.

We would also like to convey a huge thank you to all of the campers, LIT's, families, students and teachers for making the past season so memorable. It is your smiles that provide us with the inspiration and dedication - we wouldn't be what we are without you!

While we had a very successful year, we always aim to improve and grow at Summit and this upcoming camping season is a big one for us. Looking ahead at the 2008 camping season our exciting new site in the Upper Squamish Valley is a HUGE STEP in providing campers and students a challenging and expanding program in a more traditional camping environment. We are confident that this is a positive direction for Summit and will enable us to continue to lead the way in Summer Camp and Outdoor Education in B.C.

We hope that you enjoy our inaugural newsletter as you look back on fond memories from last year and glimpse on what is to come for 2008!

On behalf of myself, Daphne & Maya and the whole Summit team we are looking forward to seeing you at Camp!

Geoff Park
Owner/ Senior Director – Camp Summit



>> LOOKING BACK... 2007 Summer Highlights

- Record breaking camper numbers
- Very successful "Choose Your Own Adventure" day during Session 2, where campers went river rafting or horseback riding.
- The Summit Sentinel, the daily camp newspapers from Session 5
- New Campfire Cooking program
- 8 successful out-trips to some of British Columbia's most beautiful alpine areas
- Triumphant SLC program! They conquered the Juan De Fuca and Powell River
- The Martian Song by Aaron
- Mountain Bike Camp, with Mike Jones at the beginning of the summer
- Tuck Shop, Summit clothing was setting fashion trends all over camp
- Campfires (Campfire we love campfire!)
- Ninja Spy Missions run by E-Rob
- Top 10 at Dinner
- Camp Wide Games: Risk, Clue, Capture the Flag, Stratego, Survival, and Battleship
- Summit Olympics
- Zoë the Camp Dog
- Cabin Clean Up and the quest for the Golden Broom
- New successful 5 day Discovery programs – our youngest campers ever!
- Photo contest won by Parky/House



THE BIG NEWS!!! GETTING CLOSER TO NATURE AT OUR NEW LOCATION!!!

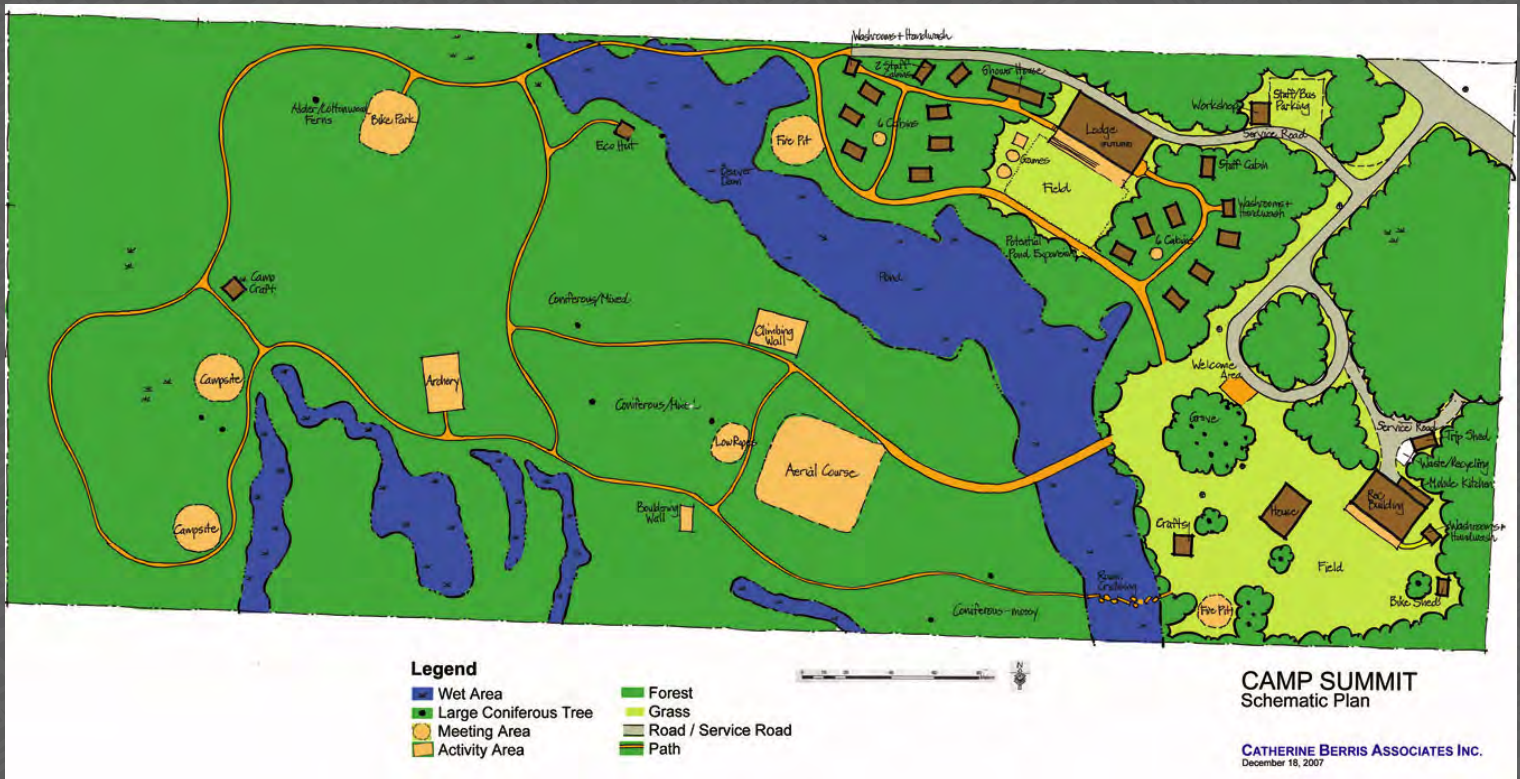
Camp Summit has big news for the 2008 season! We have purchased and are currently developing a new private 24-acre site in the rural upper Squamish Valley. This site is surrounded by spectacular glacial peaks and nestled in a lush natural setting. Camp Summit has always been about growing and improving our current programs. We know that this new site will give us the freedom to enhance our programs and build create new program areas. This new site will enhance our traditional camp feel and take Summit to the next level.

Highlights:

- Twice the size of our former site and exclusive use
- New 7 Element High Ropes Course!
- New Climbing Wall
- New Eco-Centre Nature Activity Station
- New Arts & Crafts building with pottery kiln and wheels
- New biking trails and bike park elements
- Expanded hiking trail system
- Our very own 2500-3000 SQ FT Dining Facility with improved food quality and service
- New Camp Office and Health Centre
- New Campsites, for overnight camping trips right on site
- Short hikes to pristine river beaches
- Improved program and natural space
- 20 minutes off highway 99 and from the old site on Government Rd
- 30 minutes from Squamish General Hospital
- 1 hour 10 minutes (70min) from West Vancouver
- Proximal to the town of Squamish



BEST OF ALL, the same Camp Summit experience you've come to know and love in an intimate and more natural space!





CAMP CALENDAR 2008

April 27th – Spring Staff Arrive & Train
 May 4th – Our first school group of the season!
 June 29th – Summer Staff Arrive & Train
 June 30th – LIT's Arrive & Train
 July 5th to 9th – Discovery Camp and Mountain Bike Camp
 July 5th to 26th – SLC New Horizons Camp
 July 12th to 18th – Summer Blast Camp
 July 19th to Aug 1st – Adventure Challenge Camp
 August 4th to 17th – SLC Journey Camp
 Aug 4th to 10th – Summer Blast Camp
 Aug 11th to 17th – Summer Blast Camp

FILLING UP FAST!!

Record Early Bird Registrations for Summer Camp Programs this year!! It has been very busy with registrations – we are so thrilled to have many of our campers returning again this year and we can't wait to share our new site and new adventures with you all!! Call or email the office to secure your spot for this exciting summer season!

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SUMMIT CONTINUES TO GROW

At Summit we are always striving to offer exceptional programs and facilities that campers will benefit from. In 2007 the following was added:

- A brand new fleet of Marin Mountain Bikes and new Kona Hula Mountain Bikes for our smaller riders
- New tripping gear, more tents, stoves and culinary instruments
- New climbing gear, static ropes, harnesses and carabiners
- 2 New BBQ's donated by the McHugh family
- New bike trails and obstacles/elements created by our Mountain Bike Camp campers
- New Archery back drop
- Volley Ball court
- New Ga Ga Ball court
- A new 'lounging area' - Muskoka Chairs around bell tree
- Traded in our older bus for a newer 24 passenger diesel bus, the 'Buscotheque'

For 2008 all these great additions and more will be used at our new site!



WE GET LETTERS

"Dear staff at Camp Summit, Thanks for making my time at camp so enjoyable. I really enjoyed meeting all the counsellors and instructors and all the other people. All the activities were fun to do and try and I really thought that everything was well thought out. I liked the Olympic Games and the silly things we had to do. I thought that the photos on the slide show were really good, and it is fun to see photos of you and your friends online. Next year I can hopefully come again and enjoy a two week session."

"I had a great time at camp, the activities were AWESOME! I am looking forward to coming back next summer. I would like to thank my two counsellors and all the other staff members who made it possible for me to spend a fantastic week at camp. Rock climbing, bouldering, canoeing, mountain biking, hiking, all those were really fun to do. Thanks again for an amazing summer"

"I just wanted to send a HUGE thank you for making my daughter's week an absolute BLAST! I'm so glad this was successful for her, as it's a huge confidence booster, and I have nothing but good things to say about what a wonderful camp you folks are running. Gosh I wish I was a kid myself so I could come for a week! I will highly recommend your camp to all my parent friends, many of them have kids the same age as my daughter, looking forward to next year already!!"

"I wanted to send you a personal thank you for making my son's summer the best one he's had to date... He keeps telling me that he must have had a dream! He would rather be at camp until school starts! I will be watching your website for registration for next year. Again thank you for giving him the time of his life!"



2007 CAMPER & STAFF AWARDS

At the end of every camp session we like to recognize campers who have demonstrated true Summit Spirit.

Jr. Camper Award – This award is given to a junior camper who has been helpful, respected others and enjoyed every aspect of camp life.

Mihaela Georgescu
Liam O'Halloran
Juliette Panel
Jack Swanson
Will Harder
Rosemary Howes

Nicolas Lafreniere
Arnica Wight
Justin An
Sourena Behmanesh
Nicholas Klimchuk-Brown

Sr. Camper Award – This award is given to a senior camper who has been a positive role model for other campers, who has demonstrated respect for campers and staff, who has participated in camp life to the utmost and is an example of true camp spirit.

Matt Rostad
Francoise Panel
Aileen McKeown
Tim Matthews

Simon Delchambre
Chloe Schroder
Henry Ehlen

Soul Of Summit – This is the pinnacle of Camp Summit Awards. It is awarded to only one camper per-session who demonstrates true Summit spirit. These campers have shown outstanding respect for their fellow campers and staff, they have participated in every aspect of camp life with enthusiasm, and have been a positive role model for other campers at camp.

Connory Burton
Nick Ventura
Jake Yochim
Johnny Webb

5-Year Awards – New to Camp Summit! This was our 8th summer of camp and we now have staff and campers who have dedicated five years and over to Summit. Having staff and campers who have made Summit a part of their lives for 5 summers is astounding; we would like to recognize them for their continued dedication.

Campers who have attended Summit for 5 years are acknowledged with a framed photo of the cabins at night with their name engraved on it. While Staff receives a “five-year” Arc'teryx vest with the camp logo and their name embroidered on it. We are proud to honour the following staff and campers with our first ever Five Year Awards!

STAFF:

Jarvis Strong
John Houser
Geoff Park
Daphne Radford-Park

CAMPERS:

Anna Ashton
Georgia Clayton
Lester Jacobson
Krystyn Mack

We know that this list will continue to grow!



SUMMIT CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM

Last summer several campers were able to attend camp with financial support from the Summit Campership Program. It is through the generous donations made by our camper families & community/private fundraisers that any form of subsidy was possible. Camp Summit is a privately run camp, supported only by our camper families there is no government subsidy for sending children to Summit. Placing a value amount in the allotted section on our registration form was how our camper families made their donations. We would like to thank and acknowledge the following families that made camp memories possible for so many children.

Sallie Castle & Scott Harder
Nicky & Mark Evans
Heather Hurst
Lucinda Jones & David Martin
Brent & Janie Morrison
Betty & Blake Swanson
Siew Chin Oo & Yau Yee Man
Yuichi & Naomi Okabe
Amber Allen & Gary Leiper
Jennifer & Jim Phair
Chih-Yuan Chen & Ya-Ping Lin
Svetlana & Rakhim Sharipova
Suzanne & Dwayne Burnell
Marie & William Fortin
Nicholas de St Croix & Brenda Jones
Claude Cattoire
Connie Mildner & Brendan Wilson
Stephanie Brown & Jeff Klimchuk
John & Hiroko Vail
Kee & David Cronin
Jeff & Cari Sutton
Leslie Stevens-Cross & Graeme Cross
Thomas & Andje Krueger
Maureen & Armen Jeknavorian





SUMMIT OLYMPICS

At the end of every session something very exciting happens. Campers are divided into different countries that they will represent in the Summit Olympics! Each country is lead by two staff captains who lead their team through a variety of different events. Participants from each country compete in such events as Bus Push, Gum Boot Toss, Colour Wrestling, Chocolate Relay, Syncro Swimming, Long Jump, 100 meter Dash and the Tire Demolition. Teams can also gain points for their team by showing good sportsmanship, team spirit, presenting team cheers and cheering on other countries. The country with the most points at the end of this full day event is crowned the winner! We had a gruelling summer of Summit Olympics with many countries having very close scores, however with that said there was always a winner. **2007 WINNERS:**

Session 1 – Canada

Session 2 – Italy

Session 3 – Canada

Session 4 – Spain

Session 5 – Norway



GET READY!!

Practise these Top Tens at home with your Family!

A Camp Summit tradition and one of our highlights is our dinner time 'Top Ten' challenge. Campers are given a category and must guess the 'Top Ten' for it – in order! Work together with your family to see if you can guess these Top 10's and remember, you get a half point for right answers in the wrong spot and a full point for right answers in the right spot.

Top 10 Most Common Phobias

Answers: 1. Spiders; 2. People and Social Situations; 3. Flying; 4. Open Spaces; 5. Confined Spaces; 6. Heights/Vomiting; 7. Heights; 8. Cancer; 9. Thunderstorms; 10. Death/Heart Disease

Top 10 Largest Countries

Answers: 1. China 2. USA 3. India 4. France 5. Germany 6. Spain 7. Italy 8. Mexico 9. UK 10. Canada

SUMMIT OUTDOOR CENTRE 2007 SEASON

To say that our Outdoor Center was busy last year is an understatement – it was crazy! Throughout last year we saw over a thousand students representing over 30 schools from around British Columbia and beyond participating in our Outdoor Education Programs. Through experiential learning, students garnered group leadership skills that they can apply back to the classroom and their daily lives. Through the year, Summit also hosted some adult groups (corporate and private), some day programs, and even a Duke of Edinburgh program – these combined with our traditional school groups made sure that our spring and fall were jam-packed!

2007 Outdoor Centre Highlights:

- Dogsledding & Snowshoeing with Crofton House School (Vancouver) in January
- Whistler Ski days with Camp Moomba (Vancouver) and Royal St. Georges College (Toronto) programs
- West Pointe Gray Academy (Vancouver) tripping week – Juan de Fuca, Powell Forest Canoe Route, Lilloet Lakes were among some of the vistas enjoyed
- Greenwood College (Toronto) Mountain Skills program and Backcountry Canoe program
- Our 5th year of working with our first client school – British American School (Puerto Vallarta, Mexico). Here's to another 5 years!!
- Hosting a corporate teambuilding day with Business Objects in Whistler
- Summit staff volunteering at the Test of Metal (Squamish's famous Mountain Bike Race) and then hosting the volunteer appreciation BBQ

Running these programs would not have been possible without the hard work of our amazing Outdoor Centre Staff. A special thanks to our 2007 staff:

Shannon Blanchard, Tom Davies, John Degorter, David Dunlop, Sharon Fields, Aaron Golub, Tim Hall, Dave McCarthy, Tim Heine, John Housser (House), Yoshi Ishihama, Trish Jamieson, Elisa Lee, Geoff Park, Emily Robinson, Vicki Shelmerdine, Hannah Stewart, Shannon Wilson, Kristen Wurtele, Rowan Oloman, Alex G, Brad Gooderham, Andy Beadon, Katie Beadon, Mike Clark, Trevor Oakley, Sean Gladwin, Dominique Zapart, Penny Martin, Lorne Graham, Lucas Hamilton.

We would particularly like to mention all of our schools and client groups:

Crofton House, Greenwood College, UBC Transitions, West Point Gray Academy, Boucher Naturopathic School, West Vancouver Senior Secondary, St. Johns, Meadowridge, WESST, UBC Transitions Program, Camp Moomba, York House, The York School, Larson Elementary, Urban Academy, Bodwell Secondary, Seymour Heights, British American School, Hearts of Gold.



REMEMBER TO CLAIM YOUR CAMP FEES!

The Children's Fitness Tax Credit allows parents to claim up to \$500 per year for eligible fitness expenses paid for each child who is under 16 years of age at the beginning of the year in which the expenses are paid. Summer Camp is an eligible program so hang onto your receipt and claim away!! Please visit <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/fitness> for more information. If you need a receipt from last year please contact the office.



ALUMNI CORNER

Can you believe that Summit is celebrating 10 years in Camping? As an Alumni staff you played a significant role in the development of where Summit is today. Without your hard work, creative program ideas, and desire to create lasting memories for campers and students we would not be where we are today. Looking back over the past 10 years we have had hundreds of staff from all over the world leave their mark on Summit.

We are celebrating 10 years in Camping with an Alumni Staff Reunion over the May 15th -18th long weekend this Spring. This weekend is open to all Alumni Staff to come back to Summit and enjoy the feeling of being back at camp. It will be a weekend full of celebrations and a look back at Summit Staff from over the years. Please join us for what will be a memorable weekend! If you have updated contact information please contact the office and stay tuned for details.

BUT we can't tell you everything – some things are best left as a surprise!

THE PEAK



2008 STAFF TEAM TIDBITS

Our staff team is almost finalized for this upcoming camp season.... There will be some familiar faces on the Summit Team again this year, and as always a few new ones. We have a very talented and experienced group of individuals who will be teaming together to create the best year ever! Again we have a very diverse group of people coming from all over Canada and the world. We are lucky to have staff coming to Summit from Australia, the UK, New Zealand, Mexico, France and Germany this year – the international flair only adds to the great Summit experience!

Some Fun News about Summit Staff:

Aaron aka Scout has been in Australia working with the Outdoor Education Group over this winter – he is looking forward to coming back to Summit this year to continue with his excellent leadership as head of the LIT program. Aaron brings his technical expertise with campcraft and orienteering, and the sharing of his ‘entertaining songs and skits’ at campfire. They will be all the more entertaining this year with his newly acquired accent and learnings from Australia.

House finished up with his university this past year and made the permanent move to Squamish. Although he has joined Arc'teryx (Clothing and Equipment designer based in Vancouver) as a full time ‘techno computer geek’ – he is looking forward to coming back for summer camp. He is particularly looking forward to Mountain Bike Camp and showing off his bike skills.

Dave will be back again to lead the SLC's this upcoming summer. He is really excited about the new sequential SLC programs and looks forward to working with SLC's to develop their technical camping abilities and their teaching and leadership skills. Over this winter he has kept busy working hard on the construction of the new site. SLC's should start working out now if they want to keep up with this man – he is fit from all of the hard work making our new site an amazing place!

Georgia Clayton, Alex Smolinski, Eddie Simpson, Stuart McBride, and Anna Ashton – recent graduates of the LIT program are making the move from campers to staff this year. It is always so exciting to have campers that have graduated through all of our programs come back and contribute to camp on a whole new level. We look forward to having their warm and wonderful energy here at Summit this summer!

Pierre Cattoire-Urier the ‘real’ French guy is coming back this year to join Summit for summer and some of fall. Pierre brings with him an enthusiasm for camp that is highly contagious. We look forward to having him bring that little ‘spécial quelque chose’.

And finally – Zoë the camp dog will be back! She recently got a new haircut and is currently in training chasing all of the bunnies and getting ready for the busy camp season of keeping up with the kids! Bark, Bark, Woof, Woof!

There are so many exciting and new things for the year ahead BUT we can't tell you everything – some things are best left as a surprise!

Tales of the Summit Flag

Every year the Summit Flag gets flown to exotic locations as Summit staff travel and pursue other adventures. This year the Summit flag travelled through Asia (Cambodia and Thailand) before flying high in Sidney, Australia with Emily ‘E-Rob’ Robinson, James ‘the Admiral’ Sell, and Amy ‘Giggles’ Naivasha.

SUMMIT ALUMNI...OUR STAFF FAMILY, PAST AND PRESENT

Through the years, we have had some amazing staff at Summit. We have developed quite the extended family in our staff and we really enjoy being able to keep in touch with many of them as they continue working and pursuing excellence and adventure in the world abroad.

This year, we have formalized the Summit Alumni!! This is the beginning of our efforts to begin fostering communication and keeping past staff up to date with what's going on at camp and with each other. We are excited to be able to keep you more in touch with how all of your hard work over the years has created the strong foundation that has built Summit to be where it is today.

This is especially good timing as we move towards our 10th year (can you believe it!) in 2009 and we will be having a staff reunion for all of you to come back to Summit and celebrate 10 amazing years with us. Jarvis ‘Bootsy’ Strong will be heading up our Alumni Association and will be keeping you all in the loop and with the help of Shannon Wilson will hopefully collect current addresses for all of you in the coming months. Please email shannon@campsummit.ca and let us know what you are up to and give us an update of your contact details.