



WELCOME FROM PARKY

I am very excited to be sitting down to write to you all as we enter our **10th year** at Camp Summit. It has been an incredible journey that has seen so many amazing campers and students experience life at camp. It was so great to take the leap and be able to have a permanent home at our new site in the Squamish Valley.

This season at Summit will be one of reflection, celebrating how far we have come, and what's ahead for us in the future. Over the past ten years so many people have contributed to the growth of Summit. It's with my deepest gratitude that I thank everyone from campers, students, parents, teachers, staff and volunteers who have created countless memories contributing to Summit's identity. The creation of Summit has been a team effort and an on-going dream.

I am also very thankful for the growth of our campership program. The list of families who contribute is growing every year. We have been able to send over 30 campers to Summit who would not have had the opportunity to do so without your generosity.

In this edition of our very first printed newsletter we will look back on a very successful 2008 season, as well as look ahead to what looks to be our best season yet in 2009.

On behalf of my wife Daphne, and our very active and energetic daughter Maya, I want to wish you and your family a very happy holiday and I look forward to seeing all of you at camp in the New Year!

Parky

Geoff Park – Owner/Sr. Director Camp Summit

2008 SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

- > Developing our new site from the ground up and the arrival of our very first camper!
- > A very successful "Choose Your Own Adventure" day during session 3, where campers went river rafting or horseback riding.
- > Super fun Camp Clubs! With the Summit Sentinel, Canoeing, Dance Club, EXTREME Sports and many more!
- > Witnessing camper and students conquer their fears at our new High Ropes course.
- > Four successful out-trips to some of British Columbia's most beautiful alpine experiences like, Garbalidi Lake.
- > Two Triumphant SLC programs, where campers conquered the Juan De Fuca and Powell River!
- > Evenings spent around the Campfire "Campfires.... we LOVE Campfires"
- > The fairies of Charlie Charlie traveling around camp casting spells and giving out candy.
- > Mountain Bike Camp, with Mike Jones and John Housser at the beginning of the summer.
- > Our amazing group of LIT's and all their hard work over the summer supporting campers and staff.
- > Summit clothing once again was setting fashion trends all over camp.
- > Our new Early Morning Risers club including morning strolls, morning Bingo and sometimes if you got up early enough early morning cartoons.
- > Dinner time Top 10 lists.
- > Camp Wide Games including Clue, Capture the Flag, Stratego, Survival and Battleship!
- > The famous Summit Olympics, and the introduction of the Monster Relay!! and The Cha Cha Slide!
- > Cabin Clean Up and the quest for the Golden Broom.
- > Day hikes to Brohm Lake, Alice Lake, The Chief and the new addition of High Falls.





CAMP CALENDAR



January 31	Deadline for Early Bird Discount on summer registration
April 14:	Outdoor Centre welcomes it's first school of the season
April 26:	Spring Staff Training
June 28:	Summer Staff Training
July 4-8:	Discovery Camp
July 11-17:	Summer Blast Camp 1
July 18-31:	Adventure Challenge Camp
July 18-24:	Summer Blast Camp 2
July 25-31:	Summer Blast Camp 3
August 3-9:	Summer Blast Camp 4
August 10-16:	Summer Blast Camp 5
August 3-16:	Back to Back
August 3-16:	SLC 1 Journey Program
July 4-25:	SLC 2 New Horizons Program
August 16:	Last Day of Summer Camp
August 28:	Fall Staff Training
September 1:	Fall Outdoor Centre welcomes it's first school
October 25:	Camp Summit wraps up until next season



CONGRATULATIONS SLC LEADERSHIP GRADS!

Camp Summit has three Leadership Development Programs where campers at the age of 15 can start the journey to becoming an exceptional leader.



> Our SLC 1 'Journey' program is a two week program and is specifically designed for 15 yr. old individuals with the desire to explore not only the wilderness, but themselves as well. Through the shared challenges of a wilderness expedition, the SLC 1 participants learn 'hands on' about effective communication, conflict resolution, judgement, decision-making, and teamwork while also beginning to explore leadership styles and skills. The SLC 1 conquered the Powell River on a five day canoe trip and challenged themselves at mountain biking, climbing and high ropes.

> Our SLC 2 'New Horizons' program is a three week program and is specifically designed for 16 yr. old individuals with not only the passion to continue exploring the wilderness & growing personally, but also the desire and intent to learn about leadership, mentoring, and teaching others. Our SLC 2 participants went on a six day hiking trip on the Juan da Fuca trail and also completed a 16-hour Standard First Aid course. On top of gaining self-reliance in the wilderness they partook in activity workshops that explored further concepts of responsibility, leadership, and mentoring roles in a community.

We had a group of very hard working LIT's this past summer as well. They could be found helping out all over camp from running cabin choice programs to helping in program areas. The LIT program is a very demanding one, and a huge thank you goes out to all the LIT's for making such a positive impact on the lives of Summit campers, great job!

Elena Aramini
David Cormack
Garrett Costello
Marlene Dollfus
Kate Holden –Boyd
Lester Jacobson

Eli Jennings
Kendra Mack
Krystyn Mack
Khyber McHugh
Matt McHugh

Congratulations to the following SLC Campers who showed amazing leadership this past summer!

DJ Burton
Connor LeQuesne
Austin Biswell
Andrew Boutcher
Victor Fei
Dakota Greene

Kayleigh Hansen
Rees Langereis
Christian LeBlond
Tim Mathews
Sam Matthew
Aileen McKeown





CAMPER 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.

Miles Jonson – Discovery Camp
 Sarah Ford – Summer Blast 1
 Ryan Sieg – Summer Blast 1
 Masa Miyamabe – Adventure Challenge
 Shimen Fayad – Adventure Challenge
 Allen Ji – Summer Blast 2
 Jacqueline Johnston – Summer Blast 2
 Nicolas To – Summer Blast 3
 Avalon Fast – Summer Blast 3

- > **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.

Josh Yochim – Summer Blast 1
 Kelsey Peng – Summer Blast 1
 Heather Parkin – Summer Blast 1
 Charlie Harder – Adventure Challenge
 Perry Safari – Summer Blast 2
 Myriam Verly – Summer Blast 2
 Anthony Woods – Summer Blast 3
 Kristen Sing – Summer Blast 3

- > **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, have participated in every aspect of camp life with enthusiasm and have been a positive role model for other campers at camp.

Hannah Pletz – Discovery Camp
 Spencer Wight – Summer Blast 1
 William Harder – Adventure Challenge
 Liam Gillanders – Summer Blast 2
 Austin Ross – Summer Blast 3

We also have some fun awards that are awarded in certain sessions

- > **Most Helpful**

Nicholas Larsen – Adventure Challenge
 Christian LeBlond – SLC 1

- > **Canoe Award**

Victor Fei – SLC 1

- > **Golden Broom, Cabin Clean Up Award**

Charlie, Charlie – Discovery Camp
 Garibaldi – Summer Blast 1
 Garibaldi – Adventure Challenge Camp
 Cloudburst – Summer Blast 2
 Jimmy Jimmy & Tantalus – Summer Blast 3

- > **5-Year Awards** – This is our second year acknowledging campers with our 5 Year Camper Awards! Being our 9th summer of camp we now have campers who have dedicated five years or more to Summit. Having 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. We are proud to honour the following campers with our 5 Year Awards!

Campers:

Matt McHugh
 Khyber McHugh
 Garrett Costello
 Kendra Mac

We know that this list will continue to grow, how close are you to 5 years?





SUMMIT CAMBERSHIP PROGRAM

This 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 that any form of subsidy was possible. Placing a value amount in the allotted section on our registration form was how families made their donations. We would like to thank and acknowledge the following families that made camp memories possible for so many children.

Lisa & Chris Tomanik	Lisa Woudzia
Robert Burkett & Suzana Vucetic	Mimi Lee & Bruce Lo
Scott & Carol Ehlen	Karen Mirsky & Alaric de Souza
Lorraine Redpath & Lyle Fast	Camelia & Eugen Chirila
Cheryl & Norm David	Cara Canzler
Jeff Sutton	Kenki & Mayumi Miyanabe
Janet & Martin McKeown	Maureen & Armen Jeknavorian
Frank & Olga Ortiz	Sue & Andy McGuire
John & Helen To	Daniel & Lisa McHugh
Stephanie Brown & Jeff Klimchuk	Alan Gray
Monique Davidson	Young Seo & Jacob Shim
Robert & Lisa Ireland	Tomohito & Tomoe Sadahiro
Kee & David Cronin	Sallie Castle & Scott Harder
Katerina Velecky	Elisa Lee
Tammy & Garry Tallent	David & Merle Chiasson
James Aramini & Tanis Gaitens	Jean LeBlond & Lyne Berube
Mauro Duso & Susan Foot	Rhonda Johnston
Mathew & Judy Liu	Stella & John Cameron
Katherine & Philip Austin	Crofton House School



HELP US GROW!!

We are looking to our current families to help Camp Summit grow! From the feedback we have received from our families we believe that you are our biggest asset. We have created a "Camper Referral Program" with your positive experiences spreading the word about Camp Summit you will help us grow and give more campers the opportunity to experience Camp Summit. As a thank you for helping us grow we will enter your families name into a draw to win a free camper registration for the 2009 summer season. This is how it works:

- > Tell all your friends about Camp Summit, and every time you recruit a new camper to Summit have them put your family's name on the top of the registration form.
- > For each new camper a family refers, your family's name will go into a draw for a free session of camp.

On June 1st, 2009, Camp Summit will hold a draw to reveal the winning family. The more registrations you recruit the more times your family's name goes into the draw. It's as easy as that.

For more information please feel free to email info@campsummit.ca

Happy recruiting and thanks for spreading the word!





DID YOU KNOW?

During the course of a year at Summit many exciting things take place, take a look...

- > This summer Summit was accredited by the British Columbia Camping Association. Camp Summit needs to adhere to a stringent set of standards including food service, safety, program, site, facility and transportation. We are happy to announce that Summit passed with flying colours once again and will be accredited for another 3 years.
- > Keeping Camp Summit running is a year round operation. We are busy in the office in the off season planning, hiring staff and developing new programs for the upcoming season. Parky and Shannon have welcomed a new member to the year round operation, Aaron Golub! Aaron has been working at Summit for 2 years now and has moved into his new role of Director of Operations. We are excited to have Aaron be part of our full time crew!
- > This past fall, Summit was proud to host camping professionals from around the world as part of the Canada Camps Tour. The Canada Camps Tour was designed as a lead-in event to the International Camping Congress that was held in Quebec City in October. During the various stages of the Tour, participants toured camps and other cultural landmarks in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec. Summit was thrilled to host a group of Australians for a night on their long journey across Canada, sharing stories and visions on camping.
- > Summit again hosted over 100 "Altitude" youth from around the province participating in a leadership weekend in connection with 2010 Legacies Now. Over the course of the weekend there were many guests that helped inspire the young leaders to plan creative events in their communities during the Spirit Of B.C Week. Summit staff and Altitude youth enjoyed speaker Anthony Wright who played on the Canadian Field Hockey Team in Beijing, Carol Huynh Canada's first Olympic Gold Medal recipient in the Beijing Summer Olympics in Women's Wrestling and the Olympic Mascots visit to camp. It was an inspiring weekend for all.
- > As well as running a summer camp and outdoor education centre, Parky sits on the board of the Squamish Community Foundation as well as the board of Tourism Squamish. He also remains very involved in the Squamish community by volunteering in many key community events
- > Every holiday season instead of buying gifts, the Summit Management Team makes a large donation to the local shelter and food bank in Squamish. This is just another way Summit stays committed to helping families in need.
- > This Spring the previous owner of the property Camp now resides, Gudrun Blair came to Summit to visit and see how things have changed. Gudrun lived on the property with her family for over 20 years. She was ecstatic to see what developments we had made. Gudrun loved seeing that her old property was now a place where hundreds of children each year can experience the outdoors.



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.



SUMMIT OLYMPICS

At the end of every session something very exciting happens. Campers are placed on teams and represent different countries during the Summit Olympics. Each country is captained by two staff who lead their team through a variety of different wacky and exciting events. Participants from each country compete in events such as the Bus Push, Gum Boot Toss, Colour Wrestling, Chocolate Relay, 100 meter Dash, Monster Relay, the Cha Cha Slide and of course the Tire Demolition Derby. Teams also gain points by showing good sportsmanship, team spirit, presenting team cheers and cheering on other countries; the Spirit Fairy is always watching. The country with the most points at the end of this full day event is crowned the winner! We had a great summer of Summit Olympics with many countries having very close scores; Here are this years winning teams;

- Session 1 – Spain
- Session 2 – Wales
- Session 3 – Mexico
- Session 4 – Japan & Spain
- Session 5 – Greece



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!



WE GET LETTERS



Each year we receive cards and emails from campers, staff, teachers and families who are very eloquent in speaking about their experiences at Camp Summit. Here are just a few:

“My daughter hasn't stopped singing since she got home! Thank you all very much. Who knew that so much could happen in five short days! Golden Brooms, Olympics, Campfire songs and memories to last a lifetime. You guys are the best! See you next year”.

“I have to tell you, my son loved Camp Summit this year more than ever. When he came home after those three weeks, he was a different kid. He missed everyone so much, and he's decided to forego a family trip to Peru and the Galapagos next year so he can do his LIT with you. He said he'd like to spend the whole summer up there if you'll have him. Wow! Thanks again, for everything”.

“Just to let you all at Camp Summit know, my daughter absolutely loves Camp Summit and is so excited to be coming back. Camp Summit will be one of the highlights of her life she will always remember. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Camp Summit for all the joy you have given to both my daughters and for my niece over the years they have been coming to your Camp”.

“You did it! Congratulations on your new camp and the powerful and enduring effect you have on children. When I read the students reflections, I saw your wisdom, philosophy and ideals all over them. They learned to take risks, trust each other and themselves delight in challenge and expect life to be filled with exhilaration and opportunity and friends rather than materialism and vacuous drudgery. The impact of your gift to our students is evident in their insights, thank you”.

“As I leave Summit after working a full 6 months, I look back at my experience as a staff member. You have taught me so much this season. You've offered guidance, you've given support, you've sympathized and you've been honest. I've got a lot out of my 6 months, but one of the most precious things is the friendship I have found. When all the memories of the summer glitches fade into laughable moments all that's left will be the good times and the smiles I remember on so many campers faces. Thank you for all the great memories and for everything this season. I will be back next year from sure!”





THE 2009 STAFF TEAM

A huge thank you goes out to our amazing staff of 2009. We were fortunate this season to have had staff contribute to Summit in so many different ways. We have staff that helped in the continuing construction upgrades of camp, staff running programs in our Outdoor Education Centre, staff giving it their all in the summer and even carrying on through with that same energy into the fall Outdoor Education Program. Their commitment and enthusiasm for working with children and providing them with an extraordinary experience needs to be recognized. We thank them all for creating such wonderful memories for our campers & students.

Anna Ashton (Washington)
 Alex Belden (Mexico)
 Kate Bell (Ontario)
 Jennifer Brown (Vancouver)
 Duncan Chambers-Watson (New Zealand)
 David Cook (Australia)
 Garrett Costello (Utah)
 Brad "Bill Texas" Gooderham (Vancouver)
 Aaron Golub (Squamish)
 Kate Holden-Boyd (Vancouver)
 Magnus Holmquist (Vancouver)
 Fleurie Hunter (Winnipeg)
 Elijah Jennings (Hawaii)
 Morgan Jennings (Hawaii)
 Sean Keast (Ontario)
 Kendra Mack (Vancouver)
 Dan McCarthur (Squamish)
 Vanessa Marcotte (Ontario)
 Marty Marquette (Ontario)
 Emily Rossnagel (Ontario)
 Stuart McBride (Vancouver)
 Matt McHugh (Singapore)
 Megan Miller (Vancouver)
 Luke Naivasha (Australia)
 Trevor Oakley (Vancouver)
 Geoff Park (Squamish)
 Tyler Parkes (Australia)
 Daniel Pletz (Squamish)
 Eddie Simpson (Vancouver)
 Krista Sirianni (Whistler)
 Alex Smolinski (New Brunswick)
 Shelagh Thompson (Squamish)
 Shannon Wilson (Squamish)
 Isobel Whitaker (Australia)





OUTDOOR CENTRE UPDATE

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THE PEAK

The Camp Summit Outdoor Education Centre provides programs for schools from Vancouver, Lower Mainland, Toronto and even Mexico. Many schools return to Camp Summit annually, as their visit becomes an important tradition within the school each year. We even see schools that send multiple grades providing a progressive program where students can continue developing outdoor skills. Our Outdoor Education Centre welcomes over 1000 students over the spring and fall months and is a huge part of Summit's identity.

Camp Summit also hosts many rental groups who use the site on weekends to run their own style of programs. We have many groups that come annually, allowing even more participants the experience of Summit. Thank you to the many rental groups that made this season such a success.

Starting as early as April the Camp Summit Outdoor Education Centre is in full swing. Even in the winter months Crofton House School joins us for a specialized winter program with dog sledding & snowshoeing. While students are with us they learn about leadership skills, communication, trust and teamwork. These are great examples of the life skills that students can apply both at school and into their daily lives.

The Outdoor Education Centre saw some changes this year with Jarvis Strong our long time director leaving Summit after the spring season. Shannon Wilson has since moved into the position of Outdoor Centre Director, and ran a very successful Fall season and is busy developing all of our programs for 2009.

A special thanks for an amazing season to all of our Outdoor Education Staff and Volunteers. Their leadership provided our school groups with positive experiences and lasting memories.

We wish to acknowledge the following schools that have most recently visited the Camp Summit Outdoor Education Centre:

- Berkshire Park (Surrey)
- Brackendale Elementary (Squamish)
- British American School (Mexico)
- Children of Integrity (Coquitlam)
- Crofton House School grades 8,9,11 & 12 (Vancouver)
- Crofton House School's Challenge 10 Class (Vancouver)
- Garibaldi Highlands P.S. (Squamish)
- Greenwood College (Toronto)
- Immaculate Conception School (Vancouver)
- Jessie Lee Elementary (Surrey)
- Lakeview Elementary (Burnaby)
- Larson Elementary (North Vancouver)
- Mamquam Elementary (Squamish)
- Meadowridge School (Maple Ridge)
- Regent Christian Academy (Surrey)
- Royal St. Georges (Toronto)
- Sauder School of Business (Vancouver)
- Southpointe Academy (Tsawwassen)
- UBC Transitions (Vancouver)
- Vancouver Christian School (Vancouver)
- West Point Gray Academy grades 3,6,11&12 (Vancouver)
- West Vancouver Secondary School grades 8,11 & 12 (North Vancouver)
- York House School (Vancouver)
- York School (Toronto)

TALES OF THE FLAG

Over the past 10 years the Summit Flag has travelled around the world with Summit Staff. Check out some of the amazing places it's been. See more photos online at www.campsummit.ca

