

This word has resonated with me over the past few months, triggered by a number of different instances.

Feeling connected to a place is an incredible experience. I have come to realize as the years roll by that Camp Summit is that place to so many. I receive so many messages, cards and texts through the year from past campers and staff saying how much they love following us on social media, how it brings back so many memories and how happy they are to see the traditions and memories they had and made are continuing for everyone who has the opportunity to come to Camp each year.

I get a holiday card every year from a staff member who came and worked a full six-month season back in 2006. Inside this year's card, they wrote, "It may have been IO years now since I was last there, but I think of the amazing time I had there all the time."

At a recent holiday get-together for current staff and alumni, two long-time campers who are now on staff showed me tattoos they had gotten this fall that represent the importance of their connection to Summit. One is a mountain scene with the Sun from the inside of the Summit logo; the other a small "25" representing the weather always being "25" and Sunny" here at Camp.

The people make the place, and our alumni group, staff, campers and their families create the connections. We are so fortunate to have a community to which our people want to return year after year and work their way up through our leadership programs to become staff and help share the experiences they had as a camper with others.

I feel so much pride knowing that a dream over 18 years ago, with your support, has become a place of such strong connection for so many.

As we move into our 18th year at Camp Summit, I am so fortunate to be surrounded by so many amazing full-time, year-round staff who develop our programs throughout the winter to ensure they are the best they possibly can be for the upcoming season.

- Jen Brown Camp Registrar and Office Manager
- Aaron Ratko Full-time Program Manager
- Emily Kalil Outdoor Centre Director/Leadership Director
- Gary Stamper Site Manager

I am so lucky to work with this group every day of the year as we continue to develop and improve everything we do here.

The support of Daphne to what I do is immeasurable, and the understanding of my girls Maya (IO) and Campbell (6) that they need to "share" their Dad with so many others during the season means the world to me. On behalf of my family, I sincerely look forward to connecting with all of you again up at this magical place we call Camp Summit.

#### Parky

# 2016 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Molly Moppers and Brenda Broominton's superb Cabin Clean-up analysis.
- Bill and Dorothy's weather announcement (Bill still can't find his belt anywhere). It was always fun when the grandkids came to visit at camp!
- Summer Camp Theme Days Super Heroes, Pirates, and, of course, Jurassic Park (we spared no expense).
- LITs visiting Evans Lake and Camp Potlatch.
- Washing your hands was made fun with your new SIX SINK trough outside the dining hall!
- Brand new Initiatives Program Area was a HIT!
- The annual return of ... wait for it ...TSUNAMI
- Vanessa visited Camp lots with her new twins Axel and Mackenzie!
- Lawn Games at EMR and Happy Hour.
- "You can put Sriracha on anything BUT you can't put anything on Sriracha" Max Bramley, Director of Sriracha.
- LITs volunteering at Squamish Logger Sports.
- Yoga on the field with Merrick: "HOWA HOWA"
- When the owl declared war.
- Our new camp dog, Rocky.
- First 10-year camper.
- Our longest summer yet without a fire ban = amazing Campfires! We LOVE Campfires!
- The return of Issy Whitaker's School of Mallow, aka Mallow 101.
- Pulled Pork for dinner! How does Marty do it? Yummm.





# 2017 CAMP CALENDAR

"For The LOVE of Camp"

February 25:

**Campership Fundraiser Gala Payment Deadline – Remaining** April 4: **Balance of Summer Camp Fees** April 10: **Spring Outdoor Education Staff Training Spring Outdoor Education Centre** April 18: Welcomes Our First School of the Season! June 2 - 4: Base Camp June 26: Summer Camp Staff Training June 26 - August 28: LIT Full Program June 30 - August 1: LIT 'Half Program' (A) July 2 - 8: Summer Blast 1 July 2 - 16: SLC 1 (A) Journey Program July 2 - 26: **SLC 2 (A) New Horizons Program** July 10 - 16: Summer Blast 2 July 19 - August 1: **Adventure Challenge Camp** July 19 - August 1: SLC 1 (B) Journey Program August 2 - 28: LIT 'Half Program' (B) August 4 - 10: **Summer Blast 4** August 4 - 17: **Back to Back Camp** SLC 1 (C) Journey Program August 4 - 17: August 4 - 28: SLC 2 (B) New Horizons Program **Summer Blast 5** August 11 - 17: August 19 - 23: **Discovery Camp A** August 24 - 28: **Discovery Camp B** August 30 - Sept 4: Fall Staff Training **Fall Outdoor Education Centre** September 5: Welcomes Our First School of the Season! Sept 29 - Oct 1: Women's Weekend

# BASE CANP

Our three-day/two-night Base Camp program is one of our favourite times of year up at Camp as we welcome children 4-6 years old to experience the fun and excitement of Summer Camp! We take great pride in being a part of our campers' very early adventures in the camping world, as we aim to foster a positive "first time away from home" experience for all of our campers.

We would like to thank all of our 2016 Base Campers for their energy and excitement this past summer as we enjoy the memories of silly campfire songs, the Summit carnival and getting messy at arts & crafts, just to name a few!



### SUMMER BLAST CAMPS

Campers from 7 to 15 years of age thrive in our one-week program designed to provide the traditional summer camp experience. Campers participate in a variety of activities including classic favorites such as high ropes, archery, arts and crafts, camp wide games, and of course CAMPFIRES!

We were so happy to see many familiar faces and lots of new ones during our Summer Blast Camps 2016! We were very proud all of the campers who set personal goals as they worked towards their Summit Levels in archery, climbing, mountain biking, outdoor living skills, and navigation during their week at Camp.

### Base Camp 2016

Elliott Andrew Charlie Ball Carson Bikadi Marek Bikadi Malcolm Buss Diego Castellanos Kodiak Easton Hailey Edwards Hudson Edgelhardt Kean Folinsbee Etta Fox Teagan Gunn Carter Hetherington Maelle Hetherington Rita Mackenzie-Tynes Edwin Matley

#### Vhaun McCrea Nolan McKinney Chloe Nicola Campbell Park Jaida-Jean Peterson Eden Pongracz Evan Potts Chloe Rice Nahla May Ross Unwala Timmy Ross Unwala Timmy Ross Unwala Riley Skakle Rheanin Stuart Kaya Voyce Ella Walsh Hailey Wilson Maia Wolinetz

### **DISCOVERY CAMP**

It was another fantastic year for our five-day Discovery Camp program, with lots of new and returning faces at Camp! Our campers had the chance to engage in a variety of classic camp programs and great on-site adventures including climbing, orienteering, campfires and swimming at Alice Lake.

Last year was so popular, we have decided to offer TWO five-day Discovery Camps in 2017! Discovery Camp is a great introduction to the world of Summer Camp. We have been proud to support campers ages 6-11, many of whom have their first overnight experience away from home.



# ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

Interested in taking your Camp experience to the next level? Our Adventure Challenge program may be the right fit for you! This two week program for campers 9-15 years old builds on our authentic Camp Summit experience with the addition of our off-site programming and multi-day hiking trips that will take you to some of the most breathtaking sights British Columbia has to offer!

We had a blast with our 2016 Adventure Challenge campers as we saw them navigate new adventures and opportunities this past summer. Each cabin embarked upon an amazing two or three night overnight trip, hiking popular trails such as Elfin Lake and Garibaldi Lake where they challenged themselves and each other to accomplish goals such as preparing a meal over a fire and practicing 'leave no trace' camping skills. Back at Camp, our campers worked towards personal goals and their Summit Levels in classic camp programs such as climbing, archery and mountain biking.

The Adventure Challenge program is truly an unbelievable experience that we are proud to offer. We see our campers walk away from their two weeks at Camp with strong friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

### SR LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE I "Journey"

We have had another fantastic season with our SLC 1 Journey program this year and are thrilled to have had more than 48 participants graduate the program in 2016! As the first tier of Summit's exceptional leadership development courses, this two-week program is designed for young people currently entering grade 10 who are interested in wilderness exploration, leadership and hard skills development.

The SLC 1 program takes participants through a number of shared challenges including a five-day Powell River canoe trip, where participants learn "hands on" about effective communication, conflict resolution, judgement, decision-making and teamwork.

On behalf of our SLC Directors, Jen Rensing and Tyler Briggs, we would like to thank and congratulate all of our SLC 1 participants for their energy and dedication to the program this past summer. We look forward to supporting you through the next step of your leadership journey at Camp Summit!

### SR LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE 2 "New Horizons"

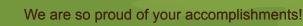
Without a doubt, a major highlight of every summer at Camp is watching our SLC 1 participants graduate into the second level of Summit leadership development as they take on new roles and challenges as part of our SLC 2 New Horizons program. With 26 participants in the program in 2016, this three-week program is specifically designed for individuals going into grade 11, with not only the passion to continue exploring our natural world, but also the desire and intent to learn about leadership, teaching skills and mentorship.

Our SLC 2 participants each took on new leadership roles at Camp during their cabin placements, where they had the opportunity to integrate into cabin groups and be role models for younger campers as they taught and facilitated group games, programs and campfires! On top of that, our SLC 2 participants had the chance to develop their wilderness skills during their Juan de Fuca hiking trip.

On behalf of our SLC Directors Thirsa Grootes and Jake Bemelmans, we would like to thank all of our exceptional SLC 2 participants for bringing their enthusiasm and passion to all aspects of the program.







# SUMMIT OLYMPICS

We are excited to introduce our new and improved Summit Olympics!

All of Summit has been split into four house teams where they spend one day of the session competing for their house in the Camp Summit Olympics. Once you have been placed onto a house team, you are part of that team for life, as is the rest of your family. Brothers, sisters, cousins, dogs, cats, all family members will represent the same House Team at Summit. So, remember your house colours for next summer when you'll represent your team again.

The Camp Summit Olympics have always been a highlight where campers of all ages spend the entire day working together toward their common mission of winning gold! This has been an ongoing tradition at Summit for over 13 years, and one that we value to its core. Team captains, athletes and the Olympic committee all work together to see that everyone is having a blast as well as showing their true Summit team spirit. With the addition of House teams this summer, we have seen even more team spirit, camaraderie and pride within the teams. We expect this to continue to grow over the years as campers return and continue building their House Team pride. The competition has never been closer!











### Introducing the Summit House Teams

Wolves: Wolves have developed a strong connection with their instincts and the environment around them. They are loyal creatures, with a deep commitment to family and companionship within their pack. With their keen intelligence, intuition and communication, the strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf.

Orcas: Orcas are the guardians of the sea. They represent the strength of a team and succeed because of their ability to work together. Orcas persevere, constantly working hard to complete goals and overcome obstacles. Because of their strong sense of family, they are often protective of their own and consistently offer compassion and guidance to the pod. We are the orcas, we are strong. Now be prepared to hear our song: OOOOOHHHH!

Eagles: The Eagle is a symbol of freedom, courage, and strength. They remind us of the endless possibilities, onstantly stretching their limits through exploration and having the courage to look ahead. The eagle is a born leader; they fly higher than any other bird in the sky, embodying the qualities of truth and honesty. Eagles soar, eagles fly, we're the rulers of the sky.

Bears: The Bear has a fierce spirit, embodying strength, confidence and courage. Bears are brave leaders, taking action when needed, and have the ability to share their bravery with others. Because of its mass and physical power, the bear stands for confidence and victory. Deep in the heart of the Squamish Valley, you can hear the bears roar...DON'T EAT MY **HONEY!** 

#### Congratulations! 2016 Olympic Winners

Staff - Wolves Summer Blast 1 - Bears Summer Blast 2 - Wolves Adventure Challenge - Bears Summer Blast 4 - Eagles Summer Blast 5 - Bears **Discovery Camp - Wolves** 

#### Overall House Team Standings: Summer 2016

1st - Wolves 2nd - Bears 3rd - Orcas 4th - Eagles Who will take the title next summer?



Now you can cheer and support your

team from home, too! Follow the action

online on our social media platforms to see which team's flag is flying at camp

over the summer.

# AWARDS 2016

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, respectful of others and enjoyed every aspect of camp life.

- Eloria Surendra Sage Brunner Charlie Bradley Max Hargrave-Pawson Alexa Brownlie **Dries** Freybe
- Alyssa Guerin Connor Gunning Victoria Kostiw Jacob Schwartz Madison McKinney Samuel Szeto





### Intermediate Camper Award

This award is given to an intermediate camper who has been helpful, respectful of others and enjoyed every aspect of camp life to the fullest!

- Ella Guerin Sara Burnett Ethan Maijer Kaitlyn Applegarth Nolan Cosby Rei Miller Alexander Forbes-Roberts Elliot Bridson
  - Marcus Station MeiMei Szeto Logan Tom Ava Joa







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.

- Jacqueline Malette Graham Rogers Teagan Chelswick Jack Stoodley Samantha Deally Julia Cross
- David Mehta Mikella Schuettler Declan Gunning Maddie Kostiw Jordan Anderson

This is the pinnacle of Camp Summit Awards. It is awarded to 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.

Magnus Jensen Ciara Mahaffy Dana Mavrow

Lola Ross-McLennan Stella McWilliam





Summer Blast I: Serratus & Pelion Summer Blast 2: Atwell Summer Blast 3: Garibaldi Summer Blast 4: Charlie Charlie Summer Blast 5: Sky Pilot



We also have some other fun awards that were given this summer.

# The "Mony" Drama Award

The Paddler Award

Jo Jo Fletcher Logan Harris Jacob Dixon

# **MORE AWARDS!**

### 5-Year Awards

This is our tenth year acknowledging campers with our 5-Year Awards! Being our 17th 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 five summers is incredible. We would like to recognize them for their continued dedication.

Campers who have attended Summit for five years are acknowledged with a beautiful camp plaque with their name engraved on it. We are proud to honour the following campers with our Five Year Awards!

### CAMPERS:

- Jaqueline Malette Sebastien Crum Natalie Tsvetkov Merrick Paquin-Manning Scott Peregoodoff Sierra Martin
- Jonah Price Henry Blue Kate Kiczales Andrew March Samantha Deally Owen Bramley
- Harry Farrell Will Collister Ewan Hadden Daniel Freymann Kaelan McKechnie Katrina Lang
- Max Peregoodoff Dana Mavrow Brennan Hughes Reis Moulton Taylor Kneider Benjamin Cooper
- Alex Wortman Mikka Johannsen Thomas Kirkwood Alexandrea Pont Annaka Owen
- Camryn Therrien Ben Voss Madelyn Potts Ella Farell
- Olivia Lacombe-Thomas

We know that this list will continue to grow. How close are you to five years? Ask our director of 5 Year Campers, Craig Lawrence.

### 10-Year Awards

We are excited to announce that we have awarded our very first 10-year camper awards this summer!

Campers:

Nicholas To and Nicky Klimchuk-Brown

Camper & Staff:

Keara Klimchuk-Brown

Staff:

Aaron Golub

### JOE CARTER Award

1993 was the year that pitted the defending champion Toronto Blue Jays against the National champion Philadelphia Phillies. With Toronto ahead three games to two in the Series, the Jays founds themselves in the bottom of the ninth inning of Game 6 hoping to pull it together as win the world series as a team. Up to bat was a man named Joe Carter. He hit a game-winning three-run home run to win the series for Toronto, its second consecutive championship.

This was our tenth year giving out the Joe Carter Award, to a staff member who was a tremendous Team Player. It is one thing to be a strong leader and shine in everything you do; it is quite another thing to be the driving force behind that light. This award was given to staff members who empowered others through their encouragement, motivation and guidance to strive for their full potential in making camp a better place. As Barbara Coloroso says "Do good because good is good to do" and that is exactly what these incredible leaders did each and every day.

Congratulations to this year's recipients!

Brielle Mulholland Will Fletcher Merrick Paquin-Mannington

Danny O'Shaughnessy Emily Bonshor Keara Klimchuk-Brown

## LIT Hard Hat

The "LIT Hard Hat" award was awarded to a Leader In Training who exemplified the meaning of going above and beyond the expectations of their position. LITs work extremely hard, whether they're working with a cabin, participating in leadership workshops, jumping into program areas or even lending a helping hand in the kitchen.

Thank you to the following LITs for your dedication and commitment this summer.

Brennan Hughes Craig Larence

Jason Nguyen Henry Richardson Kelly MacDonald Caitlyn Gellatly









# LEADERS IN TRAINING

Our Leadership in Training Program (LIT) is a full- or half-summer leadership course designed for participants who are 17 years old and ready to take on new responsibilities at Camp.Through this transformative program, our LIT participants have the chance to hone their leadership skills, practice a variety of teaching/facilitation techniques and act as role models for youth. They further enhance these skills through direct interaction with campers in program areas, on trips and during the daily experience of cabin and Camp life each day.

We cannot thank the LITs enough for their commitment, loyalty and passion for Camp Summit. The effort and love that was put into their time at Camp this summer was pure, selfless and lasting.

Our sincerest thanks go to:

- Carmen Andiel Kobe Burton Cassidy Cameron Nathan Fuller Caitlyn Gellatly Jacob Hiom Brennan Hughes
- Patricia Kavanagh Alex Kiczales Craig Lawrence Kelley MacDonald William McEvoy Jason Nguyen Evan O'Sullivan
- Sonja Petrov Emily Quinn Paige Quinn Henry Richardson Ryan Schaeffer Kevin Tang Dylan W<mark>inder-Berkey</mark>



### 2016 STAFF TEAM

Kade Price

Jack Nenniger

Eric Krasman

Eleanor Reid

Sebastian Blake

Hannah Bostrom

Callum Macintyre

Georgia Martin

Tom Gunning

Hannah Pletz

Katalina Reid

Lisa Denholm

Mitch Bessette

Rocky

Aisha Jane Balint

Julia Krejci

Juli Varila

Danny O'Shaugnessy

Judging from the sheer amount and nature of the feedback we have received from parents, teachers, campers, there is little question that, as a staff, we gave from the heart in 2016 and connected with our campers in fresh and meaningful ways. From the start of our season to the end, our staff set the highest possible positive example for each other and for all of those who came through the gates of Camp Summit as we grew through our experiences and shared in the challenges that lay before us.

Every staff member at the camp is chosen for their qualities of great leadership, good character and a sense of responsibility for the campers entrusted in their care. Our Staff Team is in many ways family, as each year we welcome several former campers onto our team who have grown up at Camp and have moved through our SLC and LIT programs. With a staff return rate of over 80% each year, we are thrilled to support the growth of our team who wish to provide our campers the same Summit traditions and enriching experiences that they themselves had as campers.

We would like to extend an endless amount of thanks to our incredible 2016 Summit Staff Team! We are extremely grateful for your passion, loyalty and commitment to Camp Summit, as together we can change lives.

#### First Year

Allie White Eoin Livingston Thirsa Grootes Lara Stephens Charles Asprey Emily d'Entremont Jena Yurkoski Emily Bonshore Ocho Will Fletcher Kevin Archbold Henry Richardson Maia Bergin Jennifer Rensing Tia Longo Andre Davis Kate Korpal Breanna Pretulac

#### Second Year

Kal Voss Zoe Blue Ella Bethune Keara Klimchuk-Brown Sadie Larter Morgan Zindle Emma Porter Brielle Mulholland Cullen Johnston Brett Davidson Mac Henry Rianne Barette Sean Kliman Merrick Paguin-Mannington Max Bramley Tiffany Gigg Jon Bowen Kieran Lawrence Kendall Spencer

### T<mark>hird Y</mark>ear

Aaron Ratko Tyler Briggs Redgy Dedoncker Shannon Sorenson Denis Saerbeck Luke Kavanaugh

Fourth Year

Jake Bemelmans Harry Constantine Emily Kalil

**Fifth Year** Ralph Kieren Eigenfeldt

### **Sixth Year** Gary Stamper

Gary Stamper Bailey Seventh Year

Ace Noni Halim

#### **Eighth Year**

Jen Brown Marty Marquette Dalhousie Ninth Year

Vanessa Doak Daniel Pletz

Tenth Year Aaron Golub

## FAMILY CAMP

Living in a society that moves so fast and where days flash before our eyes, it is sometimes difficult to find the time to get together as a family and enjoy all that the great outdoors has to offer. Family Camp at Summit provides an opportunity for families to enjoy time together outdoors without the hassle of setting up the tent or doing your own cooking.

Bringing families together in the natural world creates an experience like no other! Together you will explore, challenge yourselves and rekindle that family bond that is sometimes put on hold.

We would like to thank all of the families for their participation and energy in our weekend program! With our inspiring slate of activities designed to introduce adults and children of all ages to the wonders of the natural world, families were able to design their own itineraries to create the perfect weekend retreat that fit their own paces and interests.





# WOMEN'S WEEKEND

Women's Weekend at Camp Summit provides a great opportunity to **relax, reconnect and renew** while enjoying all the fun and excitement of our beautiful Summer Camp facility in the Squamish Valley.

Enjoy a full weekend with a variety of traditional camp activities, including archery, mountain biking, high ropes, climbing and campfires every night, while indulging in some of our specialty workshops such as yoga and massage therapy led by industry professionals.

We would like to give a special thanks to all of the women who took on new challenges and adventures with us this fall! Our highlights from our weekend in 2016 are definitely the delicious food, Anderson Beach, and of course, our not-so-fancy banquet party!!! There is certainly something to be said about a weekend full of fantastic women at Camp! No Men, No Cooking and No Kids! JUST FUN!

If you are interested in learning more about our Women's Weekend Program or would like to register for 2017, please visit our website www. campsummit.ca for more information. We hope to see you there!

### ALUMNI

The most positive feedback we get from parents and teachers is about our Camp Summit staff. We currently have 215 active alumni who continue to keep in touch, visit, share stories and connect around the world and reminisce about their time at Camp.

As we look ahead to our 20th anniversary reunion in 2019, we will be organizing a large Gala and weekend of events to celebrate.

A favorite time of the summer is when alumni come and visit camp, current staff get to meet their old counsellors and alumni get to remember how amazing it is to spend a few hours at camp. Please come and visit anytime you wish during the season and join us for a crazy meal in the lodge, it's still just as fun as when you were here!

We are all looking forward to the next reunion!



# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DONATIONS 2016

### Campership Program at Summit

The camping experience is transformative: It teaches cooperation, understanding, acceptance of others, sportsmanship and environmental ethics in a safe and supportive community. We have always felt that no child should be precluded from experiencing camp due to an inability to afford the registration fee.

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of camper families and friends in our community, more than 250 children have been given the gift of summer camp who otherwise would not have been able to attend.

Our sincerest thanks go to the following families, schools and community partners for their contributions in 2016 (in alphabetical order).

Reid & Ona Hamilton

Chris & Susan Adams James & Bita Alu Chris Bardon & Caroline Lohrisch Edward & Sheila Barnes Susan Beck Emma & Barry Berg Lauren Bell Richard & Barbara Berry Carl Bessai & Laura Lightbown Jinder & Jennifer Bir Wen-ling & Scott Blanchard Bjorn & Kristina Borno Craig & Lauren Bramley Mr. & Ms. D. Brownlie Erin Chamberlain & Gustaf Creutz Maurie & Jennifer Chaplick Thomas & Petra Chatfield John Coffeng & Jeannette Wong-Coffeng Mark & Nicole Collard Krysteine & Craig Cox Carolyn & Bob Cross Greg Čup & Lara Dickinson Miriam Desjardins & Ryan Foster Paul Dhiman & Angela Haer Tom Dielschneider & Lois Nahirney Line Dijkstra Vanessa & Darren Doak Jasper Donat & Siabhan Duguid Scott Dorey & Susannah Pierce Jeff & Leslie Drenka Mike & Andrea Edwards Donald Fairbairn & Kamala Morrison Fairbairn Jeanette Fietz Todd & Amanda Farrell Timothy Fletcher & Rochelle Sneddon Matt & Tracey Fraser John Freymann & Stephanie Miller Ryan Fuller & Amber Peebles-Fuller Joshua Gardner & Rebecca Love Laura & Phil Gellatly Joe & Deborah Grech Dave Greenfield Daniel Cumprich & Barbara Bilsland Gustavo Gutierrez & Clara Maria Arango Richard & Debra Hadden

### We Would Also Like to Thank .

Arc'teryx Vancouver 835 Griffin Squadron Air Cadet's Crofton House School Collingwood School West Point Grey Academy Rotary Club Squamish Big Brothers Big Sisters Whistler/Squamish Sea to Sky Community Services North Yoga Squamish The Underwood Family The Morum Family The Cummings Family Mike Slinger Diamond Head Motors Squamish Tim Hortons Squamish Crystal Lodge Whistler Brennan Park Recreation Centre The Living Room Squamish Pepe & Gringo's Squamish Scandinave Spa Whistler West Coast Chocolate Toy Corral Nester's Market Squamish Gem Jewellers Café Garibaldi The Old Spaghetti Factory Imagine Cinemas Whistler Sea To Sky Gondola Garibaldi Active Wellness The Bee Hive Squamish Earls Whistler Sea To Sky Air O'Briens Pet Supply Test of Metal Match Eatery Bungalow 969 IAP Career College Britannia Mine Museum Cap-It Vancouver

Roger Hardy & Katherine Wrixon Rachel Hayward & John Kosich Barbara Henderson & Rob Stevens Barbara Henn Pander David & Heidi Hogg Alex Holmes & Karen Boriss Chris & Karla Honey David Hughes & Nancy Harbin Colin & Karen Jackson Kelly Jian Derek Jonson & Sarah Hall Gregor Kiczales & Gail Godbeer Nigel & Carolyn Kirkwood Ian Kennedy Michael & Rachel Kompass Robert Kraljii & Elee Kraljii Gardiner Bernie Kuhn & Colleen Hutton Meagan Kus & Craig Regier Dean Lee & Melanie Carson Patrick & Louanne Lefebvre Alex & Tara longo Matt Lorincz & Natasha Shulman Michael Low & Vanessa Flockton Sean Lumb & Karen Elliott Megan Maclure Naomi Macrae Louise & Edward Matley Brittany Martin Bryan & Marleen Mavrow David & Stephanie McDonald Neal McLennan & Amanda Ross Megan Miller Rustom Mehta & Rosalie Dowse Wayne & Angie Mercier Karen Mellville Vineet Mitera & Ada Loi Doug & Tia Moore Robert & Christine Mrnka Simon Ng Allan Noordvyk & Nancy Tamblyn Bryan Oates Sean O'Sullivan & Lydia Evans Cameron Owen & Sara Muir-Owen Ken Palko & Tamara Duncan

Joanne & Michael Paul Kendra Penrose & Kyle Broome Rupert & Juliette Potter Julie Quinlan Richard & Shaelene Raffaele Dave Ramslie & Melissa Higgs Frederico & Karin Rego Steve & Michelle Reilly Paul Richardson & Lynda Prince Dave Roberts & Kelly Allison Jamie & Tracy Rogers Shann Ross & Hussein Unwala Jason Ruddock & Jennifer MacKinnon Conrad & Natasha Schartau Darren Schuettler & Corinna Schuler Amanda & Richard Schwartz Ian Scott & Gina Ogilvie Bob Seeman & Nicola Mahaffy Laura Sexsmith & Simon Horner Pauline Skiffington Andrew & Lisa Smart Malaika & Richard Smith Jeffrey & Julia Somerville Daniel & Joanna Spira Chris & Cindy Stephens Sandra & Graeme Strang Brian & Nancy Thompson Steve & Tania Thompson John & Helen To Dennis & Jane Tom Alex Tsvetkov & Lucy Shepelev Stefan Vali Richard Vanderhaeghe & Jane Thomas Erik & Nicole Vu Jeremy & Shannon Walls Julian Whike & Hilary Thomson Liz & Chris Wild Damon & Stevi Williams Jill Wilson & Andrew Swan Catherine Winder & Craig Berkey Leanne Wood & James Leith Xuni Wu Peter Wuerr & Anne Marie Johnston Nina Yip-Campbell & Lachlan Campbell Nicole Zickler'& Paul Jorgensen

# OUTDOOR EDUCATION AT CAMP SUMMIT

We have been lucky to have captured two fantastic quotes from the Summit Outdoor Education Centre to describe what exactly this part of camp does:

While having lunch in the dining hall one day, a grade 5 student said: "I'm learning, but it is like the learning is camouflaged and I don't even know it's there."

This quote defines the Outdoor Education Centre at Camp Summit. All of

the learning is intentionally woven into our programs so that the experience of learning is fun!

The term "outdoor education" is generally used to refer to a range of organized activities that take place in a variety of ways in predominantly outdoor environments. Common definitions of outdoor education are difficult to achieve because



interpretations vary according to culture, philosophy and local conditions. One view that we adopt at Summit is that students are at their RAWEST level when outdoors because they do not have access to many of the conveniences of modern life. Participants can become more aware that they are part of a greater ecosystem and are not as bound by social customs and norms. In essence, participants can be true to themselves and more able to see others as people regardless of race, class, religion, etc. We believe that outdoor education also helps instill the basic elements of teamwork because participants often need to work together and rely on others. For many students, a high ropes course or an outdoor activity may stretch their comfort zone and cause them to challenge themselves physically, which in turn can lead to challenging themselves mentally.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all of the students that passed through our gates this year and experienced the magic of camp. It is equally important to thank the teachers that bring them here as they do all of the legwork to get everyone here safely. We are truly honored that more than 80% of our schools have been coming for five or more years.

Finally, we would like to thank our OE staff who are the bread and butter of our Outdoor Education Centre. In one returning staff application, they wrote:

"Summit is a unique and wonderful camp experience because of the tight and supportive staff team; we are a family and the team is so strong



e a family and the team is so strong because we are all able to share ideas and support each other with our teaching and our learnings, every day we spend together. It is the traditions and the quirks of the place that make it unique, and the openness to sharing these traditions and bringing newcomers into the fold. It is the ethos of camp, and the idea that what we do is about more than just having fun in the outdoors, it is about learning

and appreciating what is around us as well, that makes it a special place."

To work in an environment where our staff share this common feeling is rare, and we are beyond privileged and fortunate to work with outdoor educators of this nature. We are grateful to have a more than 90% staff return rate for 2017!

We are looking forward to another fantastic year in the Outdoor Centre!

### Outdoor Education Schools by Year

We wish to acknowledge the following schools for their commitment to their students and the belief that through immersion in our natural world at Camp, children can acquire lifelong skills.

#### lst Year

Rockridge Secondary – West Vancouver Alexander Academy – Vancouver Lord Kelvin – New Westminster Hastings Elementary – Vancouver

#### **2nd Year**

False Creek Elementary – Vancouver Norma Rose Point Elementary – Vancouver Sir William Osler – Vancouver Bayview Elementary – Surrey

#### **3rd Year**

Myrtle Phillip – Whistler Valleycliffe Elementary – Squamish North Star Montessori – North Vancouver

#### 4th Year

Squamish Montessori – Squamish Coast Mountain Academy – Squamish Alouette Elementary – Maple Ridge Mulgrave School – West Vancouver

#### 5th Year

Collingwood – West Vancouver Trafalgar Elementary – Vancouver

#### 6th Year

Garibaldi Highlands – Squamish Pinewood – Squamish

Kerrisdale Elementary – Vancouver

#### 7th Year

Jamieson Elementary – Vancouver

#### 8th Year

White Rock Christian Academy

#### 9th Year

Regent Christian Academy – Surrey Immaculate Conception – Vancouver Southridge Academy – Surrey

#### 10th Year

Southpointe Academy – Tsawwassen The York School – Toronto

#### llth Year

York House School - Vancouver

#### 12th Year

Crofton House School – Vancouver

#### 13th Year

Meadowridge – Maple Ridge West Point Grey Academy – Vancouver British American School – Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

## WHAT'S NEW IN OE?

### Camp Summit 'On the Go'

Camp Summit is excited to share our new Winter Program – Camp Summit on the Go! – where WE come to YOU!

Our Program Director, Aaron Ratko, plus a team of experienced Camp Summit staff, are now portable and able to travel around BC to lead our high-end programs in schools or workplaces. We are able to transform spaces, whether it be a gymnasium, boardroom, park or community centre, into the safe, inclusive and positive atmosphere of Camp!

Our Community Building Days are designed to break the ice and strengthen social responsibilities amongst groups. PLUS our Team-Building/Leadership Workshops provide personal and professional development that aligns with curriculum-based lesson plans. We even offer half- or full-day Outdoor Skill Development workshops where students and staff can develop their outdoor living, camping and hiking skills at locations close to you.

# BUNDLE UP AND HEAD OUT!

Winter is the perfect time to take advantage of the fun and exciting adventure programming that comes with those crispy snowy days! Camp Summit is also offering a day of climbing, fire building, archery and other classic camp programs. OR you can experience a day with the dogs, where participants will head out on a dogsledding journey to explore the stunning beauty of the Callaghan Valley. We also offer snowshoeing trips on local trails that are great for bonding and skill building among your group.

For more information and booking inquiries, please contact: **aaron@campsummit.ca** 

# CORPORATE CAMP

### Who says Camp is just for kids?

Camp Summit now offers Corporate Camp – an opportunity for adults to gain exclusive access to our 24-acre property (dining hall, field and bunks included!) to experience the magic of camp again.

Corporate Camp is a perfect combination of classic camp games and experiential team-building events and adventures that are meaningful, transferable and fun! Corporate Camp can range from an afternoon to an entire weekend with 15-150 adults.

Whatever it is, we will produce a creative, high-impact and action-based team-building experience – just like we do for kids.









# FOR THE LOVE OF CAMP

In 2016, we successfully ran our second annual "For the Love of Camp" Fundraiser. It was a fantastic evening filled with delicious food and dancing along with a silent auction and live auction. We wanted to raise enough money to send 10 children to Summit for our 2017 Summer Camp season -- and thanks to all of the amazing donations, we reached our goal!

At Camp Summit we have always felt that no child should be precluded from experiencing camp due to an inability to afford the registration fee. We began our Campership Program as an ongoing initiative to support campers through their time at Summit. Our "For the Love of Camp" Fundraiser has become a huge support to that program, and we look forward to the event every year.

We will host the fundraiser again this year on Saturday, February 25th, at the Squamish Valley Golf and Country Club. If you would like to be a part of this incredible night or are interested in donating an auction item, please contact emily@campsummit.ca

Thank you to all of our local businesses who donated auction items for our 2016 event:

Crystal Lodge Whistler Brennan Park Rec. Centre Pepe & Gringo's Scandinave Spa Whistler Diamond Head Motors Test of Metal West Coast Chocolate Toy Corral Nester's Market Gem Jewellers Caffe Garibaldi Old Spaghetti Factory Imagine Cinemas Whistler Save On Foods Squamish Sea to Sky Gondola Garibaldi Active Wellness The Bee Hive Earls Whistler Mike Slinger Sea To Sky Air O'Briens Pet Supply Match Eatery Bungalow 969 IAP Career College (Calgary) Britannia Mine Museum Cap-It

### FAMILY SKATE

On Sunday, January 15, 2017, we hosted our annual Family Skate event at Brennan Park Recreation Center. Thank you to all of the families who laced up their skates and joined us on the ice! It was such a joy to see our Camp Summit families during the winter season to catch up and share stories from the summer.

We host this event in January every year because we LOVE to stay connected with our amazing Camp Summit community. It maybe be cold outside this time of year, but we all know it's always 25 and sunny when you are with camp friends!

We hope to see you all next year!

# **BECAUSE OF CAMP** ...

#### Testimonial from a teacher

The thing that makes your Camp extraordinary is the calibre of your counsellors and the bold, insightful leadership skills that they bring to the campers. This is an interesting reality, because even though you consistently distinguish yourself with excellent counsellors, they are rarely the same counsellors, so either your hiring practices are impressive or the leadership training is brilliant or both.

I was speaking to Kevin (your new counsellor from Australia) and he shared with me how rigorous your interviewing process was and how impressed he was with the leadership training he received from you and Aaron. Precision in paperwork is a procedural skill and exactness is nice but the capacity to train leaders and to draw out the best in people is a gift and it is life-changing! Its impact is also exponential as great counsellors inspire the many campers fortunate to come under their influence, to discover their highest capacity and embrace their most authentic selves. I want you both to know that you achieve this challenging end with grace and consistency.

I am delighted with how proactive and open-minded your team is. When they saw trouble brewing, they engaged our staff in conversations. When we saw challenges or proposed changes, your team was creative, flexible, positive and insightful. Once again, your team made our 2.5 day experience not only memorable but extraordinarily growthful and we will be talking about all of you and the lessons you inspired all year long.

Thanks for an amazing experience!

Cindy - Meadowridge School, Maple Ridge



# LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!

Camp Summit is active on social media throughout the year! Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for off-season updates, upcoming events, camp memories and other snippets of exciting Summit News!

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