

# CAMP SUMMIT

## *Holiday Newsletter*

### A MESSAGE FROM PARKY...

To our amazing Camp Summit community,

Well, what can I say.....it has been quite the year!

One of the things that has been a silver lining in all of this is the support we have felt from past and current families, staff, alumni and our campers. The notes/emails/comments on social media and phone calls from so many of you anchors the meaning Camp has to all of us and it is why we keep doing what we do. The appreciation for the support is immeasurable and it has kept us all going!

I have done my best over these past 8 months to focus on what we can do as opposed to what we can't. Reflecting on what we have been able to accomplish is incredible and has filled me with pride. We hope you enjoy reading about it in this 2020 Holiday newsletter.

We remain hopeful and optimistic for a return to our full operations this coming year and are excited at the prospect of seeing you all back at Camp soon.

On behalf of my family Daphne, Maya (14 and in SLC1 this summer!?) , Campbell (10) our 2 dogs Ralph (8) and Coby (1) along with our full time Staff team of Gary Stamper (11 years), Emily Kalil (9 years) and Rianne (3 years) we want to wish you and your families a very Happy Holidays!!

Keep it 25 and Sunny,

*Parky*



# LOOKING BACK ON 2020...

## CAMP TRADITIONS... GONE VIRTUAL!

The Camp Summit Olympics has always been a highlight of our summer and was an important tradition that we were excited to take VIRTUAL in 2020. We were thrilled to share four exciting Olympic challenges on our social media platforms throughout the summer that engaged our campers, their families and our staff from all around the world!

We want to share a BIG thank you to the incredible group of staff who dedicated their time in filming, editing and preparing the video challenges. We know we all appreciated feeling the spirit of the Summit Olympics this summer!



Campbell Park  
Emily Kalil  
Geoff Park  
Jojo Fletcher  
Luke Underwood  
Mathew Cheesman  
Maya Park

McKerron Scott  
Megan Tom  
Meridy Meikle  
Rianne Barette  
Sebastian Smith  
Shannon Sorenson  
Tyler Briggs

## PROJECTS AROUND THE SITE

While Camp was quieter than usual this year, our small but mighty team kept busy around the property working on a number of projects that we can't wait to share with you.

Through rain, cold mornings, hot days and more, our site team worked tirelessly at keeping the 'jungle at bay' while also power washing, wood brightening and re-staining every single building, fence and shelter at camp. That's well over 30 structures! We also repainted and stained every sign around Camp!

We are immensely proud of what this team was able to accomplish around site with the unique time that was given to us! Big thank you to our Site Manager, Gary Stamper for leading this amazing crew! Another MAJOR thank you goes out to the Bartlett Family for your generous donation of equipment and knowledge for this extensive site project!



## OUR 2020 SITE TEAM

In one of the most unique seasons here at Camp, we were so thankful to have the support of our incredible team who remained flexible and positive in the face of uncertainty this season. The contributions of this team will have impacts for many seasons to come!

Aaron Ratko  
Brad Sherry  
Daniel Pletz  
Dennis Saerbeck  
Emily Kalil  
Gary Stamper  
Geoff Park  
Lauren Harte

Luke Underwood  
Molly Jo Harding  
Patrick Howlett  
Rianne Barette  
Russell Demeulenaere  
Sean Kliman  
Shannon Sorenson  
Thomas Hockey





# FALL OUTDOOR EDUCATION 2020

We were THRILLED to launch our modified Outdoor Education programming this Fall for school groups. Operating under the direction and support of our local Health Department, our staff implemented new ways of teaching, cleaning and sharing our same great experience within the context of our temporarily distanced world.

Within their designated 'school pods,' students attended in small group settings for day programs both onsite at our Upper Squamish site as well as at their school fields through our 'Summit on the Go' mobile program.

## CAMP SUMMIT 'ON THE GO'

During this unique season at Camp, we were excited to share the extension of our Outdoor Education experience through our mobile Summit 'ON THE GO' program. Our team of experienced Camp Summit staff travelled around the Sea to Sky and Lower Mainland to transform gymnasiums, parks and school fields into the safe and positive atmosphere of Camp!

Our customized programs, for all grade and experience levels, inspired confidence in participants to embrace challenges in the outdoors, within a safe and supportive atmosphere.

After a year of uncertainty with all the challenges COVID-19 has brought us, we were thrilled to have had the opportunity to share the experience of Camp with so many students and teachers across the Sea to Sky and Lower Mainland.

## FALL STAFF TEAM

On behalf of our Management Team, we would like to extend a BIG thank you to our incredible Fall Staff Team who took on the planning and execution of this unique season at Camp with great leadership and enthusiasm...all while keeping smiles on their faces (behind the masks of course!).

Aaron Ratko  
Brad Sherry  
Cam Cottrell  
Cory Hadley  
Dennis Saerbeck  
Diana Brucclieri  
Emily Kalil

Gary Stamper  
Geoff Park  
Georgia Thompson  
Heidi Nixon  
Luke Underwood  
Meridy Meikle  
Nick Armbruster

Patrick Howlett  
Rianne Barette  
Sean Kliman  
Thirsa Grootes  
Tia Longo  
Tyler Briggs



## Fall 2020 STATISTICS

46

Combined  
Year on Staff

31

Combined Summit  
Camper years of  
Staff

15

2020  
Fall Schools

1417

Total 2020  
Student  
Participants

1

Unforgettable season  
at Camp!

0

Cases of  
Covid

## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING...

'Camp Summit ran their On-The-Go program for our Grade 6 students this September. I was so impressed by the organization and teamwork of their staff. They all made special efforts to really connect with our group!

They managed to bring the magic of Camp Summit to our school yard and made it feel like we were at Camp! Thank you so much for all the hard work and efforts to make this program safe and accessible during these unprecedented times.

- M. Zischka (Teacher)  
SOUTHPOINTE ACADEMY

The team from Camp Summit are fantastic! They came to our campus to do a professional development session with our Physical and Health Education Team. They were professional, organized and had an endless number of games and activities that we were able to practice in our outdoor space.

Not only were they able to modify the games to fit our current school regulations but also provided a wide variety of options to suit different age groups, abilities, space, energy levels and meet our program goals.

- K. Church (Teacher)  
COLLINGWOOD SCHOOL

The staff, the vibes and the activities were just as good here at school as they have been at Camp for the past 15 years! I am overall very impressed with this mobile programming and the outdoor handwashing station exceeded expectations and saved a lot of time for everyone.

Camp Summit is truly top-notch and we feel so lucky to have you part of our Outdoor Education program.

- Dr. B (Teacher)  
SOUTHRIDGE SCHOOL



# WHAT'S TO COME IN 2021

## WINTER PROGRAMMING

We are pleased to launch our roster of winter programs for the 2020/2021 season! With new weather comes new programs, new games, and new workshops. Take advantage of the fresh snow and all that these cooler months give with our customizable programs for schools groups.

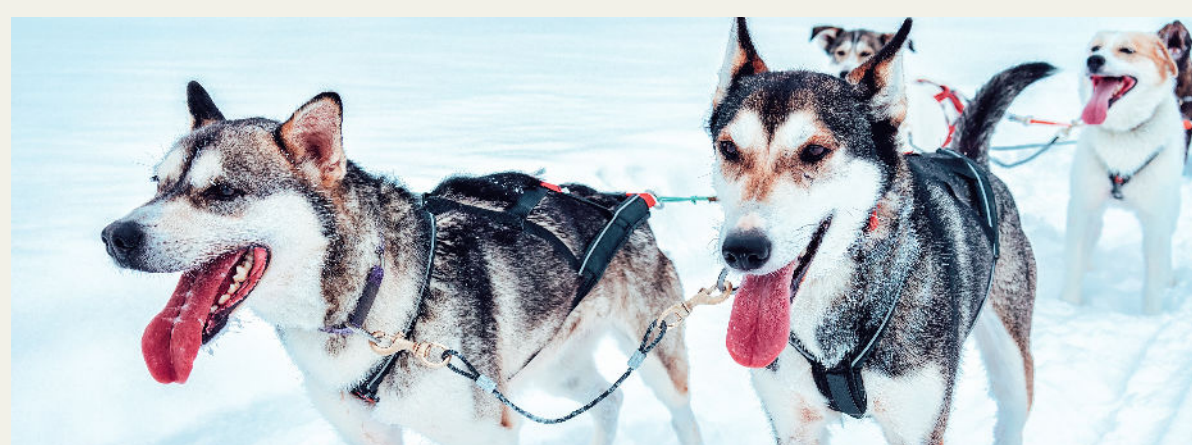
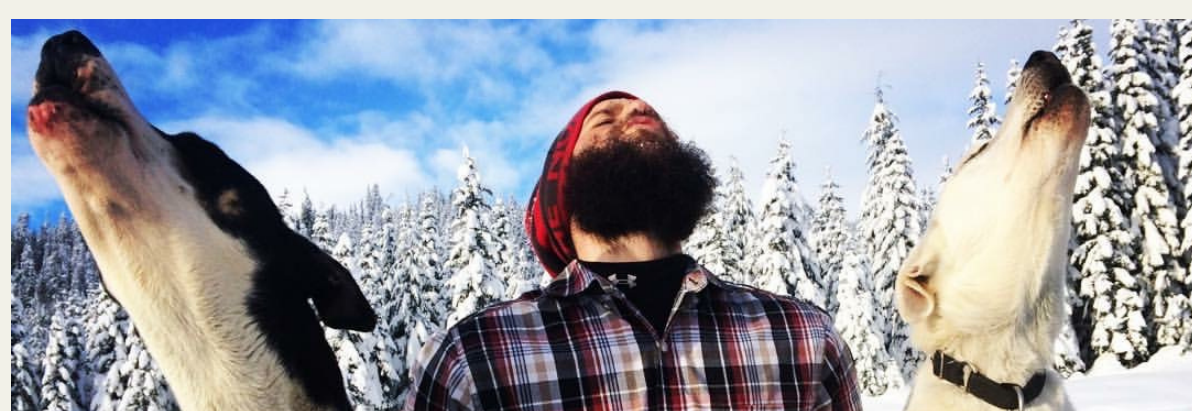
### DOG SLEDDING

Join us for an educational and action packed day exploring the world of dog sledding. This day program gives students the opportunity to learn the unique history of sledding on the Canadian West Coast while having a hands on experience learning to harness and equip a team of dogs before hitting the snow covered trails of the pristine Callaghan Valley.



### DAY AT THE DOGS

From choosing to live in the moment, being loyal to your pack and loving unconditionally, dogs can teach us so much about life, leadership and ourselves. Day at the Dogs gives students a hands experience interacting with an affectionate pack of retired sled dogs while also learning about responsibility, empathy and communication. In combination with their time with the dogs, students will also participate in winter focused programming including snowshoeing, fire building and group initiatives.



*Who do we  
work with?*

Camp Summit is proud to work with Trappers Run Dogsled Adventure. We have seen firsthand the pride the guides take on having an extremely happy kennel. Much of this is due to their philosophy on teamwork and a large part has to do with the playtime the dogs receive, as well as individual confidence building. The parallels between working with children and working with dogs is uncanny. Like children, dogs thrive off of love and energy.

### SUMMIT 'ON THE GO'

Our mobile 'Summit On The Go' programming will continue throughout the winter and spring as our experienced Camp Summit staff travel to schools around the Sea to Sky and Lower Mainland. Let us transform your space whether it be a gymnasium, classroom, park or community centre into the safe, inclusive and positive atmosphere of Camp!

### COVID-19 OPERATING PROCEDURES

Camp Summit is currently operating under the Provincial Health Guidelines regarding Covid-19 and regularly consults with our local health department regarding any updates or changes to protocols. Camp Summit is organizing our programming to reflect best practices for cleaning & disinfecting, physical distancing, and group management.

**For more information or to book your experience please contact [emily@campsummit.ca](mailto:emily@campsummit.ca) or [604-898-3700](tel:604-898-3700)**





## SUMMER CAMP 2021

As the situation with COVID-19 continues to evolve day-to-day in Canada and around the world, we remain committed to monitoring and communicating with families as we move forward with the planning of Summer 2021. We would like to note at this time we are continuing to prepare and plan for the Summer Camp season to exist as usual for 2021, however, we are prepared to adapt programs and registration if necessary as we near closer to the season.

## LEADERS IN TRAINING - BRIDGE COURSE

In combination with our Management Team and past LIT Directors, we are pleased to share the development of our LIT online bridge course that aims to cover missed workshops and key learnings of the LIT program for our 2020 LIT cohort. While we understand online learning does not replace the significance of in person opportunities, we have confidence that this program will provide participants with an impactful leadership and self-reflective experience that follows the framework and takeaways of our traditional LIT program. We look forward to reconnecting with this wonderful group of LIT participants in the new year!

## OUR DEDICATED TEAM

Judging from the sheer amount and nature of the feedback received throughout the rollercoaster ride that was 2020, there is little question that, as a staff team, we give from the heart and connect with our campers and students in so many meaningful ways.

Our incredible responses from campers, parents and schools confirms, unequivocally, that the quality, loyalty, and commitment of our staff, are ultimately the reasons for the success of this magical place... we could not be more grateful.

As we move forward with our staff hiring process, we remain optimistic that Camp will be permitted to operate within our regular capacity for the 2021 season and are eagerly looking forward to building our team!

Staff Applications are open until January 15th 2021. If you or someone you know are interested in joining our team we want to hear from you! Please visit [www.campsummit.ca](http://www.campsummit.ca) for more details.



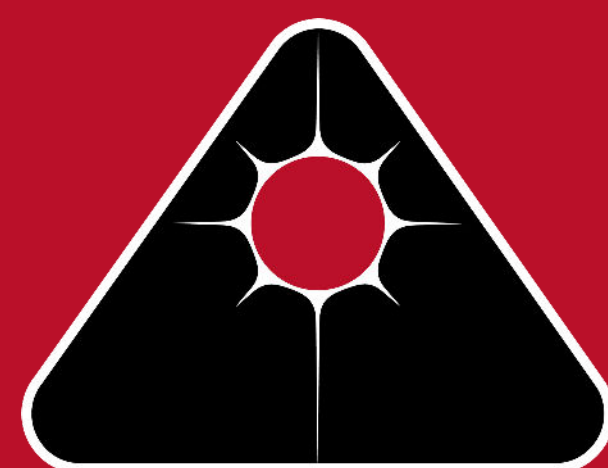
## *A thank you from us...*

By approaching this past year with optimism, positivity and trying to find opportunity when there is loss, we hope that our resiliency resonates with you and exemplifies all of the outcomes that we aim to impart on our campers every day at Camp Summit.

The fact that we were unable to operate this Spring and Summer was heartbreaking for us, our families, our staff, alumni and most importantly the campers. Everything we do here is for our campers and to have an empty Camp this past season was unbearable.

As we live through this global event, we find ourselves taking stock of what is most important. Our families. Our children. Our communities. Healthy and loving relationships and the promise of brighter days ahead.

From all of us at Camp Summit, we want to thank you for your words of encouragement and continued support. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday season! We can't wait to see you back at Camp!



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