### A MESSAGE FROM PARKY...

I was asked on many occasions this season how it feels to be back into regular and full operations....it is refreshing to say the least!! After 3 years of continual pandemic challenges out of our control, it was so nice to get back to what we do and focus purely on creating those impactful experiences for our campers and students. We have reached the place we are now because of the unwavering support of all of you, our camper families, staff and campers. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to get back to our full potential!!

As we enter our 25th year, which makes me feel incredibly proud...and a bit old....it has generated within me a tremendous opportunity for reflection of the past quarter century. When the dream of Camp Summit began in the late 1990's, I always knew what I wanted this place to look and feel like, and to see it all come to life is an accomplishment I share with this entire community of people.

This past year saw our largest staff team in the history of Summit in both the Camp and Outdoor Education seasons. I feel so grateful to work alongside this team and witness the energy they pour into what they do. The connections they make every day is what makes the most impactful memories for our campers.

I am continually supported by our year-round management team and am privileged to work alongside them every day. The love for Camp from our full time staff and their pursuit of striving to improve it each year, is inspiring. Thank you to Emily Kalil (11th year), Rianne Barette (6th year), Olivia Craft (2nd year) and Gary Stamper (13th year).

At the very end of the 2023 season Gary made the decision to move on from camp. Gary has been a staple to our operations, he has held many roles at camp and has been our full time Site Manager for the past 10 years. He will be continually involved over the next year or so as we transition, but will be sorely missed on a day to day basis...Thank you Gary!! I also want to thank Daniel Pletz, who quite literally continues to build Camp and improve our facilities in his 15th year with us.

To all of our camper families who entrust us with your children and support the importance of the camp experience, we are so indebted for the opportunity to be a part of their continued growth.

On behalf of my wife Daphne, our daughters Maya (17) and Campbell (13) and of our dogs Ralph & Coby, we thank you for being part of this amazing community. Keep it 25 & Sunny!

-Parky

Camp Summit respectfully acknowledges that we operate on the unceded shared territory of the x<sup>w</sup>məθkwəýəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We bear witness to the past, honour the present and contribute to a more just future.



## TAKING A LOOK BACK AT SUMMER 2023 ...

The camping experience is transformative: it teaches cooperation, understanding, appreciation for our natural world and sportsmanship in a safe and supportive community. It uniquely empowers campers to venture beyond their comfort zones, fostering the development of essential life skills and the formation of enduring friendships.

Over the course of the last 24 years, we have cultivated an incredible community here at Summit, of which we take immense pride. After another remarkable summer, we wish to express our sincere gratitude to our loyal returning families for their unwavering support and extend a warm welcome to the many new faces who joined us at camp this summer!

### HOUSE TEAM UPDATE

A highlight of the summer, it was another fantastic year for the Summit Olympics, with each team raising their flags at least once over the course of the season! We would like to thank all the competitors for their sportsmanship and dedicated efforts this year. Be sure to keep your off-season training up as we look forward to what next summer has in store!





Summer Blast C: ORCAS Summer Blast D: BEARS Discovery Camp: EAGLES

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SUMMIT SENTINEL



AND....THEY'RE OFF! WHIMBIES VOTED #1 BEST NEW GAME



FAVOURITE CAMP DOG? ZIGGY TAKES THE WIN! ...BUT RALPH IS STILL THE FASTEST!



A NEW CAMP RECORD 21 FISH CAUGHT DURING AC!

## **CAMPER MILESTONES**

We deeply appreciate the fantastic community of returning campers who, with each passing year, infuse our Summit community with their laughter, energy, and spirit of adventure. As a gesture of our appreciation, we are delighted each year to present our 5-year and 10-year camper awards to commemorate these significant milestones at camp!

### **5 YEAR CAMPERS**

Ace Chittock Adam Romney Ahmet Kizawi Alexandra Broughton Alexis Hanson Anna Keesey Anna Van Dijk Asher Bikadi Axel Doak Baden Freudigmann **Basil Wells** Bella Kiss **Bianca** Kiss Bronwyn Samis Brook Ewart Brooklyn Cole

Charles Roberts Chase Coulter Cleo Kestler Cole Fraser Dominic Wagner-Boyes Evan Potts Felix Dunn **Fletcher Morrish** Gabriel Jenkin Gemma Coghlan Gord Gerald Harper Willams Inara Whitefield Jeffrey Kladko Keaton Swansborough Leia Wells

Leo Pezim Lila Ryce Lila Shrigley Lily Broughton Lily Harris Lizzie Garraway Mackenzie Doak Mary Schmelke- Haagenson Matteo Del Piccolo Matthew Gordon Megan Ball Molly Mackie Mya Duerksen Nash Furneaux Neko Wong Olivia Del Piccolo

Riley Baxendale Sophie Thurston Sterling Ramsay Thomas Ryce Thomas Scobie Thomson Bythell Timothy Caddick Uma Malik Ved Malik Wesley Jenkin Zenith Harris

### **10 YEAR CAMPERS**

Bella Leeson Desi Moulton Finley Raffaele Hannah Wilson Isla Crerar Kobe Haddon Maia Lumb Owen Regier



JUNIOR CAMPER AWARD

Georgia Jackson Ivy Saqui Jack Strange Kendall Gray Madeleine De Sousa Michael Yellen Noah Duran Pierce Clark Saskia Wilson Wesley Pollock

## INTERMEDIATE

Basil Hotson Elizabeth Cooper Eva Hofbauer Keaton Swansborough Leyla Nowtash Mya Duerksen Oscar Wilton Ryan Cheesman Sadie Armistead Sienna Quigley Will Joa Yaw Ani

### SENIOR CAMPER AWARD

Alexis Hanson Callum Brown Emmet Callison Joe Gerald Maisie Ainslie Max Kuhn Ruby Cook Sam Hyson Scarlett Gunning Teagan Gunn Vivienne Stephenson

### SOUL OF SUMMIT

David Dreizin Jasper Cousineau Noelle McFerran Sasha Grishin Sienna Bartlett



## SENIOR LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

The SLC program guides participants through a series of collaborative challenges, including an extended canoe or hiking expedition in addition to practical leadership placements working with cabin groups. During this journey, participants gain firsthand experience in effective communication, conflict resolution, sound judgment, decision-making, and teamwork.

This summer, these exceptional young leaders wholeheartedly embraced the SLC experience, delving into the principles of leadership and responsibility during their time at camp.

### SENIOR LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE 1

#### LED BY: JOSH DALY, TORI HEFFERNAN

Ravva Aboulhosn Charlotte Allanson Summer Atkinson Nicolas Barrett Emmett Clay Walker Mary Clements Declan Collier William Cooper Chase Coulter Isla Crerar Angus Darmopil Lena Duffield Emma Duguid Laurel Duguid Ryann Faulkner Jovan Ferdinands

Elissa Lukomskyj Sunny Ferguson **Betsy Fox** Vladislav Frizen Caroline Gardner Chelsea Garrod Hunter Gehl Jake Heine Kevin Hill Linus Kaminski Avden Kidd Abdellatif Kizawi Kai Klimek Miriam Klopfer Julia Linsley Benjamin Lovett

Silas MacLeod Kaitlynn Martin Madison McKInney Isla O'Connor Alana Palacios Nicolas Powell Sophia Prystay Sarah Queree Isabelle Quinlan Owen Regier Chloe Ren Cadelle Roberts Alexis Robinson Abbey Seccombe Joaquim Segni Finnegan Wolsak-Hobart

Anais Staniforth Wyatt Urquhart Andrew Virostek Aeron Waiz Isla Watson Anais Wilke Calvin Spindloe

#### SENIOR LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE 2 LED BY: MATTHEW CHEESMAN, JOJO FLETCHER, WOLFIE HENRY, BRONTE MORROW

Jack AdamsAmelie FarreDilan ArnoldOliver FaulkrRiley BaxendaleLucy FinlaysaAriana BeurtsLizzie GarraEleanor BridsonGord GeralaJade BrunnerJayden GolaMichael CaddickMatthew GoGavin ChelswickConnor GunAce ChittockZenith HarrisMarlowe CookBarbaraJack CrillyHenriquesOlivia Del PiccoloCleo KestlerGrady DenisFinlaysa

Amelie Farrell Bella Kiss Oliver Faulkner Maia Lumb Lucy Finlayson Ben Maijer Lizzie Garraway Uma Malik Gord Gerald Ved Malik Jayden Golden Olive Mercier Matthew Gordon Kiaan Mitera Connor Gunning Avery Outerbridge Zenith Harris Hazel Prentice Barbara Henriques Jasper Race Finley Raffaele

Benjamin Romney Rafe Sahoy Austin Caroline Sandford Madeleine Sangara Eva Sirvon Kiran Sitaula Charlie Thompson Cole Thompson Nicole Webb Nex Wendel Harper Williams

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SLC SUPPORTING STAFF: EMMA WIEBE, LAUCHLAN SCOTT, SEBASTIAN SMITH, ABI CRATON, GEORGIA THOMPSON







## LEADERS IN TRAINING

This summer was a record setting year for the LIT program with 35 participants over the course of the season! This transformative program has provided our LIT participants with invaluable opportunities to refine their leadership abilities, master a range of teaching and facilitation techniques, and effectively navigate their roles as influential role models for our campers.

We are proud of the learning and personal growth we saw within the LIT team and look forward to seeing what the future holds for these amazing young leaders!

### PARTICIPANTS

#### LED BY: OLIVA CRAFT + MATTEO POLONI

Elliot Bridson Adelynn Buss Lucius Campbell Bronte Coghlan Benjamin Cooke Diego Cortes Finn Cresswell Denison Elliott Kobe Haddon Fergus Hay Elliot Hickling Luce Horn Ava Joa Ella KestlerKayleigKira KirchnerZoe TaJeffrey KladkoMichaeVictoria KostiwAnna VMolly MackieCarly VJames McDonaldSiennaAlma MillerInara VFletcher MorrishHannaDesmond MoultonNataliaCharlie PalkoSiennaMaya ParkTommy Parry-WingfieldMary Schmelke-Haagenson

Kayleigh Sarkany Zoe Tallentire Michael Tang Anna Van Dijk Carly Waiz Sienna Weatherly Inara Whitefield Hannah Wilson Natalia Zagorowicz Siena McCleery

THE LIT'S TAKE ON TRICOUNI PEAK!

Situated above stunning alpine lakes and meadows of the Coast Mountains, our LIT participants took on Tricouni Peak this summer!

After two successful summits, we are so pleased to add this experience as a permanent backcountry camping experience for the LIT program!



# OUR STAFF TEAM

Our staff are the heart and soul of the camp experience. Playing a pivotal role in creating lifelong memories for campers, their dedication, enthusiasm, and guidance make every moment at camp special.

The unique blend of experienced, long-term staff members, many of whom have personally grown through our leadership programs as former campers, and new staff hailing from various corners of the globe, introducing fresh perspectives and innovative ideas, is what truly makes our team so strong.

On behalf of our Management Team, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to every staff member for their unwavering dedication to Camp Summit this year.

Thank YOU for making it all possible.







### 2024 STAFF TEAM

Abigail Craton Aishah Khan Alex Kiczales Annabel Gilbert Becca Cambridge Ben Robertson Blythe Schmelke-Haagenson Brad Sherry Briana Dennert **Bronte Morrow** Cailey Race Cairn Schulte Caleb Orteza Cameron Cottrell Cassidy Bradley Charlie Caddick Chejienna Frigula

Chloe Merrison Danny O'Shaughnessy Delano Paquin-Mannington Dennis Saerbeck Ed Connolly Emma Hughes Emma Wiebe Ethan Maijer Gabe Dickson Georgia Thompson Grace Roberts Haley Evans Harun Miah lacopo Vigano Isabel MacDonald Isabel Newman Jack Johnstone

Jason Morrison Jennifer Ren Jeoffrey Avaient Jethro Jones Long Jolie Penstock Jordan Wutke Josephine Fletcher Josh Daly Kai Sauvageau Kate Lewis Kevin Hughes Lauchlan Scott Lauren Duffy Leah Brownlie Liam Gottfried Liam Tupling Liara Fadden

Lucy Toulantas Mara Baxendale Margaret Saunders Mathew Cheesman Matteo Poloni Matthew Cheesman McKerron Scott Meg Halliwell Megan Tom Mica Erdmann Nick Bowker-Napp Nicolas Cade Olivia Adams Phi Zhana Phil Eastman Quin Billings Raechel Bensusan

Reeve Morwood Robert Merone Sage Brunner Sam Stott Sebastian Smith Shannon Sorenson Stella McWilliam Taylor Kneider Thomas Papineau Victoria Heffernan Yasmine Alu Yvonne Russel





### **CELEBRATING 15 YEARS ON STAFF!**

2023 marked a major milestone for our longtime staff and our dear friend Daniel Pletz. As an integral part of our team, Daniel's expert carpentry and keen eye for detail have enriched the experiences of every camper, staff member, and guest at Camp.

We can't thank Daniel enough for his ongoing contributions have you pavel! and the remarkable impact he continues to make here at Summit!

# OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

The culmination of a successful outdoor education season is a testament to the transformative power of experiential learning in the great outdoors. As the 2023 Outdoor Education season unfolded in early April, a symphony of laughter, learning, and personal growth resonated through camp's natural forest that served as the backdrop for educational journeys. Students, teachers, and our amazing staff came together to embark on their own journey of discovery, forging connections with nature and each other that left a meaningful mark on their lives.

Our 2023 motto was "Try Again" and this simple, yet profound concept encapsulated the essence of resilience. The idea of Trying Again acknowledges that failure is not a definitive endpoint, but rather a temporary roadblock. It embodies that understanding that setbacks are a natural part of any journey and a fundamental aspect of the human experience. Whether traversing the multi-vine at our high ropes course, to navigating challenging geocaching trails, or getting back on the mountain bike, students and staff were always encouraged to collaborate, communicate, and support one another. The shared challenges of the outdoors created a bond that transcends the classroom, promoting teamwork and resilience. At camp, students can discover not only the wonders of the natural world but also the strength of their own character.

Working at camp means not only working with children but working within the 24-acre neighborhood. Our team members came from many different countries, characterized by a diverse set of skills and perspectives. Our team was about embracing the differences that each team member brought to the table. Diversity of thought, experience, and skills proved to be a powerful catalyst for innovation and problem-solving. When individuals with varying backgrounds and expertise come together, they can see challenges from different angles and develop creative solutions that a single mind could never conceive.



As we wrap up our 2023 season, the impact of the outdoor education experience reverberates through the lives of all involved. Students return to their classrooms with a newfound enthusiasm for learning, armed with practical skills and a broader perspective on the world. The teachers witnessed the fruits of their labor as they observed students who grew not only academically but also personally. As the sun sets on another season, the legacy of outdoor education endures, inspiring a new generation to embrace the transformative power of nature and education in harmony. We are excited to do it again, and therefore, Try Again.

-Emily



### CELEBRATING 20 YEARS AT CAMP BRITISH AMERICAN SCHOOL

With immense gratitude and heartfelt appreciation, we extend our warmest thanks to the British American School from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for two decades of Camp Summit magic!

For 20 years, your spirit of enthusiasm and love for adventure have brought an unparalleled vibrancy to our campfires, hikes and canoe lessons. The amazing bond we've built over these years is a testament to the enduring magic of camp that we hold close to our hearts.

[Gracias!



## **OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE - 2023 ATTENDEES**

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

### SCHOOL GROUPS

Alcuin College Alouette Elementary Bayridge Elementary School Bodwell High School Brackendale Elementary British American School – Puerto Vallarta Brockton School Collingwood School Crofton House School Don Ross Secondary School Ecole John Diefenbaker Elementary School False Creek Elementary School Fraser Valley Elementary School Immaculate Conception School Kerrisdale School

Lord Kitchener Elementary McCloskey Elementary Meadowridge School Myrtle Philip Community School Norma Rose Point North Star Montessori Pinewood Elementary Regent Christian Academy Regent Road Elementary Rockridge Secondary School Sir William Osler Skyridge Montessori St. Andrew's Catholic Elementary Southpointe Academy Southridge School St. George's School St. Helen's School

St. John's School Stratford Hall The York School Toronto University Hill Elementary Urban Academy Valleycliffe Elementary School Vancouver Christian School West Point Grey Academy York House School

### RETREAT GROUPS

103 Thunderbird Cadets Squadron ALS Society of British Columbia Cedar Shadow Girl Guides Eagle Mountain Girl Guides Korean – Canadian Society Leadership & Resiliency Program Vancouver Police Cadets 777 Neptune RCACS



### <u>GROUP SPOTLIGHT:</u> THE YORK SCHOOL - TORONTO ADVENTURE ON THE JUAN DE FUCA

As a unique part of every Spring, we were pleased to welcome back The York School from Toronto! As part of their annual visit to BC, we were excited to share the magic of the Vancouver Island coast, embarking on an 8-day adventure to discover the breathtaking landscapes of the Juan de Fuca Trail.

With a near perfect weather window (... in early April!) this experience holds a unique place in our hearts. We are thrilled to continue this unique partnership and maintain the tradition of welcoming this exceptional group of students on transformative journeys for years to come!



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## THE CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM

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.

In our history, we have been proud to sponsor over 150 children from the Sea to Sky corridor to share in the experience of summer camp and hope to see this number continue to grow through our ongoing fundraising initiatives. It is our hope to be able to support a camper through their time at Camp Summit until their family no longer needs assistance - the more local children we can provide this for, the stronger a community we will help to sustain.

This past February, we were pleased to host our 6th annual 'For the Love of Camp' Campership Fundraiser at the beautiful Squamish Valley Golf Club. Through the generous support of our camp families, fundraiser guests, donors and community supporters we were able to raise funds for 16 campership spots in 2023!

INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM? PLEASE REACH OUT TO RIANNE@CAMPSUMMIT.CA FOR MORE INFORMATION!

### DID YOU KNOW? PROJECT AIM PARTNERSHIP

This fall, we were so pleased to announce the installation of seven menstrual product stations around Camp in partnership through our friends Project AIM (<u>Project A.I.M - Access to Incontinence & Menstrual</u> <u>Products</u>) These stations are stocked with biodegradable organic menstrual products that are free of charge ensuring accessibility for all visitors to Camp.

Project AIM goes beyond simply providing essential products to individuals within our communities. They forge meaningful partnerships with local shelters and other impactful organizations, regularly donating resources to support those in need. They believe that the more readily available these crucial products are, the more effectively they can be distributed to those who require them most.

Through collaboration and unwavering dedication, Project AIM is driving towards a future where no one is left behind, and everyone can access the support they need to lead dignified and empowered lives - building a more inclusive and compassionate world.





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## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024... CELEBRATING 25 YEARS IN CAMPING

Camp Summit is thrilled to embark on its 25th season in 2024, a truly remarkable milestone that fills us with pride and excitement!

Whether you're a Camp Summit alum, a current camper, or someone who simply appreciates the transformative power of the camp experience, we look forward to commemorating this significant milestone this year. Together, we'll continue to create lasting memories, build unbreakable bonds, and ensure that Camp Summit remains a beacon of adventure, inspiration, and growth for generations to come.

HERE'S TO 25 YEARS OF CAMP SUMMIT MAGIC, AND TO MANY MORE TO COME!

## SUMMER REGISTRATION

We are truly amazed by the overwhelming response from our returning families who have registered for our programs. As of December, our Summer 2024 programs are already 98% booked.

While space is limited, we strongly encourage families to join our waitlists. For a comprehensive overview of our current availability or to register, please visit <u>www.campsummit.ca</u>.

## JOIN THE TEAM! STAFF HIRING 2024

We think that working at camp offers invaluable opportunities for staff that enhance self-awareness and leadership experiences while having a positive impact on the lives of children... it is also pretty fun!

If you or someone you know is looking for meaningful work with an impact – we want you on our team! Staff applications for Spring, Summer and Fall 2024 are now available through our website.

Visit campsummit.campbrainstaff.com to access our Staff application.

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