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BEAVERTALES



Official Newsletter of Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre

CREATION SPEAKS! ARE WE LISTENING?

THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER CAMP WILL BE CREATION SPEAKS. HERE'S A BRIEF TASTE OF THE THEMES WE WILL BE EXPLORING WITH OUR GRACEFIELD COMMUNITY THIS YEAR:

In the beginning, God created. God is still creating now. What do God and Creation have to teach us about how to live today? Creation Speaks invites us to look to God's Creation, including each other, as we listen for God's voice in the world today. By looking anew at the Creation story, campers will imagine what each part might teach us about God and our place in the world. Light, water, earth, seasons, animals, humans, and even a day of rest will invite campers to listen for God, still speaking to them today.

Through our new understanding of the interdependence of all creatures and responding to our call as caretakers of Creation, we are moved to awe and wonder at the gift of Creation and the Creator.

If the people of God stop and listen to Creation, what might we hear?

Shhhh, listen. Creation Speaks!



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Registration is now open for summer camps at Gracefield

2021 CAMP DATES + RATES

DATES	CAMP SESSION	AGE	RATE	EARLYBIRD
July 7-31	LIT: Leader In Training	16-17	\$1045	\$941
July 4-9	Explorer I	7-9	\$460	\$414
July 4-9	Pioneer I	10-12	\$460	\$414
July 11-16	MADD	10-14	\$460	\$414
July 11-16	Woodlander	13+	\$460	\$414
July 18-23	Pioneer II	10-12	\$460	\$414
July 18-23	Voyageur	13+	\$460	\$414
July 25-30	Explorer II	7-9	\$460	\$414
July 25-30	Adventure	10-12	\$460	\$414
July 30-Aug 2	Family Camp(meals + accommodations extra)	ALL	\$90	—
August 2-7	Voyageur	14-16	\$460	\$414



OUR 2021 THEME



Taxes extra. Early Bird deadline March 31, 2021. Family Discounts: 2nd Child -10%, 3rd Child -20%
 Bring a friend to camp! If you refer someone to camp who has never attended before, both you and the friend will receive a \$50 discount off a full registration. Discount applies for up to two referrals (max. \$100 discount).
 Bus transportation from/to Ottawa will be available for \$25 per camper, to be added upon registration.

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Work at Camp!

Program Positions: Counsellors, Lifeguards, Directors
 Operations Positions in: Kitchen, Maintenance, Housekeeping, and Guest Services

- Enjoy being close to nature
- Make friends to last a lifetime
- Develop your faith
- Sharpen your skills and build new ones
- Make a difference!

visit : gracefieldcamp.ca/employment

...apply soon!



Our mission is to invite all people to experience the loving presence of the living God in creation, in Christ and in Christian community.

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Looking for a few volunteers!

2022 will mark Gracefield's 60th Anniversary!

To celebrate, we hope to plan a number of fantastic events and are looking for volunteers to serve on a planning committee. Contact Paula Whaley at paula.whaley@gracefieldcamp.ca for more information or to get involved.

Adoption Notice



One last adorable camper cabin at Gracefield is looking for sponsor congregations to provide for its ongoing needs.

Have you looked after a cabin in the past and want to be reunited? Or is your congregation looking to be matched with a cabin that needs some TLC?

You provide volunteer labour and funds for repairs. Gracefield supplies guidelines, material standards, help with planning and hosting volunteer visits. This is a great opportunity to support Gracefield while building fellowship and mission activity within your congregation, and experiencing the wonder and beauty of nature at the camp.

Contact director@gracefieldcamp.ca to become involved!

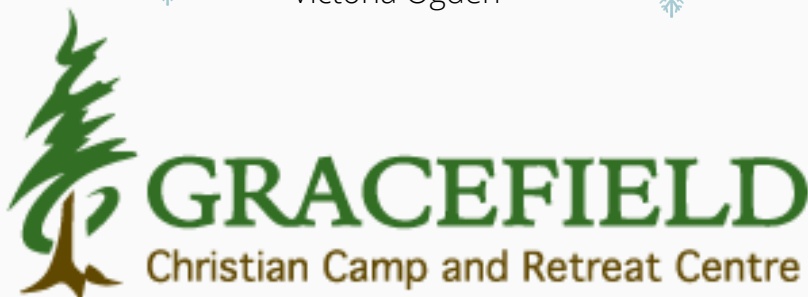
Winter Memories At Gracefield

I love spending time with my family at Gracefield in the winter- like with Dill in this picture ☺ Skiing and walking down the paths that I used to hurry down as a camp counsellor and watching this little world transformed by snow and ice always brings me joy!

I also love to warm up with a mug of hot cocoa after outdoor adventures



Victoria Ogden -



LENT



While Lent is a time of reflection and prayer, it can also be a time of action and reconnection. We very much hope that as you observe Lent this year in your personal life and in your life as a church community, that you will take time and opportunity to pray for the ministry and kingdom work of Gracefield. Our collective prayers are so important as we lay before God our concerns, our hopes and our praise for the way His Kingdom is coming at Gracefield.

With the ongoing pandemic limiting our ability to operate, we are challenged to raise revenue to cover our fixed expenses. In addition we have four camper cabins and the Mause that need new roofs in the short term. This year, we are launching a Gracefield Lent Call, an annual event which will help to raise awareness of the prayer needs of our camp, and also offer an opportunity to invite you to thoughtfully donate towards offsetting the financial burden of facility improvement at the camp.

Many people give something up for Lent, and it might be that you can decide to raise money through saving what you do not spend on coffee, alcohol, meat, outings or whatever it is that you forego, and then at Easter, donating what you have saved to the Gracefield Lent Call.

Whatever you do, we want to encourage you to keep the work and life of Gracefield in your thoughts and prayers, and we thank you in advance for your time, talent and treasures as you partner with us to further this wonderful ministry.

Prayer and Praise Report

Prayer needs:

- For God to be glorified through work and life of Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre
- Wisdom in navigating the impact of Covid 19 on what we do at Gracefield.
- Hiring of Staff for Summer 2021.
- Our need for volunteers to serve on Gracefield planning and serving committees.
- Energy and God's leading for Gracefield's Board and managing Director
- For a good response to our Canada Summer Jobs grant application.

Praise Reports:

- We are so thankful for the donations received during our year end appeal.
- We've started to receive some amazing staffing applications.
- Our renovations to the Boathouse and Jolly Roger are progressing and we are excited that the Lord provided generous donors and volunteers to facilitate it.
- For God's amazing provision of hard working, creative and dedicated staff and volunteers.
- For new and ongoing partnerships with community organizations and our opportunities to share Christ with them.

Ways To Give

There are many ways that you can make a difference in the lives of both adults and children attending camps and group programs that run year round at Gracefield. Every gift—large or small will help us to facilitate our many programs, as well as steward our amazing camp and conference centre!

MAKE A DONATION

Your gift will help us to build skills and transform lives!

- Donate via PayPal Givings Fund Canada 100% of your donation will go to the Camp PayPal Givings Fund Canada will issue a tax receipt.
- Send an Interac e-transfer to info@gracefieldcamp.ca.
- Mail a cheque to Gracefield Camp at 37 chemin des Loisirs, Gracefield, QC, J0X 1W0.
- Call the office at 1-819-463-2465 or 1-888-493-2267 to donate using your credit card

GRACEFIELD GUARDIANS

We encourage you to consider joining our Gracefield Guardians program, making regular monthly donations to the Camp. If you would like to do so, please email or call the Camp to register for monthly Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR) from your bank account to Gracefield.

LEGACY GIVING

A gift to Gracefield CCRC through your will allows you to make a lasting impact on young lives, while reducing taxes to your estate. A gift of a new or existing life insurance policy allows you to make a larger gift that is ultimately greater than the premiums paid. With Gracefield named as the beneficiary, your annual premiums qualify as charitable tax receipts. For more information on Legacy gifts, please consult your financial advisor, or email our fundraising team at paula.whaley@gracefieldcamp.ca

GIFTS OF STOCK AND SECURITIES

With a gift of stock or securities, you can contribute to GCCRC and save on capital gains tax. For more information, please contact us at paula.whaley@gracefieldcamp.ca

Keep In Touch!

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please contact us!

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The Last Word.....

I have to be honest, I don't prefer the cold weather. Having said that, I don't really prefer when it is too hot either. We all have different preferences and tastes, and that is one of the things that makes a community so important. During this season of pandemic, we are separated from our communities in a way that most of us have never experienced before. Although things are very quiet at the lake right now, we are excited and praying for the upcoming season, when we can return to welcoming all of you back to being community with us!

I was recently reminded of these words found in Philippians 2:3-5.

"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had." What a great reminder, and a great way to participate in the mission of the camp! I pray that we can display this attitude and mindset when we are able to return to the lake this summer.

I said it was quiet but that doesn't mean that there isn't anything to get excited about! We are already working on plans to continue the positive momentum we have from last summer with the improvements to our facilities around the camp. Work in and around Jolly Roger, the Boathouse, the Woodland cabins and more is in the works for 2021. There are also some exciting things coming on the horizon for our program, first up is the 2021 Gracefield Program summit, where we will brainstorm ideas and action steps for program ideas for all ages. If you are interested in lending your voice and ideas we would love to have you as part of the discussion, you can contact Mark Hamilton or Chris Bolgar for more information.



Grace & Peace,
Mark Hamilton
Managing Director

