



Fall 2025 Newsletter

GLORY TO GOD!

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Camp Director



Glory to God. This was the theme of our 2025 Staff Training, and as any camper could tell you, a banner with those words hung in the Lookout building for the duration of the summer. As staff we sought to answer what does it mean to bring glory to God at Stepping Stones? More than once over summer, I found myself stopping to read those words again. They became a steady reminder that every part of camp—whether a meal, a conversation, or a classic camp game—was meant to point our hearts back to Him. Glorifying God is what unites us, and we reflected on how that purpose draws the whole camp together. We serve an awesome God, and it is both good and right to give Him the glory—for in doing so, we find joy. To glorify God is also a privilege, one that humbles us, yet at the same time gives our lives deep significance because it includes all that we do. How blessed we are that on this pale blue dot, our great Creator God invites us to live out the command: “Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Cor. 10:31). To those who attended camp this year, my challenge as your director is to keep that verse close to your heart; and my prayer for you, dear reader, is that in all things you would see the opportunities in your work, play, and rest to lift your eyes and say, “This is for Him.”

Throughout the season, 253 campers, 21 staff members, 91 counselors, and 37 cooks—402 people in total—shared in the joy and work of camp. Each brought their own gifts, energy, and presence, and together we saw how we can glorify God in community. Oh it is a beautiful thing! As a first-time counselor from this summer pointed out to me, the reason camp feels so perfect is because for a week we get to be how we are meant to live - in community with brothers and sisters worshipping our Father - the One working things out for us to give Him glory. And here's the best part: we know that God is always working things for our good and His glory. Even now, as we begin preparing for Camp 2026, we trust that He continues to work! As we look back on this summer, let us give thanks to the Lord. To every camper, parent, counselor, cook, staff member, and volunteer who prayed faithfully with and for us—you helped make this a summer that glorified God. May we continue to carry that same calling into every season of life: to God be the glory, now and forever.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

We will be hosting a work bee on November 22, 2025 to get the property ready for winter!

Bring the family! There are many tasks to be done and many hands make light work! We will be stocking woodsheds, gardening, pressure washing, leaf blowing, some small projects and more! Lunch will be provided!

Please let Trevor know if you can make it!
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how does camp run anyway?

Learn more about the staff roles at Stepping Stones!

KITCHEN DIRECTORS

The Kitchen Director + Assistant are responsible for all meals and snacks for everyone at camp.

Each week they have a team of volunteer cooks!



CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain is considered the spiritual leader at camp. The Chaplain works to teach Biblical truths while encouraging youth to know Christ more deeply.



CAMP DIRECTOR + ASSISTANT

The role of the Directors is to ensure the safe and effective running of camp!

They ensure policies are being followed, and that everything that is done is HOLY HAPPY + HEALTHY



HEAD COUNSELLORS

The Head Counselors are responsible for the well-being of all the counselors at Stepping Stones Bible Camp. They act as leaders, advocates, mentors and motivators for the counselors.



PROGRAMS

The programs team is responsible for organizing and facilitating all activities, games and outings at Stepping Stones Bible Camp. They work together to ensure Camp has a positive atmosphere!



NURSE

The Camp Nurse is responsible to ensure the maintenance of health for everyone at camp



CAMP 2026 DATES!

EXPLORERS

June 30-July 2, 2026 | Grade 3-5

CAPSTONE

July 6-10, 2026 | Grade 10-12 "NEW"

STONES I

July 13-17, 2026 | Grade 3-6

ROCK 1

July 20-24, 2026 | Grade 7-8

ROCK 2

July 27-31, 2026 | Grade 7-8

STONES 2

Aug 3-7, 2026 | Grade 3-6

BOULDER

Aug 10-14, 2026 | Grade 9-10



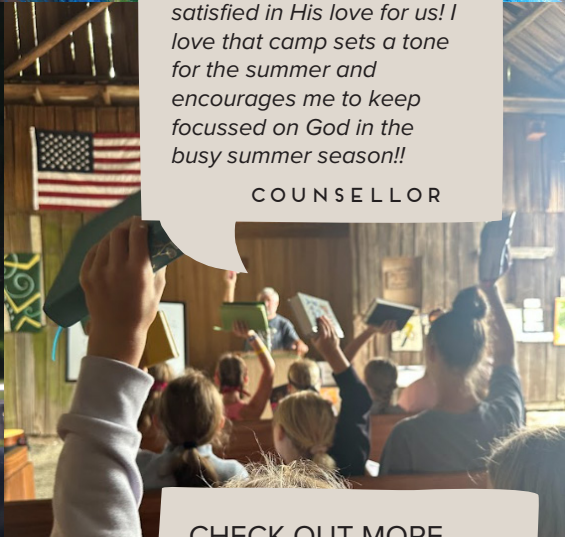
Capstone this summer was a very special time: the administration was top notch, the counselors experienced and the campers enthusiastic and cooperative! We were blessed with amazing summer weather and an encouraging and practical theme: *Do Hard Things for His Glory!* God was most glorified at camp and we were encouraged and satisfied in His love for us! I love that camp sets a tone for the summer and encourages me to keep focussed on God in the busy summer season!!

COUNSELLOR



"Being a part of Stepping Stones this year was a huge blessing! I loved seeing our campers grow in their faith and engage thoughtfully during cabin pack devotions"

COUNSELLOR



CHECK OUT MORE CAMP PHOTOS, VIDEOS AND MEMORIES ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CAMP WORK BEE + LUNCH NOVEMBER 22 2025

Join us for a Fall Clean-up!
There's lots to be done and tasks for all ages!

STAFF APPLICATIONS OPEN NOVEMBER 29, 2025

Check out all the dates, learn more and apply or register online through our website!

CAMP HYPE NIGHT FEBRUARY 21, 2026

Whether you've been to camp as counselor, or plan to, come join us at the Stepping Stones Lookout for a night of fellowship, games, and praise and worship as we get hyped for a new camp year!

Stepping Stones Fundraiser SPRING 2026

More details to come!

AND MORE! Follow us on social media and keep an eye on our website to find opportunities to get involved!



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Stepping Stones still relies on donors to keep our property running and to send kids to camp each summer to be encouraged to know Christ more deeply. We currently have 18 monthly donors and we would love to see this number grow.

Will you help? Prayerfully consider donating to camp today. Even \$10 can make a difference! You can donate on our website:
www.steppingstonesbiblecamp.ca/donate



CLUB 3:16

We are back for year two of running a youth club for the Deroche Community!

We meet every on the first and third Thursday of the month, participate in various activities together and share the truths of God's Word!

Please keep Club 3:16 in your prayers this year.



meet the board

There's been some turnover of Board Members over the past few months. The current Board Members are (from left to right): Harm Vanderlinde (Advisor), Kelvin Hofsink (Infrastructure), David Noort (Treasurer), Dylan Moesker (Chairman), Chris Snyder (Community Reach), Kayla Vanderhorst (Camp Liason/Vice Chairman), Tania Grim (Secretary).

On September 30, 2025 the Board met with their year round employees to review our mission and values and to make plans for the coming year. There are exciting things in store!