



## gearing up for camp 2026

April 2026

Camp 2026 planning is already well underway! As Camp Manager, I have the privilege of working alongside our volunteer camp committees who faithfully oversee everything from camper registration and counsellor applications to menu planning, food inventory, medical records, safety procedures, program schedules, and chapel programming.

One of my favourite parts of this process is reviewing the feedback we receive each year. I personally read every comment submitted by counsellors, parents, and staff and then share those insights with the camp committee. Together, we reflect on what went well, how we can strengthen areas that need improvement, and how to preserve the parts of camp that people love most. It's also where new ideas begin to take shape. Our programs committee has already planned some fun dress-up days for this summer: Farm for Stones, Pajama Party for Rock, Monochromatic for Boulder, and Christmas in July for Capstone.

Most importantly, we are excited about the ways campers will be diving into God's Word this year. Explorers will dive into the Parables, Stones will learn about Walking in the Light, Rock campers will focus on our material titled Links: The Connections of Life, and Boulder and Capstone will dive into Setting Sail - all about facing our futures with Jesus as our captain.

We are looking forward to a holy, happy, and healthy 2026 camp season; one where God is glorified and where campers and volunteers alike are drawn into a deeper relationship with Him.

Alanna Noort, Camp Manager



## AGM

April 23, 2026

We will be hosting Stepping Stones' AGM at Abbotsford Canadian Reformed Church at 8pm.

Want to have your say? Attending gives you, the community, a chance to voice your thoughts, ask questions and hear more about the upcoming New Cabin Projects as well as the proposed increase in Camper Fees.

## GALA DINNER

Our second annual Stepping Stones Gala Dinner is Saturday May 9, and we would love to have you there!

We are hosting the event at our lookout building at Stepping Stones, having a wonderful catered dinner made by Walter Togeretz, live music, silent auction (and live auction!), and more.

Visit our website to get your tickets!



# A Message from the Board:

It's already Spring, and that means Stepping Stones is changing gears and merging into the fast lane! There are so many things that happen behind the scenes throughout the year both to do with the organizing and smooth running of camp, as well as the rentals that bring in revenue in order for us to carry out our mission of encouraging young people to know Christ more deeply.

## ON THE PROPERTY:

Trevor and Kaylee Dehaas are settling into their second year as Operations Directors. We thank them for their efforts in their first year - moving to the property and entering their new role is no easy task! For now, they've settled and are excited for year 2.

Some progress has been made on the property over the past year. The Red Barn has been cleaned and organized, creating more storage space. The Linden Lodge kitchen has had some minor updates, including new appliances. As the infrastructure on the property continues to age things do tend to break down, and recently we had construction on our well completed, moving the well head to above ground level.

For rentals, 4 weddings were booked this year, our weekends are fully booked for May, June, August and September with some large full site rentals, and a waitlist has been started for 2027.

## CABIN PROJECT:

Perhaps one of the most exciting developments in this past year has been the planning for new cabins! Much of our community is familiar with the tent/canvas cabins that have served us well since the Red Barn was shut down. In order to improve the camp experience for our campers and counselors, increase rental revenue year-round and create better accommodations for our rental groups, the board has approved moving ahead with the project! We're thankful for the work being done by the Cabin Project Task Force - a dedicated team with much experience in project planning, management and fundraising!

## CAMP PREPARATION:

Alanna Noort, our hired Camp Manager, continues to do a fantastic job overseeing the different committees within Stepping Stones Bible Camp. In order for Camp to run smoothly, there are many things to prepare for, discuss and execute, and all in a timely manner! We're thankful to see a continued interest from campers to attend Camp each year, and we're grateful to all of the parents who trust Stepping Stones to continually provide a great experience year after year, encouraging young people to know Christ more deeply. We're also thankful to all of the staff and counselors who have applied and will be volunteering their time this summer to serve in this special place. We could not do it without all of you! That being said, there are still a number of positions that need to be filled, and we pray that individuals may be moved to be a part of Camp this year!

As we look back on the past year, and look forward to the coming year(s), we continue to see God's faithfulness and providence in this organization. There have been times in the past when we wondered how we would get through the path ahead, and yet each and every time, God carried us through and provided what was needed. As we head into the busy season, we crave the community's prayers - prayers for strength, wisdom, energy and godly leadership. May God continue to bless the efforts of everyone involved in this 'battle ground,' and may He ultimately be honored and glorified through the work carried out at Stepping Stones Bible Camp!

On behalf of the board,

Dylan Moesker



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## AGM

APRIL 23 2026

## GALA DINNER

MAY 9 2026

## COUNSELLOR APPLICATIONS CLOSE

MAY 9 2026

## COUNSELLOR TRAINING

JUNE 13 2026

## PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING

JUNE 13 2026

## STAFF TRAINING

JUNE 25-27 2026

## CAMP 2026

JUNE 30 - AUGUST 14 2026

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



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## CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for some people to help run Camp 2026! Sign up as a:



female counsellor or



male counsellor



## EXPLORERS

June 30 - July 2 2026



## CAPSTONE

July 6 - 10 2026



## STONES 1

July 13 - 17 2026



## ROCK 1

July 20 - 24 2026



## ROCK 2

July 27 - 31 2026



## STONES 2

August 3 - 7 2026



## BOULDER

August 10 - 14 2026

Learn more and apply online through our website!

## WILL YOU HELP?

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!

