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## AN EPHESIANS 4:16 SUMMER

As I write this, it has been two weeks since the conclusion of the 2024 season at camp, and I've had time to reflect on the experiences of the summer. I am so thankful. Having returned from living abroad just two weeks before the start of Staff Training, I can honestly say that this was the best job to come back to. There is so much to love about camp. Some of my favorite moments were when I could quietly sit on the sidelines and simply take in the sounds of camp—laughter, conversations, and worship. Those who have experienced it will understand, and for those who haven't, I encourage you to come and experience it for yourself - Stepping Stones is always looking for volunteers!

This past summer, camp welcomed 258 campers, 33 staff members, 96

counsellors, and 38 cooks - a total of 425 people who shared in the 2024 camp experience! Throughout the summer, people would often ask me which week had been my favourite up to that point. Perhaps they were hoping I'd mention the week their child attended or the week they served. My answer, however, remained consistent: It was an "Ephesians 4:16" kind of summer. Paul's description of unity in the body of Christ perfectly sums it up: "from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." Each week, new campers came, with eager minds and bright smiles, and new staff, cooks, and counsellors came with servant hearts and willing hands. And through it all, God was near, always working. In fact,

He is still working, even as Stepping Stones prepares for Camp 2025. Praise the Lord!

As I bring my reflections on Camp 2024 to a close, there are so many people to thank. To everyone who made their way up the gravel driveway to our little camp in the mountains: thank you. Whether you were a parent handling drop-offs and pick-ups, a cook serving faithfully in the kitchen, a counselor who braved bunk beds, a staff member leading sacrificially, or a camper coming to grow in faith and display childlike trust in the Saviour—camp was richer because of you. To the community that held us in prayer throughout the summer, thank you. May we all continue to grow in love, for our God is truly good, all the time.

### SMALL-FRY

Natalie Hoogstra  
2024 Camp Director



## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

We will be hosting a work bee on **October 19, 2024** 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 Dylan know if you can make it! [dylan@steppingstonesbiblecamp.ca](mailto:dylan@steppingstonesbiblecamp.ca)



# STEPPING STONES IS HIRING!

As Dylan and Danielle wrap up their time as Operations Directors at Stepping Stones, we are now looking for interested couples to apply for this position to start in January 2025!

This is an incredible opportunity to live on the property and serve Stepping Stones Bible Camp in a unique and fulfilling way! This job (in a nutshell) includes marketing, rental and property management and improvement, and summer camp support.

Interested? Learn more and apply online through our website! [www.steppingstonesbiblecamp.ca/operationsdirectors](http://www.steppingstonesbiblecamp.ca/operationsdirectors)



# 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.



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are kicking off the new year with our first Annual Fundraiser Dinner!

Our next large project is replacing the tent cabins with updated, winterized cabins, with heating and bathrooms. These will be a step up for our campers in the summer and will additionally allow us to accommodate more rental groups during the winter months!

When: February 28, 2025  
Where: The Lookout at Stepping Stones  
**Mark your Calendars! More information to come!**



## 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 and 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.



# STAFF APPLICATIONS - COMING SOON!

Joining our summer staff is an exciting opportunity that will challenge you in many ways: spiritually, physically and mentally. You will learn firsthand how God can equip you and we guarantee you will love being involved in camp!

We are looking for individuals who are committed to serving God both in their personal life and in their local church and community.

Check out the next page to see the positions available!

Applications for Camp 2025 Staff open on November 30, 2024 and close on December 31, 2024.



## NURSE + LIFEGUARD

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

The Lifeguard is responsible for overseeing the safety of campers and volunteers during swimming activities!



## 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!



Do any of these roles interest you or excite you?  
**CONSIDER APPLYING!**  
2025 Staff Applications open November 30, 2024!



CAMP 2025 DATES!

EXPLORERS

July 1-3, 2025 | Grade 3-5

CAPSTONE

July 6-11, 2025 | Grade 11-12

STONES 1

July 13-18, 2025 | Grade 3-6

ROCK 1

July 20-25, 2025 | Grade 7-8

STONES 2

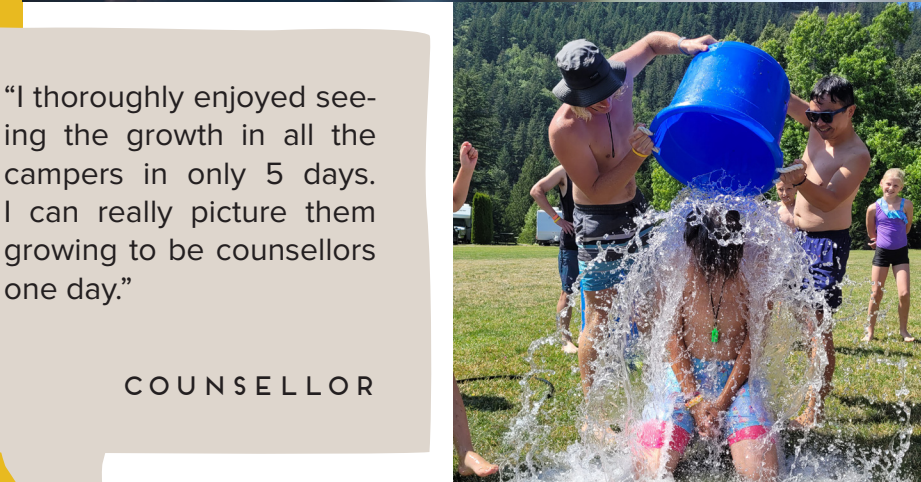
July 27-Aug 1, 2025 | Grade 3-6

ROCK 2

Aug 3-8, 2025 | Grade 7 - 8

BOULDER

Aug 10-15, 2025 | Grade 9-10



"I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the growth in all the campers in only 5 days. I can really picture them growing to be counsellors one day."

COUNSELLOR



"My favorite part about camp is connecting with campers, and getting to see them grow more in Christ. And singing... always the singing!"

COUNSELLOR



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





# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## CAMP WORK BEE + LUNCH OCTOBER 19, 2024

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

## STAFF APPLICATIONS OPEN NOVEMBER 30, 2024

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

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP DECEMBER 7, 2024

Join us in the Lookout at Stepping Stones for an afternoon of fellowship and singing praises to our God. Take the whole family! We will start the event at 2:00 pm. Coffee and refreshments provided!

## FUNDRAISER DINNER FEBRUARY 28, 2025

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](http://www.steppingstonesbiblecamp.ca/donate)



## CLUB 3:16

This year we are running a youth club for the Deroche Community!

We meet every other week, 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), Evan Bulthuis (Treasurer), Kyle de Leeuw (Secretary), Kayla Vanderhorst (Director), Chris Snyder (Vice Chair), Kevin Onderwater (Chair), and Harm Vanderlinde (Advisor).

On September 30, 2024 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!