



December 2023

CAMP IS FOR THE CAMPERS ... AND YOU! CALLING ALL STAFF!

"Camp is for the campers!" If you have ever been to Stepping Stones, you've heard this phrase, likely more than once. While this is very true, coming to Stepping Stones as a staff member or counsellor, is just as rewarding!

A week at camp is an encouraging, upbuilding, faith-building, exhausting yet fill-the-tank kind of experience. The list goes on; there's no shortage of words to describe a week at camp. It's really just not something you can accurately explain unless you have experienced it. Ask someone that has come to camp, and they will fill you in on the crazy activities at camp, the growth they experienced and the kids they could minister to.

When you are hired as summer staff, you have the opportunity to witness and

encourage the youth of our community, a chance to step back from everyday life, and to pour yourself into the Word and into the campers. It is a summer of servant leadership which will result in the humbling reminder of who God is, who we are, how He loves and how we are to love those around us.

Joining us in serving the youth is an exciting opportunity that will challenge you spiritually, mentally and physically (kids have way more energy than you think they would!). You will learn firsthand how God can equip you and use you in his kingdom work. This is more than an opportunity to add something to your resume; for all our staff, we pray that the camp experience will have a lifelong impact on your faith and your relationships.

Prayerfully consider serving the Lord with us as one of our summer staff for camp 2024!

For more information, please check out our website:
www.steppingstonesbiblecamp.ca/get-involved

Applications Close:
December 31, 2023

Stepping Stones has impacted my life in so many ways. Each time I go, I come back with a brand new perspective on my interactions, my communication, and my thoughts about my friends, my family, my co-workers, and strangers alike. You learn so much at camp about your relationship with God and how we can bless others the way Jesus blessed, and blesses us. There's no shortage of fun games, amazing meals, sing-alongs, and laughs to go with the spiritual guidance that allows every camper, counsellor, cook, and staff member to know Christ more deeply. I cannot recommend sending your child, or yourself, to camp for a week or two enough. This is a community that needs to be shared with others.

PAST COUNSELLOR

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour!

JOIN OUR GARDENING CREW

Looking for a way to get involved throughout the year? As many hands make light work, we are looking for willing volunteers to come to the property once a month to tend to the gardens. Coffee and refreshments will be provided!

Prayerfully consider if this is a way that you can get involved. For more information or to sign up please email info@steppingstonesbiblecamp.ca.

A NEW EXPLORERS DAY CAMP!



Stepping Stones Bible Camp has provided day camps in the last couple of years as an opportunity for young kids to come up to camp for a shorter period of time, giving those who find it hard to be away from home for an entire week a chance to experience a taste of camp. These day camps have been well received by the community as a great way to introduce their children to Stepping Stones.

Building on that, this year we are providing a 3 day, 2 night day camp experience. On the second night, campers will have the option to stay overnight with their counsellors and cabin pack if they desire! If this is still out of their comfort zone, they can return home and join us again in the morning. When you register your child for our Explorers Day Camp this year, you will be able to select if your child wants to stay overnight with us.

If your child changes their mind after being at camp for the first day, they are more than welcome to! As a parent, you will let the staff know when you drop your child off on the morning of the second day.

This unique day camp offering allows campers to get even more comfortable with all the fun experiences that Stepping Stones offers! As a bonus, this three day camp allows our summer staff to take a well-deserved long weekend and rest and recharge for the second half of a packed summer.

We can't wait to see your kids there at camp with us! Camper registration opens on February 24th. If you have any questions about our new Explorers camp, please email info@steppingstonesbiblecamp.ca!

A STRESS FREE REGISTRATION!

You read it right: stress free! We understand that camper registration can be stressful – we've done everything we can to help reduce this stress and provide a quick, user-friendly registration process. If you have any questions or concerns prior to registration, please email registration@steppingstonesbiblecamp.ca for assistance. We are happy to help!

A few things to note for camper registration:

1. Once you have a camp in your cart, you will have a spot secured for 1 hour in order to accurately complete the forms. The forms must be completed for you to register and there is no option to change your forms later. If there are any changes please contact our admin team at registration@steppingstonesbiblecamp.ca, but we kindly request you avoid submitting blank forms to get your child into camp. This saves our volunteer admin team a lot of time from needing to go in and update all your information after registration.

2. While we understand the urgency to secure a spot at camp, the forms will only take a couple minutes each to fill in. We will also be providing a list of all the information that you will require for the forms ahead of time, so that you can think through our questions and have your answers ready to go before registration opens! These will be shared on the website, so stay tuned! We will also be sharing relevant information on our website including our cancellation policy, dress code and other helpful information for you to view.

3. For those who have not registered for camp before, you will be required to create an account the morning that you register. Unfortunately, our system does not allow you to do this earlier. This takes less than a minute and simply requires your name, email address and phone number. You will not have to wait for a confirmation email and you will be ready to choose camps as soon as this is completed!





STAY AT STEPPING STONES! PLAN YOUR NEXT RETREAT AT CAMP!

Stepping Stones' 160 acre property is a great place to be any season of the year. Perched on a south-facing mountain, with forests, trails, and open fields, the property offers many opportunities for relaxation and recreation. We can host about 100 guests in the summer and 30 in the winter.

In an effort to make camp accessible to youth, our camp fees are about half of what it actually costs for a camper to come to camp. We also offer sponsorships to families that are unable to afford the registration fees. That's where our rentals come in! The revenue that is generated from rentals assists us in fulfilling our vision: to send more kids to camp to

be encouraged to know Christ more deeply.

Throughout the year we host many different events: men's and women's retreats, weddings, youth and church retreats, Christmas and corporate parties or just family getaways.

Looking for a place to get away? Consider renting at Stepping Stones for your retreat and support a good cause while you're at it!

For more information, photos, prices and to inquire for a rental you can visit our website at www.steppingstonesbiblecamp.ca/rentals



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who came to help serve at our Work Bee on November 4!

We were able to accomplish a clean up, a couple projects and get ready for the upcoming winter.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

STAFF APPLICATIONS CLOSE
DECEMBER 31, 2023

COUNSELLOR APPLICATIONS OPEN
FEBRUARY 17, 2024

COOK APPLICATIONS OPEN
FEBRUARY 17, 2024

CAMPER REGISTRATION OPENS
FEBRUARY 24, 2024

CAMP 2024
JULY 1 - AUGUST 16, 2024

CAPSTONE: July 1-5, 2024
STONES 1: July 8-12, 2024
ROCK 1: July 15-19, 2024
STONES 2: July 22-26, 2024
EXPLORERS: July 30 - August 1, 2024
BOULDER: August 5-9, 2024
ROCK 2: August 12-16, 2024

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



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OUR MISSION:

To encourage youth to know Christ more deeply.

Will you help?

Your donation will assist us in sending more kids to camp. Prayfully consider donating to this cause today. You can do this through our website: steppingstonesbiblecamp.ca/donate

BEHIND THE SCENES FROM THE BOARD

As a board we've talked quite a bit about trying to reduce how much we depend on donations from you and others in our community. In essence, this means earning enough through fees and rentals that we can fund the cost of the property and of camp ourselves. We want to become revenue-neutral. Our biggest obstacle for this is our sleeping facilities. We have some cottages on the property, yes, but as far as groups go we just have our tent "cabins". The tent "cabins" are only usable for one season of the year, when camp uses them.

Looking ahead to a long-term solution, we are working toward replacing them with 4-season cabins. This will allow a better experience for our campers firstly, but then also open us up to host retreats, conferences, groups, and programs year-round at the camp. The revenue opportunities there will move us much closer to being able to become self-sustaining as a camp, as well as enabling more groups to enjoy the property and the blessing it can be.

This year, movement toward that goal includes finalizing designs for cabins, getting budget pricing, and getting them "permit-ready" so that we can build them as soon as is feasible. It's an exciting time!

-TIM VANDERHOEK

LONG TERM PROPERTY PLANNING | BOARD



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