

EMBERS

“RE-KINDLE” THE FLAMES

BOARD CHAIR REPORT: ANDREW HORDYK

It's time to “re-ignite” the flames of Campfire and reflect on 2021 looking back at a year in the rear view mirror.

This past year we continually were reminded in all our work for Campfire:

“Trust in the LORD with ALL your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”

As with everyone in our respective communities, we have had another year of individual challenges as well as organizational challenges; another year where dependence on our Lord was so crucial. That being said, we can see God's goodness and celebrate the many blessings Campfire has been given in 2021. We had an operational camp, we had excellent staff, and our decision to have two dedicated chaplains proved to be exactly what Campfire needed this year. A special thank you to Kevin and Josina Wattel for taking on this responsibility especially in their first year of marriage!

While Campfire 2021 was a great success, we did have one week off due to a positive Covid-19 case. The temporary shutdown prevented some children from attending camp who had

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

REBECCA BLOKKER, ADMINISTRATOR

2021 was another challenging yet rewarding year for Campfire! After hoping, and praying, and plenty of planning, and more praying, we were so thankful to be able to hold in-person Camp this past summer!

It was a beautiful time, where we were able to share the Gospel with 227 campers, as well as counsellors, kitchen volunteers, and many others. Many thanks to our staff and volunteers for their devotion and sacrifice! We could not do it without you.

Financially speaking, Campfire had a difficult year. Due to lower enrollment because of public health limits, a cancelled week due to a positive COVID case, and some unforeseen property costs, we ended December in a \$75,000 deficit. Because of the support of our generous donors, we were able to decrease that deficit to \$45,000! We THANK our supporting churches and individual donors, for giving of your financial gifts and assisting us in spreading the gospel for another year to these precious children. Please see elsewhere for an opportunity to donate and help make Camp happen again in 2022!

Campfire is dear to the hearts of many. When the future looked bleak, God lifted us as Board and Summer Camp Committee and gave us the strength to go on. As always, we received feedback from parents and campers that warmed our hearts and made all the efforts worth it. Such as this email from a parent:

"My son was very sad to leave his counsellors behind. They made a very positive impression on him. I have enclosed his separate letters to them in stamped envelopes. Could you kindly address them to the right persons and drop them in the mail? I do not know their real names. Thank you so much and God bless you and the Campfire organization for what you do for Christ and the children who so desperately need a positive Christian experience."

As a Board and Summer Camp Committee, we are planning and praying and looking forward to 2022 with hope in our hearts for another awesome summer showing the love of Christ to our campers!

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registered and it was heartbreaking not only for the campers, but also their parents. However, through the inspection process, the staff could work with local nurses, have an opportunity to share their faith lives, and re-open for the final weeks of camp. Here also we witnessed God's providential care. From this place we send out a huge thank you to all the staff, volunteers, donors, and board members for all the work and support for this organization. As you will hear in the financial review, Campfire is in a deficit this year. Ideas for new fundraisers and a fresh look on how to create a sustainable platform are all areas that the board is busy with to plan for the future of Camp. A return to normalcy, following the pandemic, will certainly help us plan and achieve these goals.

Campfire continues to covet your prayers so we can "shine our light" and asks for your time and financial contributions to help Campfire proclaim God's Word. We head into 2022 fully trusting in our faithful God, and knowing He will provide a way.

HERE ARE THE DATES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JULY 4 - 9 : Wildfire 1
ages 12 - 15
(held on Camp property)

JULY 11 - 15 : Glow 1
ages 6 - 10

JULY 18 - 22 : Flame
ages 10 - 14 - girls only

JULY 25 - 29 : Glow 2
ages 6 - 10

AUGUST 1 - 3 : Spark
ages 5 - 7

AUGUST 1 - 6 : Wildfire 2
ages 14 - 17
(held off property)

AUGUST 8 - 12 : Blaze
ages 10 - 14 - boys only

AUGUST 15 - 19 : Ignite
ages 13 - 16

AUGUST 22 - 24 : Kindle
all ages Family Camp

CAMPFIRE
REGISTRATION
OPENS
APRIL 1, 2022

CAMPFIRE 2022
IS COMING!



GOLF TOURNAMENT

GUELPH LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB **JUNE 3, 2022**

GOLF TOURNAMENT RETURNS TO NORMAL?!

Heads up all golfers and sponsors!

Our annual fundraising tournament is scheduled for **FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022** at Guelph Lakes with plans for the traditional 12 noon lunch and 1 p.m. shotgun start followed by dinner in the club house. We look forward to this annual event with a return to some mingling and catching up with each other while we raise important funds to send kids to camp and make improvements to the facilities. Save the date. We'll be sure to provide more information.



JOIN US FOR CAMPFIRE'S TWENTY - FIFTH ANNIVERSARY!

We are planning a special family friendly celebration event to celebrate Campfire's 25th anniversary on site at the beautiful Markdale campground on Saturday, May 28, 2022.

Stay tuned for more details to be shared on our website and social media.

IT'S THE OFF SEASON...

Your family reunion, group retreat, workshop, class trip, seminar, team weekend, wedding...

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2022 CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Registration for Volunteers is now available on the Campfire! website:

campfirebiblecamp.ca

or you can call: **905.802.1005**

CAMPFIRE SPRING Bounce-Back CAMPAIGN

It's 2022 and Campfire! needs you! Prior to the pandemic, Campfire was operating at maximum Summer Camp capacity with solid financial support from our sponsors and donors.



The past two years we have experienced first a virtual and then modified summer camp, and cancelled and restricted fund raising activities. The combination of limited camp registration and modified or cancelled fundraisers has slipped us into a deficit position and we are now looking to bounce-back as the pandemic recedes and we adjust to a new normal.

The time is too tight with the fluctuating gathering guidelines to plan with any certainty our annual Spring Banquet for 2022. We do have some great ideas and a super venue which we will use for a fabulous return of this event in 2023. While the banquet is off, the plans for Campfire 2022 are on and we need your help to **stoke the fire!** Please help us reduce our current deficit of \$45k and build a strong base for this season.

Go to campfirebiblecamp.ca and show your support today!

Tax receipts will be issued for all donations.

NEW WEBSITE!!



Thanks to the assistance of Compass Creative, a little love from our sister camp Stepping Stones and the persistent and creative work of our own Lynn VanEerden, we are nearly ready to launch a fresh version of our website for this season. We hope you will find it easy to use and helpful for registration, finding information and camp updates, booking your rentals and making online donations with responsive receipts with our Tithely integrated platform.

LAUNCHING SOON: CAMPFIREBIBLECAMP.CA

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