

# EMBERS

Take a look inside to read some highlights from our property manager, a treasury report and details about this past season of camp.

## GOD'S GOODNESS IN 2024

EXPERIENCING THE NEARNESS OF GOD THIS PAST YEAR.

### Andrew Hordyk

CHAIRMAN

Do you have a fond memory of camp? Maybe a memory one of your children have shared about their experience? Possibly you've rented the facility? What a beautiful place Camp is and continues to be moving into 2025. With this past camper season behind us and Christmas quickly approaching, we can be thankful for memories shared and the abundance the Lord has given us once again. We are continually grateful for our dedicated donors, golfers and volunteers who have shared the gifts God has given our as extended family and made 2024 possible. Multiple items on our wish list (on the website) have been donated and our needy camper fund has been topped up.

*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows"*  
James 1:17

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# TREASURER'S REPORT:

JOEL HELDER, TREASURER

I am excited to be part of such an incredible team that invests so much of their time to the vision of Campfire.

This is my first time writing to you as the new Treasurer and Board Member which I started in September 2024. As I begin my term as the new Treasurer, I would like to report the 2024 forecasted vs budgeted financials prepared as of September 30, 2024.

Although forecasted 2024 total revenue is down slightly from budget and 2023 actuals so too were the related expenses. Overall 2024 is forecasted to result in a surplus of just over \$30 thousand, much of this is thanks to the increased rental income for 2024 which helps support the camp.

We are thankful for the many Church collections that have been designated to the Needy Campers Fund, this fund is now quite healthy for assisting many families in need. We humbly request that future Church collections go toward Campfire's general fund in order to support our day-to-day operations also.

Thank-you again for your continued support and involvement in Campfire Bible Camp. Your contributions make a significant difference in our ability to provide a transformative experience for campers learning the gospel of Jesus Christ. I look forward to contributing to Campfire and being part of such an amazing team of dedicated volunteers and staff.

Blessings, **Joel Helder**

	Forecasted 2024		Budgeted 2024		Actuals 2023	
Registration Fees	\$127,821	30.45%	\$138,000	29.71%	\$125,380	27.89%
Fundraising	\$95,717	22.80%	\$140,000	30.14%	\$105,129	23.39%
Rental Income	\$125,000	29.77%	\$105,000	22.60%	\$91,442	20.34%
Donations & Other	\$71,302	16.98%	\$81,500	17.55%	\$127,555	28.38%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$419,840</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$464,500</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$449,506</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Facilities & Property	\$181,327	46.56%	\$213,370	47.80%	\$189,699	48.19%
Summer Camp Operations	\$128,577	33.02%	\$141,550	31.71%	\$123,208	31.30%
Administration	\$37,100	9.53%	\$34,740	7.78%	\$31,274	7.94%
Fundraising Expenses	\$20,257	5.20%	\$35,000	7.84%	\$28,011	7.12%
Other Expenses	\$22,149	5.69%	\$21,700	4.86%	\$21,444	5.45%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$389,410</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$446,360</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$393,636</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$30,430</b>		<b>\$18,140</b>		<b>\$55,870</b>	



**CAMPFIRE 2025 IS SOON!!!!**

## HERE ARE THE DATES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**JULY 7 - 11** : Glow 1  
ages 8 - 11

**JULY 14 - 18** : Blaze  
ages 11 - 14

**JULY 21 - 25** : Glow 2  
ages 8 - 12

**JULY 28 - AUG 1** : Spark  
ages 5 - 7

**JULY 28 - AUG 1** : Wildfire  
ages 13 - 16

**AUGUST 7 - 11** : Flame  
ages 11 - 14

**AUGUST 14 - 18** : Glow 3  
ages 8 - 11

**AUGUST 21 - 25** : Ignite  
ages 14 - 16



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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have to extend a huge thank you to Sarah Huizing who has dedicated so many years as the organizer for the Golf Tournament and has decided to pass on the torch as well this year. Sarah helped facilitate many years of a successful and outstanding venue and her shoes will be tough to fill.

As this fall approaches, I also will be stepping down as Chair, after almost five years filled with several challenges it is time for someone new to lead the board and we ask that your continued prayers will include the need for people to fill the voids and needs of Campfire.

**Andrew Hordyk**

## ITS THE OFF SEASON...

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

## STARTS HERE!

Learn more & check availability at [CAMPFIREBIBLECAMP.CA/RENTALS](http://CAMPFIREBIBLECAMP.CA/RENTALS)

# CAMPFIRE! BIBLE CAMP 2024:

**NANCY VINK, SCC CHAIR**

## Campfire! Bible Camp 2024 has come and gone in the sense of time, but the memories will last forever.

The memories, the laughs, the Word of Jesus being brought, the evening Campfires, the singing, chapel time, Capture the Princess, beach days, yummy food (the list is endless) will be forever captured in our minds.

Campfire! was a revolving door for many this summer. Camp welcomed oodles and oodles of counsellors (some very last minute), Chaplains, cooks, nurses, Camp Pals, Handy People, life guards, gophers, and cleaners. We are grateful for all the people that Camp was blessed with. Without our volunteers, giving of their time in the summer, Camp could not run the way it did.

With thankfulness in our hearts, we are also extremely appreciative of our Staff who gave a whole summer (and more) to Campfire!. Your endless bouts of energy, welcoming smiles, encouragement, inclusion of every camper and volunteer was nearly the best part of summer. But more importantly, our Staff were examples of Jesus Christ, sharing His love, leading Camp with prayer, and witnessing to many the gospel of our Saviour. Thank you for your service Scuttle, Kindle, Amigo, Zippy!, Pax, Pipsqueak, Jazz, Della, Kipper, Zozo, Sunny, Vito, Patch and Trouble Shooter. Your love for our Father was evident in every part of Camp!

As we look forward to, and begin to prepare for Campfire! Summer Camp 2025, we hope you will join us in prayer, asking God to bless the efforts and behind the scenes work that the Board of Directors does, as well as the Summer Camp Committee, and various other committees do.

*"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." Ps. 127:1*

# CAMPFIRE NEEDS YOU!

## Join the Campfire Bible Camp Board of Directors!

Contact us at [info@campfirebiblecamp.ca](mailto:info@campfirebiblecamp.ca)  
to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

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Over the last three years we have seen campfire go through changes from staffing to general maintenance, new furnaces and a new parking lot closer to the lodge which will help the safety and flow of dropping kids off or picking them up. The biggest changes have been staff and we were so blessed with the work of Ben Kampen taking on the lead roll of camp director. With his team and all the volunteers camp ran very well this year and its worth a large thank you to them all. If you see any of them in passing a small thank you and a prayer, go a long way.

We have also had and are experiencing some changes on the board as well, I would like to welcome Jessica Broersma as the new SCC Liaison, Kristy Alkema as the new Secretary, and Joel Helder as the new Treasurer. We are still looking to fill the roll of the PR and Fundraising positions so if you know someone passionate about camp and wanting serve please encourage them to reach out. With new comes some farewells and we as a board are so grateful for Ron Bremer who stepped in as a temporary treasurer alongside his roll as bookkeeper, this meant a void as a non voting member however his attention to detail and gifts have proven to be a true blessing to camp. Due to some personal and family needs we saw Stephen Horsman come and go and our prayers are with him and his wife's family for their recent loss. We also say goodbye to our longest standing member of the board Deb Alkema who in turn has served as secretary since January 2018. We

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# PROPERTY REPORT:

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

**Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Without your help we as property could not do our job. A big thank you to all of you who come to help out throughout the year.**

This spring we held our annual work party with approx. 45 people, from our regular crowd of old faithful's to many new faces we were able to accomplish a lot of work getting ready for Anchor, Summer camps and the rental season. You supplied and built new stone steps to the girls cabins, supplied and installed a ramp to the dock, made repairs to the pool, new parking lot closer to the lodge, new wall in a cabin, changed posts on the porch, drywalled, shelving, servery shutter doors, cleaned, hung, hammered, painted, roof repairs, trimmed trees, firewood, solar lights, made lunch, fellowshipped.

Everyone needs plans and goals, many thanks for the past contributions to our wishlist and keep watching for the additions & updates to the website under **WISHLIST**.

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