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Fall Update October 2018

Cassie Warnock

Program Director

Summer 2018 is done and we are well into the fall season! This summer our theme was Superhero, so most of our games included defeating the supervillain, evil scientist or an arch nemesis, but in a loving way of course. We talked about how we can all be Superheros, but first we need a hero to save us. Once we are saved we get to tell other people about our Superhero. I'm so blessed to have been able to spend another summer at MSBC hanging out with kids and sharing the good news of Jesus. Camp was a large factor in my faith growing up and it's exciting to have an influence in the faith journey of others.

This Fall has been awesome so far! We have our Internship up and running, our 'Roots' program is in full swing and there are so many great opportunities to connect with Churches in our area! Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support in our ministry!

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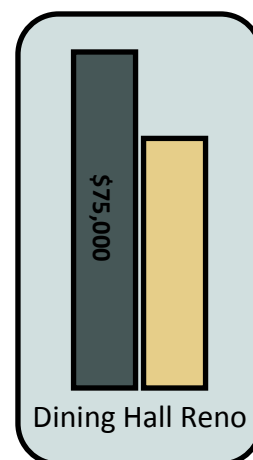
Assistant Facility Director

I had the opportunity to serve as a cabin leader this previous summer. During that time I fell in love with the heart and the mission of this camp. How Maple Springs puts relationships and people first, and their low barrier policy, is a true representation of what Christ's Church is supposed to be like: missions, serving, caring, and loving on God's children with open arms. I'm extremely blessed that I was asked to come on as the Assistant Facility Director. Using the skills God gave me, to support and improve a place, who's mission I fully support. I hope in the time I have here, I am able to help improve the camp, getting facilities and grounds up to date, and ready to serve these kids for many years to come. As well, build good relationships with our interns and kids in our Roots program. I am very excited for the year to come!



Facility Highlights

- Our urgent project to repair and update the Dining Hall is over 75% done!
- This Spring we finished getting new kitchen appliances, counters, cabinets, hand washing sinks a new dishwashing area and more.
- This Fall we are installing efficient wood stoves for heat, finishing an entrance roof and we have insulated part of the dining hall to make it more usable in the colder seasons
- Our humble facility has always been a great effort of individuals serving and giving to keep camp going. We are so thankful to be moving forward with our values of keeping camp "simple" and open to all kids and families.
- Cleaning up! We are working on clearing some of the old things around camp, and love our volunteers with trucks and trailers!
- A HUGE thank you to Kimco Controls electrical team, Mark, Kris, Jiselle and Rob. Kimco did a huge upgrade to our main electrical supply to the dining hall, breakers and panel, new lights and wiring. They did an incredible job and improved the usability and safety of our Dining Hall. Kimco also chose to generously give cash back to this project and we are so thankful!
- We also wanted to thank Ryan, Jeff and Brian at Gescan and Chris at Cascadia (for providing LED lighting for our whole dining hall), Doug at Kettle Valley Plumbing and Dean at Halbar Stainless Products.



For more information on our future goals please contact us and ask for a copy of our "Who We Are" brochure.



Mark Wilson

Camp Director

I want to thank you so much for reading this, it means you are along with us for this journey and I am thankful for you. Camp is growing in a lot of different ways; the number of kids, full time staff, facility, projects and budget, and honestly it is hard some times. There are a lot of different things to think about. But I always need to take a step back and see what an amazing privilege it is to see that God is doing great things. I believe my main task in my role is to make sure as camp we stick to why we exist, our mission, vision and values. Basically it is to remember that we are here because of God's great love and grace, and that now we get to share that with everyone we meet, without discrimination. What a simple—if not easy—call. And what a joy to share this greatest news.

We are studying a book this fall (The Prodigal God) about Jesus' parable of two lost sons. A question came up. Is grace free or costly? We know that the nature of grace is it is free to the person receiving it. But on the other hand, grace always comes with a cost to the giver. It cost God so much to give us his grace freely! And in smaller ways it costs us to share that grace with others. I see it every day, in Darrel's many hours to provide a great facility, in a cabin leader sacrificing their time, comfort or their bed to show love to their camper. This is not just a camp thing either, great parenting takes incredible sacrifice. A healthy workplace takes patience and forgiveness. This is a call to all of us, to receive God's grace so much that we can easily share it with others.

Jesus said "as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. " This is the foundation of everything we do at camp, because it is the foundation of our lives as followers of Jesus. Thank you for joining us on this journey, and I pray that God will encourage you right where you are.

ROOTS Update

We haven't shared about this awesome program in a while! This year we have about 12 youth and 6 staff who were a part of camp this summer. We invite kids who we think need a close connection and some follow-up. Our goal is to have a safe, supportive group to learn and grow together. Last night we made "walking tacos" (in a bag) and talked about having a solid identity, knowing who we are. We are also partnering with a youth group, which means we alternate going to big youth nights, and doing our small group Roots nights. I still love driving our awesome van with the kids and getting to share food, fun, and life with them.

It costs about the same as a week of camp (\$200) to do Roots for each youth. We offer this program free for all our kids, so if you would be interested in sponsoring a youth that would be amazing!



Johanna Klassen

Office Manager

Summer of 2018 has now ended, and the crisp fall air has moved in. Kids are back in school and the off-season hustle at camp has begun in preparation for winter! God did some amazing things at MSBC this summer and we would love to share a glimpse of it with you!

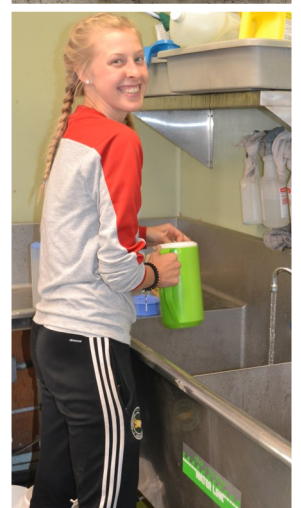
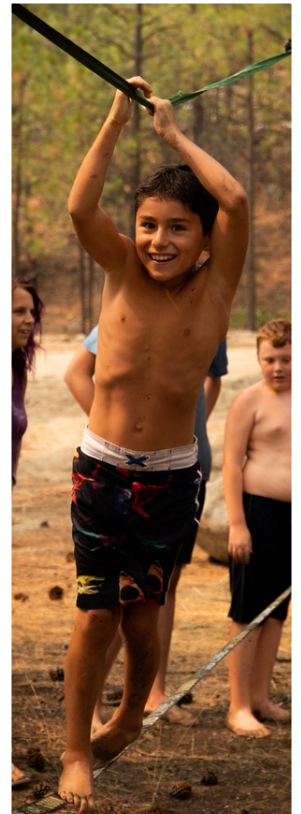
This summer was amazing. Thank you to all the families that have brought out their kids to camp! There were many parents this year who were involved with camp themselves as kids, and now have the chance to bring their children to camp! What an awesome experience for both parent and child. Maple Springs has a long history of camp programs and this year we had our fullest summer yet! To be exact, we had an attendance 569 campers! Which is 68 more attending than we have ever had. Praise God!

Throughout the weeks, we had great volunteer speakers who came to share the word of God and encourage the campers and leaders. Kids were learning and discovering more about who God is and what He has done for us. Around 31 campers had the desire to recommit themselves to living fully for Christ. 58 heard the Gospel and felt a tug on their heart to follow Jesus for the first time! Lots of the campers regularly attend church or youth group which is awesome, but many this summer don't have a place besides camp that they learn about God. We are so honoured to be able to be a place where children can learn and grow in their faith.

One story we would like to share is about a child that impacted our summer missionaries. There was a camper one week who came with a few VERY painful spots on his teeth. They had been bugging him for a while, and he became a regular to the first aid attendant. He was so kind even though his teeth were very sore. His family was unable to bring him to the dentist at this time, so he had just been taking Tylenol for the pain. At the end of the week, one of our cabin leaders had a generous desire. He felt the need to see if he can raise some money to help this boy's family out so he can take a visit to the dentist! After talking with all the staff, they agreed to join together and give as much money as they were able and gift it to this family! Just after the summer ended, we received a thank you card from this family with a little update. After 4 teeth were pulled and spacers put in, this boy is pain free!

As many of you know, we were affected during the wildfire season. There were a few fires in the surrounding area in late July. None were close enough for our exact location to be on evacuation order, only on alert. Nearing the end of our Adventure #2 Camp, we did choose to leave camp and have a sleep over at Emmanuel Church. Our evacuation plan went very smooth and we were able to keep all other following camps open! We would love to thank Emmanuel Church in West Kelowna for allowing us to use their building for the one night. Events like this remind us that some things can be greater than our control, but yet, God will always look after us. We look forward to next summer and we are more confident than ever in our evacuation plan. Thank you again to all the families for their patience and confidence in us during this time!

Summer 2018 has come and gone but the camp fun and ministry doesn't end here. We are looking forward to our Fall Mini Camp, October 26-28, and our LIT Fall Retreat, November 16-18! For more information and to register, visit www.maplesprings.ca! Thank you for reading this update, but more importantly, thank you for your support. Maple Springs needs people like you to come along side and to be apart of the journey. Thank you for that blessing.



Meet Our Interns!

(Left) Dysen, Brady, Josh, Brooklyn, Kayleb, Nicole



We could not be running camp this fall without them! They have been serving camp guests, reaching out in kids and youth groups, doing book and bible studies, helping with facility, playing Lego and Settlers of Catan, going to conferences and more!

Brady is from Kelowna and has an amazing attitude and work ethic. He is strong and likes the Las Vegas Goldenknights

Brooklyn is from Williams Lake. She is brave, outgoing, a natural leader and she likes diving and all adventures.

Josh is from Kamloops and may be the kindest man in the world, he loves kids and serving God in everything, especially music.

Kayleb is from all over BC. He is very smart and understanding of people, and he loves camp especially the kitchen. He also likes hugs.

We are SO thankful for these 4 and can't wait to see how they continue to grow over this next year.

Wish List

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| • LEGO!!! We had our first donation of a bin of lego, but we need a little more to | do a choice activity with the campers! | • Medieval costumes and decorations. (armour, swords, dresses etc.) | • Working golf cart
• Small photocopier |
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Prayer Requests

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| • Summer Missionaries. Our biggest need is for people who will give a summer to loving kids and leading them to Jesus! | • Pray to complete the dining hall project quickly! | • For the 58 kids who made a first time commitment to follow Jesus! |
| • Thank God for providing funds, volunteers and professionals to repair our Dining Hall! | • That our Interns will grow and learn so much this year | • For health and safety over the winter |
| | • That our campers will feel loved, supported and connected | • For great opportunity to build relationships with youth and kids! |



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