

Maple Springs Bible Camp

Spring Newsletter - 2020



What's Happening at MSBC

Will There Be Camp This Summer?

We are planning on it! We are hopeful to be running camp each week with campers, LITs and leaders! Some modifications to typical programs may be required such as smaller numbers of people, keeping groups separate with kitchen and bathroom use etc. We will be following government rules and looking for creative ways to show kids God's love and let them experience the great outdoors!

Please help us by:

- * Praying for camp, our political leaders, for our camper, their families and young leaders.
- * Invite campers to camp, **registration is open!** Full refunds will be offered if camp can't operate.
- * Volunteer! Right now, we are looking for 30 - 40 great people, 16 and up, to be cabin leaders for 2-8 weeks of summer camp! We can't run camp without these amazing leaders and what a privilege it is to lead our awesome campers!



Annual Spring Fundraiser: June 1st - 14th

Our spring fundraiser is going to look a bit unique this year, we are going to be having an online auction, starting on June 1st! Check our Facebook page for a post that will give you directions on how you can watch, see items and bid!

On June 14th we will be going live to announce the winners of the silent auction! www.facebook.com/maplespringsbiblecamp/ Our spring auction is a huge help for us to run our facility, provide camper sponsorships and create awesome summer programs. We would love to see you join in the auction to support camp! In addition to "bidding" in June we are looking for individuals and businesses who could donate a fun item such as gift cards, experiences, Air BnB, business services, farm produce, animals or even baked goods! Email registration@maplesprings.ca if you have an idea of something to donate!

We do hope to have an in-person fundraiser, but we will let you know any changes via social media and our website! We will be sending invitations at a later date if possible.



Mark Wilson - Camp Director

Happy Easter and spring! I hope you have had a great spring so far, that you have enjoyed time with family and maybe a slower pace. Easter is the best news in the world, and a great time to refocus on how good God is, and the great life and hope He has given us through Jesus. Even while I am practicing being thankful I know that, as always, there is a lot of bad news around too. I am praying for each of our kids, youth and families who are not as well supported and may be struggling this spring. Many of us know a bit what anxiety and loneliness feels like, and it can be so much harder for many young people. But bad news never erases the good news, and often it can put it into better focus! That is why I am more excited about camp, about God's love and His great plans than I have been in a long time! We have a great hope that trumps any discouragement. In Romans we read that "we rejoice in our sufferings... hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Romans 5)

At Maple Springs we are enjoying a great season. This year our Spring Break Camp only lasted two days, but we enjoyed connecting with almost 50 campers, 15 LIT's, and having a few days with our amazing cabin leaders, some which were brand new leaders! I also enjoyed interacting with so many kind, generous and appreciative parents. It is actually a huge privilege to be allowed to care for and love other people's kids, and I love getting to know all our camp families. We had to end camp early due to a restriction on groups over 50, and sadly we have postponed our camp for Single Moms and our "Going Deep" Bible retreat for youth. But since Spring Break and a few days rest we have had an amazing month together as a staff team. April is a great month to catch up on our dated facility, yard work, cleaning and administration. Our property has never looked so beautiful in my memory, our staff have hauled away 40 years worth of junk, renovated cabins, cleaned, painted, prepared a big capital project (more on that later), done youth group on zoom and much more. One great thing we have done is provide a safe, sanitary place for families to come do activities like hiking, archery or riflery. Do you have cabin fever? Contact us about coming to visit (at a safe distance of course). As we continue to work on facility projects and prepare great program activities we are hopeful that we will be able to do camp this summer. We are also brainstorming creative ideas. One of the benefits of being a smaller camp with a great big team is that we can be agile, we can try different things. We could do smaller camp groups, offsite events, trips or lots more. I am thankful we have already been planning for two new Wilderness Camp weeks with only 20 campers each week! We are hoping for amazing things this year, and we won't be disappointed!



Registration is open!

register online at:
www.maplesprings.ca

Big News

After 5 full years Cassie Warnock (Daisy) is stepping down from her role as Program Director. All the staff, including Cassie, are sad with this change but trusting God and encouraged by all the amazing good Cassie has done at camp. Cassie leaves an amazing legacy of showing God's love to every single kid no matter what, and noticing those who are different or feel left out. We will miss her!

We will be looking for a new year-round program director and a role description is posted on our website.

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Wish List - Summer Program

- Pool Noodles
- Hot Plates
- Liquid Fog
- Nerf Guns / Darts
- Paint Ball Masks + Paint Balls
- Rubber Balls (Dodge Balls / Basketballs)
- Lawn Games
- Space Costumes / Decorations
- Notebooks
- Sling Shots
- Acoustic Guitar (New or Used)
- Scissors
- Wood Burning Kit
- Packing Tape



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Staff Duplex Project

We are so excited to briefly share with you about our Staff Duplex project. We have been planning this important project for MSBC for over a year, you may have already heard of it. After much development by our camp staff, board members, friends and professionals we are ready to collect funds and commitments and start building as soon as possible!

Why this project? Our vision for MSBC is to be "Building Relationships, Changing Lives" with kids, youth and families in the Okanagan. One of our core values is "low-barrier" and we put extra care into making sure that all types of kids, youth and families can have access to amazing out-door programs, despite financial or personal obstacles. This vision cannot happen without the amazing year-round team of missionary staff that serve at MSBC. Providing quality housing is an economical way Maple Springs can support our staff as they raise financial support to serve at camp. This home is such a powerful investment in the people who serve full-time in camp ministry.

We know that this season is challenging and uncertain

for many, and it feels like a strange time to be starting a large project like this but we are trusting God and moving forward as far as we can. We are still optimistic and hoping to complete it before next summer!

We now have approximately twenty percent of our budget of \$793,000 raised along with a lot of interest from donors, suppliers, professionals and charitable foundations!!! We have some great opportunities for this project and are hoping to have 40% committed by June 1.

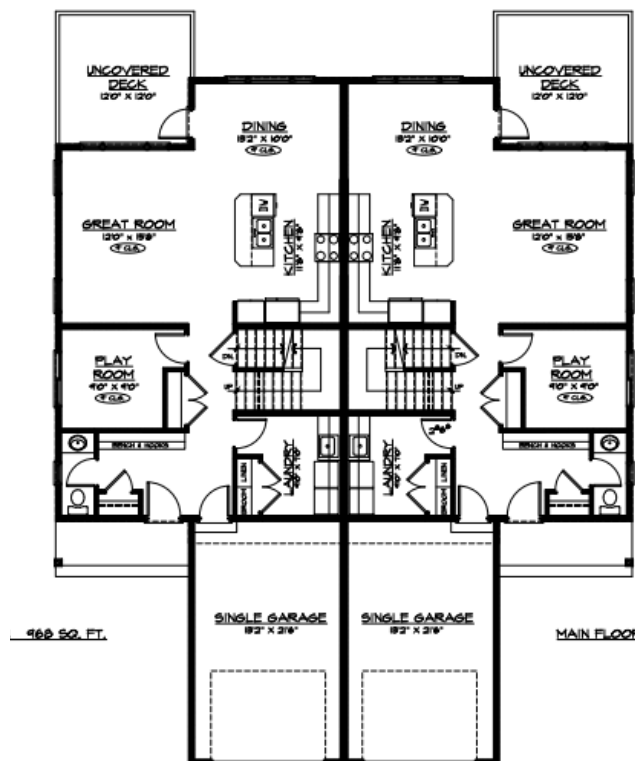
We would be honored to answer any questions you have, to discuss this project. We really appreciate your support, gifts and donations! So far, camp is still okay financially.

There are many ways to give:

- * E-transfer
office@maplesprings.ca
- * Mail or drop off a cheque
- * Support a missionary at onehopecanada.ca
- * Sign up for auto deposit to support the general budget
- * Give to our Staff Duplex



3D model of the Duplex!



If you have any questions or would like to know more, lets connect!

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