SILVER LAKE NEWS

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Director's Message

Hello SLC Friends and Family,

I'm currently writing to you from a camp in the Kawartha region, overlooking a beautiful snowy lake and listening to the birds as they welcome in spring! This past year I've had the opportunity to work at a couple other camps around Ontario and I am excited to be able to bring many learnings and new ideas to Silver Lake this summer. My experiences have also reminded me of just how incredible SLC truly is in its Christ-centered community, that there really is no other place like it, and that I am beyond privileged to be able to serve as the Director.

One of the greatest joys of directing is building a staff team of young leaders who we know will foster a space where campers feel fully seen, loved, and accepted as they discover the joy of knowing Jesus. Our 2023 staff team is almost complete, but we are **still hiring** for a few positions (Asst. Head Cook, Administrator and female counselors). If there are any young adults (17+) in your life who would be a good fit, please invite them to apply! *https://silverlakecamp.ca/job-opportunities/*

I'm also excited to share with you a few new ways we are preparing for summer this year... To help support and encourage our new staff members, we have launched a program called **Staff Buddies** in which new staff are paired with a returning staff member (their Big Buddy). It is the Big Buddy's role to connect with, mentor and support their Little Buddy in the lead-up to camp. We look forward to seeing how this initiative further strengthens our team!

We are also offering more ways for our community to get involved. Beyond our annual May Work Bee (May 27), we are hosting additional **work projects** for those who wish to join but are unavailable for the Work Bee. If you cannot come to site, but would like to support in other ways, we have included a **donation wish list** in this newsletter with items that would greatly benefit campers this summer. Camp truly couldn't run without the incredible support of our community members like you - we are so grateful! Thank you!

I can't wait to get back on site for another summer with all our campers. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. We want to ensure you and your child are prepared for camp and have the best week possible!

Blessings,
Emily Cowley,Director
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Calling All Volunteers!

Group Work Projects

The camp has lots of opportunities available for contributing to site maintenance. Just because you might not be able to make it on **Work Bee** day doesn't mean you can't contribute to keeping our camp beautiful! You may have a group of friends, a church group or family members who can build, clean or repair. Please let us know if you'd like to come or bring a group at a different time to support the camp in a tangible way.

Please contact:

Silver.Lake.Fundraising@gmail.com

Work Bee Info:

Save the date and plan to join us as we prepare the site for another summer of camping ministry at Silver Lake! Our site needs lots of love and attention and we need your helping hands!

Our annual **Work Bee** will be held on site (94 Southline Ave, Kinloss, ON N2Z 2X5) on **Saturday, May 27th from 9am to 3pm with a complimentary lunch served midday.**

There are projects for a range of interests and skills: General labour (cleaning, painting, yard work, etc.), Handy-person (fixing windows and doors, installing a shelf, etc.), Tradesperson (electrician, plumbers, contractors, tree removal, etc.)

We'll provide the basic supplies and tools but if you have your own - especially things like chainsaws, weed eaters, rakes, and shovels we would love for you to bring them.

Volunteers are welcome to join as they are able throughout the day. We can't wait to welcome you back onto site!

Unable to join us in person? We also need contributions of squares/desserts for our lunch.

Have questions or if you know you will be attending, we'd love to know for our planning! Contact Rhonda *rhonda@calvaryunited.com* or Crystal *farmerswife79@hotmail.com*.

Looking for a way to support the camp this summer?

Consider providing any of the items listed on the side to make sure our campers, staff and site has all the things needed to ensure the summer runs smoothly! Donations **"in kind"** can be tax receipted. Please contact below if you'd like to drop off a donation.

slcdirectors@gmail.com or
silverlakeadmin@gmail.com

Another great way to support the camp from the comfort of your own home is to create a **peer to peer fundraiser**! Use a special occasion in your life to enable family and friends to contribute in a way that is meaningful to you! If you want to know more about this type of fundraiser, please go to our website:
http://silverlakecamp.ca/peer-to-peer-fundraising/

Summer Needs List:

Recreation Needs:
Set of Dodgeballs
Soccer Balls
Volley Balls
Basketballs
Sidewalk Chalk
Archery Targets (please contact slcdirectors@gmail.com for more information)

Craft Supplies:
Construction Paper
Modge Podge
Old Magazines

Wild Camp Supplies:
2 Six Person Tents
Waterproof Dry Sacks
2 Food Barrel Harnesses
New Hatchets
Standard Duty Poly Tarps (varying sizes)
Compasses
Flint Strikers
Foam Sleeping Mats
Canoe Paddles
Gas Camp Stove
Portable Whiteboards

Kitchen:
Tupperware
Cookie Scoop

Misc:
Box Fans
Large Rubbermaid Storage Bins
Shop Vac

Other:
New Camp Van/Truck

Register Online Today!

Silver Lake Camp Registration

A new summer of adventures awaits at Silver Lake! Our camp has been a fun-filled destination for campers for over 60 years. Whether you are new or a returning camper we welcome you to apply to reserve your spot for this summer. Please click the link above to head on over to our registration page and sign up for a life-changing week at camp today!

If you have any questions about the camp please send us an email at:

slcdirectors@gmail.com