SILVER LAKE NEWS

SPRING 2025

Director's Message

Hello Silver Lakers,

I've just returned from a season of environmental education with A Rocha BC, where "slow living" isn't a luxury but a daily practice—sharing home-grown meals, commissioning one another in community, and simply being present. Camp may buzz with activity, but it, too, offers those life-giving, intentional pauses. This summer, we'll lean into that even more as we follow the Way of Jesus together.

New Scheduling for 2025

- Aligned Sessions: All Wilderness and Main-Site weeks now share the same start/end dates—so siblings and friends can attend together, and pick-ups are simpler.
- Flexible Ages: Each week welcomes campers across a 4-year age span.
- Integration Relaunch: We're excited to offer 1:1 spots again. Learn more on p.2

Staff Team Complete!

Our 2025 staff roster is finalized, and I can't wait to see how their gifts, passion, and Christ-centered care shape another summer of memories.

Get Involved & Support

- **Volunteer:** Counselors & behind-the-scenes helpers needed—especially for Youth Camp. Email slcdirectors@gmail.com. (17+ by Dec 31)
- **Donate Supplies:** View our wishlist here to help keep camp affordable.
- **Work Bee (May 31st)** Pre-season site prep + lunch (details p.2)
- **Commissioning & BBQ (June 27th):** Meet staff, tour the grounds, and kick off the summer! RSVP here.
- **Pray:** Your prayers sustain our camp, staff, and campers.

We can't wait to welcome your children for a summer of growth, friendship, and intentional fun.
Questions? Reach out anytime at slcdirectors@gmail.com.

Blessings in the way of slow living,
Emily Cowley
Director, Silver Lake Camp
slcdirectors@gmail.com

New This Season at Silver Lake: Integration Program

We're excited to share the launch of Silver Lake's Integration Program! This initiative is designed to help campers with exceptionalities fully participate in all the fun and community of camp life. With the support of our dedicated Integration Coordinator and trained 1:1 staff, we aim to provide individualized support that meets each camper's unique needs while fostering inclusion, belonging, and joy.

To learn more or express interest, visit silverlakecamp.ca/1-to-1-support or email us at slc.integration@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!

Work Bee: May 31st

Join us **Sat May 31st 2025** at our annual WorkBee! Mid day hot lunch provided. Email rhonda@calvaryunited.com to RSVP so we can plan jobs and food for you....Or just show up!

We have lots of jobs for every skill level. Specifically we are looking for volunteers who can clean, do small repairs, tune up bikes, change batteries, wash dishes, help with plumbing and electrical, move wood, put in new screens...the list goes on. If this date does not work for you but you would still like to lend a hand getting our site into tip top shape please reach out and we can arrange a work project at another time.

Introducing our Promotions Coordinator: Lance Wright

We're thrilled to introduce our new Promotions Coordinator, Lance Wright! With a rich history at Silver Lake and years of investing in camping ministry, Lance brings a passion for connecting with local churches and our community. In his new role, he'll be planning, developing, and executing fun promotional visits and events to share the joy and life-changing experiences of Silver Lake Camp.

Lance Wright SIlver Lake Promotions Coordinator and son James Wright Silver Lake camp committee Business Advisor

Lance says it best: "Silver Lake has been a life-giving place for my family and me for many years. This year, we're arranging church visits, so let me know if you or your church would like to get involved."

If you're interested in a church presentation or know of a church service or community event that a Silver Lake Ambassador could visit please reach out to Lance at silver.lake.promotion@gmail.com. He is looking forward to connecting with you and chatting about faith, fun, and the unforgettable adventures that await during a week at Silver Lake!

A Day in the Life of a SLC Camper

Scan the QR code or click the link to step into a camper's shoes for a day —see the fun, friendships, and faith-filled moments that make Silver Lake Camp the perfect place for your child to grow and thrive!

WATCH NOW

Wilderness Camp

Hey everyone! My name is Jade Beitz, and I am beyond excited and honoured to serve as SLC's Wild Director for the summer of 2025! I've worked at Wild for the past 2 summers and completely fell in love with it. Some highlights include: smaller camp sizes allowing opportunities for deep connection with campers and staff (max. 18 campers), flexible programming allowing campers more time to do the things they love and space every day to learn new outdoor skills like fire building, fishing, canoeing, shelter building, and so much more! I am especially passionate about session and group time, aiming to introduce campers to God's character and love for them in a fun and personal way this summer. I'm also excited to focus on BIG program events this summer, including crazy games like canoe wars, sponge wars, and a wild classic: Gargoyles. Our Wild program also offers exciting adventures on 2 different sites! Site 2 provides a lovely pavilion for outdoor meals, features the whale watch (a team-building balancing platform), and a squishy mud pit to become one with the wild, while the wide open field also makes space for big games like smugglers and spies or sponge wars! Our site 3 is a beautiful forested area perfect for sleeping under our very own lean-tos, games like camouflage and commandos, and building fires to cook over. Some of my favourite over-the-fire meals include chilli in a cup, s'mores (of course!) and grilled cheese toasted in a pie iron. We offer a range of camps for kids aged 7-15, including River Wild (a unique opportunity to learn canoe tripping skills as you canoe down the Saugeen River) and our brand new Wilderness Try Out (a short experience for first-timers looking to explore the outdoors!). I hope to see lots of new and familiar faces this summer on the WILD side!

Financial Assistance

Summer camp is a place where children and young adults make new friends, grow in faith, spend time outdoors, gain new skills, share in leadership, and explore their own potential. Silver Lake Camp believes all kids deserve an opportunity to attend camp no matter what financial barriers they may have.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties that may affect your ability to send a child to camp, please contact us for more information on financial assistance opportunities. We are here to help!

Please email slccampership@gmail.com for further information. Apply Here!

Leadership Development Camp 2025

We are grateful for our partnership with Leadership Development Camp. Learn more about this fantastic program on their webpage and check out some great video testimonials from previous LDC campers on their social media below.

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Camp Gear

Introducing the 2025 Summer Staff

As we look ahead to Summer 2025, our incoming staff are already buzzing with excitement! Many are returning after unforgettable summers at Silver Lake—whether as campers or past staff—while others are stepping into their first season at SLC. Here are a few of their reflections and memories that capture what camp has meant to them and why they can't wait to be part of the journey this year.

MY FAVOURITE SLC MEMORY IS WATCHING THE STARS AT WEDDING CIRCLE.

Emily

MY FAVORITE MEMORY AT SLC IS THE CAMPER SUNSET BEACH PARTY

Grace

I LOVED BUILDING CUSTOM SHELTERS AT SITE 3 AS A CAMPER.

Mack

I CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE SO MUCH FUN IN CANOE WARS AND WORSHIPING IN SESSION.

Alexis

ONE OF MY FAVOURITE MEMORIES HAS TO BE SINKING THE ALIEN SHIP DURING SPACESHIP-THEME NIGHT, AND I CAN'T WAIT FOR ANOTHER EPIC ROUND OF SPONGE WARS!

Jayden

MY FAVORITE MEMORY WOULD HAVE TO BE CANOE WARS AT 5 IN THE MORNING AND I'M DEFINITELY LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING IT AGAIN THIS YEAR.

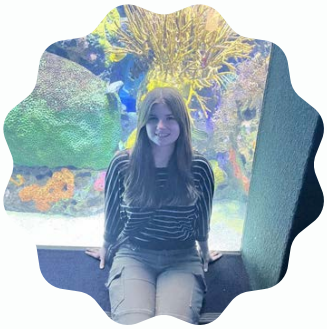
Austin

MY FAVOURITE ACTIVITY AT CAMP IS COUNSELLOR PAINT!!!

Megan

MY FAVOURITE CAMP ACTIVITIES ARE SESSION, CAMPFIRE, AND CANOE WARS.

Rachel



AT CAMP, I LOVE SINGING AND DANCING MY HEART OUT IN SESSION, CATCHING THE BEAUTIFUL SUNSETS AT VESPERS, AND HAVING A BLAST IN EVERY GAME.

Molly

ONE OF MY FAVOURITE CAMP ACTIVITIES IS WATER POLO, AND ONE OF MY BEST MEMORIES IS DOING RIVER WILD! WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT SLC IS THE POSITIVE ENERGY THAT BRINGS EVERYONE TOGETHER.

Aaron

I LOVE WILDERNESS FOR SO MANY REASONS BUT I ESPECIALLY LOVE EXTENDED CAMP OUT AT SITE 3, CANOEING, FIRE BUILDING AND MUD PIT!!!

Jade

MY FAVOURITE CAMP MEMORY IS ALWAYS CANOE WARS. SPECIFICALLY, CANOEING AS THE LAST CANOE AWAY FROM ALL THE OTHER SWIMMING CAMPERS.

Connor

EASILY ONE OF MY FAVORITE PARTS OF MY DAY AT CAMP IS MAIL TIME!

Jack

MY FAVOURITE CAMP ACTIVITIES ARE CAMPOUT, GROUP TIME, AND SESSION.

Emma

MY NAME IS TANNER AND MY FAVOURITE CAMP MEMORY IS PLAYING CANOE WARS AT DAWN!

Tanner

MY FAVOURITE GENERAL CAMP MEMORY IS CHAPEL (EVEN THOUGH I'VE NEVER HAD IT AT SILVER LAKE BEFORE)

Brandon

MY FAVOURITE CAMP ACTIVITIES ARE SWIMMING, CAMPFIRE AND WORSHIP.

Paige

MY FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITIES ARE CAMPFIRE AND GIGS.

Evelynn

I ABSOLUTELY LOVE GIGS, SESSIONS, AND HANGING AROUND THE CAMPFIRE. WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT SLC IS THE AMAZING JOY AND FAITH THAT GOD BRINGS TO ALL OF US.

Thomas

I CAN'T WAIT TO PLAY CANOE WARS AT DAWN, CAMP OUT THROUGH THE NIGHT, AND COOK THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

Kardin

MY FAVOURITE THINGS AT CAMP ARE THE GAMES, SESSION AND WATER ACTIVITIES.

Connor

MY FAVOURITE CAMP ACTIVITY IS SPONGE WARS!

Tori

MY FAVOURITE CAMP MEMORY IS CANOE WARS AT DAWN. WAKING UP AT 5 IN THE MORNING AND CLIMBING OUT OF BED TO BATTLE IT OUT AT SUNRISE.

Gavin

MY FAVOURITE CAMP ACTIVITIES ARE DIVING DOCK AND CREATION STATION.

Anneka

MY NAME IS TANNER AND MY FAVOURITE CAMP MEMORY IS PLAYING CANOE WARS AT DAWN!

Tanner

MY FAVOURITE THING ABOUT CAMP IS DEFINITELY THE COMMUNITY AND PLAYING CANOE WARS!

Caitlin