



## INTERN OPPORTUNITIES:

Do you know of anyone looking for an amazing service opportunity? Homewood is looking for 5 young people (ages 18-29 years) to work from December 28, 2021 - February 19, 2022. These **8 week paid positions** have been made possible through Canada Summer Jobs grants. Be part of a vibrant Christian community focused on building God's Kingdom. Apply online today at [www.camphomewood.com](http://www.camphomewood.com).

### SPECIFIC ROLES:

- **Food Services (1):** Develop your culinary skills as you learn to prep, cook, bake and work in a commercial kitchen under a Red Seal chef. **Hours can be applied to an apprenticeship.**
- **Site & Facilities (3):** Join the Site & Facilities team as a **Campground Cleaner / Handyman / Handywoman** and stay busy with a vast array of projects. Learn a variety of skills including painting, carpentry, grounds keeping, mechanical, and more. **Hours can be applied to an apprenticeship.**
- **Barn (1):** Join the team at the barn! Help with feeding, brushing, mucking stalls, maintenance, and riding. Previous experience with horses is an asset.



## Praise & Prayer

- **Praise God** for our 2021 Work Crew, LITs, and Summer Staff. They were exceptional!
- **Praise God** for a great summer of ministry and for the many seeds that were sown. **Pray** that God will continue to work in the lives of those who heard the message this summer.
- **Praise God** for all who have given so generously to our COVID-19 Survival Fund! **Pray** that giving will continue and that we will make it through to July 1, 2022. Rental revenue is still very low this year.
- **Pray** that our Summer Camps will fill up, that COVID-19 will not disrupt, and that our ministry will be fruitful! **Pray** that God will provide summer volunteers. **Pray** that borders will be open and that volunteers from Germany will be able to join us!
- **Praise God** for his provision for the new Kitchen! **Pray** that friends of camp will give generously, and that we will reach our fundraising goal. Just \$185,000 more to go...
- **Praise God** for the many projects that are being completed during the pandemic. Camp is looking better all the time!
- **Praise God** for our Fall Crew: **Johnny Dykstra, Sean Elder, Kai Kingma, Josh Reimer, and Colin Schmaus** (Canada Summer Jobs). **Praise God** for **Jakob Andrae** (from Germany) and **Hunter Austring** (Intern)! **Pray** that we will find 5 more young adults to serve from December 28 – February 19 to help improve camp.
- **Pray** for healing and strength for **Anna Yeager** as she continues to recover from spinal surgery in February 2021.

## MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT

### John Ullstrom

**John Ullstrom** (Head Cook) arrived at Homewood as an Intern in March, 2019. This summer John was responsible for leading the kitchen crew while our Food Services Manager, Melody Hayes, was on Maternity Leave. The feedback from campers was excellent! John will be returning to school in November to take his Level II Professional Cook training course at Camosun College in Victoria. John won a scholarship as a result of his performance in Level I last year. Please pray for John as he works to complete his Red Seal. In other news, John recently became engaged to **Fredy Neufeld** and they plan to get married in May, 2022. Congratulations!

John's missionary support level is below 20%. If you would like to support John in his ministry in the kitchen, please use the enclosed response card or visit our website.



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Charles Dickens famously said "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." COVID-19 continues to disrupt, but oh – what a summer we had! Nothing was 'normal', but it was still GREAT!

We ran **22 sessions of camp**, and hosted **538 campers**. Because of the pandemic, we ran **13 sessions of Family Camp**: seven at Harbour, four at Woodsman, and two at Sailing. Week after week, family campers experienced the love of God through the care and attention our Summer Team volunteers lavished on them. For the first time in a long time, people gathered together to play, enjoy community at meals, and listen to stories of God's faithfulness and grace. Listen to what some of our Family Camp parents said about their experience at Homewood this summer:

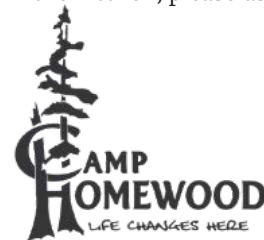
- "This was our first time and we had no idea what to expect. It far exceeded all of our expectations!"
- "Family Camp has become part of our family's yearly rhythm. It continues to score as highly as some of our most major trips on the "fun meter" and we tell all our friends about it."
- "My daughter didn't want to leave."
- "Camp was so good! We saw our kids grow and stretch – it was absolutely incredible. They have very limited experience with Christianity, church, and being part of Christ's family. This time has sparked something inside of them. Our daughter said, "Why is everyone here so nice all the time?" Thank you for loving Jesus and sharing that light with us!"

Bonnie Henry's eleventh hour 'green light' for overnight camping for children resulted in the creation of two **Intermediate Coed** camps at Woodsman plus a week of **Teen Sailing**. Our sailboats were also used for an **Adult Camp**, and two amazing weeks of **Skipper Training**. I am confident that this investment in developing the skills of 16 of our dedicated adult volunteers will bear fruit for years to come!

On top of amazing ministry, God protected us from illness, and He provided **over 150 volunteers of all ages**. Dozens of adults donated their time and skill to make camp function. Some showed up weekly for a few hours (kitchen helpers – we love you!), while others gave a week or two to help with sailing (boat maintenance crew and skippers), maintenance or housekeeping. A growing number of adult volunteers spend the last week of summer with us to help pack up Woodsman and take down tents at Harbour. Their efforts are especially appreciated as they inject energy when the rest of us are beginning to flag! Several gave a month or more: **Anita Foged** (gardening), **Johan & Freda Loeve** (site & facility), **Paul & Maureen Sharp** (bus driver / town runner, hostess), **Bruce & Mel Wiebe** (program & loose ends), and **Alyssa Anderson** (hostess) to name just a few. Finally, a very special group showed up to help empty the kitchen after the last meal was served. In less than four hours, it was completely gutted: no spices, no cupboards, no counters, and no equipment. It was empty space, waiting for the exterior walls to disappear!

It is a blessing to be part of this great team! COVID-19 may be the worst of times, but these are the best of times at camp!

Paul Bailey, General Director



## SUMMER 2021

Home Sweet Homewood! What a hot spot of gifted people. Every summer we seem to get the coolest team of volunteers! This summer I saw God reveal glimpses of Himself through the talents, personalities, interests and love of each of the summer staff He called to serve here. I feel extremely blessed to have had a front row seat to watch God equip a Summer Team that was so new to most of what they were asked to do! They transitioned from learning to leading so quickly.

Camp is an amazing training ground for young leaders... I can't begin to count the times I was inspired and encouraged when watching and leading beside Paul, Emma, and Darrah. Summer 2021 was a little weirdly quiet, but it was equally as beautiful and full of Jesus as any of my three previous summers. It was such a hoot! I'm grateful to have been part of it.

**Nicole Vanderlinde**  
Summer Program Director



### Summer 2022 Registration OPENS

## Saturday November 20, 2021 at 12:00 pm!

**EARLY BIRD PRICING:** Book early and save! Get our 2020 pricing for Summer 2022 by paying your FULL BALANCE prior to April 1, 2022!

**BRING-A-BUDDY!** Bring a buddy to camp with you this summer and you will BOTH get a FREE T-SHIRT! Yup - it's that simple! Invite a friend who wasn't at camp last summer, and tell them to name you as their 'buddy' when they register.

- **FINE PRINT:** Both campers MUST attend the same camp session. Limit 1 T-shirt per camper. Offer is valid for registrations received prior to June 1, 2022 only. This offer is not valid for Eager Beaver, Day Camps, or Family Camps.

**REGISTRATION RUSH:** In previous years, most of our **Family Camp** spots have filled up within the first 30 minutes of registration opening. Visit our website to view accommodations, session dates and rates ahead of time. If you have any questions, please call our office at 250-285-3483.

## SUMMER TEAM RECRUITMENT

We are gearing up for a full summer of ministry in 2022. That means we will need a full team of volunteers to serve the 1,300 campers we expect to host! Our Summer Team is made up of **young adults, teenagers, parents and grandparents, singles, couples, and families!** See if there's something on the list below that grabs your attention (or perhaps something that makes you think of a friend you could encourage to join us next summer). We need...

...**wranglers** and **program directors** and **tent leaders** and **lifeguards** and **cooks** and **Head Leaders** and **LITs** and **Work Crew Bosses** and **lifeguards** for Harbour and **bosuns** and **cooks** and **lifeguards** for Sailing Camp and **cooks** and **lifeguards** for Woodsman and **introverts** and **extroverts** and **funny people** and **serious people** (I'm serious!) and **musicians** and **mechanics** and **woodworkers** and **grounds keepers** and **videographers** and **gardeners** and **Dining Room hostesses** and **skippers** and **town runners** and **bus drivers** and **grandparents** and **nurses** and **people who want to help set camp up in June** and **people who want to help take camp down at the end of August** and **lifeguards** (we need a lot of lifeguards!) and **prayer warriors** and **kitchen helpers** who can give one day a week and **people who can heat and serve meals on weekends** to the Summer Team and **bakers** and I think I forgot something! If you love people and we missed your particular area of giftedness and interest - please call camp!

## PROJECT UPDATE

### Kitchen Expansion

Progress since July 12 has been amazing. **Steve Swanson, Joel Loeve, Matthew Streeton,** and **Hunter Austring** are doing fabulous work! Interior framing is now complete, and work has begun on plumbing and wiring. 3,000 sq. ft. of kitchen and 2,300 sq. ft. of basement require a ton of services (imagine: 4 handwashing basins, 2 prep sinks, a triple sink for pots, a beverage sink, a mop sink, a laundry sink, and 3 washing machines - plus water and drains for 3 specialty ovens!). **Chris Contenti** and **Kai Kingma** are doing the plumbing, which will reduce costs significantly.

We are so thankful for God's provision:

- 190 sheets of plywood (**Gorman Brothers Lumber**, West Kelowna)
- 23 pre-hung doors (**Lynden Door**, Lynden, WA)
- A two door reach in cooler and three door freezer plus miscellaneous equipment (Thanks **Fred!**)
- A \$200,000 matching gift from the **Pattison Foundation**
- \$206,000 given by **109 donors** from June 6 to August 26 to complete Phase II of our fundraising!

**DID YOU KNOW** we are also renovating the area BELOW the old kitchen? Because gas, water, and power are fed into the kitchen from below, and because the old pantry is no longer needed, we felt this was the time to gut the basement. The laundry / linen storage area will be three times as large, and the skit room will be expanded too. Crazy costumes are a big part of fireside and skits. Now we will have space to build an even better collection of costumes!

The pandemic has impacted supply chains for building materials. **Please pray** that we will receive materials in a timely manner and that progress will be continuous. Pray especially for the design/build of our hoods and exhaust system, stainless counters, prep sinks, dish pit tables, etc. These items will cost approximately \$100,000.



### FUNDRAISING FOR PHASE III

**GOAL: \$240,000**

We are excited about the future of Camp Homewood! We are committed to increasing our capacity to reach more children, youth, and families because people need to experience Christ's love. In order to accomplish our goal, **we need your help.**

Phase III will cost \$240,000. These funds will allow us to complete the kitchen so we can serve hungry campers homemade pizza, juicy roasts, and our famous cinnamon buns. Phase III includes stainless steel tables and counters, bakery ovens, exhaust hoods, a bun divider, a tilting skillet, a commercial dishwasher, and more.

Thanks to four generous donors, we have received lead gifts totalling \$55,000 to kick off Phase III. This will allow us to **MATCH the first \$55,000 we receive** towards this final portion of the project. **Why not double the impact of your gift by giving today?** We really are better together!

You can give online, by cheque, or by credit card. See the enclosed response card for more information.