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Kingswood Camp • Fall Newsletter

Summer Update

We had an incredible summer of ministry at Kingswood Camp with a record number of 525 camper registrations (including Family Camp) and 1150 students attending spring programming.

Located in the heart of the Annapolis Valley we have a great opportunity to impact this region and the next generation for the Kingdom of God. And it is happening! We share the gospel with these kids, talk about faith with them, pray with them, answer their questions as best as we can, all while having an absolute blast in God's beautiful creation!

I thank God for the amazing staff He provided this summer. The staff had a noticeable focus on evangelism, pouring out God's love on the campers, and growing in their own walks with the Lord.

Our volunteer program is growing and this summer we had a dedicated staff member to lead the volunteers. These teen volunteers get the chance to be a part of the authentic Christ focused community among the staff and be poured into and mentored by older staff. Three of our teen volunteers were baptized at Kingswood in October!

I would love to come visit your church to give an update in person on this past summer and the ministry needs of Kingswood Camp. Please contact me if you have a Sunday available for a short to mid length presentation.

I want to say a big thank you to our supporting churches and individuals that faithfully pray and support Kingswood Camp. Please reach out to us to discuss anything you read here or more!

In Christ,
Candice Main



Our amazing staff at their silliest.

Highlights of the Summer

- Approximately 25 campers put their faith in Jesus for the first time!
- 200+ campers that did not own a Bible chose to receive and take home a Bible of their own
- A total of 460 camper registrations, and 65 Family Campers
- Over 30 teens came as volunteers



Ministry Needs:

Facility Limitations: more campers would like to come! We are coming up against a number of facility capacities and in need of some updating renovations: new cabin, lodge bathroom reno, office and nursing station, are just a few of the immediate needs.

Fundraising for our operating costs: Registration cost only covers around 60% of the actual cost of hosting a camper. We are looking for regular and one-time donations towards our operating costs. Our biggest expense is staff!

Prayer Support: if you would like to receive our newsletter and commit to praying for camp during the summer for a specific day or multiple days please let me know

Kitchen Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to come serve in our kitchen to help prepare and serve meals to campers and staff. Length of volunteer time is flexible.

Nurses: We would love to have someone with health care experience on-site to meet the health care needs of campers and staff. Length of volunteer time is flexible.

“The team works hard to make everyone feel important and loved. We have watched our Daughter mature in her faith since going to camp”

Upcoming Events

Registration Opens Nov 1st

We're excited to announce our summer camps listed on our website and Facebook with registration opening Nov 1st.

Early Bird Deadline is Dec 31st

10% off registration price if paid in full by December 31st.

Note: this deadline has been moved up from previous years due to camps filling before the end of the deadline.

SnoCamp 2019

Junior High Winter Retreat - Feb 9-11

Senior High Winter Retreat - Feb 15-16



Did you know?

Kingswood Camp operates Fall-Spring as a rental facility for retreats. Any EVBA or Annapolis-Digby Association Churches can use the camp facilities by-donation.

Staff Testimonies

One day I walked into my cabin and my girls were discussing how they felt so safe and comfortable at camp - even more so than at school or other places in their lives. It is amazing that we can create that kind of atmosphere for campers where they feel loved, safe and comfortable being themselves. It is the kind of community that Jesus works toward - one where people can come just as they are, experience love and be included.

One week there was a camper in my cabin who accepted Jesus into their lives. This camper had been struggling with a recent loss in his family. This camper lost his father to suicide about a year ago and it made a very big impact on his life. At camp the camper learned that joy comes from the Lord and that he wanted to be in a relationship with a God who loves him.

Staff Testimonies Continued - Just for fun!

This summer at camp God ministered to me as much as to the campers. His presence was constant and He moved in ways that stretched me and brought me closer to Him.

In Outdoor Adventures this summer, the staff members took every opportunity to talk about Creation and how we can take care of our planet. In response to this, a camper told me "Man, God is the best. He gave all of this to us so we should really take care of it so that we can keep making cool forts and stuff".

During Teen Week, three of my campers came to Kingswood at the recommendation of their guidance counsellor. All of them were going into grade 10 in the following year and were a bit skeptical about this camp thing, some even feeling as though they didn't really fit in at camp because they didn't believe in God. All three had different levels of exposure to faith before coming to camp (one believing that there were multiple gods, another having gone to a Christian club called Awana as a child, and the other with pretty much no previous knowledge), but none had a Bible of their own. On one of the first nights of camp, one of them, after sharing with me some of the ongoing struggles she had experienced in her life, said, "I want to believe in God because it seems like the people that believe in Him have so much joy and hope, but I just can't". Over the course of the week, through Bible studies and devotional times, all of these girls became more and more interested and intrigued by God. It was so amazing how God used my co-counsellor and myself to explain who He was in a way that made sense to them. After receiving Bibles, the girls read them ravenously, especially during Chapel time (sometimes picking out difficult passages in Leviticus and asking us to explain them to her...). At the end of the week, all left with a better understanding of who God was, and although none of them said that they had decided to follow Jesus, one did sigh and say, "I'm obsessed with God". All left interested in reading their Bibles more and with a deeper understanding of what Christians believe in. Pray for these girls in their life situations; that they would press on in learning about Jesus even in environments that aren't steeped in Christ and that God would be using them to be lights in their circles of influence and sustaining their passion and interest for Him!

I once had a camper tell me "I want to work here at camp when I'm older so I can tell them all about Jesus." This camper became a Christian the same week!

One of our Launchers was terrified about praying out loud in front of people. We explained that prayer is just talking to God and we don't have to be afraid of what other people think. One day we suggested that whenever she gets asked to pray out loud, she say a little prayer in her head first: "God help me to pray out loud." She came and found me one night and happily told me "It worked!" By that she meant that asking God to help her gave her the confidence she needed to pray out loud. It was a big step for her as she prepares to lead at camp in the future.

One of my campers randomly decided to come to camp for the first time this summer at age 16. He gave his heart to Jesus at Teen Camp and was so impacted by camp that he came back for several weeks as a volunteer. This camper had no Christian connections before coming to camp, and he had the opportunity to become a part of the Christian community among the staff. All summer he was being poured into by the staff he was working alongside. In the fall another one of the staff has decided to give him a ride each week to the youth group in New Minas.

I was helping a girl at archery this summer and the subject of church came up and how her parents aren't Christians. She told me that they knew this was a church camp, but they were convinced she only came to hang out with her friend, but that that wasn't the real reason she comes to camp it is actually to grow in her faith and have Christian community.