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Summer 2016

Faith in Action



This summer over 600 children and teens participated in Overnight and Day camps at Canterbury Hills Camp.

Returning campers waited in anticipation for months. New campers arrived with a mixture of excitement and anxiety. All set out for an outdoor adventure away from the comforts of technology and familiarity of home. All were invited to put faith into action.

On the first day, campers could see cabin mates as strangers or potential friends. They could trust this new camp family or withhold trust. They could choose to open their heart or remain distant.

Fast forward to the last day of each session and miraculously, these units of strangers became good friends. Barriers were crossed. Differences were celebrated. Hearts were joined. Cabin units that started with awkward beginnings finished with group hugs and prolonged good-byes.

Faith was put into action when registering for camp. Faith was tested in moments of doubt or insecurity. Faith was rewarded when strangers became close friends. New heights of self-confidence were reached when decisions of faith overcame fear.



At weekly Eucharist services, campers and staff reflected on themes of independence, teamwork, confidence, love, acceptance, selflessness, creativity, and peace.

With faith put into action by enthusiastic and passionate campers and staff all summer long, we had a fabulous and wonderful summer at Canterbury Hills Camp. Special thanks to all those people and parishes who supported this camp ministry with gifts and prayers.

Chapel Reimagined

This summer we introduced a new model for the daily chapel session with all campers.

Each day, we presented an entertaining skit about a girl whose memory had been erased. She was a brilliant scientist who had created a cure that would stop the evil Dr. Fang from turning humans into monsters. To save the world, she needed faith in herself, faith in other people, faith that wouldn't quit and faith that she could contribute to a better world. Campers participated in special roles and audience cues. After the skit, cabins led a creative reflection.

Campers looked forward to Chapel and were often disappointed when the story ended with a cliff-hanger every day.

Favourite Summer Pics



Reviews



"I just got home from picking up my kids from O2, 2016. They were so sad to leave. I grew up in the Anglican Church but never had the opportunity to attend Canterbury. I didn't want my kids to miss out too. This was their 4th year attending and they absolutely love it. They get fresh air, exercise, make tons of new friends, and most importantly they can shut off the buzz of technology and see how great and beautiful God has made our earth. The staff are top notch...friendly, outgoing, helpful and knowledgeable. The kids raved about the food and all of the different activities they did (particularly swimming under the waterfall). When I go out to drop them off or pick them up there, I never want to leave. I would love to spend a week there myself. If anyone is hesitant to send their child to camp there, don't be. They will have the time of their life!" ~ Parent



"I was driving the children home from Canterbury Hills Camp one night and was listening to them talking to one another about what they did during the day. They were comparing notes and sharing their stories with one another. I remember thinking to myself "Wow, it is so wonderful to hear them share with one another and to hear how excited they are about what they did all day." Canterbury Hills gave my children their childhood back. They were outside all day exploring, singing and getting dirty just like I did when I was a kid. It felt amazing to be able to give this experience to my children. As each day passed in camp, I found them excited about the day's events, more confident and more serene and happy. Thank you Canterbury Jills. WE WILL see you next summer for sure!" ~ Parent



Leaders in Training (LIT)

This past summer, 13 young people ages 15-16 participated in the Canterbury Hills Camp LIT program.



Seeing such a vibrant and competent group of young leaders this past summer has given us great hope and confidence in the quality of leadership at Canterbury Hills Camp for many years to come.

“My experience as an LIT 1 at Canterbury Hills Camp was one for the books. Not only did we get classroom setting learning sessions, but we also got hands-on experience. We had many opportunities to plan and lead our own camp activities. Applying the skills we learned to the real camp world was very beneficial. I am forever thankful for this experience. It helped me grow as a person. I am so happy to say that Canterbury is like a second home to me.”

~ Jillian

“Over my four years as a camper, Canterbury Hills camp soon became my happy place. After spending a whole month as an LIT 1, it has become my second home. All my fellow leaders are like my brothers and sisters. Going through the whole experience alongside them resulted in the most rewarding feeling ever. The things I learned have stuck with me and I've even been using them in my everyday life!”

~ Tara

“The LIT program has taught me many things. I have gained hard skills, organization skills, responsibility and confidence. I began my LIT 1 summer lacking self-confidence. However, at the end of my LIT 2 summer, I found that I gained a great amount of confidence. Over-all, I believe this program has helped me become more responsible and confident in myself.”

~ Cheyanne



In summer 2017, LIT 1 participants can choose to participate in July or August sessions.

This summer we are adding this choice so that LIT 1 participants can choose the month of the summer that suits them and the extremely valuable and absolutely wonderful presence of LIT 1's can be spread through the summer. All LIT 1's will participate in the May training weekend and the June training week.

Summer Staff 2017

The timeline for 2017 staff is as follows:

Resource Team – We are now accepting applications. Deadline is Dec. 9, 2016. Interviews are Dec. 17, 2016.

Returning Staff – Reflection interviews will be arranged in Jan. and Feb. 2017.

New Staff (OCL/DCL/LIT) – Jobs will be posted in January. Interviews will be in March.

See www.CanterburyHillsCamp.ca for details.



Road2Hope Walk/Run



It was a beautiful, sunny day at Confederation Park in Hamilton on Nov. 5th. The grounds were buzzing with thousands of people who wanted to test their limits and support great causes. Our Canterbury Hills team of 40 people, whether walking, running, cheering or helping, was up for the challenge with a smile and a contagious dose of good Canterbury Hills spirit.

Our team of campers, families, staff, alumni and Board members participated in the 1K, 5K and 10K races. Through our combined efforts we surpassed our goal of raising \$3000, reaching \$3500. This means we can go ahead with plans for an outdoor gaga ball court and we have some extra resources to invest in emerging visions for this summer and beyond.

Beyond helping Canterbury Hills Camp, participants invested in two inspiring charities rooted in Hamilton. Because of Road2Hope, 1260 Haitian kids will continue to be in a stable school environment and 75 plus teachers will be paid. Closer to home, thousands of inner-city children will have exciting weekly programs to attend and find mentors and programs that encourage them to reach for their dreams.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to our walk/run participants and those who pledged to our team. Well done everyone!



New Gaga Ball Court

Gaga ball is a variation of dodgeball that combines dodging, striking, running and jumping, with the goal of remaining the last person standing. It is a daily and very popular sport at Canterbury Hills Camp that has been played in Lion's Hall.



But this year, gaga ball will crank up to a new heights of awesomeness in our new outdoor Gaga Ball court! Yes, you heard correctly. A brand new court!! It will be a well-loved hot spot of activity in summer camps and through the year.

The new Gaga Ball court will be launched at our Open House on May 14th.

2017 Overnight Camps

Camp	Dates	By *Apr. 1	After Apr. 1
O1 (5 nights)	Sun. July 2 – Fri. 7	\$450	\$470
O2 (5 nights)	Sun. July 9 – Fri. 14	\$450	\$470
O3 (6 nights)	Sun. July 16 – Sat. 22	\$500	\$520
O4 (5 nights)	Sun. July 23 – Fri. 28	\$450	\$470
O5 (5 nights)	Sun. July 30 – Fri. Aug. 4	\$450	\$470
O6 (4 nights)	Mon. Aug. 7 – Fri. 11	\$400	\$420
O7 (5 nights)	Sun. Aug. 13 – Fri. 18	\$450	\$470
O8 (5 nights)	Sun. Aug. 20 – Fri. 25	\$450	\$470

*Early Bird

2017 Day Camps

Camp	Dates	By *Apr. 1	After Apr. 1
D1 (5 days)	Mon. July 3 – Fri. 7	\$299	\$319
D2 (5 days)	Mon. July 10 – Fri. 14	\$299	\$319
D3 (5 days)	Mon. July 17 – Fri. 22	\$299	\$319
D4 (5 days)	Mon. July 24 – Fri. 28	\$299	\$319
D5 (5 days)	Mon. July 31 – Fri. Aug. 4	\$299	\$319
D6 (4 days)	Tue. Aug. 8 – Fri. 11	\$259	\$279
D7 (5 days)	Mon. Aug. 14 – Fri. 18	\$299	\$319
D8 (5 days)	Mon. Aug. 21 – Fri. 25	\$299	\$319

*Early Bird

Adventure Camp



Inspired by annual LIT Adventures, this year we are piloting a new Adventure Camp for 13-15 year olds. This will be a travelling camp that develops outdoor skills and leadership through participation in activities such as canoeing, hiking, and camping.

The first night and last night will take place on a camp-out site at Canterbury Hills Camp. Campers will sleep in tents and cook over the fire. The group of 8-10 campers will work closely together while enjoying the wonders of outdoor living.

Adventure Camp is for returning campers who are looking for something new and new campers who are looking for a challenge. Leadership will be provided by alumni and specialists with a passion for outdoor programming and mentoring young people.

We're excited to offer this new program and see who is ready to join in the adventure!

Adventure Camp is Sun. July 16 (6:30pm) to Sat. July 22 (10:30am). Registration cost: \$550.

Interested in participating in Adventure Camp but have questions?

Interested in being an Adventure Camp staff member or providing support in some way?

We'd love to hear from you!

Lance Wright
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Staff Spotlight



HEATHER BAMSEY

"After 20 summers spent at Canterbury Hills, I ended my time as the Camp Registrar this August to pursue a Masters in Social Work. Though my employment has concluded, I will never be able to separate myself from Canterbury, as I became who I am while singing at campfire, trekking up the meadow hill and sloshing through the creeks.



I am thankful to have been able to learn many life lessons within the safety and warmth of the camp community, and want to stay as involved as possible for years to come. I was offered the registrar position unexpectedly, and took it so that I could be the entry point through which other families learn about and involve themselves with Canterbury Hills, encouraging more children and youth to develop life-long friendships, appreciate the land, and get lost in camp mythology. It is my hope that the Canterbury seed was planted in some of the new families this past summer, and that those children grow along with it, like I did."

~ Heather Bamsey

Heather's 20 year span includes 8 years as a camper, one LIT summer, 3 summers as an Overnight Leader, 1 summer as a Day Leader, 3 summers on the kitchen team and 3 summers as Registrar. Wow!

Thank you Heather for generously sharing your passion and care with so many campers, staff and families over so many years!





Alumni Spotlight

CHERYL CLARK

In 1977, Cheryl Binns started attending Canterbury Hills as a camper while her parents were on staff. Her father, Laughton Binns, was one of two clergymen that ran religious instruction. Her mother, Marion Binns was the camp nurse. After her parents stopped serving on staff, Cheryl continued as a camper and later was a CIT (a Counsellor in Training), counsellor, kitchen staff, leader at large and leader of LIT sessions. Her last year was in 1987. Cheryl's brothers, Mike and Rob Binns, were also campers and staff members at Canterbury Hills.



After marrying Tab Clark and starting a family, Cheryl restarted a connection with Canterbury Hills by sending her sons to camp. First there was Zachary, then William and finally Cameron. At the same time, she got involved in the Alumni group and raised money to help underprivileged kids come to camp. Like Cheryl, her sons went from campers to staff members. Zachary is now an alumni. While William was on staff in 2015 and looks forward to more opportunities. Cameron has visions of becoming an LIT.

Her favourite memories include: walking to "Fairy Falls", the Hermitage, Dome tree, going on creek walks, campfire and banana boats. She fondly remember eating spaghetti and Rice Krispie squares out of a pot. The group left the pot tied to a tree and the racoons would clean it out during the night.



Through her years at camp, Cheryl developed a love for working with children. She became a teacher and continues to put into practice the camp lessons learned about children and their development. Camp also shaped the way she parents her own children and the experiences she shares with them.

Director Reflections

by Lance Wright



Through this past year, it's been a pleasure to meet all the wonderful people who care about and invest in Canterbury Hills Camp. I have so often heard people describe Canterbury Hills as their second home. People feel safe here. People love being here. People grow in character and faith here. There is great joy around Canterbury Hills Camp that I see in campers, parents, staff, alumni and Board members.

Canterbury Hills is growing. Registrations surged last summer as we were close to filling every spot available. New ideas such as Adventure Camp are building new pathways for the future. Thanks to all who are part of Canterbury Hills at this exciting time. Special thanks to the individuals and parishes who have generously supported the camp through gifts of time, resources and financial donations. Your investments are bearing much fruit.

Our Resource Team

by Sharon Miller

I am incredibly excited to be returning to the role of Resource Team Lead for the summer of 2017.

Four years as a member of the Resource Team have provided me with the opportunity to work with so many wonderful members of the Canterbury Hills community. The list of people who have dedicated time and energy to the betterment of Canterbury goes on and on. I have felt blessed to be a small piece of that puzzle.

Of course I would be remiss in not mentioning the people I have worked most closely with in the past four years: my fellow Resource Team members. Every Resource Team is unique in the talents it boasts and the challenges it faces.

Saying goodbye to the Resource Team of 2016 is particularly hard as it was a group of people whose talents were immense and complementary to one another. It was a team that faced challenges with endless determination and optimism and each member of the team had a love for Canterbury that shone through above all. Brendan Webb, Emily Lloyd, and Gregory Millar were an absolute joy to work with (and to work for, as I am sure the 2016 staff team would attest) and I am very sad that all four of us will not be returning for summer 2017.

While my heart is heavy with goodbyes to a truly outstanding RT, I am brimming with excitement at the prospect of forming a new Resource Team. This year the Resource Team will embrace the mantra of "proactive leadership." Our vision is to inspire a staff that will seize opportunities to create magic during each activity of each day. Alongside Camp Director Lance Wright, I am thankful for the opportunity to guide the next Resource Team towards this vision of inspiration, enthusiasm, and purpose.



Meet our New Registrar

For two weeks in August 2016 we had two registrars!! These were for the first two weeks for Kaitlyn O'Hara (pictured to the right) as she learned the ropes of the Registrar role from Heather.



These two got along famously and it was delightful to have a Registrar team for these two weeks. Since the last week of August, Kaitlyn has jumped into administrative work of the Register and she's been off to a great start.

Kaitlyn loves camp! She attended summer camp as a child and these experiences shaped who she is today. Over the past 5 summers, Kaitlyn has worked for the Tim Horton Children's Foundation. Last year, she worked abroad teaching in Hong Kong. When she returned home, she was looking for a job that would help her get involved in the local community – something she could feel passionate about. Canterbury Hills was the perfect fit!

Kaitlyn knows how important camp can be in a child's life and she is excited to know that she is part of this process. She can't wait for summer camp 2017 to begin and looks forward to meeting campers, parents and staff this summer.

Registration 2017

Registration for 2017 Overnight Camps, Day Camps and Adventure Camp is now open!! Register before Apr. 1, 2016 to take advantage of our early bird pricing.

See www.canterburyhillscamp.ca for details.



Consider giving the gift of camp this Christmas. Contact Kaitlyn at camp@canterburyhills.ca by Dec. 16th, to receive a camp registration certificate and Canterbury Hills sunglasses that can be given as a Christmas gift.