



Christmas Reflections



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Staff Update

- Brandie Fusaji jumped into a new adventure with Hyland, partnered with MCC.
- Emma Wiens married Cam Dyck in September and wrapped up her time at camp.
- After a great summer and many years here, Anthony Guenther hit the road—literally—as a truck driver.
- Becky Jo Brown finished her season with us in April.
- Isaac Kwitkoski stepped in for Dayna Penson during her maternity leave this summer — huge thanks to him!

Baby News

Lots of sweet additions to our camp family this year:

- Junia and Michael Gauthier welcomed their first child, Aaron.
- Joseph and Karissa Klassen welcomed their third, Reuben.
- Jonah and Bailey Holmes are expecting their first in February.
- Johanna and Erik Groenberg are expecting their first in May.

New Year Round Crew

We've got lots of new faces around camp this year:

- Braden Porter, Jacinta Murbiu, Kory Middleton, Ben Swinden, and Hannah Fehr.

Office Update

Katie Baerg held down the fort as Interim Office Manager, and Stephanie Swan moved into the role in November.



Board & Staff 2025

Merry Christmas from NLBC Board

As a board we would like to express our appreciation for your prayers, time and support for Ness Lake Bible Camp. We have seen God's faithfulness to camp this past year. We look forward to being part of what God has planned for this amazing place and the people that will serve and attend camp this coming year!

We are praying that you will know Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that can only come from Jesus this advent season.

We are so thankful for each of you.
Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

Joanna Cross on behalf of the NLBC Board.

**Chair – Joanna Cross;
Treasurer – Krista Claus;
AJ McBlain; Micah Au; Jenkin Wilson; Amanda Prenger**

Polar Bear Dip 25th Anniversary

What a blessing the Polar Bear Dip has been over the last 25 years. Thanks to the generosity of those who have taken part, campers have been able to experience NLBC who otherwise could not have.

Over 25 years, the Polar Bear Dip has raised about \$253,860, covering camp fees for more than 1,000 children.

Last year alone, 178 participants helped raise \$35,151.80!



Upcoming Events & Programs Calendar



For more information on upcoming programs and registrations visit nlbc.ca!



Find out more about the impact of camp in the Year End Dashboard

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Praise God for the removal of dangerous Trees!



PRAYER

- Faithfulness and creativity as we share the Gospel.
- Pray that we can encourage more summer team members to fill key roles so we can welcome more campers this year.
- The right person to fill the Food Services Manager role until Junia returns.
- Gateway and the Christian Reformed Church are sponsoring kids from Harwin, St. Mary's, and nearby homes for the camp. Pray they reach those who need hope.
- New WilderNess week for Robson Valley kids to have lasting impact.
- Two Rivers Church in Quesnel as they work to send even more kids this summer.
- Wisdom and provision as we begin planning and fundraising for a new staff house.
- For many new families to hear about camp

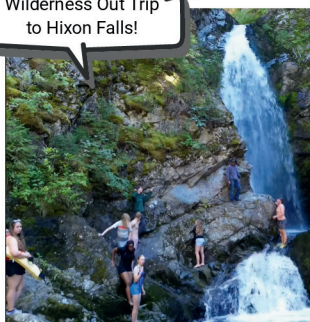
PRAISE

- Steady leadership and three new NLBC Board members.
- Staff coverage through maternity leaves and a full summer team.
- Strong early registrations for LITs, campers, and summer team.
- Full camps and waitlists last summer.
- Housing needs met through Hyland, MCC, and generous landlords.
- Everything needed to host 1,500+ campers last year.

Thank you to Lizann and Emily!



Wilderness Out Trip to Hixon Falls!



Transformations Guest Group

Executive Director Update

THANK YOU FOR BEING INVOLVED AT CAMP! If we missed seeing you at the Friendraising Dessert Nights, the included Year End Dashboard has the stats about what the impact has been. Our desire is that people like you know more and ask the right questions to help us grow and improve in sharing the Gospel.

A new way to engage and invite families was the Christmas Parade in November. JD and Dayna created a ridiculous parade float and as we rolled past the 6000ish spectators we handed out popsicles and declared it was "25 degrees and sunny everyday at camp." We got a lot of laughs but also earned the opportunity to hand out over 800 summer brochures. People were reaching out with excitement and wanted to engage with what we are about. Our Mission Statement is to... *"Glorify God by making Jesus Christ known by word and deed through camping and conference programs"*

Ephesians 2:8-9 reminds us that Christ is the gift and reason for this season **"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast."** Thousands of people this year were invited into this gift of grace as they attended camp for all sorts of events. Our site, programs and staff all exist to serve the Church's desire to evangelize the lost, especially children and youth.

God's word is going to all guests now with new maps that have scripture boldly on them. Huge new art pieces hang in the gym that teach Biblical ideas. We have started payment plans so that more families can afford to book their spot early and pay fees away from December and January which are hard financial months. With supporters like you we have raised the funds to take on projects like building portable shelters to increase dining capacity, replacing dock boards, redoing dangerous decks, renovating entrances to buildings to lower winter risks and more!

There is nothing impacting youth to the scale that camps do each year. It takes an army to make camp happen and we need people like you to continue praying, serving, attending, giving or joining that team. We raised \$82,000 at the Friend-Raising Dessert Nights which is putting new ideas into action (as listed above), increasing the monthly support of our team and taking a chunk out of the \$240,000 we need donated annually for our general operations. This was great and there are still great needs to fill, read through the attached info on how to give and get involved.

Dave Horton



20th WilderNESS Anniversary Video



Summer Promo Video