

Camp Tapawingo Christmas 2020

Season's Greetings from the Camp Tapawingo board!

What a year it has been!

We were so disappointed that our popular camping program was cancelled this summer due to the global pandemic. Instead we offered on-line camping activities and special merchandise. But it wasn't the same, was it?

Maintaining our camp buildings

▲ Our faithful volunteers took advantage of the downtime this summer to make some great upgrades to the camp buildings.

The mess hall is brighter! Calvary Men's

Group installed energy-efficient windows donated by Joe and Bev Remail of Prince Albert. The work crew included Don Thorsen, Len Gunville, Lyle Roland, Nels April, Claire Middleton, Joe Remail plus two of his carpenters.

▲ Karen Parenteau and her father, Paul Epp, introduced the Calvary crew to the intricacies of the camp's water system setup dthis spring.

▲ Past president Carmen Bellehumeur, her daughters Adelaide and Rielle plus her mother, Phyllis McTaggart, lived on-site for most of the summer as caretakers for the camp property. They cleaned the beach, cabins and the mess hall. Carmen organized piles of files in the staff lounge.

▲ Carmen's family spent days hauling sand to fill in the campfire pit, making it safer for staff and campers. They hauled ten trailer loads of sand





from the area between the mess hall and the lake. Carmen's father, Michel Bellehumeur, later harrowed the beach to kill weeds and redistribute the sand.

▲ The painting crew for the interior of Cabin 7 included Karen Parenteau, Cheryl Tess and Tya Simpkins and friend Shelley Graham. They also worked with Carmen and Phyllis to clean and sort through all the things left in the cabins.

▲ The mess hall is getting much-needed new shingles and the fireplace and chimney are being removed from the staff lounge.

Our 2020 Tapa Staff

The 2020 Camp Tapawingo staff are: Camp Director Katelyn Jenkins, Recreation Director Steven Enns, Medic Erika Stanzel, Cook Colleen Yakubowski, Assistant Cook Mackenzie Opoonechaw, Counselors: Alana Stanzel, Emily Feschuk, Casey Pratchler, Megan McConnell, Teagan Gongaware, Corbyn Morgan, Charlie Wilkinson, and Carrick Patlock.





Unfortunately, Katelyn was the only staff member we were able to keep on staff due to the pandemic's cancellation of Tapawingo's usual summer operations. However, other staff members volunteered in several ways including assisting with on-line content. Calvary's youth minister, Sam Humphreys, assisted with on-line programming.

▲ In August volunteers Nyla Lavoie, Emily Feschuk, Carrick Patlock, Steven Enns, Kalen Senecal, and Owen Friesen joined Katelyn at camp for the day. They cut

weeds and grass, cleaned the beach, removed cobwebs from the cabins and replaced some of the boards on Trevor's bridge to the Chapel.

▲ Rev. Nora Vedress baptized Carmen's daughter Rielle Noah Andre Bellehumeur at Vesper Hill.

Finances

The camp has approximately \$36,000 for current expenses and to start the 2021 camping season.

However we still very much need your support.

The volunteer camp board members are committed to organizing necessary camp maintenance projects and upgrades in anticipation of supporting the many years of future camp fun to be had at our beloved "Place of Happiness". Donations may be sent to: Camp Tapawingo, Box 194, Prince Albert SK S6V 5R5 or on the website <camptapawingo.net>

Faith in the future

Camp Tapawingo has a special place in our hearts. We have faith that we will be able to return to in-person camping. All former campers will receive a postcard in the spring.

