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Camp Cadicasu Association of Calgary

2010 Annual Report



CAMP CADICASU BRAGG CREEK 1930 - 2008





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**2010 - A NEW
BEGINNING.
Kananaskis Country**

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KIDS BEING ALL THAT THEY CAN BE!

Camp Cadicasu is located in Kananaskis Country. The camp is about competent and caring leaders who will ensure that each camper has the opportunity to grow and learn as an individual in a safe and inclusive environment.

Cadicasu campers are encouraged to take responsibility to make decisions, and to experience initiative through positive interactions and every opportunity is provided for self awareness and self-discovery.

The components of Camp Cadicasu Spiritual Program is to give each child who attends the camp an enhanced sense and ownership of their own Spiritual Journey. It is our hope that through a camp life of prayer and reflection that we help young people discover their own relationship with God and through it we will foster a deep sense of faith and security in their lives.



WHAT WE DO...

Mission and Vision

Camp Cadicasu is a ministry to youth, wherein we endeavour to open people's eyes to themselves, to others, and to the world around them.

Camp Cadicasu will provide:

- A sense of self-worth to every camper, volunteer, or staff member
- A sense of spirituality in the Catholic tradition



HOW WE DO IT...

- Provide opportunities for campers to grow in understanding of each other through living, working, and playing together
- Enable each person to see something positive about themselves
- Enable each person to become increasingly aware of their talents
- Enable each child's contributions to be valued in a community based on mutual respect and shared adventures
- Develop in the children an understanding of the life processes on our planet
- Develop an acceptance of, and respect for, the cycles and the life flow of the natural world
- Reawaken the sense of awe and wonder toward our world



WHAT WE BELIEVE IN...

- We believe in life.
- We believe in celebrating life, fun, optimism, and hope.
- We believe in the power of laughter.
- We believe in supportive environments and companionship.
- We believe in being hands-on, heart-led and honest to a fault.
- We believe in being impeccable in our integrity.
- We believe in the generous spirit, the big heart and the goodwill that compassionate people have for others.
- We believe in a child's right to play.
- We believe in letting kids be all that they can be.



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE...

When you think about it, camping is something that makes one wonder... "How far have we really come?"

As civilization evolved, people built shelters, walls, and eventually towns and cities to shield themselves from the savage wilderness and the uncertainty of nature. Why, then, would people pay money to leave the safety of civilization and go back into the wilderness?

Simply put, organized camping was a response to increasing urbanization.

In short, parents wanted their children to spend school vacations in lush natural settings that promoted physical health and well-being. Overnight camping turned out to be a fantastic way to spend the summer. Kids had a lot of fun, and parents saw the positive influence that camps had on their children. For these reasons, the popularity of camps grew quickly. Only a few dozen camps were operating by the 1880s, but by 1900, that number had grown to a few hundred in the entire country.

It was in 1930 that our camp first opened its doors. Between 1927 and 1930, the Whitney Family of Bragg Creek transferred the twenty-acre parcel of land to St. Mary's Parish. The name at that time was the St. Mary's Boys Choir Camp. The camp was managed by Monsignor Smith, Fathers Bolts, Clarence Lyons, Reg Sullivan, along with St. Mary's assistant priests. It was at this time that construction of the log cabin which still sits on the original Bragg Creek property, where, until 2007, the camp was located. This single building, constructed from local materials, served as the kitchen, dining hall, chapel and had bedrooms on the porch for the priests and kitchen help. The campers were housed in old army wall tents. Senator Patrick Burns had erected the cabin as a depression work initiative.

A NEW BEGINNING

It was in 1951 at a priest's retreat that Bishop Carroll asked the pastors of the Diocese if they would be interested in having a Diocesan Summer Camp for Children. They agreed, and he asked for their support. Under the inspiration of the Knights of Columbus and others, the Calgary Diocesan Summer Camp CADICASU was born. The intention was that its programs would be available to children throughout the Diocese. That was seen to be impractical. Shortly thereafter, Camp McCoy (Monsignor McCoy of Medicine Hat) and Camp Columbus (Southern Alberta Knights of Columbus) were erected to serve families in the Medicine Hat and Lethbridge areas; McCoy at Elkwater Lake and Columbus in Waterton Lakes National Park.

Messers Joseph Comossotti, Joseph Oel and Len Rice, among others, were deeply committed to Camp Cadicasu's success as an outreach to Calgary area children aged nine to fourteen years. It was decided to set up a Cadicasu Society, arms length from the R.C. Bishop of Calgary. The reasons for that are not known, but later, it became a source of confusion and no little bitterness. Undoubtedly, there was a need to have some firewall between the camp and the Diocese to protect the latter. The camp was run by priests, seminarians and Catholics loyal to the Diocese for the Diocese.

It's not fair, but boys got to go to camp first. Fortunately, by 1952, more girls' camps had formed. The doors of the main camp opened and had specific weeks allocated to girls only. The girls would use the camp in July, and the boys would use it in August. Such was the pattern until the change in 1974 when a co-ed program was introduced.



Anyone associated with the camp over the years knows that from the very beginning, the indigenous peoples in Canada have played a significant role in defining the culture of the total program.

The Blackfoot, Sarcee, Peigan, Cree, Assiniboine, and Chipewyan are but a few among many tribes developed throughout this region, which are still respected and included into the day-to-day living at the camp. From language to art to music, there are valuable moments of recognition to this important part of Canadian culture at the camp and hopefully a greater understanding and appreciation of the First Nations people is being given to the future generations of children who will live in our community.



THE 1950s



By 1956, the official name of Camp Cadicasu was registered as a non-profit society. The camp was to be owned and operated by the Diocese, but run by an independent board of elected directors.

The Board was to have an arm's length relationship with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary. It was responsible for running the operations of the camp program and site. It was during this time that the pillars of the camp programming started to emerge and take root: Teaching young people how to respect nature, and live harmoniously with all of God's creations are an important part of the historical legacy of the camp.



During this time the Board of Directors was comprised of a number of groups, including the Knights of Columbus #1186, the Caliaman (a Catholic businessman's organizations) and finally to an elected group of Catholic individuals, which included women.

In the two decades after World War II, from about 1945 to 1965, overnight camping in Canada became a normal part of the cultural landscape for children growing up. The reasons for this post-war growth are not perfectly clear, but possible explanations include the adventuresome spirit of a relieved post-war society, a growing economy, and the baby boom, which all helped to make overnight camping part of the Canadian landscape.

Whatever the combination of factors, camping became a hugely popular summer activity for children. Nevertheless, only about sixteen percent of the camper-aged population attended camp in any given year. Unfortunately, the opportunity was apparently still not accessible to all.

It was during the late 1950s and early 1960s that the camp began a building campaign, which included the construction of a chapel, dining hall, chalets for sleeping with a water system and a swimming pool.



The 1960s

A TURNING POINT

In the summer of 1961, Father Burke-Hoschka asked Mrs. Dorothy Violini to help in the kitchen until a cook could be engaged. This began a twenty year relationship with "Mom" as Mrs. Violini came to be known. She was a wonderful lady and a fantastic cook and we all loved her.

In 1963, under the direction of Father Reg Sullivan, a newly formed group of Catholic businessmen, the Calysmen, took Cadicasu under their wing. They added ten skidshacks to accommodate campers and staff, built a swimming pool, a water system pumping from the Elbow River and a three stage water purification process. In 1964, they hired physical education teachers to direct the camp. In the summers of 1965-1966, Rusty Bragg directed the camp and Bill Bresnahan ran the programs.

In July 1965, Father Eric Nelson was appointed by Bishop Carroll to serve as chaplain to the campers and staff and has remained in this position as we move into the 2011 camp season.

There were some major program changes in the late 1960s in an attempt to better serve the campers and to better reflect the Camp Cadicasu philosophy, which remains almost identical and intact, as we are now well into the new millennium. It was during this time that camps across the country began closing for a variety of reasons.

In the late 1960s, there was a sharp decline in the camper-aged population as the baby boomers grew up. Lower enrollments diminished revenues and forced some camps to close. Other camps sat near real estate that was popular for vacations and second homes. For many, the property taxes became unaffordable. Sadly, some outstanding camps could not survive the rising cost of staying in the business of running a successful camp operation.

into the 1980s AND 90s

While some camps encouraged multiple week stays, thereby decreasing the total number of children who could attend summer camp, it has always been Cadicasu policy to encourage one-week stays to allow as many campers as possible participate in this fantastic outdoor experience. However, as family vacations, specialty camps, special need camps, and other summer opportunities for kids increased, camper enrollment over an eight-week summer challenged many other camps, Cadicasu continued to flourish.



Coincidentally, it was during the 1980s and 1990s that the camp began to freshen itself up with the addition of some new buildings, upgrades to the septic system and replacing some of the older bunkhouses. Finally in the early 1990s, the traditions of segregated boys and girls weeks were dismissed to a co-ed program in an attempt to reflect the changing demographics and cultural trends in society. As well, it made much more economic sense to make this change a reality.

In the 1990s, universally there has been an eight to ten percent increase in summer camp enrollment each year. Why are we seeing this change? There are more camper-age children, partly because camps are more accessible to low-income children and children with disabilities, and partly because children are staying for fewer weeks and/or dividing their time among several camps. This has presented daunting challenges to remain competitive from a programming perspective, as well as challenges on continuing to make affordable a camping experience to the masses. The question was always being asked: "Will Cadicasu survive?"

In 2006, the dining hall burned to the ground. This sad event led the discussion as to whether this might mean an end to the camp operation as we have known it. To stay in the original location and withstand the rapid community and housing development of the area prompted serious discussion and thought. At this time, the Board determined that a new, more remote location might offer some safety to protect both the campers as well as to sustain the remote wildlife experience that had become an important part of the Cadicasu culture. The decision was made to move the camp to Kananaskis Country and in the fall of 2007, the old site was sold and construction on the new site was begun.



A NEW BEGINNING...

2008 through 2010, construction delays, along with challenges in fundraising and a disassociation with the Diocese, the Board experienced challenges on more than one occasion to dig deep and work hard to continue the legacy began over eighty years earlier.

On July 4, 2010, a new and improved Camp Cadicasu opened its doors to a new generation of campers. This came as a welcome and happy occasion for multiple generations of campers, as they came out to visit the new camp for the first time. There were bright smiles and listening to families reminisce and tell stories—grandparents with their grandchildren talking about their Cadicasu summers were music to the ears. Those who were fortunate to witness this made the occasion so meaningful and unforgettable. Indeed, the Cadicasu we had known for so many years was going to continue and inspire generations of campers for many years to come.



2010: THE DETAILS

Registration total:

644 campers (total
camper capacity 684) or
94.15% capacity

Counselor in training:

Five boys and eight girls

Gender breakdown:

366 girls and 278 boys
(57% girls and 43% boys)

Campership subsidies:

\$21,005.00



Age groups:

8 to 10 (juniors) — 248
children or 39% of total
camp population

11 to 12 (intermediates) — 246
children or 38% of total camp
population

13 to 14 (seniors) — 150
children or 23% of total
camp population



2010 HIGHLIGHTS...

- The biggest highlight of the year was the official reopening in on July 4, 2010 after being closed for two years.
- Our operations and financial responsibility goals were met with less than 8% of every dollar we raised being spent on fundraising and administration.
- We continue to expand our interactive website to make it easier to communicate and take registrations online.
- We've improved the camper/counselor ratio to six to one from a traditional ten to one in years past.
- We welcomed four new members to our Board, who bring a new energy and focus to our governance and financial model of operations.
- We were successful in receiving the designation of charitable status, allowing us to issue tax receipts to our donors.
- We continue to develop model programs of activities that are more centered and focused on environmental stewardship.
- We continue to provide financial support in the form of campership programs to those families in need. (up to 25%)



A very special thank-you to those who gave so much to help Cadicasu in the past year.

SPECIAL THANKS

Margie Schuett	Chair/Secretary
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Camp Cadicasu is fortunate to attract particularly nice kids as campers, a strong motivated staff and dedicated Board of Directors.

Our campers are encouraged to be active participants, willing to stretch themselves to try new things. We provide excellent instruction to help our campers improve in all of the physical skills at camp, while focusing on the care and attention that help them to develop their potential as individuals and as members of the group.

Our staff development is a priority at Camp Cadicasu. Through close involvement with our entire staff, we provide the support, direction and supervision that make camp a safe, fun-filled and happy community. As a result, we have developed an extremely loyal and proficient staff, which brings boundless amounts of energy, passion and commitment to the children and their families.

Our Board believes in creativity to deliver cost effective programs and exceptional support to build a camp program that will ensure sustainability. We believe in thinking outside the norm to tackle the challenges of re-building the camp knowing that every dollar counts. We believe in listening and learning from each other and to celebrate our success as a team committed to the future.

Commitment to Excellence

After almost eighty years of experience in running a children's camp, we are proud that one of our most important roles is to enable staff to make a difference in a child's life. The counsellors and specialty staff at Camp Cadicasu serve as positive role models, encouraging and supporting campers to stretch themselves. Whether learning new skills in sports, arts or outdoor living, campers thrive in an environment of FUN, GOOD HUMOR AND OPTIMISM.

Commitment to the Children

We recognize that we are partners in a child's development. Through our consistent participation and interaction with each group, we know every child's needs. This may mean noticing when a child needs a hug or the kind of reassurance that you would give if you were there.

Our hands-on approach, dedication to excellence, the children and belief in accountability are the cornerstones of the mutual trust and respect that we establish among children, staff and parents.

In a year which has seen the economic playing field completely change and offer numerous challenges for all concerned, it's interesting to know that while optimism may be low in some quarters, it's still sky high at Camp Cadicasu.

Our strong financial governance, matched with our people, programs, and rebuilding the camp with safety and risk strategies always at the forefront of our decisions, we were able to open the camp to provide a caring, motivational work environment as well as a platform of stability in a tough economic environment.

I wish to acknowledge the dedication and extra workload by our senior staff and Board members who contributed over and above to ensure we gave the best chance to our beloved camp to open again and succeed. Despite the challenges, we managed to deliver a quality program and services to hundreds of children and the commitment to the families remained our core focus.

The Board will continue to oversee the performance of the organization and will maintain a strong focus on finances, policies, culture, structure and programs to ensure we provide efficient cost effective and relevant services to our stakeholders.



Our Long Term Plan Will Focus On:

- Increasing capacity
- Achieving operational excellence
- Improving program and service development and delivery
- Expanding our safety and risk management culture
- Securing and expanding long term revenue streams
- Building our brand
- Reviewing our constitution to ensure our governance model is relevant and representative of our stakeholders

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the employees, volunteers and donors who have made a significant contribution to bettering the lives of the children who attend the camp. It is their collective passion and optimistic approach which inspires us all.

It is our sincere wish that we will continue to build on the legacy of Camp Cadicasu for generations to come.

Margie Schuett

Chairman
*and former camper and
counselor of Camp Cadicasu!*



A MESSAGE FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

Overview

For a first season of re-opening the camp, I could not have imagined that the summer would go as smoothly as it did.

We had, of course, a few glitches, but certainly not as many as we had at the old place, and the glitches were easier to fix and a lot less troublesome.

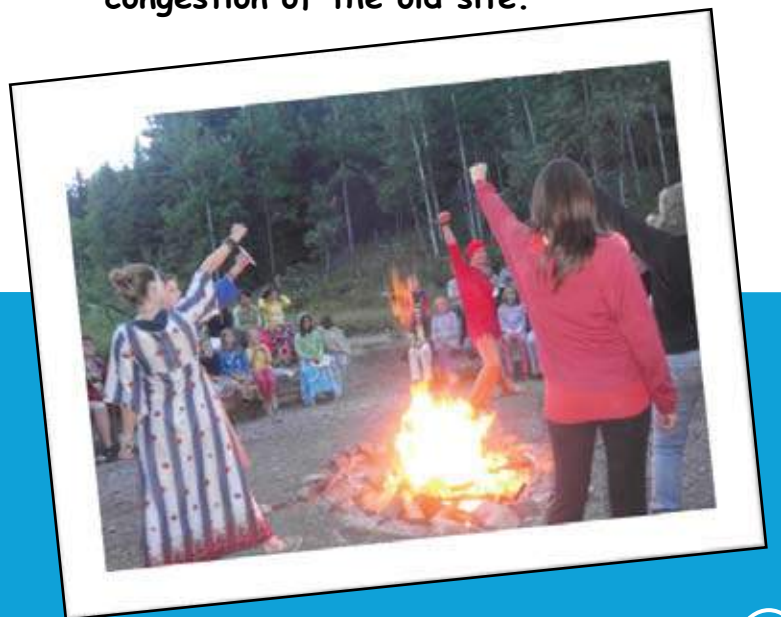
Imagine no sewer backups on Sunday evening when all the parents were on camp.

The camp was very close to full; the staff was incredible and we had virtually no complaints. Gone are the days when Saturdays and Sundays were very busy responding to parents concerns, questions and complaints about the facility.

Program Report

I was extremely pleased with the program. Of course, it was all new ground (no pun intended). I feel that all the staff seemed to put their very best efforts into making the first summer at the new site the very best it could be and it was wonderful, exciting and great. In fact, it was one of the best I have ever seen and certainly the best in many years. There was such great energy and creativity exhibited by all.

The new site has proved to be ideal for running many and diversified programs. It has presented an environment where the children and staff are able to conduct so many activities in quite, unique and secluded program areas without the congestion of the old site.

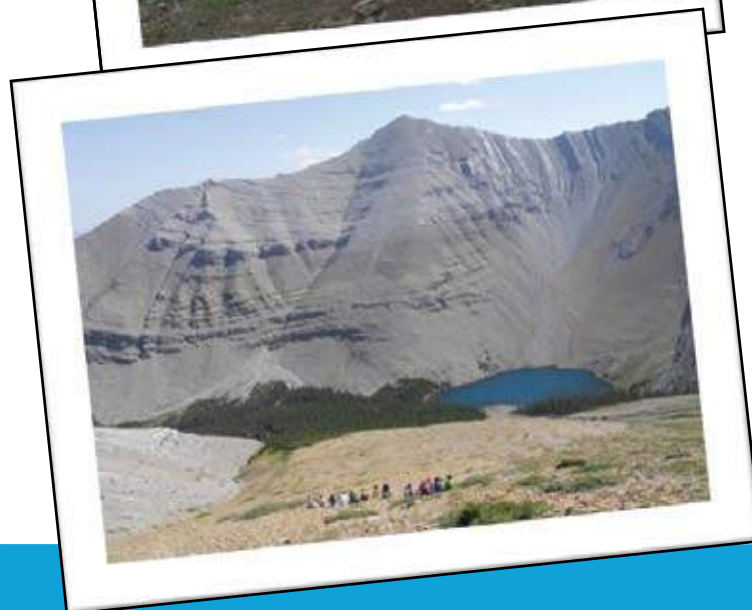


Counselor in Training Program

The program was very successful this summer. Our CIT director was new to the senior staff position role and I think found it initially difficult but really rose to the challenge. The program was full of life, enthusiasm and substance. It had great value to all those who participated. I look forward to some great staff out of it. I would not be surprised that out of the five boy participants, two will apply to come back; and out of the eight girls, I would suggest six will be applying next year. This is very positive given previous years.

Out-tripping Program Report

This program had some real challenges because of the new areas, which a number of the staff were not familiar with. The work done on potential hiking areas and out-tripping program done two years ago by Isaac and a small staff proved to be invaluable in creating an exciting and adventurous out-tripping program. The only area that needs improvement is the renewing and upgrading of equipment.



Staffing Report:

We were tremendously happy with the staff this season.

Because we had been closed for two years, our major concern at the beginning of the season centered on if we would be able to get a full complement of staff and how would they cope with the change of venue, new territories and revised program.

Once we had hired the staff, we were also concerned, as we had eliminated some staff positions which might have left us vulnerable.

However, there were a number of the staff who had been involved with Cadicasu for a number of years, as campers and counselors-in-training.

Our concerns were totally unfounded as the staff proved to be incredible.

They were resourceful, supportive, creative, excited and totally energized.

Staff in place for camp 2010 was as follows:

- Director
- Assistant director/program
- Director/registrar
- Out-trip director
- Counselor in training director
- Medic
- Head maintenance person
- Bus driver
- Head cook
- Assistant cook
- One kitchen helper
- One assistant maintenance
- Fifteen counselors
- Three assistant directors



Well, We Did It!

We built a new and wonderful place for children and young adults (and one old man).

To grow, thrive, learn, have fun, celebrate, pray, be happy, and find out more about themselves and the world around them.

We did it, folks, and you know what? We didn't lose one bit of the magic, worth and charm of the Old Cadicasu. It just gets better, more relevant and more worthwhile. I am so grateful we didn't give up.

We learned a whole bunch about ourselves, our limitations, our strengths, bureaucracies, fire suppression systems, inspectors of every variety and shape, but more than all this we learned that when you truly believe you can do something and don't give up, it can and will happen. I have said that I believe we are *The Little Engine That Could*.

God bless everyone who made this happen.

Mike Nelson
Managing Director
Camp Cadicasu





A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CAMPER

At Camp Cadicasu, our campers have the opportunity to experience an amazing variety of activities. Our program is, what we like to call, traditional with a twist. There is a balance of scheduled programs and free time activities that make Cadicasu the best place to experience a summer full of memories, and on top of all of this, it's a great place to meet a whole bunch of really cool people.

- Each activity of the day is run by a counsellor and is developed for each tribe uniquely.
- Each activity is gender and age specific catering to the needs and wants of the campers.
- The only camp wide activity is run prior to bonfire each night to bring the entire community of campers together.

8:00 WAKE UP
8:30 BREAKFAST
9:30 1ST ACTIVITY
10:30 2ND ACTIVITY
11:30 3RD ACTIVITY
12:30 LUNCH
1:30 REST PERIOD
2:30 4TH ACTIVITY
3:30 5TH ACTIVITY
4:30 6TH ACTIVITY
5:45 DINNER
6:30 FREE TIME
7:45 COCOA
9:00 CAMPFIRE
10:00 LIGHTS OUT!



**OUR ACTIVITIES
INCLUDE:**

BACKPACKING

HIKING

WATER PLAY

ARCHERY

VOLLEYBALL

NATURE CRAFTS

PERFORMING ARTS

**ENVIRONMENTAL
AWARENESS**

**EARTH
STEWARDSHIP**

**FIELD SPORTS AND
GAMES**

COOK OUTS

**INTER-CAMP
COMPETITIONS—
TEAM SPORTS AND
CHALLENGES**

ARTS AND CRAFTS

**OVERNIGHT
CAMPOUTS**

**CAMPFIRE AND SING
SONGS EVERY NIGHT**





REFLECTIONS FROM OUR STAFF

"I'm a hundred percent sure there is no place in the world where you meet people for the first time and ten minutes later it feels as if you've known them for years. I'm also positive there is no place where hearing kids laugh so hard they cry is almost music to your ears. I learnt this summer that as much as this was my getaway, that this was all for the campers that arrived every Sunday. It didn't matter if the day wasn't going your way; the smiles on their faces, just so eager for camp, could usually always cheer you up. It is moments like that that make camp simply beautiful."

"Because out of the forty-eight campers you council over the summer, every single one of them will make you laugh. Because no matter how many times you get water dumped all over you, you know its always a sign of love. Because suddenly you have the power to give a kid the best of their summer, maybe even their life. Because whether it is a person you've just met, or someone you've had in your life for a long time, getting to know someone at camp can be the most life-changing experience you've ever had. And most of all, because this place heals, and changes, and for eight short weeks I get to be home."

"When the first thing you hear in the morning is children's laughter, you know its going to be a good day. The way you feel when you see a smile arise on a campers face is unexplainable. This summer was an unforgettable experience. I don't know of any other place where you can dress up ridiculously and fit in more than if you weren't to dress up at all. For the longest time, I've been searching for a place where I could be myself, act as quirky as possible and not care. I found that Cadicasu is that place and I couldn't be any happier. You know you've had a great summer when September brings tears to your eyes. So thank you, staff of Cadicasu 2010."



"If there is one thing I learned this summer is that you are never too old to play silly games, eat six hot dogs on cookout, enjoy a popsicle after quiet time, and to mistake a rock for a cow. Thank you all for making the summer of two thousand and ten an unforgettable experience."

"There is something magical about an air horn going off at eight o'clock in the morning and hearing the excitement in children's voices just outside your door. It doesn't matter how tired you are or how good or bad the previous day was, because it is a new day at camp and that means a new chance to learn and a new chance to let children teach you."

"Camp is safe. There is only one place in this world where you can dress up and dance around like you are crazy and not be judged. One place where you are in a bubble, free to act out every childhood game you remember loving. You're safe to break free of the box that the real world puts you in. A place that defies all labels and puts every kind of person in the same playing field. Camp is a place where you're safe to shower once a week, forget what you're made of and just live. I know I will miss the simplicity of camp especially the sound of the horn in the morning, and gravel beneath my feet on my way to bed at night."

"The most fun has been living in the moment. I'm always the girl that is thinking ahead, worrying about what is coming in the next days or weeks. This summer I was able to break free, relax, and learn how to enjoy what is happening at this second. I've learned how to laugh at myself, and let people laugh at me. As I say goodbye to all the people I have had the joy of working with for the past eight weeks."



"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."

—St. Francis of Assisi

It has become very apparent in recent times that children have lost hours and hours of play time. While parents today are trying to do their best and support their kids interests in extra-curricular activities, too often there are so many extras thrown into the mix including showing up on time; having the right equipment to be able to participate; bringing along food and snacks for the team; the stress of trying to measure up to compete with your friends and teammates; along with a long list of deliverables and expectations on the entire family who want to support the child in their endeavours. While this is often great for the development of a child, it often brings with it a large dose of pressure and stress.

What about kids just playing? When does that happen?

There is a fundamental misunderstanding of what children need for healthy mental, physical and social/emotional growth.

There are three fundamental human drives: the need for work (adapting to the demands of the physical and social environment), the need for love (expressing our desires, feelings and emotions), and the need for play (expressing our individuality, imagination, and transforming the world).

It is so important to position the camp years as an opportunity to provide children the opportunities for unstructured time, for choice, for exploration, and for support from peers. The end result will provide valuable experiences of social learning and developing the skills for self expression and group interaction that are critical as these children grow into adulthood.



A FINAL WORD

Summer Camp: Two of the best words in the English language.
Let children experience the joy of play in a safe
and secure environment. You will never regret it.

Just a reminder

Camp Cadicasu is a registered charity and does offer a tax receipt for all donations to help us re-build the camp.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in making a donation or pursuing sponsorship for the camp please go into the sponsorship section of the website to find out more about the levels of sponsorships available as well as the benefits attached to each level.

Any help would be appreciated! For more information you can contact Margie Schuett, Chairman Camp Cadicasu Board of Directors at margie@cadicasu.com

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See you next year...