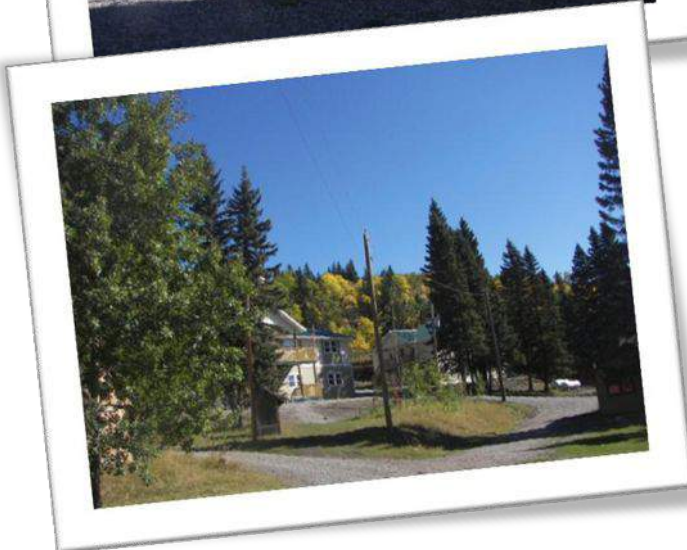
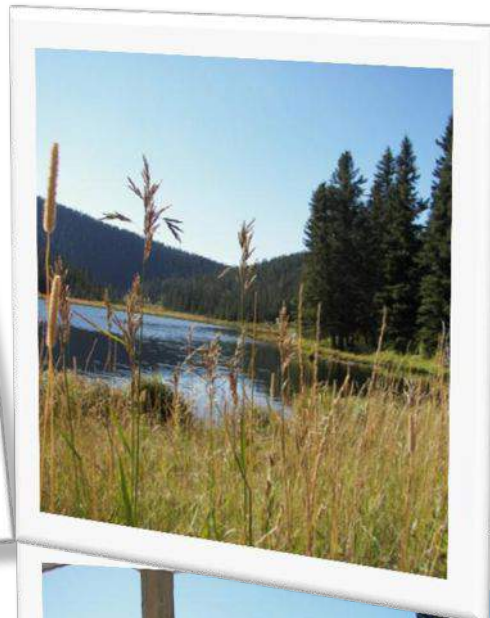


Kids being all that they can be!

# Camp Cadicasu 2011 Annual Report

*Every day at camp  
healthy relationships grow,  
well-being blooms and  
nature beckons.  
Leading the way...*





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# Message from the Chair...

It is with great pleasure that the Board of Directors presents the 2011 Annual Report - celebrating over 80 years of outdoor camping experiences to the youth of Calgary and area.

Each year our history has been marked by accomplishments in the face of the challenges of changing times, but more than anything, what makes our history is our commitment to serve the children and youth of our community.

The Board is proud to say that throughout our 80 years Camp Cadicasu has been addressing issues to better serve our children. This year's annual report reminds us of our ongoing legacy and the important role which Cadicasu serves our community's greatest asset; the kids.

*In 2011 we increased registration capacity from 684 campers to 720, to improve our revenue stream.*

*We have achieved greater operational excellence and have continued to secure long term revenue streams to build sustainability.*

The Board would like to welcome Jamie Mackin, our new Accountant, to our Cadicasu family. Jamie joined half way through 2011 and has stepped in to help our Finance Committee set up some exciting new processes and policies to improve on our financial reporting and ongoing financial management.

A big thank you goes to Isaac Faubert who has been the Program Director for Camp Cadicasu for many years. He has decided to step aside from the camp this coming year to concentrate on his academics. However, he will still be assisting us with our registration process and we hope he will return to the Cadicasu family once he completes his studies!

Finally, a much deserved thank you to the staff of the camp who continue to protect the legacy and provide rich memories to those children who attend our camp each year. Under the inspiring leadership of Mike Nelson, Camp Cadicasu continues to be a model to other camps. Cadicasu is indeed leading the way!

Margie Schuett

Chair

*Former camper & counselor*

## Our Goal...

The Camp Cadicasu Association of Calgary is committed to children's growth and development including:

- Self-esteem
- Peer relationships
- Independence
- Adventure and exploration
- Leadership
- Environmental awareness
- Friendship skills
- Values and decisions
- Social comfort
- Spirituality



## Our Mission...

We endeavour to open people's eyes to themselves, to others, and to the world around them.

- 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 hands-on, heart-led and honesty to a fault.
- 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.



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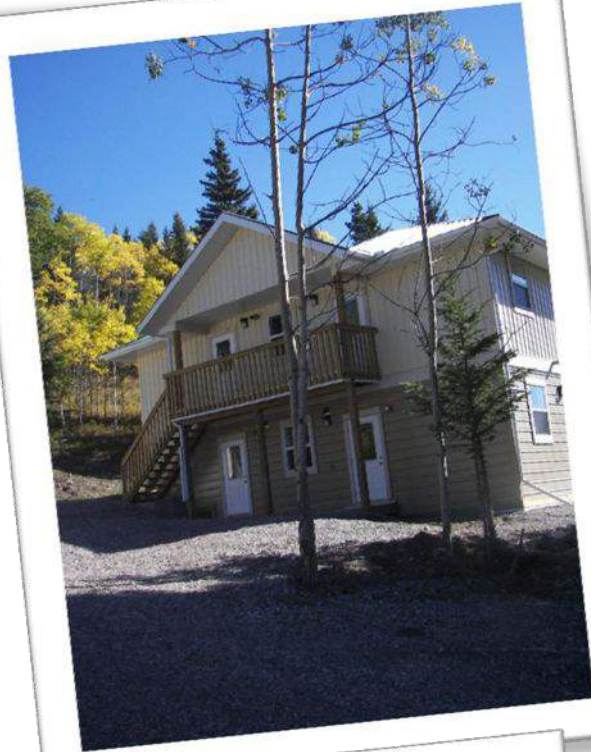
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## Leading the Way...

Every day at camp, children are building healthy relationships, participating in activities that promote fitness and well-being and celebrating the natural environment.

These practices construct the essential values of the camp experience.

Values that resonate with parents and children alike as they learn, play, laugh and think in a value-enriched environment. A week at Camp Cadicasu comes complete with sunshine and rain, cabins and campfires, and of course a camp song...or two!



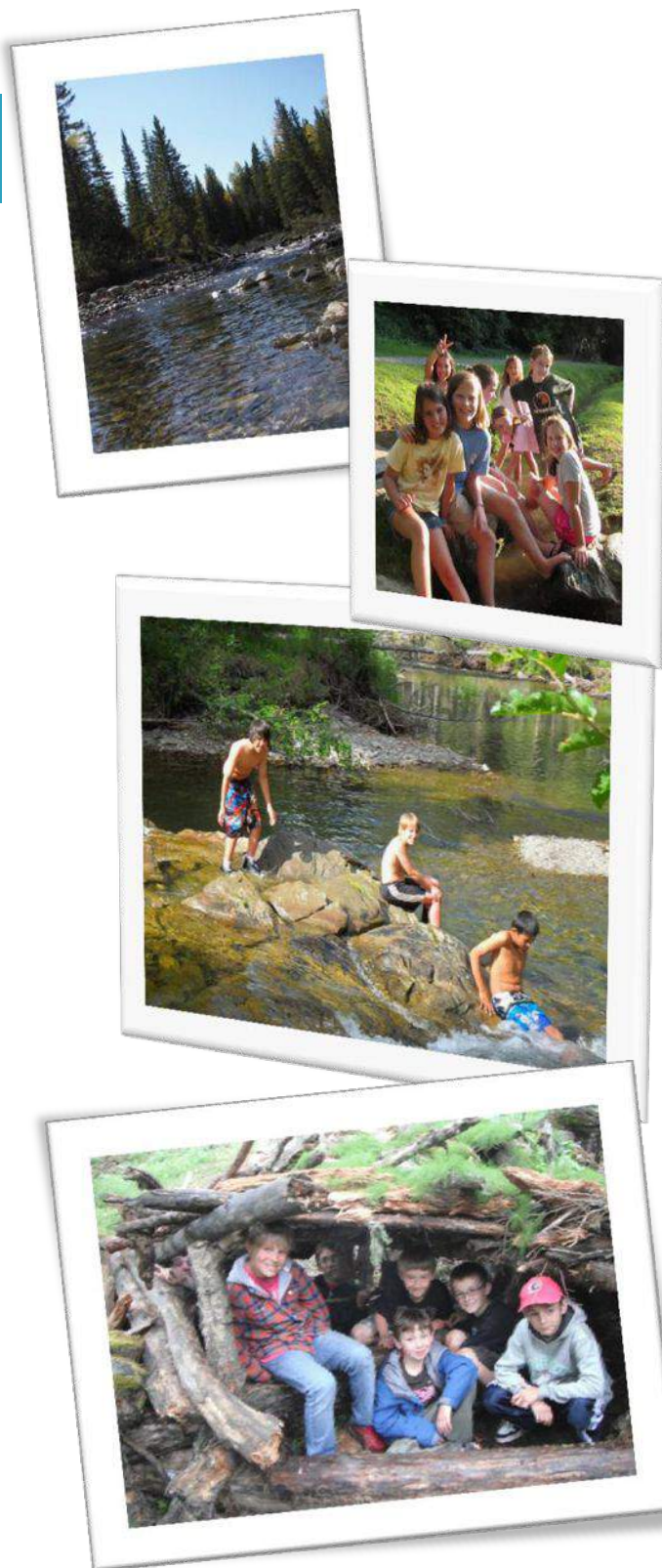


## Leading the Way...

Researchers at Indiana University and Ohio State found that children gain more weight over the summer than during a school year. A child's summer camp experience can provide the structure and activity needed to keep kids healthy year-round.

A structured environment with nutritional meals, lots of physical activity, and a set sleep schedule plays a role in maintaining a healthy lifestyle and preventing obesity.

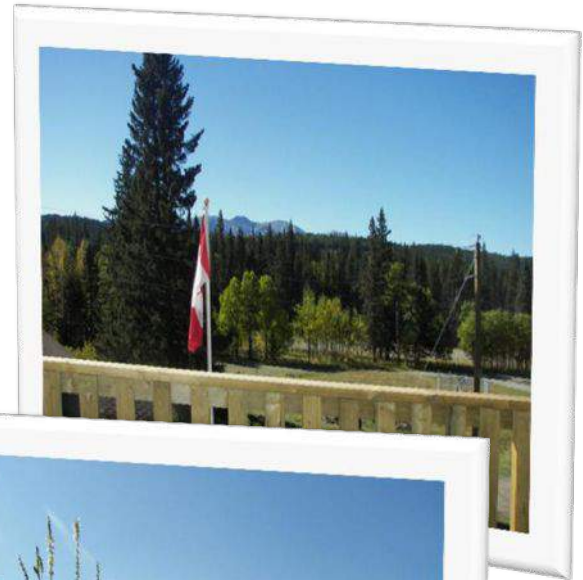
Cadicasu has a summer camp program recognizing that play is a powerful form of learning that contributes mightily to the child's physical, emotional, social and intellectual development.



# Nature Beckons

Camp Cadicasu recognizes that nature-based experiences are critical for healthy human development.

As a result, we continue to introduce programs that will highlight the importance of nature and connect children to our environment.





# Campership Program

Today's environment is divided by economic, racial, national, geographic, religious, ethnic and social boundaries.

As a charitable organization Cadicasu strives to break down these barriers through our unique campership program that enables children to experience camp by making available scholarship funding to those in need.

Through our very important donations program, Cadicasu is able to provide financial assistance for up to 25% of our camp registrants.

Camp Cadicasu is a registered charity and does offer a tax receipt for all donations. If you know of anyone who may be interested in making a donation please go to our website [www.cadicasu.com](http://www.cadicasu.com) for more details.







## Summer Highlights

**Safety:** Success begins with safety! Once again we had a clean safety record free of major incidents.

**Camper Satisfaction:** If this was measured by children's smiles, then we had a lot of happy campers! The kids told us they were very happy with the food this year as we continue to provide a menu with a variety of healthy choices.

**Enrollment:** The performance measures that we track continue to improve. We were operating at 98% this year.







## Our Activities Include »

Backpacking; Hiking; Water Play; Archery; Nature Crafts;  
Performing Arts; Earth Stewardship Environmental Awareness;  
Field Sports; Cook Outs; Overnight Campouts;  
Campfire and Sing-Songs!





## Managing Director's Camp 2011 End of Season Report

### Overview

This season was even better than last year. We had an excellent staff and the camper evaluations were very encouraging. Also, the feedback from the parents and children was overwhelmingly positive.

The new camp site has proven to be ideal for conducting the many diversified and creative activities that Cadicasu is known and celebrated for. We continue to provide a wonderful and creative program. It is full of energy, imagination, physical, healthy practices and positive attitudes. Fostering physical and mental health and creative life styles for all children fortunate to have a week at Camp Cadicasu.



### Counselor-in-Training Program Overview

The girls program this season was a huge success! I feel we will have a good number of girls applying to be staff next year. Last year, 2010's crop produced many terrific staff for 2011, both female and male.

The boys' session this past summer had only two participants. Next year we plan to change this by conducting active recruitment in the junior high schools to boost the enrollment for male participants.

We were very busy with out-trips this season and each were diversified, challenging and exciting. This season we implemented a system of communication with the groups out on trips that not only gave the us peace of mind but gave us the ability to pull trips back to base camp when either bad weather, lack of equipment or mishaps occurred.



### Maintenance and Vehicle Report

The camp is in good repair since we are currently in our second season after re-opening from our previous location in Bragg Creek.



The septic system will be offering us some challenges as we move forward in terms of volume; however we do not seem to have an issue in dealing with capacity at this point. Our ground transportation is a continuing challenge. We are in need of replacement vehicles to help transport campers to off-site locations. We are optimistic and hopeful that we will continue to attract donations from our many friends in the community to help keep our facility as up-to-date as possible. This winter we will work on routine cosmetics and maintenance up-grades to be ready for the summer season of 2012!



### Reflections

Even though we are experiencing some difficulties in fundraising, I feel that we are very much in a winning position. Camp Cadicasu is a WONDERFUL institution, doing a great deal for the children and young people of this community.



Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Nelson, Managing Director



## Total Camper Capacity

2011 - 720 / 2010 - 684

*\* Installed extra beds post-2010 summer session to increase registration revenues.*

## Registration

2011 - 704 (98%) / 2010 - 644 (94%)

## Counselor-in-Training

Boys - 2  
Girls - 9

## Overall Camper Gender Balance:

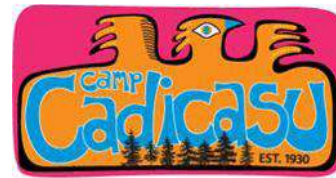
Boys - 2011 - 326 (46%) / 2010 - 278 (43%)  
Girls - 2011 - 378 (54%) / 2010 - 366 (57%)

## Age Group Breakdown:

8-10 (Juniors) - 2011 - 321 (46%) / 2010 - 248 (39%)  
11-12 (Intermediates) - 2011 - 273 (39%) / 2010 - 246 (38%)  
13-14 (Seniors) 2011 - 110 (16%) / 2010 - 150 (23%)

# Stats & Facts 2011 vs. 2010

# Special Thanks



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**A very special thank you to our many donors and supporters:**

- Airdrie Knights of Columbus
- Alberta Knights of Columbus
- Anonymous Donor(s)
- Arc Financial Corp.
- Barbara Soles
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- Bishop Klein Knights of Columbus
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- Luke Faubert - Maintenance
- Rick Chorney - Webmaster

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# Camper Comments...

If you had to tell someone back home about Cadicasu, what would you say?

*"It was the best experience of my life!" - Mikey*

*"Cadicasu is a great place to just be yourself and find yourself with God" - Sarah*

*"It's a great place to make new friends!" - Jordan*

*"It's an awesome experience and I want to come back every year!" - Gavin*

*"Camp is fun and they really love you!" - Krista*

Do you feel differently about yourself at camp?

*"I feel closer to nature" - Abby*

*"I can be more adventurous here and open to new things" - Blake*

*"I feel free and happy" - Anne*

*"I feel stronger and more brave" - Jessica*

*"I want to come back next year...and the next...and the next...." - Jaden*

## A Final Word...

### Why Is summer camp important?

From the time school is out in June until school begins again in the fall there is a significant three month period of time when children can learn and further develop their value system. This time may be more influential to their lives than any period from September to June.

As part of a non-academic, positive learning experience, camps provide a safe environment where children can develop self-confidence, social skills, and good work habits while still allowing them to be "kids" having fun. We live in a very fast paced world filled with many new technologies which may actually lower children's ability to interact with others. DVDs, computers, cell phones and TVs are wonderful but these electronic devises may seriously be affecting our socialization skills.

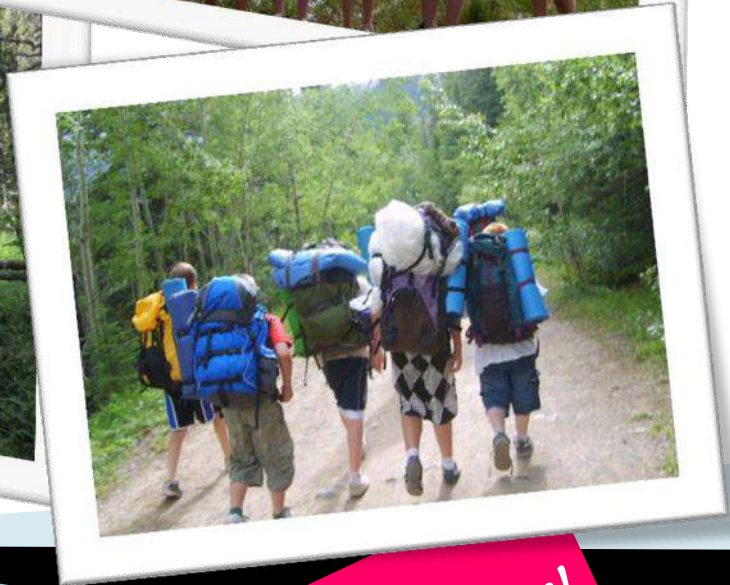
A nurturing camp setting, void of most of this modern equipment, allows children to learn the values of teamwork and helps them improve their ability to socialize and trust with both peers and adults. By learning to communicate with their cabin mates, by talking to counselors and by creating group activities they greatly improve their skills in working with others. This process is a very integral and valuable part of camp life.

Campers must learn to make decisions for themselves. They must stand up for their decisions and understand that in the real world (like in a cabin at camp) they are not the only voice. They learn the give and take in a cabin at camp. They learn to understand and accept the differences between themselves and others. They become confident players in their families, in their schools and in life.

All the time they are making friendships and memories that will last a lifetime!

If you are interested in receiving the Camp Cadicasu 2011 audited financial statements, please contact [margie@cadicasu.com](mailto:margie@cadicasu.com)





*See you next year!*