



Camp Cadicasu

2014 Annual Report



Camp Cadicasu is a traditional co-ed overnight camp in Kananaskis Country, Alberta for children ages 8-16. During our off-season, we offer outdoor education to school groups and are also a rental facility.

Kids can change the world.
We show them how to begin.

Since 1930, Camp Cadicasu has been a haven for young people to experience the joys and freedom of summer, embrace camp values, make new friends and be supported by a skilled and dedicated staff.

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Sometimes, you find yourself in the middle of nowhere, and sometimes, in the middle of nowhere, you find yourself.

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Board Chair's Message

2014 was a year of turning a new page in our history. The new camp management team started their tenure by studying and learning from the legacy of the past and introducing new and exciting ways to move forward. The Board and staff worked together to implement a plan of increasing capacity and promising sustainability for one of the great treasures of summer in Alberta. Namely: Camp Cadicasu!



Our mandate was simple: increase registrations; secure a balanced budget; adapt in a responsive way to the needs of today's families and mentor tomorrow's leaders in navigating the future. In order to fulfill our mandate we had some critical decisions to make. Changes and improvements to our camp program and activity schedule include plans that reflect the skills of our ancestors who were caretakers of the earth. Campers will learn how to be comfortable in the sanctuary of nature by exploring the woods, getting covered in mud while building primitive shelters and learning how to start a fire without any matches.

Camp Cadicasu has always proven to be a perfect time to unplug from daily routines and connect with the extraordinary. This is an overarching challenge in our busy world, and our incredible staff did just that and more!

Much can be said about the state of the camp, but suffice it to say that Camp Cadicasu has had one of its best years ever. We are on a course that will see improvements in financial independence, while remaining grateful for the generosity of our donors. We are closer to achieving the goal of being a model of excellence in managing our financial affairs in a way that will provide the emergence of a healthy infrastructure. Our campers will become even more physically active by reconnecting with nature, increasing social skills, building self-confidence, making true friends, having unstructured play time, getting away from technology and most importantly experiencing success in a nurturing outdoor environment.

It was a time of reflection as we handed over the leadership of the camp to Heather O'Neill. She has done an amazing job with her team to build upon the fine legacy that Mike Nelson created. Heather took note of some areas that required immediate focus. The website and registration process were quickly reviewed and the changes that have been implemented have already had enormous benefit to the operations and handling of the business that is 'camp.'



Other issues that were addressed included improvements in managing cash flow, fundraising, succession planning, building capacity of the camp, strategic planning and Board governance.

The biggest change of 2014 was the development of a strategy to increase out-of-season revenue potential beginning early in 2015. We are going to be offering other camps and outdoor education throughout the year.

During this 'bridge-year', we completed an overall analysis of our business model. We looked at what can be done to create a sustainable camp for the future. A great deal of thought and attention was given to who is coming to Camp Cadicasu, who our competitors are and what makes us stand out.

We examined our staffing model to determine what we needed to do to increase operational efficiency. Job descriptions for each member of the staff have been re-written and a long list of accountabilities, responsibilities and expectations have been laid out for everyone. Some people have found the changes difficult and have had challenges in understanding what the new priorities stand for and represent. To those who took the time to listen, watch and learn from the changes and improvements, it has all come to make perfect sense. To those who have had issues with being able to adjust, it has been more difficult. In the end, all that matters is that Camp Cadicasu keeps growing and evolving while remaining relevant as we strive to continue the legacy. **We are here to serve and protect the camp, and that is what we all must remember.**

Bottom line: As a team of people, from Board to both seasonal and full-time staff, to every camper – we want to continue to provide an environment that helps children build self-confidence and self-esteem. 2014 did this and more!



In closing, the backbone for Camp Cadicasu is and always will be, the Board of Directors. This incredible group of men and women give so much time and share their passion for the camp in ways that cannot be presented completely in this report.

Camp Cadicasu could not be run, maintained or developed for the next generation of youth without the exceptional good work of these fine people:

Ken Veness; Frank Walsh; Emmet Callaghan; Bob Schuett; Rebecca Kalmacoff; Georgia Dinning; David Reuther; David Leinster; Willis Winter; Isaac Faubert. Our ex-officio members of the Board played an important role in making policies come to life, and to those people we thank you: Mike Nelson; Heather O'Neill; Luke Faubert; Dan Reuther; and Maaiké Rawcliffe. A very special thank-you to Father Eric Nelson for providing spiritual guidance and unparalleled passion to all of us who make efforts to keep the heart and soul of Camp Cadicasu alive.

To those Board members who have gone before us, we salute you. We are committed to guiding a camp that continues to live up to the history of what it has been and has the potential to be in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Schuett

Board of Directors Chair
Camp Cadicasu

Mission & Vision

Camp Cadicasu is a place that welcomes everyone and embraces individuality. We give campers a safe space to be themselves without the pressures of modern society. Our priority is to give a sense of self-worth to every camper, volunteer and staff member. Rooted in the foundations of the Roman Catholic tradition, we welcome children of all different faiths.



The primary focus of camp is a ministry for youth wherein we endeavour to open peoples' eyes to themselves, others and the world around them.

We embrace community and simplicity.
Campers develop self-confidence.

From experiences within the outdoor environment of the camp setting, a sense of community, self worth and one's interrelationship with their surroundings is developed in children while appreciating the gifts of nature.

Every day at camp wellbeing blooms and nature beckons.



Being at camp increases awareness and offers a new outlook on life. As children laugh and play in the wilderness, they learn new skills and abilities that awaken their inner-vision. A week at Camp Cadicasu comes complete with sunshine and rain, campfires and of course a camp song...or two!

Campers go home with more confidence, new friends, fun memories and a deeper connection to nature. Their time at camp offers opportunities for self-awareness and self-discovery in a safe and inclusive environment.

Goals

- ✔ Enable campers to see something positive about themselves.
- ✔ Foster opportunities for growth in understanding of each other.
- ✔ Allow campers to become increasingly aware of their talents.
- ✔ Promote co-operative living styles within a community of people.
- ✔ Empower campers to feel they have control of their situation.
- ✔ Develop an understanding of the life processes on our planet.
- ✔ Facilitate an appreciation for nature and the environment.
- ✔ Reawaken a sense of awe and wonder toward our world.



Cadicasu History

Over 80 years of creative thinking in a vital summer camp environment has made our camp a unique combination of tradition and responsiveness to the needs and aspirations of today's youth.

People accept each other here unconditionally. Multiple generations of campers come to Camp Cadicasu because they know that it is a special place where they can fully be themselves.



From the very beginning of camp, the indigenous peoples in Canada have played a significant role in defining the culture of our program in addition to the Roman Catholic Church. We continue to honour the First Nations people through moments of recognition and our day-to-day living at camp, which offers a greater understanding of and respect for their history. Our cabin groups are called tribes and named after various Native American communities.

1930	Camp Cadicasu opened in Bragg Creek as St. Mary's Boys Choir Camp.
1951	Camp was turned into a general summer camp for boys.
1952	Girls were welcomed at camp for the first time during separate weeks.
1955	The official name of the camp was changed to Camp Cadicasu.
1956	Camp Cadicasu became a registered non-profit society.
1950s	A new chapel, dining hall, chalets for sleeping and a swimming pool were built.
1961	Mrs. Violini (a.k.a. "Mom") started a 20-year relationship as the head cook.
1965	Fr. Eric Nelson began an almost 50-year run as Chaplain.
1970s	A co-ed program was initiated that reflected the cultural trends in society.
1980s	Camp freshened itself up with some new buildings and upgrades.
1989	Mike Nelson embarked upon a multi-decade relationship as the Managing Director.
2006	The mess hall burned down and discussions of how to continue camp emerged.
2007	The Calgary Catholic Diocese terminated its official relationship with camp.
2008	Under the leadership of Frank Walsh (Board Chairman) a new location was found.
2009	Margie Schuett was elected Board Chair of Camp Cadicasu.
2010	The new Camp Cadicasu opened for campers in Kananaskis Country.
2012	An out-of-season rental program was created to help build financial independence.
2013	Mike Nelson retired and Heather O'Neill was hired as the new Executive Director.
2014	Our first winter camp was held in December to expand upon our summer programs.

Summer Camp

Our campers have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of activities. Our program is, what we like to call, traditional with a twist! Camp Cadicasu is the best place to experience a summer full of memories and a great place to meet a whole bunch of really cool people.



We emphasize fun ways to explore nature and learn how to protect it. The environment provides a perfect place for discovery, curiosity, compassion and concern. Youth are at their best when they can embrace these traits. Through experiences within the natural outdoor environment of the camp setting, a sense of community and one's interrelationship with their surroundings is developed.



- ✔ Water Play
- ✔ Campfires & Singing
- ✔ Earth Stewardship
- ✔ Overnight Camping
- ✔ Hiking Out-Trips
- ✔ Yoga
- ✔ Storytelling
- ✔ All-Camp Activities
- ✔ Survival Skills
- ✔ Nature Awareness
- ✔ Leadership Development
- ✔ Archery
- ✔ Field Sports & Games
- ✔ Tetherball
- ✔ Shelter Building
- ✔ Arts & Crafts
- ✔ Cook-Outs
- ✔ Performing Arts

Camp Cadicasu recognizes that nature-based experiences are a vital part of any healthy human existence. As a result, we continue to introduce programs that highlight the importance of nature and connect children to our environment.

Stats & Facts

Camp Cadicasu is inclusive and that's not just talk. We live that philosophy by welcoming children regardless of race, religion and socioeconomic status. We are committed to co-education, providing opportunities for boys and girls to grow together.

Every week we have the capacity for 112 kids that are divided into 14 tribes. Each cabin group consists of 1 counsellor, 1 assistant counsellor and 8 campers. We are a tight-knit community that provides individual attention to all campers.



	Yes	No
Did you have fun at camp?	99%	1%
Do you want to come back next year?	98%	2%
Did you like your counsellor?	99%	1%
Did you like the other staff?	99%	1%

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Registrations	704	682	676	748
Counsellors-in-Training	10	15	10	17
Subsidies	\$23,243	\$16,135	\$45,130	\$15,000



Winter Camp

Our first winter camp was held in December and it was an astounding success. It was created to introduce youth to a Kananaskis winter experience in a fun and educational way.

- ✔ Campfires & Singing
- ✔ Hiking
- ✔ Snowshoeing
- ✔ Tobogganing
- ✔ Snow Forts
- ✔ Archery
- ✔ Performing Arts
- ✔ Nature Awareness
- ✔ Storytelling
- ✔ Arts & Crafts
- ✔ Winter Games
- ✔ Tetherball
- ✔ All-Camp Activities
- ✔ Survival Skills



Both campers and staff were very excited when they didn't have to wait a full year to come back and join us at camp. Despite the frigid temperature, everyone had a great time being active outside and warming up in our heated cabins. The "Bumpo Stick" and "Frozen" campfire were the highlights of the week!

Do you want to build a snowman?

A movie and popcorn at our big slumber party on the last night was the perfect way to end camp. We can't wait to do it all again next year.

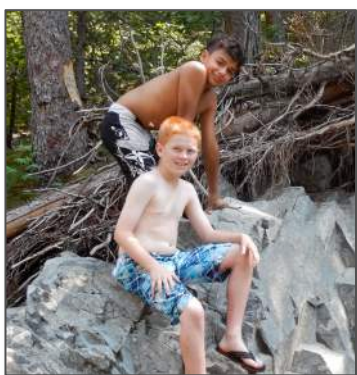


Campership Program

Summer camp is a magical place and we don't want that experience limited to certain children. Everyone should be able to have the opportunity to grow and have fun at camp. Acceptance and appreciation of all people is learned through being part of our diverse community. The relationships and interests that flourish at camp are nothing short of amazing.



Make a difference. Change a life.



- ✔ Camp rates are hundreds of dollars less than the actual cost.
- ✔ The registration fee for a week at camp is \$450 per camper.
- ✔ In essence, we subsidize each camper.
- ✔ Donors assist us in keeping our prices reasonable.
- ✔ Some families cannot afford to send their kids to camp.
- ✔ Financial aid is available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ✔ Subsidies are allocated based on financial need.

Society is divided by economic, racial, geographic, religious, ethnic and social boundaries. As a charitable organization, Camp Cadicasu strives to break down these barriers through our unique Campership Program. Our Board of Directors have made it their goal to always keep the camp within the reach of all the families who attend. If you would like to contribute to this wonderful program, please contact us.

Outdoor Education

Camp Cadicasu is the perfect setting to experience high quality outdoor education. We offer single day visits or multiple night excursions. This is a new initiative in place for 2015.



We provide educational field trips for school groups and homeschool communities throughout the year. Programs are tailored specifically to each group who joins us. We work with them to create an exciting program that meets their needs and expectations.

Our professionally trained staff members can accommodate all grade levels and develop programs that complement the Alberta Education Programs of Study through unforgettable adventures.

- ✔ Campfires & Singing
- ✔ Hiking
- ✔ Tobogganing
- ✔ Shelter Making
- ✔ Team Building
- ✔ Performing Arts
- ✔ Snowshoeing
- ✔ Primitive Cooking
- ✔ Storytelling
- ✔ Arts & Crafts
- ✔ Group Games
- ✔ Tetherball
- ✔ Bow Drill Fire
- ✔ Survival Skills
- ✔ Orienteering
- ✔ Earth Stewardship
- ✔ Nature Awareness
- ✔ Archery
- ✔ Team Sports
- ✔ Leadership Development
- ✔ Water Play

School Presentations

We also visit schools to teach students wilderness skills and get them excited about spending time in nature. We love sharing our passion for camp and the outdoors!



Rental Program

Located halfway between Calgary and Banff, Camp Cadicasu is close to many amenities, yet a beautiful retreat in nature. With over 20,000 square feet of floor space and an abundance of fresh air, we are the ideal location for any gathering.



- ✔ Weddings & Family Reunions
- ✔ Christmas Parties
- ✔ Ski Accommodations
- ✔ Yoga & Corporate Retreats
- ✔ Band Camps
- ✔ School Groups
- ✔ Cub Scouts & Girl Guides
- ✔ Birthday Parties
- ✔ Church Youth Groups

We are happy to welcome renters in our winterized facility during our off-season. We offer a secluded getaway in the mountains for a large group of people at an affordable price. We only rent the facility to one group at a time to ensure the privacy and enjoyment of our guests.

Perfect Escape. Stunning Views.

- ✔ Our dining hall can seat 150 people comfortably.
- ✔ All our cabins have heat and electricity.
- ✔ We have enough beds for 132 people to sleep.
- ✔ Each cabin has 2 bathrooms, 2 sinks and 2 showers.
- ✔ Our commercial kitchen is every cook's dream.
- ✔ Catering is available to keep everyone well fed.
- ✔ Roast marshmallows in our famous campfire circle.

Situated in Kananaskis Country, with 4,000 square kilometres of mountain parks and foothills to explore, there exist frequent opportunities to see elk, deer, moose and a mixture of countless wildflowers and birds.



Camper Comments

“probably the best place in the entire world. **you can't really explain why its so sweet, or how much the people there really mean to you.** i love it there and everyone who goes there”



“**I love camp**...it is so amazing...the most fun camp EVER!!! Everyone there is AMAZING... I LOVE Cadicasu!!! Its so much fun...especially the off camp trips...rockin'!!! **Its the best camp in CANADA!!!!**”

“OHH HOLYY!! I love this camp!!! I was a CIT too this year, and I SOO can't wait to apply to be a councillor. I have learnt so much. I had the best 3 weeks of my life, and not one day goes by without thinking about them. **I met so many brilliant people and I have the best, funniest and most outrageous memories from there.** I can't wait until next year. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burnin, burnin, burnin... AMEN.”



- ✔ “Best. Food. Ever.”
- ✔ “My counsellor was hilarious.”
- ✔ “Camp is home.”
- ✔ “I want to be a CIT next year!”
- ✔ “Can I live here?”

“The animal game is my favourite. I definitely want to come back next year.
CAMP IS AWESOME!”

"I loved this camp, i want to become a C.I.T when i am older. I met new friends, and as other people would say camp is my home, **i dont want to be anywhere else**, i just want to stay here and enjoy the wonderful weather"



- ✔ "Mission Impossible was so fun."
- ✔ "Nicest cabins at any camp."
- ✔ "such a good time, I can't believe it."
- ✔ "Who knew I liked being outside?"
- ✔ "seriously, the best week ever!"
- ✔ "My counselor was AMAZING."
- ✔ "Can I work here?"
- ✔ "next year, I'm staying all summer."
- ✔ "I love everyone here!"
- ✔ "The food is the best part."

"Cadicasu is home. I would never want to be anywhere else during the summer!"

"Camp Cadicasu is a great camp, I was a camper there and the staff was fantastic. They were all very out-going and made camp a memorable experience. The memories that I have from camp i will treasure in my heart forever. It was a great learning experience. I hope that this camp is around for many more years so i can send my children there. **The love that the staff show towards the campers, was why i loved being a camper there.** Camp Cadicasu is a family i'm very proud to be apart of. Camp Cadicasu is the best camp in the land I'm telling you!!!"

"I have been going to this camp for about 5 years now. Every year I go, I leave with a smile on my face. **Not one day goes by that I don't think about it.** The staff is amazing. The games and core were the best. Thanks for making it so enjoyable. Can't wait for next summer!"

"There's not a day that goes by when i don't think about camp cadicasu. i used to hate going to summer camps but now i love to because camp cadicasu changed that. **it's the best camp i've ever been to.**"



Staff Reflections

“No matter how many times I leave this place, it seems to always pull me back. And I’m not complaining. We are all part of the Cadicasu family...the most loveable and inviting family. As we are all trying to figure out what makes us happiest, I think we all deserve to sit back and congratulate ourselves. **Because I’m sure as many can agree, we have found the perfect job.** One where we can play, teach and encourage all day. I know that however many times I leave camp, camp will never leave me. So keep the memories alive, because that’s all we have going once we leave this place in the next few days. Much love Staff, Bing Bong!”

“Camp has taught me more than I ever thought there was to know. Mostly that the best way to be an adult is to act like a kid sometimes. **Camp is magical, it’s the only way to describe it.** What other place could turn strangers to friends, forests into fairy houses, staff into a family, and leaves people with a sense of belonging to something bigger than themselves.”



“When I was 13 years old I attended Camp Cadicasu for the last time as a camper, in the last week at the old location. It was then that I witnessed staff reflections for the first time, as we used to do them in front of campers. When I got hired in 2010, I wondered how my reflection would differ from the ones I had heard as a camper. I wondered if I would experience the same magic and love for this place as those counsellors had. I did experience those things, ten times over. **For my entire life Camp Cadicasu has given me a sanctuary, a place to be myself and a home.** It has been where I’ve discovered magic. Whether that be in children, nature, or the best people I’ve ever known.”



“It’s been a good summer, one that was definitely not a bummer. As I sit here writing this, it becomes more clear that it is nearly impossible to put into words. Actually it is impossible. We can look back at the good memories and the great times, tell good stories, and share great laughs. We will always remember these days. **But more importantly, we will remember how they made us feel.**

Everyone has done a great job this year and contributed to how good the summer went. Each of you are special and a big part of what makes this place likewise. I’m going to miss you all and this place. But I’ll always have the good memories and how good you all made them for me.”

“The day that I arrived from Mexico and saw the camp again, I knew that I was living my dream. The thing that I most liked from here were the kids. Through all these days of summer, they have been my teachers. Before coming here I was worried about many situations, one of them, my future. The kids taught me how to live in the present, not the future or your past, just your present. They taught me how little things just like marshmallows and seconds makes life more enjoyable.

They taught me that happiness is when what you think, you say, and you do is in peace with you and others.”

“Why did I come back? Why is camp my home? Because no other place dedicates itself to as a pure of a mission as camp does. Because I have never been more accepted anywhere else than at camp. **Because camp gave me a home when I lost mine to the flood and a family when I most desperately needed one.** Last year I said I wasn’t coming back. This year, I am saying that even if it takes years. I am coming back.”



“It’s funny how all the smallest or most unexpected things make the biggest and most significant difference in your life. I’ve begun to believe that cliché comment about camp being home. **I truly do feel safer here than I do anywhere else.** Camp is everything I love: good food, good company, fresh air, an abundance of the outdoors, laughing kids, and screaming kids. The staff though, as always, are what makes it truly special.”

Research



We know that camp plays a positive role in the development of children. A six-year study by the University of Waterloo in Ontario confirms that summer camp experience for young people accounted for significant positive growth in:

- ✔ Social Integration and Citizenship
- ✔ Environmental Awareness
- ✔ Attitude Towards Physical Activity
- ✔ Self-confidence and Personal Development
- ✔ Emotional Intelligence

Additionally, the overwhelming (or statistically significant) response from the study was that lessons learned at camp successfully transfer from the camp environment to home, school and neighbourhood settings. Parents reported that they saw either a change for the better or an enhanced and continuing positive attitude in their children.

More balanced and self-aware, thereby capable of empathy.

With increasing concerns about the health affects of the amount of screen time kids are exposed to, we provide the perfect remedy. Richard Louv, author of “*Last Child in the Woods* and *The Nature Principle*” coined the term “nature deficit disorder,” in which he claims not being out in nature has a far-reaching negative influence on our physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. At Camp Cadicasu, our campers become unplugged for a week and immerse themselves in the natural beauty that surrounds us.



He explains that “an emerging body of evidence suggests not spending much time outdoors connected to the natural world can be connected to rising rates of depression, attention deficit disorder, Vitamin D deficiency (an epidemic in the world), and child obesity.”



Canadian researcher, Marc Berman focuses his studies on the cognitive benefits of interacting with nature. With the growing evidence of the physical and mental health benefits of being outside, camp should be available for all children.

The brain relaxes in nature.

His work has shown that even a daily 50-minute walk in a natural environment can drastically enhance your memory and mood. Imagine what a week at camp could do.

Open House & Alumni

Camp Cadicasu wouldn't be what it is without the past participation of all of our alumni. We are very grateful for all of the campers and staff who have spent their summers with us and made us who we are today.

Join us in celebrating our 85th summer this year!

In June 2012, we held our first "Family Reunion" to welcome and give thanks to anyone and everyone who has had involvement with Camp Cadicasu. This year, as we embark upon our 85th year in operation, we hope to see many familiar faces again. Get together with old friends, enjoy a day in the sunshine and reflect on long lost memories while making some new ones.



Open House

- ✔ **Date:** Saturday, May 30, 2015
- ✔ **Time:** 1 – 3 pm

Alumni Gathering

- ✔ **Date:** Saturday, May 30, 2015
- ✔ **Time:** 3 – 5 pm

We are looking forward to showing people our lovely camp and everything that we have to offer for a summer of fun. After that, we will celebrate with everyone who has made camp the unique place it has become. Come hungry for our infamous burgers and excited to participate in one of our legendary campfires. Bring your whole family and introduce them to the special part of your life that is camp.

Opportunities like this alumni celebration remind us of the value of community. Everyone involved with Camp Cadicasu has played an integral role in keeping the joy and spirit thriving.

**The very best Camp,
So come on let's hear it!
Cadicasu Whew!**

Our Mess Hall was re-named Nelson Hall this year in honour of Mike Nelson (Director Emeritus) and Father Eric Nelson (Chaplain) to recognize their extraordinary commitment to Camp Cadicasu.



Donors

It is with heart-felt gratitude that we give thanks and express our appreciation to everyone who has made a donation to Camp Cadicasu this past year. These contributions have ensured that we can continue providing wonderful experiences for campers and staff.

- ✓ Anthony Jordan
- ✓ Bonaventure Columbus Club
- ✓ Calgary Flames Foundation
- ✓ Clare McMillan
- ✓ David Leinster
- ✓ Father Eric Nelson
- ✓ Holy Spirit Academy
- ✓ K of C Alberta Charitable Foundation
- ✓ Knights of Columbus 7432
- ✓ Margie Schuett
- ✓ Paul W. Shulz
- ✓ Robert and Maurita Vesey
- ✓ Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese
- ✓ Stan Henke
- ✓ TELUS
- ✓ United Way
- ✓ ARC Financial Corp
- ✓ Calgary Catholic Teachers Charities
- ✓ Calgary Hitmen Foundation
- ✓ Collins Barrow
- ✓ Father Dennis McDonald
- ✓ Henry Sykes
- ✓ John Schuett
- ✓ Knights of Columbus 7234
- ✓ Lyceum Society
- ✓ Paul and Michele Beitel
- ✓ Richard and Jennifer McDougall
- ✓ Robert Schuett
- ✓ Ron and Maureen Schreiber
- ✓ Stan Rokosh
- ✓ The Wagemakers Foundation
- ✓ Willis Winter

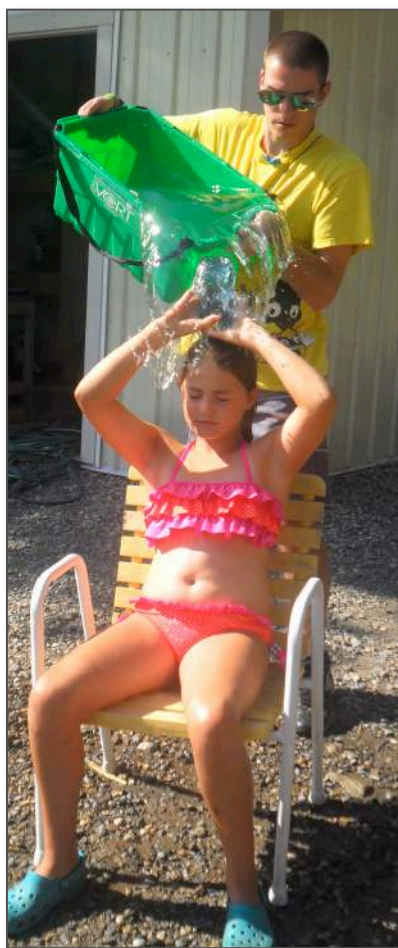


Wish List

We continue to operate our programs with the kindness and generosity of those that support us in our efforts to inspire children to want to make the world a better place.

Thank you for keeping the camp vision alive.

People often ask us how they can help. We accept donations for the Campership Program and Wish List in any amount, no matter how big or small. Every dollar counts when it comes to offering enriching life experiences for children.



Items

- ✓ Athletic Equipment (soccer balls, archery materials, etc.)
- ✓ Craft Supplies (markers, paint, glue, beads, scissors, etc.)
- ✓ Rubbermaid Totes
- ✓ Small Dressers, Side Tables and Bookcases
- ✓ Leather Couches (so they can be sanitized)
- ✓ Chain Saw and Power Tools

Services

- ✓ Repair and Reinforce Eaves Troughs
- ✓ New Roof for the Office
- ✓ Extensions with Roofing over the Stairs

Tradespeople

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| ✓ Fire Suppression Technician | ✓ Electrician |
| ✓ Furnace Technician | ✓ Plumber |
| ✓ Refrigeration Technician | ✓ Welder |
| ✓ Hot Water Tank Technician | |

Cash donations in the form of a cheque or credit card are always welcome. As a registered non-profit charity organization, tax receipts are provided.

Executive Director's Message



This has been an absolutely amazing year. I feel honoured to have been chosen to join the Cadicasu family. It has been a true blessing to be welcomed into such a loving community.

To find a job that so wonderfully captures my passion for working with children and my business acumen is almost unbelievable. It is the answer to many prayers and for that I will be forever grateful.

I am very thankful for the support and encouragement of the Board of Directors under the leadership of Margie Schuett. She has provided me with a tremendous amount of insight in taking on this new position and has become a role model that I aspire to emulate.

Mike Nelson has been the perfect mentor. Seeing the remarkable solidarity that he created amongst his staff team is a testament to his outstanding character. I have never witnessed such a dedicated group of people who all have their hearts in the right place.

Through my various experiences with children in different settings, including as a teacher in a typical classroom, it is quite clear to me that camp has such a profound impact on a person that is simply not possible in any other environment.



Belief is the most powerful force on earth. Passion the second most powerful, but belief without passion is no faith at all. – Tom Brown Jr. –

Thank you to the parents who trust us with the most precious beings in their life and the campers whose pure joy and enthusiasm make camp so magical. As we move towards deeper nature-connection and teaching primitive skills, I am excited at what is to come. I look forward to continuing to inspire staff and children alike to want to positively influence the world through their thoughts, beliefs and action.

Love and Light,

Heather O'Neill

Executive Director
Camp Cadicasu

Board of Directors

The Members of the Board of Directors have been an integral part of the legacy of the camp ensuring sustainability for a very special institution that has lasted over eight decades. Their leadership has been a guiding force since 1930 and is a testament to the significance of camp. The appreciation of the Catholic community cannot be underestimated as to the magnificent contribution of the men and women who have led by example, thereby inspiring thousands of volunteers to participate and contribute to the camp.

Margie Schuett

President; HR Committee; Finance Committee; Fund Development Committee

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Past Chair; Construction Committee

Willis Winter

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Director; Construction Committee

David Ruether

Director; Construction Committee

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Martin McDonald

Member-at-Large

If you would like a copy of the Camp Cadicasu 2014 audited financial statements, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be happy to send them to you.

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 5:30 pm
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“A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.”

– St. Francis of Assisi –



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