



Kawkawa Newsletter

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2 Corinthians 9:11

'You will be enriched in every way to be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.'

Valley Kids Concert

April 28th 2017, 7pm

Sevenoaks Alliance Church,
Abbotsford

Featuring: *Fraser Valley Quartet, Keepers of the Faith*

& Liberty Quartet.

Last year this fantastic concert raised enough money to send 45 kids to camp.

Let's make a difference in

kids' lives again this summer by supporting this worthwhile cause.



It's hard to believe that we are already into April! We are glad to see the grass again now that the snow has gone and can certainly see some signs of spring. Kawkawa is now entering a busier season again, with rental groups both during the week and at weekends, and lots of planning and preparations are already underway for what we pray will be another fantastic summer full of camps.

Calling all Superheroes!

This summer we are planning on having a Superhero theme. With the recent release of the Lego Batman movie and a July release of a new Spiderman movie, superheroes are very popular. In the office we have been busy preparing materials, creating some backdrops and programming-related activities to ensure this theme captivates all areas of camp.

In our chapels and campfires we hope to focus in on some of the Heroes of the Christian Faith. The speakers may choose to select stories from the Hall of Faith in Hebrews 11 or focus on other Biblical stories. Each year our goal is to point kids, young people and families towards Christ. This year will be no different as we will attempt to pull everything together with the theme verse, ***"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*** Philippians 4:17.

As always we expect this summer to be an awesome summer. It looks like we will have an amazing group of young people on staff, there will be a few surprises throughout the summer and lots and lots of fun. Please pray for our summer program and also pray for the staff here at Kawkawa as we make plans for the summer. We have many ideas, thoughts and plans for things we can do but pray for us as we discern what God wants us to do and ultimately that we would be doing *all things through Christ* and the *strength* that He gives us, not our own.



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to everyone who came out to the short notice work day on March 11th. The kitchen got a good scrubbing, the 2 boat tarps at the beach which got destroyed in the snow were taken down, canoes and kayaks were brought out of storage ready for use, windows were washed, areas raked and cleaned up, etc. It was a productive day and every bit of help was **greatly** appreciated.

Then we were **doubly blessed** to have a small group of willing volunteers come back out on March 14th, 15th, 16th during spring break to continue what had been started on the 16th. Thanks to you the camp is looking cleaner, tidier and ready for a spring and summer full of action!

Summer Camp Registrations

Registrations are up 16% over this time last year. Our leaders in training program only has 1 spot left and family camp is almost full. If registrations keep going the way they are we will have full summer camps! If you are planning to come to camp this summer, or want to send a family member, then register soon at:

www.kawkawa.com

Thank you to everyone who attended the Kawkawa Camp Society Members meeting on March 20th. The constitution and by-laws were voted on and have been registered with Victoria.

Volunteer:

Spring is set to be a busy one for us here at Kawkawa. April, May and June have approximately 10-12 mid-week school groups coming on-site and all our weekends are booked. We can usually staff our weekends with previous summer camp staff, however the mid-week groups can be a little more difficult to cover as many of these young people are still in school. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen for any of our mid-week groups please contact the camp office for dates and details on 1-866-545-9359 or email us at info@kawkawa.com. Join us for 1 day or stay for a few and we will provide overnight accommodation if needed.

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**Saturday June 17th, 7:00pm,
Chilliwack Alliance Church**

Come and join us for an evening of fellowship and reports from various committees. 2016 was another amazing year for Kawkawa. Re-new your membership or become a member for the first time and be a part of a ministry that God just keeps blessing and moving forward.

Administration Building Renovation

This is now almost complete and looks fantastic! This was a fully donated project and was completed by an amazing group of volunteers. Our volunteers are **PRICELESS!**



Kawkawa has been so blessed with volunteers year-round. We thank God for putting Kawkawa on your hearts and we **THANK YOU** with all of our hearts.



Here at Kawkawa we rely heavily on a fantastic group of volunteers to keep the site looking good, updating areas that are getting old, and all sorts of cleaning, building and maintenance. Some come one day a week while others volunteer full-time. Every hour of volunteer work is so much appreciated. We caught up with one of our full-time volunteers and asked him a few questions about his involvement at Camp Kawkawa:

Elmer, can you tell us a little bit about life before Camp Kawkawa?

I was a farmer in Saskatchewan for over 40 years. In 2013 my wife and I moved to Chilliwack.

What were you planning to do when you moved to BC?

I had planned to find some odd jobs, mowing lawns etc.

So how did you end up getting involved in Kawkawa?

After moving to Chilliwack and getting the house decorated, I met Fred (one of the other volunteers) at a camp promotional event at church. They were looking for volunteers and I decided I could help as needed. It turns out there is always something to do so I actually come 5 days a week.

What does a typical day look like for you?

Fred picks me up at 7:30 each morning. On the journey here we talk about potential projects for the day. On arrival we have coffee with the rest of the staff and volunteers and

finalize our plans for the day. Camp provides us with lunch around noon and I arrive back home at about 5pm most days.

What have some of your highlights been here at Kawkawa?

It was really rewarding seeing the maintenance shop completed because it provides the resources to be able to complete other projects. I oversaw the development of the tuckshop and the building of the human foosball arena. More recently I have really enjoyed renovating the administration building with Fred.

What is it that keeps you coming back?

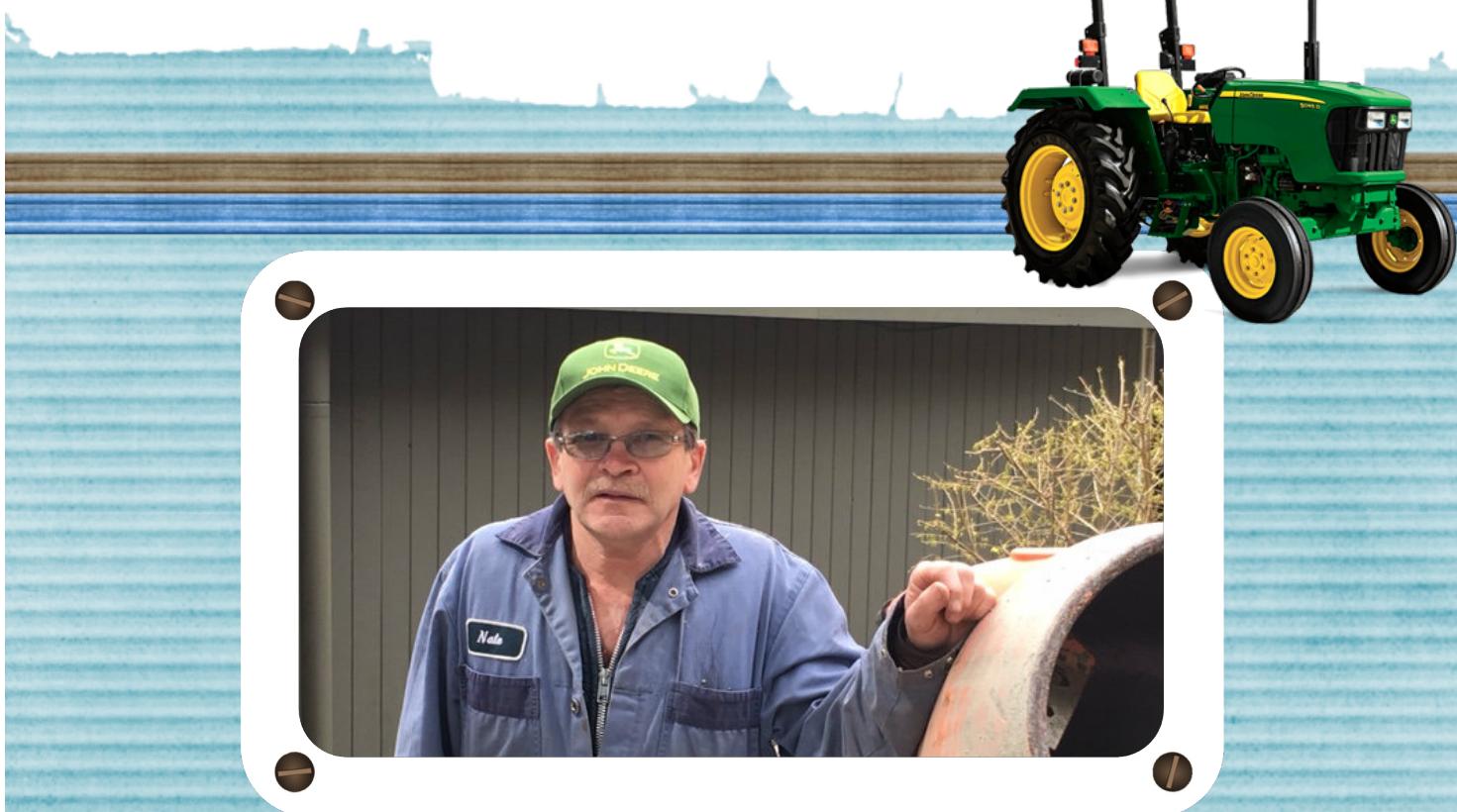
I see so many things that could be done with more help, and I really enjoy the good relationships and the fellowship around the coffee and lunch table and while working alongside others. Since moving from Saskatchewan, it is at camp where I have made some of my closest friends.

What plans do you have for 2017 at the camp?

We hope to finish the outside deck of the administration building as well as some trellis work in front of the Dogwood Lodge. Later in the year I hope to do some maintenance work to extend the archery and riflery areas.

What would you say to a potential volunteer?

It is a really good ministry to be involved in. Personally, I feel it is a great way to give back to God for all the things he's given me and blessed me with.



"At Kawkawa I have learned valuable life lessons and made lasting friendships. Camp Kawkawa is definitely my favourite place to be."

- Kawkawa Camper 2016



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