



Kawkawa Newsletter

September 2017



Job Opportunity

Kawkawa Camp & Retreat is now accepting applications for a **Staff and Maintenance Supervisor**. This is a full time position based on 40 hours a week (including every second or third weekend retreat hosting), plus benefits. This position will accomplish strategic objectives of the organization by overseeing multiple project activities, hosting groups and assisting with customer-service standards. Duties will cover all aspects of operating a smooth-running camp, including supervising activities such as archery and riflery, grass cutting, weed eating, kitchen help, retreat hosting, restocking wood sheds, etc. Start date immediate. If you have a heart, attitude and aptitude for camp life please email Wayne for further details: wayne@kawkawa.com



Summer Camps 2017

Summer Camp 2017 is in the history books and what an incredible summer it was! We had the privilege of seeing God work in mighty ways throughout the summer. Our theme verse this summer was **'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me'** (Phil 4:13), and it was certainly Him who strengthened us to do the work He called us to this summer. The days were packed full of activities, chapel & campfire sessions, devotional times and developing meaningful

relationships with the campers.

Lives were changed, leaders were developed, and we have no doubt that the world will be impacted for Christ. As we head into the fall we are so excited to see 3 of our summer staff heading off to discipleship training programs in different parts of the world. Kawkawa is making a difference not only here in BC, but across the world. What an incredible blessing to be a part of such a ministry!



Transform lives....Build Leaders....Impact the World....For CHRIST!

Summer 2017

Decisions for Christ:

28 first-time decisions and
36 rededications...Praise the
Lord!

Total camper numbers:

2015 - 413

2016 - 479

2017 - 552 (677 including
LIT & work crew)

Total scholarship numbers:

2016 - 122

2017 - 178

This year we received
\$59,539.00 in total funds for
camp scholarships from 9
different organizations plus a
number of individuals. This
allowed 178 kids to come to
camp who would not
otherwise have been able to.



THANK YOU to all our volunteers!

In addition to having our regular
year-round volunteers at
Kawkawa, this summer we had a
host of other people helping out in
many different capacities. In fact,
this summer we had the best
response from volunteers than
we've had in many years. We had
some people help out for a few
days, a week, and even for
multiple weeks throughout the
summer. A massive **THANK YOU**
to everyone - camp couldn't have
functioned without you! Whether
your work was in the kitchen,

camp nurse, boat driver, speaker,
maintenance, gardening, running
activities, we thoroughly appreciate
your contribution.

Throughout the off-season we
have further opportunities to
volunteer such as helping in the
kitchen for mid-week and weekend
retreats, hosting weekend retreats,
gardening/landscaping, and
maintenance. If you are interested
in helping out either as a one-off or
as an on-going commitment,
please contact us at
1-866-545-9359 or
info@kawkawa.com

**Thank you, thank you,
thank you** to to all our
summer staff who
dedicated a long, hot
summer to serving God
here at Kawkawa.

A huge **thank you**, too,
to Wayne, Dave & Alicia
for their long hours
keeping everything
running, and to Karen
our chef who kept us
well-fed all summer
long!



Transform, Build and Impact Lives

from a blog by Carole Wheaton

For years I have dreamed of knocking this one thing off my bucket list, and I finally did it!

Our son has attended a summer camp as a camper, on work crew, as a LIT (leader-in-training) and staff for every year since he was seven. This summer was year ten, and, quite possibly, his last. For the past few years I have dreamed of volunteering there, as a means of meeting all the people he has talked about, getting photos and giving back to this place as a gift for all they have done for him. My energy was higher than it had been in the past few years, so this was to be the year.

The area they needed assistance was in the kitchen, so that is where I got to spend my time. The camp kitchen is managed by a knowledgeable, experienced, hard-working cook who runs the food prep with military precision. She works long hours, many days and does so while adoring (and being adored by) the youth who are part of camp. It felt good to be able to do a task which allowed you to see it through to completion. But, I gotta tell you, it is hard, tiring work!



I got to go to watch the most beautiful mornings and evenings at the the edge of the lake, where the pesky geese would arrive, numerous times each day (to eat the treats dropped on the ground then pooh all over the grass). The lake was often still at these beginnings and endings, but ever so alive with activity during the daytime, as campers and neighbours were boating, swimming and various other water activities.

I got to attend a campfire time in the chapel in the woods, sparsely decorated with benches, strings of Christmas lights, and staggered wood planks framing the 'stage'. The guest speakers communicating the love and acceptance of Christ in their words and in how they interacted with everyone there, all the while also caring for and communicating love and acceptance to their two young children.

I got to meet and chat with Muffin, Itchy, Nacho, Ginger and so many others by the camp names I had heard year after year. I got to speak thanks to the camp director, program director and their wives, who have led, instructed and cared for our son. I also got to meet Fred and Elmer (and Skippy), who our son had spent two years doing work crew with, learning about work ethic, being real and doing it all for Christ.

I got to volunteer alongside of other volunteers, who just wanted to give back to the camp that they had attended, or just wanted to give their time to.



"Kawkawa's mission is to transform, build, and impact lives in God's creation by living in community, offering programs and services and teaching and modeling Christ through our camp staff and facilities." And that IS what they do. Perfectly? No. With great love? Definitely!



Site development

Outdoor recreation surface

This project continues to move forward with the environmental study, geotech and surveying all complete. Our goal is to have the project 'complete' before the end of the year. We have reached our goal of \$25,000.00 for this project and it will be paid in full upon completion. Thank you God! HOWEVER, if you would like to make a donation to sports equipment for use on our new surface, we would love to be able to purchase school yard quality equipment such as hockey nets and basketball hoops. The estimated cost is \$5000.00. If you would like to donate please go to our website www.kawkawa.com and click the DONATE button and indicate *multi-use outdoor recreational concrete slab*.



Cedar room

The portable saw mill was brought in again, milling cedar and Douglas fir. The cedar will be used for the 'Cedar Room', downstairs



in the main lodge, and the Douglas fir for a replacement bridge by the pizza oven. We also hope to put new windows and flooring in the Cedar Room. All labor for these projects is volunteer, so if you haven't held a hammer for a while and miss it, come and join a great group of volunteers in a beautiful location and lend a hand! There is always something going on and we are never short on the coffee! If you are not able to volunteer but would like to see Kawkawa move forward please go to our website at www.kawkawa.com, click on the DONATE button and indicate *lumberyard fund*. This fund helps cover the cost of materials for repair, maintenance and up-grading projects.



Parking lot

There has also been a new parking lot developed across from the chalets. This will hold an additional 10-15 vehicles and will be a huge asset to camp.



Ladies' Craft Weekend 2017

Each November long weekend women of all ages and experiences are invited to Kawkawa for a time of relaxation, laughter, conversation, space, and oodles of time to work on creative projects. Whether you are a chronic crafter or just need a break from routine, there is something

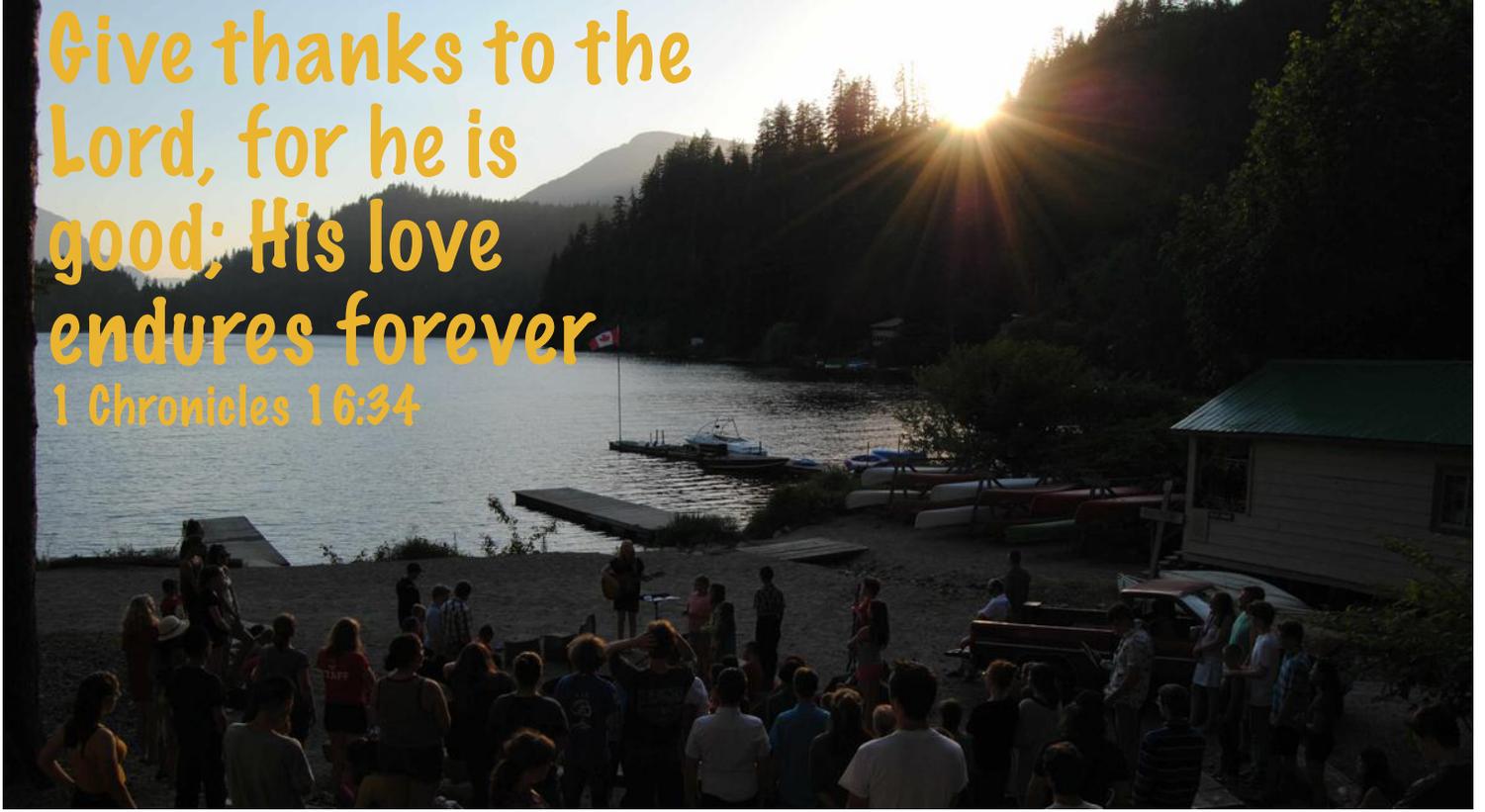


here for everyone at our annual retreat. There will be time to craft, read, relax, hike and connect with like-minded women. Such a space allows for multi-generational interactions. Some women use this weekend to finish projects such as quilting, knitting, sewing, paper crafts, etc. However, there is also the opportunity to learn something new and a number of small group classes will be offered.

Come and meet other crafters and join us for a wonderful weekend where connections are quickly made around the love of creation and creativity.

Registration is now open and places are filling up fast, so if you would like to come register online now at www.kawkawa.com/ladies-craft-weekend

**Give thanks to the
Lord, for he is
good; His love
endures forever**
1 Chronicles 16:34



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