



November of 2021

Dear Friends of Camp Arnes,

Luke 2:10 *And the angel said to them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*

Isaiah 41:10 *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.*

Jeremiah 29:11 *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

On behalf of the Board, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! As you consider your year end giving, we ask that you prayerfully consider Camp Arnes. The pandemic shut down over the past two years has been challenging. We need your financial and prayer support. The message and hope of Jesus at Christmas can dispel fear and bring hope for our board, staff, schools, rental guests and our campers. God's plan for Camp has been ongoing for the past 71 years. We are excited about the future and how God will undertake the work.

We are actively planning our restart for the spring of 2022, with hope of a full Camp session maintaining our unwavering mission to introduce children to the love of Jesus:

- To nurture and develop young people to greater spiritual maturity and Christian character and leadership ability.
- To offer a place of retreat and deeper pursuit of spiritual maturity for church groups.
- To strengthen families with fun and content to nurture their children and their own marriage relationships.

In the past year, we have actively maintained and improved our facilities. We cannot express enough thanks for the many volunteers who have supported Camp over the past months including: work days, fund raising and office support. It's truly humbling and inspiring.

. In the past two years we have undertaken:

- 2020 – Families camping and on site local Day Camp.
- 2021 - Four weeks of Day Camp at Elmwood MB Church in the summer.
- Ongoing search for senior staff positions.
- Development of new programming opportunities and partnerships.
- Work days - The grounds are in beautiful shape due to volunteers mowing and cutting dead trees.
- Roof repairs on Office and staff houses.
- Pool drained and repairs pending the outcome of government grant.

We have undertaken difficult and dramatic reductions in Camp costs and staff over the past two years. With CEWS and CERB funding coming to an end, we anticipate that our current operational needs will be in excess of \$200,000 to cover salaries, maintenance, taxes and utilities until we can open up next spring.

Our anticipated Camp capital startup needs are:

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| • Refitting the Kitchen | \$40,000 |
| • Fix and repair balance of cabins | \$20,000 |
| • Staff Housing - repair, windows/flooring | \$42,000 |
| • Program Equipment - rescue boat/pier/bikes | \$75,000 |
| • Refit other buildings – windows/siding | \$10,000 |

Subtotal \$187,000

Wish list needs:

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| • Renovation of Office to create a Welcome Area | \$75,000 |
| • Flowing Well Building water drainage | \$50,000 |

Please pray as we continue to search for an Executive Director and Operations Director.

The need is great but so is our God. His plans will succeed.

With heartfelt thanks, your generosity over the past shut down year has sustained the Camp. Now we look forward to a strong Summer Start Up for 2022. Thank you to the donors who have already so graciously donated to Camp Arnes' ministry. The work of the Board, staff and volunteers have brought Camp operations to a good place to restart this spring.

Double Your Impact!

We are very excited to announce that we have a matching grant for the first \$50,000 received. With your donation to the ministry of Camp Arnes, you can double your contribution!

Please donate online at <https://camparnes.campbraingiving.com/>

Or mail in a cheque to Camp Arnes @ Box 28009, RPO North Kildonan, Winnipeg, MB R2G 4E9.

Thank you for your consideration. May the Lord richly bless you this Christmas season and give you His Peace which transcends all understanding.

Please follow us on Instagram and by joining our Whatsapp volunteer group to keep updated on volunteer opportunities at Camp Arnes.

On behalf the board,



Hans E. Boge, Vice Chair



Garry Roehr, Board Chair