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And I will make you fishers of men

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32nd Annual Tour-de-Kinasao

May 23, 2026

The Tour-de-Kinasao is our largest annual fundraiser, and it is a success because of YOU!
We need PARTICIPANTS, SPONSORS, and VOLUNTEERS to make this event happen.
The Tour will take place on May 23 in Prince Albert, starting at 10:30 am.

Accommodations are available at Kinasao for the weekend.

Can't make it on May 23? You can sign up for the Tour and participate from wherever you are!
Can't run or bike? Get creative and create your own Tour to help raise funds for Kinasao!

PARTICIPATE: BIKE, WALK OR RUN THE ROTARY TRAIL
OR ON THE HIGHWAY

VOLUNTEER: AT A CHECKPOINT OR
SUPPORT VEHICLE

SPONSOR: FIND A PARTICIPANT (OR MORE THAN 1!)
TO SUPPORT IN THEIR RUN OR BIKE



Visit kinasao.ca to sign up!

Tour-de-Kinasao

A look back, and a look ahead, from a familiar face!

Thirty-two years ago, I stood with our program and fundraising committees at Kinasao Lutheran Bible Camp, wondering how we could create a fundraiser that didn't just raise money but invited young people into ministry. Out of that hope, the Tour de Kinasao was born—a cycling event that allowed youth and adults alike to collect pledges, ride together, and invest in the future of outdoor ministry.

In those early years, the tour was a journey! We began in Saskatoon and cycled 182 km north to Kinasao at Christopher Lake. Our first day took us from Resurrection Lutheran in Saskatoon to Zion Lutheran in Hague for lunch, then on to Trinity Lutheran in Rosthern for the night. The next morning, we rode to Messiah Lutheran in Prince Albert for worship and lunch, then tackled the final stretch to Kinasao.

After a few years, we changed the route but not the spirit. The tour began at Kinasao, climbed up Highway 263 into Prince Albert National Park, continued on to Waskesiu, and then circled back via Highway 2—a loop of 121 km completed in one day. It remained both a physical challenge and a spiritual pilgrimage. Over the years, the Tour has continued to evolve to meet the needs of the participants, and the changing landscape or environmental challenges at play - but the spirit of giving youth and adults a way to invest in outdoor ministry has always remained.

Over the decades, the Tour de Kinasao has always been a shared effort requiring participants, donors, and volunteers - people who drove support vehicles, carried gear, offered encouragement, and helped exhausted riders or those who were overcome by the weather. The quiet dedication of our volunteers has been just as essential as the cyclists' determination, and sponsor's generosity.



This fall, myself, Sharon, and our children are preparing to return to Kinasao this September for a staff alumni retreat. Although the usual Tour de Kinasao will take place in May, I approached Kinasao with a special request: would it be possible for me to ride the Prince Albert National Park loop this September while I am there for the reunion? I was given a wholehearted yes. So this fall, at age 71, I will ride again—for the first time since 2007.

I remain deeply passionate about outdoor ministry and the spiritual growth it nurtures in young people, staff, and families. Camp is holy ground where faith becomes tangible—around campfires, on the lake, on the trail, and yes, even on a bicycle. Kinasao and all outdoor ministries are vital to our Lutheran congregations. Many of our churches have declining membership, some are closing, and not many are attending seminary to become pastors and diaconal ministers. During my 23 years as Executive Director, thousands of campers—children and youth—grew into leaders and active members in their congregations after experiencing Christ's grace, mercy, love, compassion, and kindness in the unique environment that Kinasao Lutheran Bible Camp provides. We must continue to support and encourage our young people, and I believe this ministry is one important way to do so.

By getting involved in the Tour-de-Kinasao, you are doing more than sponsoring an old cyclist. You are:

- Equipping the next generation of church leaders.
- Providing a place where children and youth can encounter God in creation.
- Strengthening families and congregations through transformative retreat and camp experiences.
- Ensuring that Kinasao remains a welcoming, vibrant place of ministry for years to come

I invite you to join me—through your prayers, your gifts, and your advocacy for outdoor ministry. I will be riding that familiar loop with gratitude for all that God has already done through Kinasao, and with hope for all that is yet to come.

Felix

Visit kinasao.ca to sponsor a participant!



Jana biking 182 km at age 12

Summer 2026 - Fruit!

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

John 15:4 ESV

Our Bible Study theme for this summer is... The Fruit of the Spirit! As we look forward to the summer, we are excited to dive deeper into the Fruit of the Spirit with both our staff and the campers. The Fruit of the Spirit is a foundational aspect of who God calls us to be, and it has real-life implications for even our youngest campers.

Each day, we'll be looking at several of these fruits and how we all can apply them to our daily lives. In this, we'll also be learning about how a branch cannot produce fruit unless it is connected to the vine. Here's an overview of what we'll be talking about!

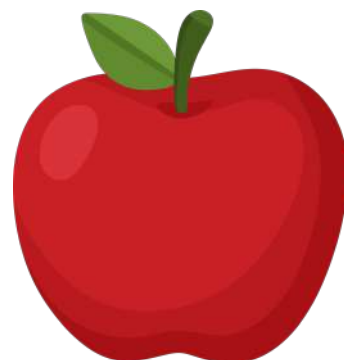
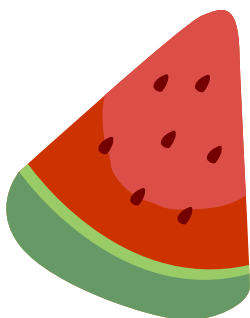
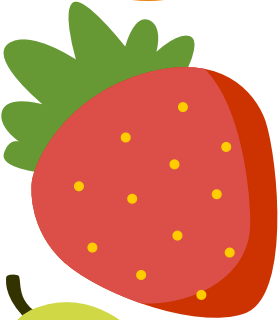
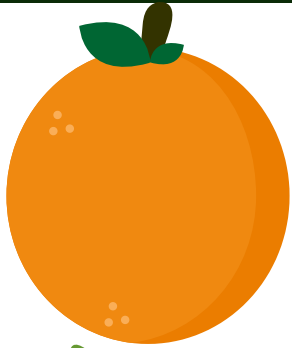
Love - Through Jesus, we see that God's love for us is greater than we can comprehend, and we must do our best to honour His call to show the same love to others!

Peace & Joy - These are not gifts we can bear ourselves, they are gifts that come from salvation! We will look at the Mary's Magnificat and how these fruits relate to hope in our lives.

Kindness, Goodness & Gentleness - Why are these fruits sometimes hard to express? How can we rely on God to help us be kind, good and gentle? We'll look at Jesus' teaching on the Good Samaritan to find out!

Self Control & Walking by the Spirit - Daniel gives us lots of examples of the importance of self control! The Holy Spirit is the producer of fruit in our lives, and we will explore the ways we walk by the Spirit in our day to day lives at home!

We are so excited to see how God works in and speaks through the Fruit of the Spirit this summer!



Asta's Anecdotes

Hello! For those of you who don't know me, I'm Asta Hovdestad, Kinasao's new Program Director!

A bit about me:

I grew up coming to Kinasao; my grandparents and, now, my parents, too, own cabins on the Kinasao property. This meant that even if I wasn't a camper, I was always around camp. I remember, as a kid, always being so excited to go to church at Kinasao, knowing I would see the local celebrities (the summer staff)! I thought they were the coolest people humanity had to offer, and when they said "good morning, Asta," I felt like the coolest kid on earth.

Fast forward a decade, and here I am, heading into my fifth summer on staff! While I know I likely do not hold the same celebrity status in campers' minds today, knowing that I get to be part of their experience at camp means the absolute world to me.

While I am not at camp, I am a University student. I just finished my third year of the Bachelor of Education program at the University of Saskatchewan, and I am greatly looking forward to becoming a teacher! In my free time, I love hanging out with my friends - many of whom are working at camp this summer too!

The past few months have been busier than I anticipated; a full course load, student teaching, and a new job can make for a pretty packed schedule. In all the busyness, when I felt like I couldn't control the chaos, it was so evident that God had it in hand. Things that I had no control over were falling perfectly into place; doors were opening that I could not have opened myself. God is so very faithful in all seasons, and seeing it so evidently in my own life is a testament of His love.

As we head into our summer season, I am so excited! We have an absolutely wonderful staff team this summer, and I trust that God is working behind the scenes even now and that incredible things are in store!



Celebration Weekend

June 19-21, 2026



Celebration Weekend is one of the best weekends at camp! A free weekend for all to come and enjoy the place and people who make Kinasao what it is.

Join us for a full weekend of fun, or pop in for whatever part of the day you can. We have only a few spaces left for free accommodations - email kristi@kinasao.ca to book one! Campground sites are also available by contacting Kristi.

Celebration Weekend is a perfect opportunity to invite new families to experience what makes Kinasao a special place set apart.

We look forward to gathering together at camp for the kick off to our summer program!

Here's a snapshot of the weekend schedule, for a full, detailed schedule, visit kinasao.ca

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

LAKESIDE FIDDLING FUN
COCOA & COOKIES

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS
OVERFLOW COFFEE & TREATS
KIDS CARNIVAL
CAMP ACTIVITIES
ELIAS FAMILY CONCERT

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

WORSHIP
BBQ LUNCH

Celebration Weekend

Fundraising Auctions!!



Donors

Photos of a few past auction items are featured here - aren't they amazing? You can't find these items in a store!

We are looking for handcrafted creations, experiences, services, or new items to go into our fundraising auctions! Donors will receive a donation receipt for the Fair Market Value (FMV) value of items.

If you have an item to donate, please bring it to Kinasao by June 19 or contact sue@kinasao.ca to arrange pick up.

Used items will be placed into the garage sale section and are not eligible for a donation receipt

Bidders

The Silent Auction is held inside the Retreat Center from 9:00-4:30. You never know what you're going to find in the Silent Auction - spend the day bidding up your friends and see who comes out victorious when the time ends!

The Live Auction begins at 2:00 in the Dining Shelter. There is always an amazing selection of items to bid upon, and it is a fun event to be a part of!

Come ready to support your camp! Pay more than 125% of the FMV and go home with an item and a donation receipt! Payment is accepted by cash, cheque, e-transfer or credit card (3% service fee applies).



Darin's Digest

"How's Darin today?", her voice would call softly, but clearly, as she climbed the stairs to my office in Genesis. I knew right away who it was. No one else addressed me in that way. It was Colleen.

Anytime during the day, Colleen Mang, who along with her husband of over fifty years, Daryl, has been one of our campground hosts for eighteen years, would drop by to visit me. Sometimes she would have an important piece of information for me - "Did you know this or that was happening here or there? Did you hear so and so has offered to do this or that for us?" The answer, of course, was almost always "no". I hadn't heard; I didn't know. Colleen would fill me in on the details that helped me to do whatever was necessary to help correct something small before it became a problem, or to do something equally small to help something along the way to becoming a good thing for the camp.

I tend to spend most of my time thinking of the "big picture" things at camp - insurance, liability, mortgages, staff coordination, camper safety, leaseholder issues, donor relations and development, good governance, property maintenance... All of these things are important to help the camp run smoothly and safely. What Colleen would do for me, perhaps without even knowing it, was to bring my gaze into a different perspective. She helped me to take note of the "little things" - flower beds, leaky drain pipes, or the feelings of a small group of campers. Colleen helped me to see the camp through another set of eyes, to notice the small details around me.

Sometimes, and seemingly without any particular reason, Colleen would come to my office bearing a gift. She knew I loved chokecherry syrup. She would make a small batch, just for me. Who does that? I loved it. Who wouldn't be made to feel special by a gift of a small bottle of pure joy? I sure did.

I remember seeing Colleen Mang, in her early seventies, standing in a makeshift bucket on the end of a skid steer high in a bush of some sort collecting berries that I didn't know we had at camp and that I wouldn't have noticed in a million years. She was, undoubtedly, risking life and limb gathering precious ingredients to make something special for someone else.

Recently, Colleen and Daryl travelled to Kelowna as part of our Kinasao contingent to the "Friar's Briar." Though she was having unknown pains in her midsection, Colleen faithfully cheered our team on. She didn't seem to care if we won or lost, but she was there to see us in action every day.

Who calls us by name? Who helps us to see tidbits of beauty in each day? Who helps us to act on something with a daily dose of timely insight? Who knows what we need and gives it to us freely and without cost? Who gives up part of their own life to encourage us on the way, even when it's painful to do so?

Well, if you answered Jesus, you'd be right. If you answered Colleen, you'd also be right. Thanks be to God for Colleen Mang, who has recently passed away to be with her Saviour and Lord after a battle with liver cancer.

I pray that all of us at Kinasao could be for each other what Colleen Mang was for me and for many in small, quiet, consistent ways. Let us love each other in small ways that amount to a whole lot in the Kingdom of God.

Darin

A Celebration of Life will be held for Colleen at the Kinasao Chapel on July 4. All are welcome to join.



2026 Kids Summer Programs

KIDS CAMPS

The classic week of camp - time with friends, in creation, with all the best camp activities. Camps are age-based and spaced throughout the summer:

Mini: Ages 6-10, July 26-29

Day: Ages 5-10, Aug 5-7

Jr. Youth: Ages 7-11, Jr 1 - July 5-10, Jr 2 - Aug 16-21

Youth: Ages 11-14, July 12-17

Teen: Ages 14-17, July 19-24



WEEK IN THE WILD, LEVELS 1-3

Week in the Wild is for kids who love outdoor survival and canoeing! A multi level program designed to develop camper's skills and confidence in the outdoors.

Level 1 - Based at the Kinasao meadow, includes a 1 night trip on Christopher Lake

Level 2 - A mix of time at camp and on the South SK River

Level 3 - Spend most of your week on the river, learning to set up camp wherever you are and testing your paddling skills

Level 1: Ages 10-14, July 12-17

Level 2: Ages 11-15, July 5-10

Level 3: Ages 12-16, Aug 16-21

SKILLS CAMP

Like regular camp, but with a focus on your chosen skill!

Volleyball - work with coach Todd Johnson to develop your volleyball technique and abilities!

Robotics - learn from teacher Stefan Scott the basics of coding, programming and building basic robots!

Culinary - explore the kitchen with camp cook Amber Allen, learning valuable life skills in the kitchen!

Archery - Award winning archer Shalayne Eckart will show you how to hit that bulls eye!

Music & Drama - LCBI principal Jennifer Ridgewell will have you singing, dancing and acting to produce a full musical Friday afternoon!

Skills Camp: Ages 10-14, Aug 9-14



2026 Adult & Family Summer Programs

HOMESCHOOL CAMP

Join with homeschooling families to experience learning outdoors! Choose your favorite camp skills to participate in, or try something new as a family, and enjoy time outside of the classroom at camp with new friends.

One night, two night, and day trip options are available.

All ages! May 24 -26



FAMILY CAMP

Bring your whole family for a long weekend of fellowship, relaxation, and fun for all ages! Join in family crafts, activities, and age grouped Bible Studies; plus, you don't have to cook!

We're packing in as many families as we can this year with some new date options!

Family Camp 1: June 26-July 3

(5, 3, 2 night options available)

Family Camp 2: July 31 -Aug 3

There is room in the campground for all camps! We have a few cabins left for July 1-3 (2 nights) - book now!



SMORE CAMP

You are invited to a new camp program! An opportunity to get back to camp for some more of all the things you love - friends, nature, food, a change from the normal routine of life....it doesn't get much better than that! A few camp highlights will include Larry Krause in concert, pickleball and horseshoe tournaments, and the largest (maybe only) S'mores charcuterie bar you've ever seen. Bible Study sessions will be led by Darin Felstrom.

Ages 18+, May 17-20



Jewels from Janaya's Journal

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, being convinced of what we do not see." - Hebrews 11:1

January 29

January been a quiet month at camp, though I always find ways to occupy my time. One such activity has been very joyful, teaching pottery at the local arts studio in Prince Albert.

Earlier this month I had the opportunity to travel and promote Kinasao at Briercrest and Millar alongside many other Saskatchewan camps. It is a great encouragement to connect with others who are part of year round camp teams. In the winter we speak with each other about recruiting staff, planning summer programming, hosting winter groups, and strategizing to improve our skills and systems. I have been reflecting on Hebrews 11:1 today, thinking about how all of this unseen work goes into the amazing summer programs we are able to run at our various camps. We can be convinced, or have faith, that what is invested unseen will develop into things we hope for but do not yet see.

In many ways this is similar to what is so fascinating about pottery. This month I worked with a group of intermediate potters to improve our skill in working with larger amounts of clay at a time on the wheel. Sometimes small amounts feel easier to conform to the shape we are aiming to create while working with more clay takes more time to prepare, centre, and shape our pots. Once we get to the point of shaping them into the piece we are hoping to make, it seems like the stakes are higher based on the volume of effort we have invested. Our skill develops and our pieces are refined, and with endurance the end result will be what we have hoped for made visible.

April 24

The past month has contained work on final winter season to-do's, retreats and rental groups, and anticipation of the spring staff's upcoming arrival. Usually the warmer weather and school group programs are easier to picture, but this year it has snowed so much that it is slow to melt! Not to mention two of our biggest snowfalls have come in mid April! Kinasao's property currently looks more like a winter wonderland than a summer camp.

At this time of year, with spring truly just around the corner, all of our annual experience of the turning of the seasons supports our faith in what we cannot yet see. The snow will melt, the spring will come, God will teach and guide and meet with us and all those we serve at camp during the high season. These things may feel nearer in April than they do in January, but the snow today reminds me that the faith we can have that we will eventually see what we are hoping for in Christ is the same no matter how things seem. Lord, as you meet us in whichever seasons we find ourselves, give us grace to be convinced that we will see you move and heal and teach us, even when we don't see the evidence of that 'spring' yet.

Janaya



Staff Alumni Retreat

Sept 4-7

COME BACK TO CAMP FOR A LONG WEEKEND OF ALL THE THINGS THAT MAKE CAMP SO SPECIAL!

A time for you and your family to hang out at camp with other people who love camp! Come for as much of the long weekend as you are able - an afternoon, a day, the whole weekend!

We'll have a very relaxed schedule with time to enjoy the people, activities, facilities, and food that makes Kinasao a second home to so many.

We'd love help spreading the word about the retreat - if you're interested in reaching out to staff alumni for us, please contact kristi@kinasao.ca

REGISTRATION BY DONATION
SIGN UP NOW AT KINASAO.CA



You know you want another staff shirt - this time in puff print!

Sue's Scoop

I am sitting at my desk, looking out my window today as the spots of cleared field and grass are once again being covered by snow. And I am not going to lie, I am struggling to be thankful. As Christians, we can't help but look at the seasons as a large teaching tool of God's salvation...coming through the dark valley of winter into the new hope and life of spring, beautifully reflecting Christ's death and triumphant resurrection. So when our new hope of life is taken away, it sends me back into mourning. A feeling of hopelessness. Will this ever end?! It offends me, this snow. We have so much already, do we really need more? Can't it be shared with others? Can't it be someone else's problem!?

And then, I am distracted by the extra noise in my kitchen, because it is a snow day and the kids are home from school. I LOVE when my kids are home all day, it is so uncommon for us now. And we have an excuse to go nowhere, we can just be together. I can hear Richard testing the snowmobile to groom our ski trail one more time. I love Xcountry skiing. And suddenly we have the whole day to prepare for the music we are playing on Sunday. And it is like the good Father is saying to me, "What is so upsetting to you? Can you not see my goodness is so much bigger than the snow?"

I can't help but think how easily I am offended. How easily I let insignificant "things of the world" steal my joy and my hope. And I am going to be honest here, it doesn't steal the deep down joy in my heart. But if it steals away my outward joy, how I treat my family, how I speak about my day, and how I walk through the world...does that even count? If who I am deep in my heart doesn't show up on my outside, is that really who I am? It really is so easy for me to get distracted, to get upset, to let the things that happen in the world, like never ending winter, make me angry, anxious, unsettled. But Jesus calls me to more. If the seasons reflect His story of salvation, how can I not see that His gift of life is so big it should eclipse the seasons. It eclipses the offenses and disappointments that are here.

And so I am committing to learn the lesson of snow that the Lord is speaking to me. Over and over in scripture we read that the joy of our salvation is our testimony. We are invited to put on the shoes of the gospel of peace, and peace does not take offense, peace does not complain. I am blessed with such abundance in my life, let me tell you. I truly love my job! I get to participate in ministry, and get paid for it! The boys are healthy, I have one driver in the house, and another soon on the way, and wow, has that made life easier for all of us. They do well in school, music, 4-H and sports. They love the Lord and have soft and open hearts to Him. I have a husband who is kind and loving, who enjoys adventure and never says no to a challenge. Our parents are in good health and we have good relationships with our family. I have friends I love, can share honestly with, who hold me accountable and support me. My life is so so blessed.

I want who I show up as to reflect what I have in my heart, and I am asking all of you to hold me accountable! When you see me at Kinasao, and I lead with talking about the yuck weather, or how busy life is, or any silly little frustration...call me on it. It is such a habit for me, to just lead with complaining. And I don't want to show up that way. I want to lead with joy. I want to see all the things I am thankful for in the midst of the valley of snow. I am now going to sing and play with my family, and my heart is full of joy for the snow that has kept them at home. And I can't wait to see you soon, and tell you about all the wonderful things that the Lord is doing in our lives, and hearing about what is going on with you.

Sue



Week in the Wild

There is nothing quite like taking on the challenge of learning a new skill, or developing existing skills, in the wilderness. Simple, everyday tasks, become difficult, tricky or even seemingly impossible, when done without all the conveniences of home. But the rewards that come from moving through the beauty of creation, of eating food you've carried yourself and cooked over a fire, of sleeping under the stars in air that's fresh and clean can only be enjoyed by those who are willing to move out of their comfort zone and into the wild...

Kinasao is offering three levels of its "Week in the Wild" program this year. In a time-tested, graduated program of increasing difficulty, campers will learn the skills they need not only to survive a simple overnight canoe trip, but to thrive through learning and developing the abilities necessary to become competent outdoors people.

In **Level One**, campers will learn how to live out of a tent, cook their own meals outside, to paddle a canoe safely and properly, and to work together as a team. A one-night trip to an island in Christopher Lake provides a taste of what its like to put outdoor skills to the test.

Level Two provides campers a chance for a multi-day trip on a series of lakes or through the moving water of a river. Campers learn more survival skills and work together to accomplish all the tasks necessary to live well and move safely in the wilderness. Teamwork and individual competence are strengthened through practice and the careful supervision of experienced leaders. And its not all work - there is plenty of time to explore and play together in an environment that invites the creative and adventurous spirit of campers to stretch and grow.

Level Three builds on all of the skills learned in earlier levels and puts them to the test in more difficult and demanding situations. After more concentrated instruction, campers will move together farther in the wilderness and challenge their skills by paddling in class one and two rapids on known routes. Increasingly, campers will take responsibility for choosing routes, making decisions and paddling in more demanding settings. Of course, there is still plenty of time to relax, play and enjoy the company of other lovers of the outdoors.

Join us for "Week in the Wild" to explore God's good creation with new friends and new skills!



Terry's Thoughts

I am new to the position of Property and Projects Director as of late September 2025. There are many aspects to my position such as snow removal, equipment maintenance, grounds keeping, and building repairs etc. I believe my most important job is being a good steward to what God has provided.

1 Peter 4:10 says "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." I am very grateful to Lowell for sticking around and showing me the ropes and helping with the learning curve that I'm sure will last quite a while.

Because I am an outdoor person this job resonates with me. I really enjoyed giving people rides on the hay wagon during the twinkle tour as well as the challenge of keeping the twinkle tour road maintained throughout the Christmas and New year season. I have not yet had the opportunity to experience the camp running at its full capacity and I look forward to that this summer.

I'm looking forward to the summer and all that it brings.

Terry



Welcome Board Members!

We are thankful to our Board volunteers! At our recent Annual General Meeting, we welcomed new Board members Pastor Sheldon Gattinger, and Bishop Sid Haugen to the group. They will join David Bragg (Chair), Sharon Hopkins (Vice Chair), Nathan Hind (Secretary), Bryce MacEwen (Treasurer), Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Kyle Halstead, Paul Tastad, Natasha Carter and Pastor Mac de Waal in serving the Kinasao Board this year. The Board can be contacted at directors@kinasao.ca

Community Events

We cannot wait for this snow to go away, and welcome you all back to Kinasao! Community is the heart of Kinasao, and one of our Core Values. We look forward to providing opportunities to gather and connect at Kinasao again this season!

Events are planned each weekend starting in June, primarily in the campground picnic shelter. Many riders games and potlucks, music nights with Lake Spirit and Alison Uitti and friends, plus games, wing night, fish fry and poutine night. You don't want to miss any, and invite your friends and family, these are open to all!

This year Lakeside Fiddle fun will be the Friday night of Celebration Weekend. Come out and listen to local talent wow you with their musical ability. This has always been an enjoyable evening, with the opportunity to tap your toes or even dance a reel.

On July 29 we are bringing back the Perogie Community Supper. We have found some even crazier flavors for you to try, as well as the favorites you told us you loved last time. Put this on your calendar, you won't want to miss it. Tickets will be \$25 and available from kinasao.ca by June 15, on sale until July 22. And invite those people who aren't sure what camp is all about, food is always a great way to experience the love and excitement of camp!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS!

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| JUNE 6: PAINT A CHARCUTERIE BOARD (RSVP) | AUG 1: POTLUCK SUPPER |
| JUNE 13: POTLUCK | AUG 8: MUSIC NIGHT WITH ALISON UITTI |
| JUNE 19-21: CELEBRATION WEEKEND | AUG 22: SEASON FINALE BANQUET (RSVP & \$) |
| JULY 4: MUSIC NIGHT WITH LAKE SPIRIT | AUG 29: WING NIGHT (RSVP & \$) |
| JULY 11: KAISER TOURNAMENT | SEPT 13: POUTINE BAR (RSVP & \$) |
| JULY 18: FISH FRY (RSVP & \$) | |
| JULY 29: PEROGIE NIGHT (RSVP & \$) | |

KINASAO CORE VALUE - IN COMMUNITY:

AN INCLUSIVE, INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY INVESTING IN PEOPLE AND BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS.

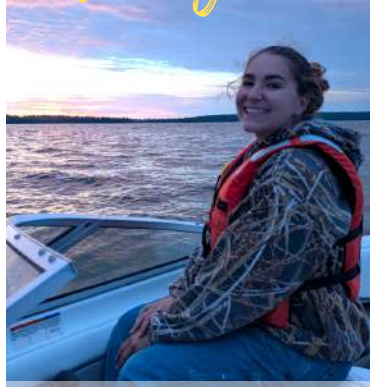
Meet The Summer Staff!

WE HAVE MANY FAMILIAR FACES ON THE SUMMER STAFF ONCE AGAIN!

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE DEDICATION OF EACH OF THESE YOUNG ADULTS TO KINASAO, AND LOVE WATCHING THEM LEARN AND GROW AS THEY SERVE.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY PREPARE TO JOIN US AT CAMP IN JUST A FEW WEEKS!

Program Coordinators



MARIA CORLAN

MULTITALENTED
ADVENTUROUS
RESOURCEFUL
INTENTIONAL
ADAPTABLE



TRASON RIDGEWELL

TERRIFIC
REALLY EXCITED
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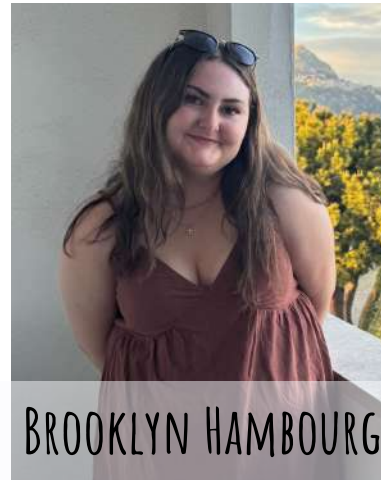
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LIA CORLAN

LIVELY
IMAGINATIVE
ATTENTIVE



BROOKLYN HAMBOURG

BRAVE
RELIABLE
OUTGOING
OPEN MINDED
KIND
LOVING
YOUTHFUL
NAP LOVER



MAYA DOUCETTE

MINDFUL
ADVENTUROUS
YOUNG-AT-HEART
ARTISTIC

Meet the Summer Staff!

Counsellors



EXUBERANT
LYRICAL
SUMMER LOVING
AUTHENTIC



LOVING
IMAGINATIVE
LOYAL
ADVENTUROUS
HILARIOUS



PRAIRIES
INSPIRATION
PSALMS
EDUCATION
RHYTHM



JOYFUL
ADAPTIVE
CHATTY
OPTIMISTIC
BOLD



LIVELY
ENTHUSIASTIC
VOLUBLE
IMAGINATIVE

Meet The Summer Staff!

Kitchen Staff



MABEL HARRINGTON

MAKER OF FOOD
ADEQUATE SINGER
BE KIND
EASILY EXCITABLE
LOVER OF CHEESE



CHARLOTTE WAGNER

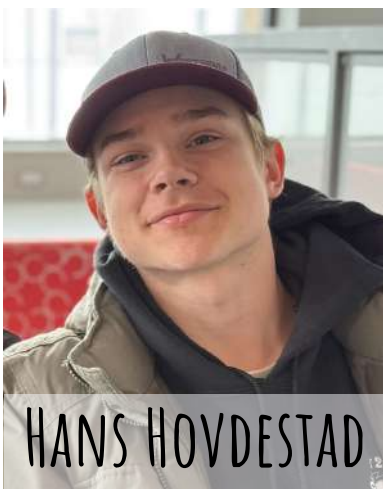
CARBON-MAJORITY
HOMO SAPIEN
ALIVE
RESPIRING
LIMBED
OMNIVORE
TERRESTRIAL
TEN-TOED
EXISTING



JESSICA FLATH

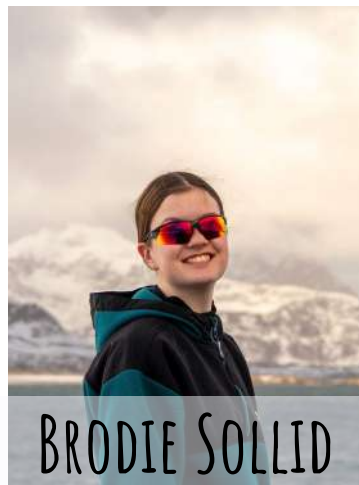
JOYFUL
ENERGETIC
SILLY
SPONTANEOUS
IMAGINATIVE
CARING
ARTISTIC

Maintenance Staff



HANS HOVDESTAD

HANDY
AWESOME
NONCHALANT
STRONG



BRODIE SOLLID

BRAVE ON OCCASION
ROTISSERIE CHICKEN LOVER
O UT PA TUR, ALDRI SUR
DEFINITELY CAN SPEAK NORWEGIAN
I TAKE PICTURES
EXUBERANTLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT MAINTENANCE

Summer Prayer Partners

Will you pray for our team?

WORKING AT CAMP CAN NOT BE DONE ON YOUR OWN STRENGTH WE NEED PRAYER!

Although it is the most rewarding job you'll ever do, working at camp is also one of the most exhausting and challenging things you'll ever do. Our staff team gives their all, and rely on the Lord to provide the strength to get through each and every day. Sometimes, (many times!), just knowing that there is someone out there lifting you to the Lord is just the boost we need to get through the week.

This summer, we are looking for 22 individuals who will commit to praying for our staff throughout the summer. Each person will be paired with a staff member (if you have a request, let us know!) and provided with some prayer points for the summer. You are welcome to reach out to your prayer partner throughout the summer, or keep it a secret.

If you'd like to sign up to be a prayer partner in 2026, contact kristi@kinasao.ca!

Please join us in Prayer!

We need another male counsellor!

SPREAD THE WORD - CONTACT [KRISTI@KINASAO.CA](mailto:kristi@kinasao.ca) IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED!

Keepin' up with Kristi

If you know me well, you likely know the following things - I don't particularly like the outdoors. You will never find me in a canoe by choice. I don't really enjoy speaking in front of people or being the center of attention. If you see me in the lake, you can be sure that all four of my offspring looked at me with sad puppy eyes for the previous hour. Given all these things, I have been asked many times - why do you work at camp????

The answer to this question was confirmed again for me today as I worked with our Program Coordinators and Program Director, talking about leadership. I was working at camp when each of them started their camper journey - Asta as a six year old Day Camper, Trason as a twelve year old at Music & Drama, and Maria as a seven year old Mini Camper. Watching these little campers grow over the past years into young adults ready to take on the challenges that come with being in a leadership role among their peers is a fascinating experience. Leadership development is the thing that I love the most about working at camp.

It's incredible to watch someone learn, develop, and grow into a leader. To see them take risks, to see them fail, to see them pick themselves up and try again - and to have the privilege of being a part of guiding them through that process. And I've gotten to see it with hundreds of campers who have started in our youngest programs, thrived through teen camp, served as a SIT, given back as a staff member, and then gone on to be powerful leaders in their community.

Today in our training time, as we listened to Liz Wiseman speak about her research on leaders who are Multipliers, we talked about the impact that type of leadership can have at camp. The empowerment we can give campers and staff when we look at them as smart - as people who have gifts to bring and expertise to share - at any age. I have experienced so many "multipliers" through camp. I think back to Lee giving me my first SIT evaluation, telling me my words had power. To Karena giving me feedback after I led my first campfire. To Angela and Jason, the first PCs I worked under, seeing my organizational abilities and giving me freedom to rearrange the craft room. I think back to Sharon looking at me as an 18 year old and telling me I would be a great head cook, something I had not considered as a possibility in my life. Each of these people (and countless more!) took the time to speak into my life, and draw out and develop my leadership skills. They took the time to help me when I stumbled. I am so thankful to have grown up in the camp environment - it has undoubtedly shaped my leadership journey and brought me to where and who I am today. Camp is not about one person, it is not about one leader. Camp is a natural incubator for leadership. It is a place where we can learn from each other, continually pushing each other to stretch and grow, and become a leader with positive influence in the world around us.

I have loved watching campers grow into leaders throughout the years, and I love watching my own kids look up to the leaders at camp now. They are blessed to have these great role models in their life, and I am blessed to get to work alongside them. I learn from them everyday, and they shape my leadership journey while I hope to have a positive impact on theirs. Leadership development - the thing that makes the buggy outdoors, the canoe trips, and the cold dips in the lake all worth it - it's the reason why I work at camp.

PS - I HOPE TO SEE SO MANY OF YOU LEADERS BACK AT THE STAFF ALUMNI RETREAT!!

Kristi



Weekend Retreats

Experience Kinvasao in the Fall & Winter

FILL YOUR FREEZER RETREAT: SEPT 19-21

This will be our 6th Fill Your Freezer Retreat! In the past 5 retreats, we have made a total of 2,636 meals!! Wow!

These meals have been a blessing to busy couples juggling full work schedules, families struggling through chronic illness, seniors unable to get to a grocery store, young adults inviting friends over for meals, and so many more! We love the ministry that takes place as we prepare food together, and then share it with friends and families afterwards. To see the Sept meal list, and learn more, check out the website!



PRAYER RETREAT: SEPTEMBER 26-28

Have you ever asked, is prayer really necessary if God is all powerful? What is actually happening when I pray? Is anything happening? Maybe you find God admirable but boring, and "real" excitement is found in our social calendars, favorite activities, or career trajectories. Maybe you wonder if God really is knowable, and even more, is He a loving, altogether good author? This retreat is an invitation to the deep end of the pool, beyond the shallow, where water feels fine, but nothing really happens. Time alone to examine many different prayer and worship styles, and the opportunity for true connection are the core of this weekend. We welcome all, from the new seeker to the battle worn saint, to come away and get closer to Jesus.



GIVE THE GIFT OF A RETREAT!

GIFT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR KINVASAO PROGRAMS AND MERCHANDISE ALL YEAR LONG.

CONTACT [KRISTI@KINVASAO.CA](mailto:kristi@kinvasao.ca) TO PURCHASE

Weekend Retreats

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SK SYNOD YOUTH RETREAT: OCT 23-25

Join with youth from across the province for a fun fall weekend at camp! Get a taste of camp to get you through to next summer.

Information about available transportation will be provided closer to the retreat via kinasao.ca.

The guest speaker for this retreat will be Rev. Dr. Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerreo from the Lutheran Theological Seminary. We're hoping for some special out of country guests as well!

Ages 12-17



CHRISTMAS AT CAMP: NOV 21

A great way to kickoff the Christmas Season! Check out the Christmas Market with unique gifts from local artisans, worship together by candlelight in the chapel, and take your first look through the Twinkle Tour!



Businesses - the Twinkle Tour is a great place to advertise! If you'd like to decorate a site, contact sue@kinasao.ca

Volunteers - we need Tour greeters! If you're available on a Friday or Saturday to pass out hot chocolate and maps, let us know! We also need help setting up lights!

DECORATING WORKBEE - SEPT 13!



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS ALL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,
VISIT KINASAO.CA

Gifts In Memory & Honour

Harry and Hilda Njaa

Bev & Joan Kaiser
Gary Bergstresser

Rev. Ron Bjorgan

Dan & Audrey Hagen

Curtis & Gertrude Satre

Randi Barker

Carroll Birkland

Wanda Larose

Knut & Inga Graupe

Hans & Sylvia Graupe

Aaron Froese

Edith Froese

Monica Kelly

Char Greve

Larry & Beverly Guenter

Edith Froese

Morris & Betty Anderson

Dan & Bev Haugen

Audrey Hedlin

Ed Hedlin

Keith Walters

Janet Walters

Lane Sorenson

Bryan & Janet Akre
Gordon & Holly Cochrane
Blaine Rausch
Karen Smith
Steven & Joy Gjesdal

Marlene Wichert

Byran & Janet Akre
Obert & Connie Friggstad
Shelley Froese
Gary & Michelle Stalwick
Allan Grundahl
Ken Legge
Steven & Joy Gjesdal

Sigmund & Ragna Graupe

Hans & Sylvia Graupe

Landon Derbowka

Ervine & Wendy Derbowka

Elaine Meyers

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Harvey & Sylvia Haugen
Jordan & Lori Sly

Joan Ondrusek

Derwin Arnestad
Kelly & Wendy Erickson
Ken & Betty Haugen
Wanda Kolenick
Cindy Olexson
Nancy Ondrusek
Alice Paddock
Nancy Palecek
Denis & Diane Philie
Shauan Richards
Heather Hanson
Steven & Joy Gjesdal

Don Hernberg

Dan & Audrey Hagen

In Honour of...**Anna Felstrom's Birthday**

Dorothy Cooke

Margaret Fast's Birthday

Peter & Marie Fast

2026 Upcoming Events

May 15: Campground Opens	Jul 12-17: Youth & Week in the Wild 1	Sept 4-7: Staff Alumni Retreat
May 16: May Days Volunteer Workbee	Jul 19-24: Teen Camp	Sept 6: Last Sunday Worship
May 17: Sunday Worship Resumes	Jul 26-29: Mini Camp	Sept 13: Twinkle Tour Workbee
May 17-20: Smore Camp	Jul 29: Perogie Supper	Sept 18-20: Prayer Retreat
May 23: Tour-de-Kinasao	Jul 31 - Aug 3: Family Camp 2	Sept 25-27: Fill Your Freezer
May 24-26: Homeschool Family Camp	Aug 5-7: Day Camp	Oct 23-25: Sk Synod Youth Retreat
Jun 19-21: Celebration Weekend	Aug 9-14: Skills Camp	Nov 21: Christmas at Camp & Twinkle Tour
Jun 28-Jul 3: Family Camp 1	Aug 16-21: Jr Youth 2 & Week in the Wild 3	Dec 31: New Years Eve Party
Jul 5-10: Jr Youth 1 & Week in the Wild 2	Aug 22: Season Finale Banquet	

2026 Worship & Resource Pastors

May 17: Darin Felstrom	Jul 12: TBA	Aug 9: TBA
May 24: TBA	Youth Camp: Pastor Sean Boolsen	Skills Camp: Dallas Halvorson
May 31: Sue De Bruijn	Vorster	Aug 16: Pastor Harley Johnson
Jun 7: TBA	Jul 19: Pastor Sean Bell	Jr 2: TBA
Jun 14: Pastor Eldon Danielson	Teen Camp: Pastor Sean Bell	Aug 23: Kinasao Summer Staff
Jun 21: TBA	Jul 26: Pastor Tim Olsen	Aug 30: TBA
Jun 28: TBA	Mini Camp: Pastor Tim Olsen	Sept 6: Kinasao Staff Alumni
Family Camp 1: Pastor Stacia Michael	Aug 2: TBA	
Jul 5: TBA	Family Camp 2: TBA	Check the website for most up to date list, and cinnamon bun schedule!
Jr 1: Pastor Trent Felstrom	Day Camp: Pastor Mark Hedlin	

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