

Sunset News

Sunset Point Christian Camp Community Newsletter December 2023

The Sweetest Christmas Banquet December 9th, 2023



The Sweetest Christmas Banquet will be taking place on **Saturday, December 9th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.** We are excited to welcome you back for another evening of celebration as we first celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His plan of salvation for each and every one of us. We will also celebrate and reflect on the amazing year of ministry that has taken place at the Camp and you will hear stories of impact and legacy.

Earlier in the afternoon, there will be mule-drawn wagon rides, a bonfire, a meet and greet and other fun activities taking place earlier in the afternoon and throughout the evening. We will have a Bucket Auction taking place during the evening in which you'll have the opportunity to purchase tickets on several great items.

Tickets are \$40 per ticket (13+), \$20 (4-12), and FREE for those 3 and under. A table of eight may also be purchased for \$300. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning November 1st. You can select your ticket quantity by selecting the + symbol on the logo to the right of each respective ticket option.

Additionally, Elim Lodge has rooms available for rent if you wish to stay overnight at Camp. For information on rates and availability, please contact Karen, the Camp Administrator at karen@sunsetpointcamp.ca

Please visit our website https://www.sunsetpointcamp.ca/news-events, our Facebook and Instagram pages for further details on the menu, activities etc. as the organizing committee works hard to bring you a fun event.

Purchase Tickets Here

Merry Christmas

The Sunset Point Christian Camp Board of Directors, Camp Director, management and staff would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a very blessed and prosperous 2024. As we celebrate the season, we also recognize that many may be struggling during this time with grief, illness, etc. and we pray that the presence and peace of God would fill your homes and hearts this season. Merry Christmas, we look forward to partnering with you in 2024 for another great year of ministry and impact.



Coleen, Housekeeping and Logistical Support Team Lead, Karen, Camp Administrator, Cindy, Housekeeper, Dee, Housekeeper



Christmas Trivia Challenge

Do you like to challenge your mind? Our newest contest is all about learning more about Christmas, and the traditions and fun that surround the season. Answer the questions below and send your responses to info@sunsetpointcamp.ca to have your name entered in to win a \$25 Tim Horton's gift card. We're confident this challenge will be the start of some interesting conversations with your family and friends around some of your own traditions and celebrations.

Trivia Questions

- 1. What popular Christmas beverage is also known as "milk punch?"
- 2. What is the name of the main character in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas?"
- 3. What country is known for starting the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
- 4. How long was the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem for Joseph and Mary?
- 5. In what year was "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens first published?

2023 RECAP

2023 has been a very busy year for Sunset Point Camp ministry wise, and, staffing and work wise. We would like to share some highlights with you to give glory to God for the ministry and enhancements that are taking place at Camp. The legacy and impact for generations to come continues to thrive and flourish. Sunset Point would like to express our thanks and gratitude to each group that rents and uses our facilities as well as to our staff and volunteers that work so hard to make this a Camp that seeks to honor God in everything we say and do. Lastly, we would like to acknowledge our four partnering churches, Hope City Church, Bethel Pentecostal Church, Eaglemont Christian Church and Southside Pentecostal Church along with our donors for continuing to partner with Sunset Point Christian Camp, giving us the ability to provide facilities and services that enhance the camp experience and point individuals to Christ.

.Here is a recap of a very busy 2023.

- 66 bookings for group rentals, conferences and prayer retreats.
- · Reports of individuals coming to faith in Christ.
- · Many individuals were baptized in water as a public confession of their faith.
- · Next Gen Lounge created.
- · Camp gardens upgraded.
- 2 work bees with 200 + in attendance.
- July Family Camp had great ministry and was well attended.
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- Children's Tabernacle renovation completed.
- Shoreline stabilization project completed.
- · New automated gate installed.

- Burn Pit and Storage areas cleaned up. Quonsets continue to be cleaned and organized.
- · Cleaning and enhancement of RV lots started.
- Family Day Weekend and Thanksgiving Weekend Bonfires held for Cabin & RV owners
- User groups survey completed in November 2023 to acquire feedback from rental groups.
- 2 Summer Students joined the team from May-August.
- One new staff member hired and one seasonal staff returned.
- Wilfred Golbeck retired and Mark Evans joined the team as our new Camp Director.

While we've also experienced some challenges, we celebrate all of the great things that God is doing in and through Sunset Point Christian Camp. We are so blessed that we get to be a part of what is taking place here at Camp. We look forward to a very busy and exciting ministry season in 2024. Please enjoy some reminders of a great 2023 Camp season.

































Advancing our Mission



On behalf of Sunset Point Christian Camp, we are excited to announce a new and exciting fundraising campaign. STARTING NOW!

You are a key part of the Camp's story, and we've so appreciated your support throughout the years. Now, we invite you to partner with us again as we plan for the future.

We have a vision for a large-scale initiative that will enhance the Camp's facilities and aging infrastructure so that the camp can continue to be a place where we...

- Further the work of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with other believers in a Christian atmosphere.
- Provide for Christian fellowship where the Holy Spirit will be honoured within the realm of both personal and group retreats in a recreational setting.
- Provide a place for the individual Christian to grow and develop their faith in God.
- Provide and maintain facilities for the spiritual, social, educational, and physical wellbeing of the fellowship and the community through camp meetings, retreats, seminars, conferences, and camp programs for persons of all ages.

Our fundraising goal to meet the needs for 2024 is \$750,000.

As you know, the Camp is committed to enhancing its facilities and aging infrastructure. With your support, we've made great strides in areas such as the:

- Children's Tabernacle
- Christian Center Next Gen Lounge
- · Facility painting
- · Gardening upgrades, etc.

Yet, there is still much work to be done. That's why we're launching this campaign to raise the funds we need to continue upgrading the Camp's infrastructure. This will have a transformative impact on the Camp's ability to fulfill its mission.

This is a critical time in the Camp's history, and we need your continued support to make our vision a reality. We believe that with your help, we can begin the necessary work in a way that seeks to honour God and maximizes the impact that Sunset Point Christian Camp has on the lives of the many individuals, families, and groups that use the Camp's facilities. Many of your own families have been impacted throughout the generations, and we are excited to continue this legacy for generations to come.

Some of the items that need immediate care and attention are.

- Water & Sewer
- · Electrical Upgrades
- · Bathroom Facilities
- Fire Code/Insurance Upgrades
- · Security Upgrades
- Equipment Upgrades
- Tabernacle Upgrades

You may also be aware that we are challenging the process for which our tax assessments have been calculated and with that comes ongoing costs and expenditures.

To get involved in the transformative change that is coming we encourage you to send your one-time gift or to donate through monthly recurring giving. It's easy to do.

- Send your donation by E-transfer to give@sunsetpointcamp.ca.
- Donate through our website at www.sunsetpointcamp.ca using your credit card.
- Register with us, to have regularly scheduled withdrawals directly from your bank account.
- Send a cheque or drop off cash to the camp office.

You may designate your gift to any of the needs presented above or where a designation is NOT specified the funds will be used where the greatest need exists. In compliance with the Canada Revenue Agency, donation receipts for all donations will be provided.

In whatever way you choose to donate, know that your gift will be used to further the work of God through Sunset Point Christian Camp.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for Sunset Point Christian Camp.

Click Here to Donate

Cabin & Campsite Matters

Christmas Office Hours - ATTENTION

Please be advised that the Camp Office will be closed from December 23rd, 2023 through to January 1st, 2024.

For emergencies please text 780-838-6736. For general inquiries and questions, please email info@sunsetpointcamp.ca.

To reach individual staff members please email them directly:

- Karen Bradbury (Camp Administrator): karen@sunsetpointcamp.ca
- Gerald Bradbury (Facilities Manager): gerald@sunsetpointcamp.ca
- Mark Evans (Camp Director): <u>mark@sunsetpointcamp.ca</u>

Please refrain from sending camp-related messages to staff on their personal social media accounts since these can become lost.

Payments

For any payments, such as Cabin Taxes, RV Fees, services or other payments, we now have auto deposit for our accounts to allow a smooth payment process. For payments please use payments@sunsetpointcamp.ca

Please be sure to specify what your E-transfer is for to aid our staff and Accountant to apply the funds as required. (E.g. Invoice No. for Cabin Taxes, Donation, Designated Donation etc.)

Camp Gate

Please note that the Camp will be disabling the automatic opening of the gate when exiting site. As a result, you will need to use your PIN or other means of access to open the gate when entering **AND** exiting site. As we enter the winter season, the Camp is increasing security measures for the benefit of all stakeholders.

Annual RV Sites Available

The Camp has several full service and partial service RV lots available for annual rental. Priority for full service lots are given to individuals from one of the four Camp partner churches, Hope City Church and Southside Pentecostal Church from Edmonton, Eaglemont Church in Beaumont and Bethel Pentecostal Church in Barrhead. A letter of recommendation is required from your home church to determine eligibility. For information on lots available and fees etc., please contact Karen Bradbury the Camp Administrator at karen@sunsetpointcamp.ca

Camp Internet

Mascon has various packages for accessing the internet. Mascon by TELUS customer service can be reached at 1-866-832-6020 or www.mascon.ca

Final Reminder Gate Access

The gate automation has now been completed. To pick up your FOB or Remote please visit the camp office. Anytime the gate is closed, you will require your PIN, or other method of access to gain entry to site. To avoid having to exit your vehicle during inclement weather, cell phone registration or remotes are encouraged. Please note the gate remains closed 24/7 and your method of access will be required when entering AND exiting Camp.

To access the Gate Access Form, please visit; bit.ly/3oPyAC8

Please return the form via email to the Camp Administrator, Karen Bradbury at karen@sunsetpointcamp.ca

Payments can be made via E-transfer using the following email; payments@sunsetpointcamp.ca

NOTE: Each group that has a booking is provided with their own access code. This access code is then deleted at the end of their booking. Please do not give access to vehicles not having a PIN. Individuals are to contact their group leader for the access code, or, in the event of an emergency they may call the office for assistance.

Upcoming Events

Family Day Weekend Bonfire

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, February 17th, 2024

Annual General Meeting

Monday, April 22, 2024 7:00 p.m. Hope City Church

Spring Work Bee

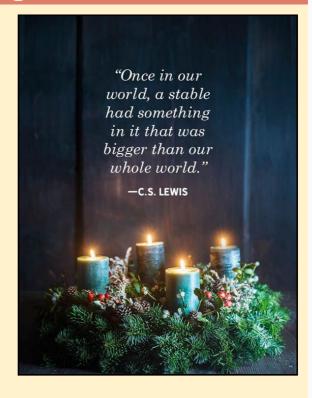
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Lunch provided) Saturday, May 11th, 2024

Family Camp

June 29 - July 7, 2024

SonRise Camp

August 3 - 11, 2024





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