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## THANKFUL FOR A TEAM

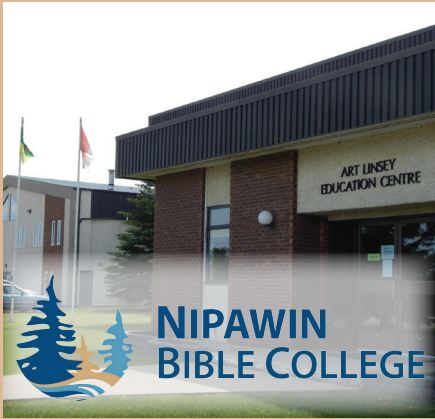
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Ever since I started serving full time at Pine Ridge Bible Camp, I have a new appreciation for the team it takes to run a Bible camp.

The team here running the Camp is incredible. We have a year-round team made up of six staff who live at the Camp (Moriah Kieler, Naomi Unrau, Michael Elias, Araunah Wahlstrom, my wife Rosella, and myself). They are a group of dedicated and hard-working men and women who love the Lord, and have a desire for these young people of northern Saskatchewan to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

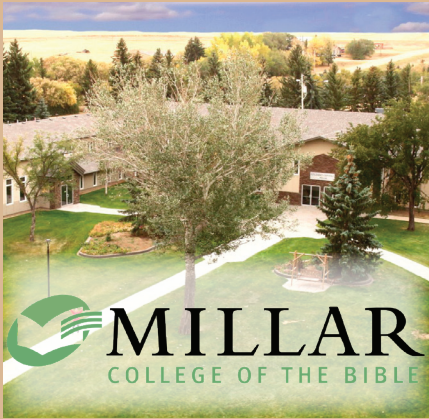
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### Nipawin Campus Days

Our intern Calvin Tees had the pleasure of representing PRBC at Nipawin Bible College’s “While We Wait” Conference. He was able to have many great conversations with the students on and off the convention floor. It is always a pleasure to connect with like-minded Christians pursuing the same goal.



### Millar Campus Days

Michael Elias had the privilege of representing Pine Ridge at Millar College of the Bible’s “Camp Days” in January (Pambrun campus). This event gives the College students an opportunity to see many Bible camps represented, and discover which location would be the place for them this summer. It was great to interact with the students in this way.



## Getting Together After Camp

### Family Day

On January 19, we hosted our first ever come-and-go “Family Day” here at the Camp. Despite the miserably cold temperature, we had opportunity to connect with a community family. The afternoon was planned to include skating, tubing, hockey, etc. However, because it was cold, we found ourselves more so inside playing many rounds of ping pong, and sitting around in the dining hall with coffee and cookies. What a great way to connect with the community!

### Youth Night

We are blessed here at the Camp to have “Youth Nights” every Friday. The word is spreading to the surrounding areas, and is starting to bring more youth to the Camp. It’s an important night, as we get the privilege of ministering to each youth who comes. We usually start the night with supper at 6:00 pm, followed by

games (usually inside downstairs), and at about 9:00 pm, we have a devotional time. Pray for the youth in the area, that they might take home in their hearts what they learn through “devos.”

### Kids Zone

Another way we like to stay in contact with our campers throughout the winter is “Kids’ Zone,” held in the Buffalo Narrows school. Our program is kind of like camp, but very condensed. Typically, on a good day, we see an average of 25 children in the gym. During the afternoon we play lots of group games (to wear off their energy!), followed by a devotional time. We have had some weeks when the devotional time was very hard because of the children’s lack of attention. Continue to pray that God would be honored, and that the children would take something away from the Bible teaching.



### Re - Energizer

February 14-16 brought another new event to the camp – our first time hosting a winter “Re-energizer.” It is much like our fall weekend youth retreat, but includes winter activities to accompany the snow outside. We enjoyed many activities such as skating, tubing, bonfires, ping pong, and a broom-ball game down on the lake ice. Although it was very cold, it was really good to have the campers back again!



### New Cabin

We are once again starting the building of another new cabin. This time, it is to replace one of the age boys’ cabins (our longest standing cabin “Moose” is the next one up for replacement). If you feel led to donate to this project, please contact Pine Ridge Bible Camp at [info@pineridgebible.ca](mailto:info@pineridgebible.ca) ... or give Bruce a call at: 306-288-2136. Construction on the new cabin is planned to start in the fall of this year with the foundation poured, and to be wrapped up the spring of 2026.





# The GREATEST RESCUE

Colossians 1:13-14

## Summer Camp Dates!!!

Preparations are well underway for summer camp 2025, with our Camp theme and verse already set into place.

Here are the dates and volunteer positions we still need to fill:

### **Teen Camp July 7-11 Age 13-17**

We need: male cabin leaders, female cabin leaders, lifeguard, first aid responder.

### **Jr Teen - July 14-18, Age 12-14**

We need: male cabin leaders, female cabin leaders, program director, maintenance staff, first aid responder, lifeguard.

### **Scamper Camp July 21-23, Age 7-9**

We need: "Grandad," male cabin leaders, first aid responder, lifeguard.

### **Jr week 1 - July 28- Aug 1 Age 8-12**

We need: program director, speaker, "grandparents," head cook, maintenance, male cabin leaders (18+), female cabin leaders (18+), lifeguard.

### **Jr week 2 Aug 4-8, Age 8-12**

We need: "grandmother," male cabin leader (18+), lifeguard

### **Jr Week 3 Aug 11-15 Age 8-12**

We need: camp nurse, lifeguard, "grandparents."

One additional staff (Tabitha Wahlstrom) now lives in Manitoba, and still plays a critical role as she mentors me (Bruce) and recruits volunteer staff for the summer.

But our team doesn't end there! Our team is much larger than the ones who work daily at the Camp. Our team is made up of the many men and women who are united across the country as they pray for Pine Ridge on a regular basis. Our team are the churches and individuals who partner with us to ensure our financial needs are met. Our team are the ones dedicated to giving up a week or more of their summer to come and serve at camp. Our team are the ones who come and serve on work projects throughout the year. Our team are men and women like you who are reading this Plank newsletter right now. To all of you, I want to say "thank you" for sharing in the ministry of Pine Ridge Bible Camp. Without you we wouldn't be able to operate our Camp, and tell children, youth and families about a God who truly loves them.

## New Staff

As our staff come and go, we are thankful for the gift that each of them brings with their presence. As you may know, Tabitha Wahlstrom stepped down from directing the Camp in early 2025, and our intern, Calvin Tees, completed his time at Pine Ridge in March.

With these changes, we are excited to let you know about two new members joining our PRBC team. We are excited to welcome Naomi Unrau. Naomi comes from the Austin, Manitoba area and will be heading up our kitchen as manager, along with taking on hospitality (a new role here at the Camp that includes making sure things are clean and ready for rental groups, etc.).

We are also excited to keep the Wahlstrom name here at the Camp, as we have welcomed Araunah Wahlstrom back, this time as full-time staff. Araunah comes to us from the Prince Albert area, and will be taking on the maintenance role, as it is more difficult for Bruce to get to it as he directs the Camp. We are so thrilled that these two have decided to join us here, and we look forward to seeing what God will do in and through them.

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