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LE'GO AND LET GOD

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In Mark 16:15 it says “And then he told them, Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”

As we reflect back on Summer 2024, we see again that God has been faithful and has provided through the many aspects of camp. We started off with our Teen camp, which brought in teens from the area for a week of fun, but more importantly learning more about who GOD is. This year's theme at camp was LE'GO AND LET GOD. Throughout every chapel each speaker laid out how we can Let Go of certain things in our lives that don't allow for us to trust Him, and how we can Let God take control of our lives so that we might live fully for him.





◀ The second week of camp brought in the Junior Teens. This brought some challenges to the week, but can say that at the end of the week we definitely connected and learned more about God. Week number 3 at Pine Ridge, brought in the small camper as we had our Scamper Camp. This Camp is designed to bring in the young ones and allow for them to have a taste of what camp is like and in hopes of them returning. Some of our Scamper campers did come back for a full week as the last three weeks of camp we had our Junior weeks 1-3. This brought back our Kidz Zone campers as well (which was definitely encouraging to see).

While our 3 weeks of Junior camps were in full swing, we also had a different program that was happening around camp. This was our LIT program. LIT stands for Leader In Training and is designed to bring back the Teen and Junior Teen campers and show them what it's like to take on different responsibilities around the camp and to further prepare them into cabin leading.



We Didn't Fall Off the Roof

In December we announced the completion of the Dining Hall. This is a monumental accomplishment in Pine Ridge history. A big thank you to everyone that sacrificed resources, time and money to make this accomplishment possible. The Dining Hall/Chapel will be used as a resource to assist in teaching children about the gospel for generations to come.

Sparrow Cabin

This year God collected enough support - allowing us to begin the project of a new cabin. We have dubbed the new cabin 'Sparrow'. We started constructing Sparrow on the first of June. A crew from Manor came out for a weekend to help clean up the camp and get Sparrow off to a great start. Bruce, Michael, and Calvin worked on the cabin pretty regularly after that. At the start of week 1

of summer camp Sparrow was approaching completion. Bruce worked on Sparrow while Calvin and Michael helped with summer camp. With Scamper week being a quiet week, Michael and Calvin were able to help Bruce complete the cabin to a point of useability. Sparrow Cabin was used for the last 3 remaining weeks of camp. The new cabin measures 18x28 the 28 is including a 6 foot deck. Sparrow is 630 sq feet.

RV Campsite

In March Bruce, Michael and Calvin built an RV campsite. These campsites allow us to accommodate up to three motorhomes or RVs. At the same time the guys made our walk in freezer into a speakers cabin. The speakers cabin has AC as well as heating, a desk and a bed. There is also an outhouse there for the convenience of the guest.



Aspen Renovation

At the beginning of March of this year, a group of men came out from Winkler, MB to help us update the outside look to Aspen along with helping us fix some interior things as well. Projects on Aspen included new tin on the roof, new siding around the whole building, new windows and a brand new deck on the front and back side of the building. Some Interior work included new flooring in the bedrooms and a fresh coat of paint for the walls. We're grateful for everyone who came and helped on this project!

Follow Up:

Kids Zone

This year we are going to attempt to hold three Kid Zones per week. We want to hold the Kid Zones in the communities of Buffalo Narrows, Canoe Lake, and Beauval. Kid Zone has been one of the most attended outreaches in the past; it has generally gathered about 20 kids on average per community.

Youth Night

We also are planning to hold weekly Youth Nights at the camp every friday. Attendance has not been good, but we really appreciate the ones that have been regularly attending youth nights. Due to Michael's excellent leadership with the LIT program this summer there is an expected increase in attendees.



Upcoming Projects: Pole Shed

Bruce would like to see a covered pole shed built this fall for parking our camp vehicles under.

Moose Cabin

We will also need to begin fundraising and planning for another cabin as our oldest cabin on camp (Moose cabin) was not usable this summer due to rodent infestation.





Tabitha Wahlstrom - Camp Director
(until December 31, 2024 / part-time
Resource until August 31, 2025)



Bruce McCaskell - Maintenance
Manager (stepping in as Interim
Camp Director January 1, 2025)
Rosella McCaskell - Registrar

A CHANGE IN TEAM TEAM UPDATE



Michael Elias *Intern - Director's
Assistant (interning until February
28, 2025 / applying for short-term to
continue longer)



Calvin Tees *Intern - Maintenance
and Follow-Up (interning until
February 17, 2025)



Moriah Kielar *Intern - Follow-Up
and Social Media (interning until
August 17, 2025)

One of the greatest joys about working with our team here is seeing the unique gifts, personalities and experience that each person has - and being able to watch them use these as they serve together in different areas of camp ministry!

Every role at camp is important, and having the right people to fill each role makes a world of difference. It is exciting when you can find where people shine and watch them spread their wings and fly. For some it's cleaning. For some building things. For some it's paperwork. For some

it's people skills. We are blessed to have a team with such a variety of giftings, filling each role in a way that God can use them to the best of who He made them to be!

Over the last 10 years I have had the joy of watching young people come to serve here at camp - some stay for a week and some come back for months or years. This is what I will miss the most - watching them as God opens their hearts to who He has made them to be and how He wants to use them to impact others for Him.

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There is no way to wrap up my years at camp in such a short space. I love the ministry and I love my team. I am thankful for their love, prayers and support for me even as I transition out. I am thankful for Bruce taking on the role of (interim) Camp Director – please pray for him, I know what a challenging and rewarding job this can be.

I will miss the beauty of the seasons here. I will miss the laughter of campers. I will miss watching our kids returning as LITs, staff and even interns. I will miss having our summer staff drop by my office – sometimes with laughter and sometimes in tears. I will miss the prayer times and crazy adventures with my team. I will miss Bruce & Rosella – they are like family. I may be stepping away from Pine Ridge physically for awhile, but my years here have shaped who I am today and Pine Ridge will always have a piece of my heart.

For all of you who have been connected with the camp for years, please continue to pray for, support, and be involved in what God is doing here at Pine Ridge Bible Camp.

Prayer:

Please pray for the PRBC team as they navigate through this major leadership transition this fall/winter. After almost 10 years of Camp Directing, Tabitha will be stepping down as Camp Director at the end of 2024.

Tabitha has been part of some fundamental changes and growth here at the camp – both physically (such as the building of the new dining hall/chapel) and relationally (especially in seeing the vision for discipleship realized in the Leader in Training program as well as in the return staff and interns).

Please pray for wisdom for Bruce as he steps in as Interim Camp Director in January 2025. Tabitha will be staying on part-time in a Resource to the Director role until August 31, 2025 to help the transition go as smoothly as possible. Please pray for the whole team as they adjust to this change.



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