



The Pringle Press

George Pringle Memorial Camp • United Church of Canada • Shawnigan Lake, British Columbia

WELCOME TO CAMP!



Camp Pringle is delighted to announce the hiring of our new Resident Property Manager, Garth Cassidy and our Registration and Rental Coordinator, Sam Cassidy. After a search that included the review of over 30 applicants and many interviews, we selected this couple to carry on the tradition of excellence people have become accustomed to with our on-site managers. We would like to thank all the wonderful people who applied for the position of Resident Property Manager, we had many excellent and qualified people to choose from.

Here is a little about the Garth and Sam:

"Sam and I love working together. We both ran karaoke shows together and love bringing out the musician or star in everyone we meet or see. Over the years we have found we work very well with each other and hate being apart for very long. Together, we do very well at many things – and if we don't know how to do something we investigate and research until we find an answer that we both agree on and then we proceed.

We are very excited to be joining the Camp Pringle Team. We know that filling the shoes (boots?) of Richard and Penny is going to be a formidable task. They will help us to transition into those shoes as well as possible. Any assistance that has been given and will be given is appreciated in a big way. We look forward to working for and with all the other team members and of course the campers that come to Camp Pringle. Our hope is that we will not only successfully do the job at hand, but more. We believe that this opportunity has to come to us not only by our works, but first and foremost, as an opportunity from God."

A Fond Farewell to Penny & Richard

After 9 fantastic years as our Property Manager team, Penny and Richard are ready to enjoy a true retirement visiting family and taking opportunities to travel. We will really miss them. The planning is well underway for a fantastic send-off to a most wonderful couple and great people to work with.

Come say your goodbyes in person at our dinner party to be held in their honour on Thursday, November 10, in the dining hall at camp. Dinner will begin at about 5:30pm and we will have some toasts and roasts of the guests of honour. We are not selling tickets, but are asking everyone who plans to attend to contact the Victoria Office at 472-6877 or director@camppringle.com to be put on the list so that we know how many people to plan for. We don't want to run out of food, so make sure we know you are coming. We are charging \$10 per person to cover our food costs and are welcoming those who would like to volunteer some time for this event.



Summer 2011 Was Awesome!

To say this was a great summer for staff and campers would be an understatement. We definitely were blessed with a great group of staff and campers this year. I would love to give you a run down on how each staff member really graced our camp this summer, but there is not enough room in this newsletter for all the individual praise deserved. I would like to say, however, that 16 of the 24 staff plan to return in 2012 and that speaks volumes for the camp community we built this summer.

Early in 2011, the United Church of Canada published "Faith Formation at Camp". Our Chaplain, Jake, followed those guidelines to put a solid focus on this summer's faith programming. We worked very hard to ensure that Christian morals and values were involved in every activity and hope that all our campers felt spiritually nurtured.

Some great highlights from the summer include the new tubes for slip 'n slide, all the crazy characters in the theme skits, Cliff and his tubing boat, the new basketball court, all the fun activities, swimming in the lake, learning about recycling and composting, and much more. Our summer camps simply wouldn't work without the support of our wonderful volunteers, including Medic, Camp Parent, Volunteer Chaplain, Volunteer Craft Leader, Cabin Co-Leaders, Shadow Lifeguards, Office Assistants, General Helpers and Bike Camp Leaders. You are all very special and we sincerely thank you for all your efforts. We hope to see you again in 2012 and to see some new people join us as we can always use more help. Volunteering is a great way for parents to see how camp works, so if you would like to help out, don't hesitate to give us a call.

CAMP PRINGLE WINS A PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Camp Pringle was voted the "Second Best Camp for Kids" in the Victoria News People's Choice awards for 2011. With so many excellent summer camps in the region, placing second is quite impressive and we will strive to improve our rating to Number 1 in 2012!





Staff Profile Claire Friedrich



Claire is a second year student at the University of Victoria currently majoring in theatre with a minor in French. She hopes to obtain her teaching certificate so she can teach drama and French. She loves playing piano, singing, acting, skating, taking dance classes and doing yoga – or just spending time with friends. She has had opportunities and a love for travel. She has been fortunate enough to have visited many wonderful places including Belgium where she lived with a French family for a five week Rotary Club summer exchange in 2009.

“Camp Pringle has been part of my life since 2002 when I started as a camper. In 2007 I completed the Crew program and then started volunteering as a co-leader and babysitter. This past summer I was a cabin leader on staff and had one of the best experiences of my life. Working at camp has helped me realize my passion for working with youth and has contributed to my decision to pursue a teaching career. Camp Pringle is such a wonderful environment and I feel truly privileged to have been involved there for nearly ten years – it is my home away from home and I hope it will remain that way for many years to come.”

2ND ANNUAL CAMP PRINGLE GOLF TOURNAMENT



Fore! The name of the game is to have fun and help raise money for our great summer programs. After a brief hiatus, the golf tournament will again take place at beautiful Prospect Lake Golf Course in late Spring 2012, with the exact date to be determined. Please look for more information on our website, in the churches and in our Spring Newsletter in January.

The price of \$85 includes 9 holes of golf plus an excellent dinner with 5 meal options. (For those who would like to join the post-golf festivities, dinner tickets are \$40.) There will be prizes in a variety of categories. We are looking for 48 golfers – register as an individual or a foursome. Registration details will be announced in January.

NEW COURT IS A SLAM DUNK!

Campers have always enjoyed playing basketball at during periods of free time. With the addition of our new basketball court, which was put on the foundation of the old Spencer Hall, our campers have really had fun playing a variety of different games on the surface.

You can watch a game of “bump” at one end of the court while other campers are simply shooting hoops at the other end and everyone is enjoying themselves. Not only has the court been great for playing, but it has been a great place for gathering everyone together. The court also opens up the view from the dining hall where all the adults love to congregate and enjoy looking out at the lake. In addition to the campers, you can usually also see Owen on the court doing his Kobe impressions.

Spring Break Camp 2012

Excited about spending time at Camp during Spring Break? Check out our brochure online at www.camppringle.com.

Want to experience the camp with your child? Why not consider volunteering? We need volunteers, so please call the office today!

We cannot run this camp successfully without the following volunteer positions: Chaplain, Medic, Craft Leader, Camp Parent, Lifeguard, and at least eight leaders ages 15+. Please send in your applications today as we need to confirm our leaders in advance. You can apply online through the website by following the link on the Staff & Volunteers page, find Application forms online under the forms tab, or call the camp office at 250-472-6877.

We look forward to hearing from you!



HOW YOU CAN HELP CAMP PRINGLE

We are always looking at ways to improve the safety, infrastructure and fun at Camp Pringle. We firmly believe we are helping children and youth grow socially, spiritually, and developmentally in such strong and positive ways and we need help to continue our passion. We have seen significant positive improvements to our infrastructure over the past year and we are now working hard to build our camper numbers up to our new capacities. Each and every person who reads this newsletter can help us reach our goals in one way or another and we would encourage you to do what you can to help.

Many of you feel most comfortable helping Camp Pringle by making financial donations. These donations help in so many ways: as a bursary donation will help support a child who could otherwise not afford to attend camp experience the week of their life; as a contribution to our capital fund which provides Laura Butler Lodge with a fresh coat of paint and some needed TLC; or those many wonderful donations to our operating fund which help us keep everything running, from paying staff to ensuring there is propane to operate the kitchen.

We, of course, love receiving financial donations, but many of you may not be in a position to help in this way. For people who would love to give to camp in a non-financial way, we would love to hear from you as a volunteer for our summer programs, to help at a work party or to assist at an event, or even to join our board of directors. If you don't feel you can help out in either of these

ways, but would still like to help camp, probably the biggest thing any one of us can do to help is to talk to people about your experience at camp and to share your love of camping with people who may not know about camp or its value in our society. Many cultures in our society don't have a concept of children's camping and we need to educate people about what camp can do for children and find ways to encourage them to give camp a try. We would love to see all our camps as full as our Spring Break, Ultimate Adventure, CIT and this summer's Junior & Intermediate Watersports Adventure Camps. Sharing your enthusiasm will help us help more children in the community and that is what camp is all about.

Please complete the enclosed mailing survey. There are ways that you can indicate how you would like to support the camp and we will follow up with everyone who responds. I thank you all in advance for considering how you can help.

We are now registered with CanadaHelps and you can make online donations to Camp Pringle through their website at canadahelps.org. The online transaction is secure, you can easily set up regular giving, and can print a receipt instantly (a feature that I know Mike will appreciate).



Check out www.camppringle.com for a link to summer 2010 photos, information on programs, camp schedules, summer jobs, private rentals, forms, etc.

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