



The Pringle Press

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



Kezia's Korner Kezia Cowtan, Camp Director

I had a wonderful first summer at Camp Pringle and look forward to working with the summer staff in the years to come. Program Coordinator Claire Friedrich, Chaplain Sarah Prestwich, Waterfront Director Seth Jerome, volunteer Medic Nate LaBine and all the other staff delivered an outstanding program this year.

The summer was great success! We had just under 1,000 school children and summer campers who participated in canoeing, kayaking, swimming, sailing, faith, archery, orienteering, out trips, campfires, and much, much more.

Every year, volunteers help make camp possible by co-leading cabins, being camp medic or camp parent or by being a general helper. This summer 25 volunteers contributed over 2,280 hours of volunteer time making camp possible for hundreds of children.

With your help Camp Pringle gave \$13,000 in bursaries to send kids to camp. In addition, Kamps for Kids provided bursaries for five campers, Duncan United provided bursaries for 9 campers, First Met United provided two campers with

bursaries, and Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery gave seven campers bursaries. St. Pauls United contributed \$630 to bursaries through their annual spring fund-raiser and Sylvan United has also contributed funds this year. We are grateful also for the support of the Victoria Presbytery and Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery for their ongoing financial support of the work of the camp.

We are blessed to have local chef Lorri Heath as a part of our Camp Pringle team. Lorri worked with Feys and Hobbs Catered Arts in Victoria for 18 years and has a wealth of culinary experience.

We are looking forward to all the fall rental groups including several schools who come for their fall school trips.



Chaplain's Reflection • Sarah Prestwich

Again a new season is upon us as the summer camping season comes to a close, backpacks are filled to the brim with new school supplies and our minds are ready for a fresh start. Though, after many years of starting fall after amazing summers spent at Camp Pringle, I have come to realize that the lessons that we learn throughout the summer stay with us the whole rest of the year, and most importantly, for the rest of our lives. Here at Camp Pringle, I learned as a camper, Crew member, volunteer, and as a staff member for the past 5 years that the skills that I have gained and the life lessons I have learned are always present in the forefront of my mind.

This summer in Faith Quest, we covered many diverse topics and issues ranging from

"Why it is great to be a girl" and "What Esther did to save her people" to creating Bucket Lists and how to live our lives to the fullest in the Light of God, being always reminded of the constant presence of the sacred in our lives, now and forever.

With all our stresses that fill up our lives day to day, I am reminded of a phrase that a very dear friend of mine always reminds me to remember: it is this simple, "Let Go, Let God".

May you be reminded of God's presence in your life and let the camping spirit live through you all year long!

Blessings and Yours in Camping, Sarah Prestwich, Chaplain

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United Church Access to Camp Pringle The Camp Pringle Board and BC Conference are seeking to engage local presbyteries in discussion to further utilize Camp Pringle for a place of retreat, worship and programming. We look forward to the coming fall decisions to further this mandate.

Changes at Camp This summer we made a few improvements – some visible, some invisible, but all needed. During the first weeks of summer Crew stripped and painted the boathouse at the waterfront. A later Crew did the same thing for the gatehouse. Throughout the summer all Crews contributed to the construction of a set of stairs outside of Spencer Hall. Behind the scene improvements include a new motor for the dishwasher and a new septic pump to keep our pipes pumping! Thank you everybody who supported camp through their gifts of time, talent and treasure. With your support, watch for improvements next year to our docks and ropes course. One project we are working on this winter is to source materials for, then build, a gazebo to create a covered play area for our youngest campers. If you'd like to contribute, contact director@camppringle.com.



Tribute to Bob McKee This spring Camp Pringle was sad to learn of Bob McKee's passing. Bob had been a board member for over 55 years. He served on most every committee and even after retiring from the board in 2008, Bob was a frequent participant at various fund raising and celebratory events. We cherish the many contributions Bob and his family made over the years to camp, and are grateful for the \$2200 donated in Bob's name. Donations were used to improve the waterfront, an area near and dear to Bob's heart, including the purchase of a potentially life-saving AED.

Never Too Young to Support Camp This spring two young lads, Sam and Gabe celebrated their 3rd birthdays with a "twoonie" party held at St. John's United. We are very grateful to them and their families for thinking of Camp Pringle and supporting the Bursary Fund. Kids helping kids go to camp – what could be better!

Donations This summer camp received five paddle boards, paddles and life preservers through donations from members of the church. Thanks to the Shawnigan Lions, our archery range was repaired and equipment upgraded. A local community member donated a 14 foot catamaran to the camp.

Corporate Supporter Camp Pringle is lucky to have many companies who support camp operations, and give back to camp in doing so. This year Fleurian Prezn of Save-On Septic donated his hours to pump our septic fields. Local businesses supporting Camp are essential to our long-term success. Thank you Duncan-based **Save On Septic • Your Island Septic Specialists**.

Out and About – Did You See Us? This summer Camp Pringle was out and about in your communities, including the Victoria Day Parade, Oak Bay Tea Party, Esquimalt's Buccaneers Day, Canada Day at Shawnigan, Duncan Days, and Nanaimo. We also enjoyed hosting several athletes and their families and friends for the 2015 IronMan Subaru Shawnigan Triathlon in May and hosting several of you at our second annual Family Fun Day in June.

Goodbye Glen, Hello Opportunity After almost 3 years of serving Camp, Glen has decided it is time to move on. We will miss him and Jill. But goodbyes also mean hellos, and we will be posting a job description for a new on-site caretaker soon. Watch our website and local job boards for the posting. Could our next awesome staff member be you?

THINGS WE NEED AT CAMP PRINGLE

In addition to cash, we also have a wish-list of items we need at camp, from small to large, new to used.

Perhaps you – or someone you know – has some of these just waiting for the opportunity to have an exciting new life at Camp Pringle.

- 2 Laptops
- D-sized lifejackets
- 1 double "sit-upon" kayak
- 2 Laser style sailboats
- Dumbbells, slinky toys, lane ropes and aquafit belts (for swim lessons)
- Large water toys (i.e. a "blob")
- Freshwater fishing rods & gear
- Square floor mats for campers
- New John Deere lawn tractor
- Industrial grade back-up generator to power full camp during outages

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you for your support. Camp Pringle exists to provide opportunities for campers of all ages to experience God's love in a close relationship with other people and the natural environment. At Camp Pringle we model ourselves on the Missionary work of George Pringle Senior himself – meeting youth wherever they are at in their spiritual journey and opening their life to new experiences through the words and actions of our staff.

We are part of the United Church of Canada, and believe in our mission; we hope you do as well. Every year we operate summer

camp at a loss in order to help more kids experience the wonder of camp. We make up some of that loss through our winter rentals, but rely on you (our supporters) to help us keep up with the operational requirements, capital improvements and funding for bursaries to allow summer camp to happen.

Your donations are an increasingly important component of Camp Pringle's overall budget – you can donate to our fall campaign using the form below, by contacting the camp office or online through CanadaHelps.org.

Yes, I'll help give a week that lasts a lifetime.

I wish to support **Camp Pringle** in the amount of:
 \$20 \$50 \$100 other \$ _____

Donor Information:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

PAYMENT

Please charge my  

Card Number _____ Expiry _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please find a cheque made payable to: **Camp Pringle**

Send this form to: **Camp Pringle • 612 David St • Victoria, BC • V8T2E1**

Thank You.

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