



Camp Pringle's Donors

Laura Butler • \$65,000 Capital Donation

In 2016 Reverend Laura Butler – involved with Camp Pringle from 1960 to present – donated \$65,000 in capital funds to maintain the 2-storey Laura Butler dormitory building. We have undertaken the renovations of the washrooms, roof repair and foundation work.



Laura Butler and Camp Pringle

by Jan Drent – Chair, Camp Pringle Board 1993- 2004



The story of the George Pringle Memorial Camp is about scores of volunteers and staff who over the years have created and sustained this dynamic place. Times were different back in the Fifties when campers slept in an old barn on the property before volunteers from the various Churches in the Victoria Presbytery flocked to Shawnigan Lake and built the original camp buildings and cabins. In later decades professional builders have been involved but donations from devoted camp supporters helped fund the replacement facilities of today.

Many individuals created lasting memories at the camp. One of the best known and best loved was the Reverend Laura Butler, often known as "Miss B". Laura Butler started life over in the State of Washington where her Dad, a Canadian and Methodist Minister, had moved from Mission BC with his family. Miss B was inspired to follow her Dad into the Church and started preaching and leading when in her early 20s during the Second World War.

There were few female pastors back then and Laura Butler was one of the first. She got her undergraduate degree at the University of Washington and then later went east to Boston to study Theology in the early Fifties. As it happens Dr Martin Luther King was just finishing his doctorate at the same theological college in Miss B's first year there but they never crossed paths.

Miss B elected to prepare for parish leadership in Boston and when she received her degree she came out to Victoria to become the Associate Minister at Metropolitan United, where was to serve for 31 years. As a woman minister Laura Butler was a trailblazer in the United Church, just as she had been over in Washington State.

Her arrival in Victoria coincided with the early years of summer camps at Pringle. Laura Butler embraced the camp and its mission of Christian education wholeheartedly. In those years each camp session had its own Director and she filled this role for decades. Miss B combined Christian conviction, an enthusiastic manner and a genuine interest in people. She became such a familiar figure for campers that she is remembered by many when they talk about their camp experiences.

Rev. Butler also led group camping trips on Vancouver Island and in the Olympics. When the camp board decided to embark on a modern new lodge around 1990 to combine year round sleeping quarters and meeting spaces it seemed very fitting to name it for Laura Butler. By then the years were catching up with Miss B and she no longer spent weeks at Shawnigan every summer but she has maintained an active interest in the camp and has been a loyal donor. Laura Butler's devotion to Camp Pringle is a lasting inspiration.



OPEN HOUSE TO RECOGNIZE LAURA BUTLER

We are hosting an Open House on Sunday, May 28th from 1pm-5pm to recognize the contribution of Laura Butler \$65,000 towards refurbishing the Laura Butler building. All our activities will be open and food will be provided.

Sunday, May 28th, 1pm-5pm

Please RVSP to info@camppringle.com

OUR RENOVATION CONTRACTORS

Thank you to Vancouver Island Interiors and Veridis Plumbing & Heating for their excellent work on our renovations.



INVITATION TO DONORS' EVENINGS

We would like to invite our donors to participate again in Camp Pringle's magic. Please join us for an evening of summer camp!

Please arrive just before 5:30pm to join the children for a camp-style dinner. At 6:15pm there will be donor sharing. At 7:10pm enjoy the camp evening while laughing children run around playing a camp wide game. Mug Up begins at 8:10pm and includes hot chocolate, a skit night full of songs and laughter, and our vespers session with communion until 9:30pm.

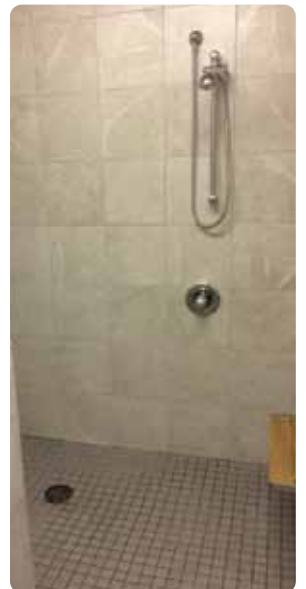
We are offering two Donors' Evenings:

Wednesday, July 26, 5:30pm – 9:30pm

Wednesday, August 2, 5:30pm – 9:30pm

We hope to see you there! Please RVSP to info@camppringle.com to ensure your participation in the program.

Renovation Progress Photos



Thank You for Supporting Camp Pringle

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 camps at a loss in order to help more kids experience the wonder of camp.

We make up some of the 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 – your efforts in our 2016 campaign brought Camp a much needed \$17,826 in operating donations and \$65,000 in capital donations. You can donate to our spring campaign using the form below or by contacting the camp office or through Canada Helps at 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

2520 West Shawnigan Lake Road, Shawnigan Lake, BC, V0R 2W3

By providing your email address you are agreeing to receive emails from Camp Pringle. These may include e-newsletters, event invites, promotions and requests for support. You will receive an official income tax receipt for your gift of \$20 or more, unless otherwise requested.

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The Victoria Office is closed as of Jan. 1, 2016.

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