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We hope that you were able to find the space for relaxation and fun this summer! Included in this newsletter is a recap of our Goodtimes Getaways, Goodtimes at Home and Breaking Borders programs.

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Summer 2021 Recap



Goodtimes Getaways

This summer Camp Goodtimes debuted a brand-new program offering, Goodtimes Getaways! Six sessions were held at Loon Lake, and two at Camp Pringle on Shawnigan Lake. Based on a traditional family camp experience, Goodtimes Getaways were a 3-night, 4-day experience for families to enjoy camp programming and a beautiful environment together while still respecting physical distancing and COVID-19 protocols. Programming was designed for families to be able to customize their schedule in order to participate in the activities they were most interested in, including activities such as climbing and high ropes, canoeing, nature walks, and archery. An exciting new addition this year was the “Take Away Room”, a room full of arts and crafts supplies, board games, musical instruments, lawn games and much more which families could grab and use at any time outdoors or in their cabin.

Over 60 families experienced Goodtimes Getaways this summer, many of whom were new to Camp Goodtimes. While it looked slightly different than our past family camps, families had wonderful things to say about the experience, such as “It was a safe space to rest and reconnect in nature and enjoy much needed time as a family.”



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Goodtimes at Home

Returning again this summer was our popular online program, Goodtimes at Home. As we were able to provide in person programming this summer, Goodtimes at Home ran for one session in early August. Campers enjoyed four days of virtual cabin activities, super skills and all camp activities, planned and led by our amazing volunteers!

Campers selected their Super Skill program prior to camp and were shipped a box of materials they would need for either creating an adventure in Dungeons and Dragons, designing, and building crafts in Makers, or learning illusions and sleight of hand in the Magic group!

Campers enjoyed the chance to spend time connecting online with each other in their cabin groups, super skill groups and coming together as a full camp to enjoy activities such as Campfire and Carnival. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying camp programming from their living rooms, a mighty mighty thank you goes out to all the amazing Goodtimes at Home volunteers and campers!



Breaking Borders

In partnership with Camp Quality Canada, we launched the Breaking Borders program in the spring of 2020. Our goal: to equip young adults who are cancer survivor with important life skills that aid in the transition into the worlds of work and higher education through a challenging, group directed, outdoor adventure experience.

With the pandemic putting many of these pieces on pause and delay, we are so proud that this cohort planned, designed, and now recently accomplished their wilderness trip. At the end of August, they hiked 35km up and around Mount Edward Albert on Vancouver Island over the course of 5 days.

If you're interested in applying for the next cohort of Breaking Borders, check our website in October for details.

As always, if you have any questions for us at Camp Goodtimes, you can reach us by email at gotcamp@cancer.ca.



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