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We hope your holiday season is filled with cheer. Included in this newsletter is information for our upcoming 2022 summer season, year-round program information, Cops for Cancer and an introduction to some new team members.

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SUMMER 2022

We are excited to announce that at this time we are planning to return to in person overnight kids, youth and family programs for the 2022 season. **Our camp dates are now on [our website](#) and applications will open February 1st.** Volunteer recruitment will be from Dec 10 – March 31.

Protecting the health, safety and well-being of our campers and camp community remains our top priority. The Canadian Cancer Society is working in collaboration with hospital partners in pediatric oncology, facility partners and public health officials to establish plans around screening, testing, vaccination, and capacities to best protect our campers from COVID-19. In the event that we cannot run overnight kids and youth programming we will shift our operations to family programs only. Please check our website for the most up to date program plans and timelines.

The summer theme this year will be “Oh, the Places You’ll Go” Campers will be seeing great sights! Flying to high heights! Off to Great Places! Off and Away! Back to Camp Goodtimes; in 2022!

Oh, the Places You’ll Go;
The Things You’ll Do!



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Cops for Cancer Update

Hello Camp Goodtimes friends!

Another successful season of Cops for Cancer has come and gone! This past year, over 150 law enforcement and emergency services personnel rode thousands of kilometers across BC and Ontario in support of the Camp Goodtimes program and childhood cancer research.

The 5 Cops for Cancer Tours visited 80 communities and over 100+ schools over the span of a few weeks in September. Most importantly, they raised \$1.2 million which will fund ground-breaking childhood cancer research in Canada and support programs like Camp Goodtimes. Although Tours were slightly different this year and we missed seeing you at Camp during our usual visits, we are so grateful for the honorary members who dropped by to see us when we were in their community. A mighty, mighty, thank you for inspiring us and cheering us on to keep riding!

Another season is already starting and very soon we will have new teams training and fundraising in your community. If you would like more information about Cops for Cancer and how you can get involved, you can email Ninon at ninon.daubigeon@cancer.ca.



Winter Program Update

We are planning to run an in-person Youth Retreat for participants aged 15 – 21-year-olds from Feb 25 – 27th. Please check out our [website](#) in the new year for information regarding location, COVID-19 protocols, and registration.



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NEW CAMP GOODTIMES TEAM MEMBERS

We have some new faces on our permanent year-round team that you may not have met yet!



Kelly Gilroy is our Medical Clinical Coordinator and works part time with Camp Goodtimes and part time in the oncology/hematology clinic at BC Children's Hospital. She has been on the staff team since the start of the pandemic and started volunteering at camp in 2007. Her experience as a pediatric nurse allows her to promote a safe and supportive camp experience for all campers and their families. When not at work, you will find Kelly traveling the world and spending time with her family and friends.

Gill Anderson is our Summer Program Director and is responsible for creating all our magical camp programs, schedules and much more! Gill has stepped into many positions on camp teams throughout her career, sparking a passion for developing meaningful adaptive and inclusive programming. Gill has experienced firsthand how camp can impact a camper's life and values her opportunity as Program Director to create camp magic at every turn! When not at camp, Gill loves trying new things. You can find her exploring Vancouver Island, on a beach, in a cave or on top of a mountain mustering the courage to ride down it on her bike!

John McCracken is our Volunteer Support Program Specialist and is responsible for supporting our volunteers before, during and after camp! John has held a wide range of positions at camps such as counsellor, activity instructor, program director, special needs coordinator at both private and non-profit camps. John is also a certified elementary school teacher, and has taught in Dubai, UAE and in Ontario. John values that camp is a safe space where everyone is free to be themselves and loves to see the growth and connections that camp helps foster. When not at camp, John loves to travel the world, and is always on the lookout for great places to eat.

WE'RE HIRING FOR OUR YEAR-ROUND TEAM

We are looking to hire a Youth and Young Adult Specialist to join our year-round permanent camp team! This role will develop and run all our youth programs including Teen Camp, LIT, EXP, Breaking Borders, Youth Retreat and much more! We are looking for a compassionate organized leader with camp experience. If you think you know someone who might be a great fit, please send them [here](#)!

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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