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WINTER 2025



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We hope you've all enjoyed the fall and are having a wonderful start to your holiday season! It's time once again for our annual Winter Bean Newsletter! Keep reading to find out the 2026 Summer Camp Theme, get more info about camper applications and program updates, Camp Goodtimes Team updates, the Winter Youth Retreat and some crafts to keep your campers entertained during Winter Break!

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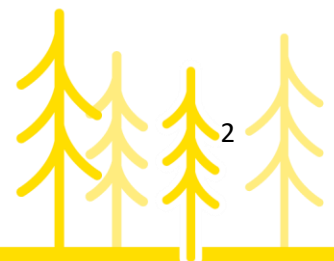
2026 SUMMER THEME

The votes are in! This summer we'll be stepping into an enchanted world filled with fairies, wizards, trolls and more at our **FANTASY** themed camp! Bring your imagination and prepare for whimsical stories and magical adventures! Thank you to everyone who voted to choose our 2026 Summer Theme!



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CAMPER APPLICATION LAUNCH

All the camp dates are now on [our website](#) and applications will open on **Wednesday, January 7, 2026**. Camper applications will close on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. Staff and Volunteer applications will open on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. Staff applications will remain open until Monday, February 2, 2026, and volunteer applications until Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

2026 UPDATE: Due to the growing demand for our programs and our commitment to serving as many families as possible, each family may apply to one summer program. An exception is made for youth participants who are eligible for Teen Camp, they may also apply for a second camper program they are eligible for, such as Kids Camp or the LIT program.

Family Camp

- Family Camp 1 at Loon Lake – June 30 to July 3
- Family Camp 2 at Loon Lake – July 12 to July 15
- Family Camp 3 at Loon Lake – July 15 to July 18
- Family Camp 4 at Camp Pringle – August 9 to August 12
- Family Camp 5 at Camp Pringle – August 21 to August 24
- Family Camp 6 at Camp Pringle – August 24 to August 27

Kids Camp (7 to 15 years old)

- Kids Camp 1 at Loon Lake – July 5 to July 10
- Kids Camp 2 at Loon Lake – July 20 to July 25
- Kids Camp 3 at Loon Lake – July 27 to August 1

Leader in Training Programs (16 to 18 years old)

- LIT Venture 1 at Loon Lake – July 5 to July 10
- LIT Discovery 1 at Loon Lake – July 27 to August 1
- LIT (Venture or Discovery) at Loon Lake – July 20 to July 25

Teen Camp (15 to 18 years old)

- Teen Camp at Camp Pringle – August 14 to August 19

The Exploration Project (19 to 21 years old)

- The Exploration Project 1 at Loon Lake – July 12 to July 15
- The Exploration Project 2 at Loon Lake – July 15 to July 18



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TEAM UPDATE

We have a few updates to share with you about our Camp Goodtimes Team!

You may have already heard, but we are very excited to welcome Pam Chater to the team! Pam is stepping into the role of Sr. Manager of Child, Youth and Family Programming while Danielle is on Maternity leave. Pam comes to us with over 20 years of experience having held numerous roles in the camping industry!

The time has also come for us to share some bittersweet news: Kelly, our incredible Clinical Coordinator, is moving on to her next great adventure! For the past five years, Kelly has been an integral part of Camp Goodtimes, sharing her wisdom, passion, and unwavering commitment to camp. On behalf of the entire Camp Goodtimes community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for everything she has contributed. Kelly, you will be deeply missed—but we know it's never goodbye, it's see you later!

We're excited to welcome Becky to the Camp Goodtimes team! Becky steps into the role of Clinical Coordinator, bringing a wealth of nursing experience, including her recent work in the Emergency Department at BC Children's Hospital and her time as a camp nurse with the YMCA. We're thrilled to have her join us and look forward to the expertise and energy she'll bring to camp!



YOUTH EVENTS

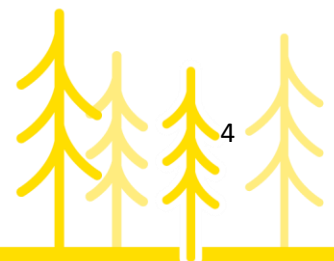
Youth Council

The 2025/2026 Youth Council is off to a great start! Our Youth Council brings together camp youth aged 15 - 18 years old to take part in planning aspects of our youth programs, volunteer in the community, and take part in professional development workshops. Our first volunteer opportunity took place in October at the 2025 CIBC's Run for the Cure!



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Nintendo Switch Party

On December 13, we invited teens in the Lower Mainland for an afternoon of gaming and fun with our Nintendo Switch Party! There were fierce races in Mario Kart, dance breaks with Just Dance and so many other fun, classic games for our youth!



WINTER RETREAT 2026!

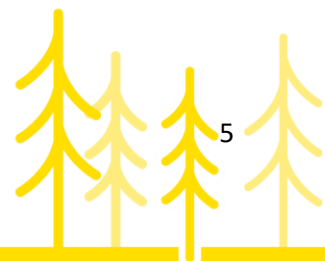
Youth Winter Retreat

Our annual Youth Winter Retreat will take place from **January 30 to February 1, 2026**, and is open to youth who have or have had cancer, and their siblings or bereaved siblings aged 15 to 20 years old. Our retreat takes place at the stunning Rockridge Canyon in Princeton where we have an activity filled weekend that includes snow tubing, ziplining, a games room, and so much more! Transportation will be provided to and from the lower mainland. The application is now open [on our website](#) and will close on **Friday, January 9, 2026**.



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WINTER CRAFT IDEAS

FAKE SNOW

Materials:

- 1 Cup Baking Soda
- 6 Tablespoons Conditioner

Instructions:

- Add the baking soda to a bowl.
- Add in conditioner.
- Stir together the ingredients with a fork.
- Once you've combined everything as well as you can in the bowl, pour the mixture onto a baking tray or another dish.
- Mix with your hands. You should be able to form snowballs!
- If the mixture is too wet and sticks to your fingers, add more baking soda. If it's too dry and doesn't stick together, add more conditioner.
- Have fun! Make a snowman, create a winter scene, or whatever else your imagination can dream up!



COFFEE FILTER SNOWFLAKES

Materials:

- Coffee Filter
- Washable Markers

Instructions:

- Colour or create a design on your coffee filter.
- Use a small spoon to drip water all over the coffee filter. You want all of it to be wet but not swimming in water!
- Let your coffee filter dry completely.
- Once completely dry, fold your coffee filter in half 4 times.
- Cut out pieces of your coffee filter.
- Open up your snowflake and see all the patterns you've made! Just like a real snowflake, each one will be unique!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



On behalf of the Camp Goodtimes team we want to wish everyone in our incredible community a wonderful holiday season! We are so grateful to have spent this last year with each and every one of you. This year we have been so fortunate to see the memories and connections made and we can't wait to experience all that we have planned for 2026 with you! We'll see you later!

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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