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Hear Ye, Hear Ye! This summer at Camp Goodtimes, we are stepping into a realm of magic and mystery with this year's Fantasy themed camp! Adventures abound and heroes will embark on epic quests! Whether you're a brave knight, a clever wizard or a mystical fairy, a magical summer is waiting for you!



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Volunteer training weekend



We had our annual volunteer training weekend earlier this month. We saw almost 130 volunteers this weekend who will be supporting all our campers and families this summer!

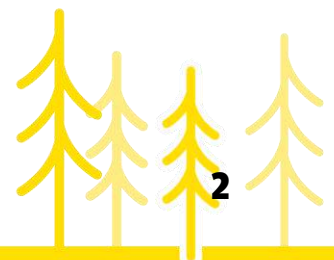
Training weekend is an opportunity for both new and returning volunteers to learn more about Camp Goodtimes, meet fellow volunteers and learn the skills needed to make camp a safe and fun experience for all our camp participants.

Thank you, Camp Goodtimes volunteers! See you this summer!



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Good Times All Year!

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT



YOUTH COUNCIL AT BALDING FOR DOLLARS

SPRING SOCCER SOCIAL



Breaking Borders 2026 Trip

Check out an update from our annual Breaking Borders Trip!

“Our 2026 Breaking Borders expedition took place this past May and saw 8 young adults between the ages of 19 - 25 living with or beyond cancer embark on a multi-day sea-kayaking adventure through the Discovery Islands just north of Quadra Island. Over our 5 days together our cohort formed a very special community built on positivity, laughter, support, and perseverance through any obstacle that came their way. We were even treated to a special sight of a pod of Orca Whales while on the water!

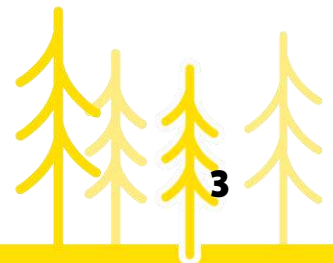
If you're interested in joining our 2027 cohort of our Breaking Borders program, please visit our website in October for details.”

- Bailey Saguin
Youth & Young Adult Sr. Specialist



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Camp Goodtimes on the East Coast

Did you know Camp Goodtimes also runs programs on the East Coast? It's true! New Brunswick and Nova Scotia/PEI each run a Family Camp and Kid's Camp Session. Here is a little excerpt about this year's Family Camp in Nova Scotia.

"Family Camp 2026 was a great success, with 14 families and 54 participants in attendance. We welcomed new families while also reconnecting with many returning families who continue to make Camp Goodtimes a part of their journey. The weekend was filled with connection, laughter, and opportunities for families to build lasting memories together.

We were fortunate to have beautiful weather throughout the weekend, allowing families to fully enjoy the outdoor activities and programming. From camp-wide activities like amazing race, to dedicated family time climbing the lanyard course on the giant swing, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

We were pleased to welcome Pam (Sr. Manager for Child, Youth and Family Programming), who joined us for the weekend and was a wonderful addition to the camp experience. We were also supported by eight dedicated volunteers whose enthusiasm and commitment helped create a warm, welcoming, and memorable environment for all participants.

Families were especially excited to see the new Camp Goodtimes merchandise, which added an extra level of excitement and camp spirit throughout the weekend.

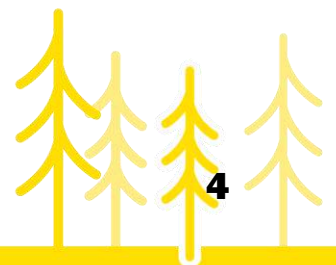
As we continue to grow and evolve our programs, we remain grateful for our partnership with Brigadoon Village. Family Camp 2026 was a meaningful weekend, and we are grateful to everyone who helped make it possible"

- Aliyah Fraser
Atlantic Camp Coordinator



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MEET THE 2026 LEADERSHIP TEAM



Pam
Senior Manager
Pam's favourite Fairy Tale is Snow White and the 7 Dwarves



Jean
Administrative Assistant
Jean's favourite Fairy Tale is the Ugly Duckling



Gill
Camp Director
Gill's favourite Fairy Tale is Thumbelina



Becky
Clinical Coordinator
Becky's favourite Fairy Tale is Goldilocks



Abbey
Program Director
Abbey's favourite Fairy Tale is Beauty and the Beast



Erin
Volunteer Support Specialist
Erin's favourite Fairy Tale is Little Red Riding Hood



Bailey
Youth & Young Adult Sr. Specialist
Bailey's favourite Fairy Tale is the 3 Little Pigs



Sayde
Camper Experience Coordinator
Sayde's favourite Fairy Tale is Goldilocks



Kiva
Summer Long Nurse
Kiva's favourite Fairy Tale is the Princess and the Frog

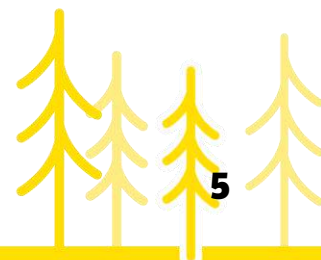


Emily
Media Specialist
Emily's favourite Fairy Tale is the Ugly Duckling



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Huzzah! The Quest has begun!

WORD SEARCH

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MERMAID UNICORN CENTAUR OGRE
PHOENIX KNIGHT ARCHER ELF
WIZARD DRAGON CASTLE FAIRY
GNOME GOBLIN GIANT

- 5 CGT Tips to prepare for your Epic Fantasy Quest!
1. Make a Fantasy themed costume! Think dragons, think fairies, think elves!
 2. An adventurer is always prepared. Check out the weather before you pack up!
 3. Even a knight needs some comfort. Bring a special item from home to help you feel brave! (stuffy, blanket, pictures, etc.)
 4. A quest isn't complete without time around the Campfire. Practice your favourite songs!
 5. Exciting things await those who try new things on their adventure. Camp is full of new things to try!

- Q: What is a dragon's favourite snack?
A: Firecrackers!
- Q: Why don't fairies need maps?
A: They wing it!
- Q: What is a knight's favourite fish?
A: Swordfish!
- Q: What does a mermaid use to call their friends?
A: A shell-phone!



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