



The S'more Report

September 2025

Summer Smiles All Around!

As our camp season wraps up, we're filled with gratitude for another unforgettable summer! From sunny days on the lake to evenings filled with laughter and connection, this season was packed with adventure, inclusion, and joy. Thank you to all our incredible campers, families, staff, and volunteers who made this summer one to remember. We can't wait to welcome you back next year! Here is a look back on the magic we shared this year!



Time to Book Your Camp Adventure!

Our rental program is back, and we are offering facility rentals during our off season. Accommodating retreats, meetings, and special events. We will take reservations from the end of August to the beginning of October, and open again the beginning of March to the end of April. Act quickly as we are almost booked up for the season, with 15 groups already booked in for the fall! We are very excited to have old friends and new faces come and stay at our facility!



Meassage from Jason

As my first summer camp experience as director comes to a close, I'm filled with a flood of emotions. I'm walking around camp right now a bit sad, it feels strangely quiet... and I find myself wondering: Where are the smiles? The laughter? The dancing and excitement?

And in that same moment, I'm remembering all those things and more — every smiling face, every contagious laugh, every spontaneous dance party, and all of the happiness — then all of a sudden, I have a bigger smile on my face than I've had in a while.

This summer, I had the absolute pleasure of working alongside an incredible group of more than 40 enthusiastic individuals — our amazing “**Team He Ho Ha**”. From kitchen staff to facilities, office and maintenance support, to our incredible nurses, counselors, and coordinator — each one playing such a critical role in making this summer the unforgettable success that it was.

Thanks to their tireless energy, compassion, and commitment, we were able to create an amazing experience for **587 totally awesome campers!**

And none of it would have been possible without this passionate, hard-working team. They are



the heart and soul of camp, and I couldn't be more grateful to have shared this journey with them.

Here's to the memories we've made, the lives we've touched, and the magic that only a summer at Camp He Ho Ha can bring.

A Year of Transformation & Connection!

It's been an exciting year at Camp! We welcomed our new Director of Operations Jason, Camp Coordinator Daelynn, and Head Chef Michael and Maintenance member Andy to Camp, bringing fresh energy and ideas to our programs.

Major renovations and safety upgrades have been completed, including new lifejackets for campers, new lifts for the pool, slip-resistant flooring in our cabin showers, A/C in the dining hall, new mattresses and wardrobe units, and a new staff clubhouse.

Our medical facilities have also been updated to better support campers' needs, ensuring everyone enjoys a safe, accessible, and unforgettable camp experience.

EVENTS

Fathers Day Archery Shoot

A big thank you to **Game Country Archers** for hosting their special Father's Day Archery Shoot in support of our Camp! Families enjoyed a day of fun, skill, and friendly competition, all while raising funds to help us continue providing unforgettable experiences for our campers. We're so grateful for their generosity and community spirit.



Community Spirit in Action

This summer, Camp He Ho Ha hosted a huge garage sale and open house, right on our grounds. With incredible turnout and support from shoppers, we raised over \$5000 to support camp programs. It was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet new supporters, and share the spirit of camp with our neighbors.



Mark Your Calendars: September 16!

Co-op's **Fuel Good for a Day** event is back, and this year, Camp He Ho Ha is honored to be the featured charity. Every time you fill up at participating Co-op stations on September 16, a portion of the proceeds will go directly to camp programs and activities for people with disabilities. It's a simple way to fuel your vehicle and fuel the future of camp at the same time!



Join us on December 3!

Camp He Ho Ha is excited to take part in the Tri-Municipal Regions' event in support of the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**. The event will be held at the Tri-Leisure Centre in Spruce Grove. Stop by our booth to try the fun activities we have planned and learn more about our programs that make camp such a special place!





We are so grateful for our incredible volunteers, whose hard work, kindness, and dedication make Camp possible. From helping with activities to lending a hand behind the scenes, they give their time and energy to create amazing memories for our campers. Thank you for making a difference- you are truly the heart of our community.



And last but certainly not least, we want to thank our fantastic Camp team. Your dedication, passion, and hard work have made this year truly unforgettable. From creating safe, welcoming spaces to bringing joy and laughter to every day, you are the driving force behind camp- and we couldn't do it without you.

Behind the Funding



Thanks to some amazing grants, we've been making exciting upgrades to our facilities. This spring we updated all of our windows and lighting throughout the camp. These improvements are helping us create an even more accessible and welcoming camp experience, as well as, lowering our energy costs and reducing our footprint. We're so grateful for this investment in our future!

Thank You to all of our Donors!

We want to whole-heartedly thank all of our donors. None of what we have achieved this year and in past years would be possible without the generosity of our donors. No matter the amount, every penny is thoughtfully applied to create the best experiences for our campers. Our donors' support is also essential in securing grants- without them, many of the funding opportunities that help sustain and grow Camp He Ho Ha simply wouldn't happen.

Stay Tuned!

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter where we will share our big renovations coming up this fall and have a chance to take part in our menu poll, what do you want to eat at camp?!

Donate Now!

Help us keep the camp magic alive year after year. Donate now to support life-changing experiences for people with disabilities.



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