

# Annual Report

2023-2024



**LUMSDEN**  
*Beach Camp*

CONNECT. GROW. THRIVE.

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR:

Wow, what a whirlwind this year has been! The old dining hall came down a few days after camp wrapped last summer, and a team of talented professionals led by FoxTail Carpentry spent the next nine months rebuilding it, while simultaneously, some passionate volunteers spent that time securing funding to complete this dream. So much hard work went into this major capital project and I couldn't be prouder. Thank you to all those who donated their time, money, and talent to help us get over the finish line! And get over it we did! Camp training started on time with a fully functioning kitchen and dining hall and it is a wonderful new space that all campers and staff spent lots of time in this summer.

LBC provided eight overnight camps and four weeks of day camps throughout the summer of 2024. All together we provided programming for 579 campers. It's a privilege and a joy to serve as Board Chair for this amazing organization, and that is a testament to our wonderful staff and volunteers. Our Directors, Aquatics Coordinator, Site Manager, Kitchen staff, Program staff and Cabin leaders were dedicated and hardworking this summer, and it's their passion that keeps driving us forward. Volunteers out at camp and fellow board and committee members pour their time and energy into LBC year-round and are invaluable to the success of camp.



Chelsey with her family at the Banana Sprint fundraiser



As we wind down another camping season and start dreaming about next summer, I'd like to express a giant thank you to our amazing community that shows up for us time and time again when needs arise. Next summer will mark 120 years of camping out at LBC, and year after year, generation after generation, committed and wonderful folks keep lending a hand and helping us to provide amazing life experiences for young people in our province and I think that's always worth celebrating!

~ Chelsey Vargo Wilson

## 2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>Chair:</b>	Chelsey Vargo-Wilson	<b>Directors:</b>	Susan Black
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mike Hadwen		Vicki Conway
<b>Secretary:</b>	Shirley Bartz		Wendy Therens
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Kara Moen		Courtney Thomson
			Andrea Stronski



## OUR HARD-WORKING VOLUNTEERS



Shirley Bartz, Julian Clincke, Kristy Ehman, Barbara Flaten-Orr, Kim Gallenger, Glenda Hadwen, Jayden Hadwen, Karen Hadwen, Bre Litzenberger, Shelly Manley-Tannis, Dianne Markusson, Ryleigh McDavid, Stacey McPeck, Kent Mohn, Lindsay Mohn, Charli Morhart, Tara Osborne, Claire Powers, Lauren Schenher, Nate Spriggs, Andrea Stronski, Caleb Tinani, Sam Vargo, Carla Wilson.

Thank you for your dedication and choosing to spend part of your summer at LBC, making it fun and memorable!

## LEADERS IN TRAINING

This year, seven teens seeking adventure and personal growth continued their journey through the Leaders in Training (LIT) program. All were former campers, which allowed us to build upon their love for Lumsden Beach Camp and their camp knowledge, while beginning the important transition from camper to leader. The LIT program provided challenges in key areas: leadership, faith development, teaching and leading daily activities, and building meaningful relationships with their campers.

Shelly Manley-Tannis (Davidson United Church) led an insightful session on the concept of faith and how it develops in each of us. The LITs had the opportunity to express their understanding of faith creatively. Over the course of the week, they developed a strong sense of community.



We aimed to have each LIT complete a placement during both a day camp week and an overnight camp week. This group showed impressive growth in their confidence and leadership skills. We are excited to see them continue to inspire and lead the next generation of campers.

~ Mike & Karen Hadwen (LIT Directors)



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTORS

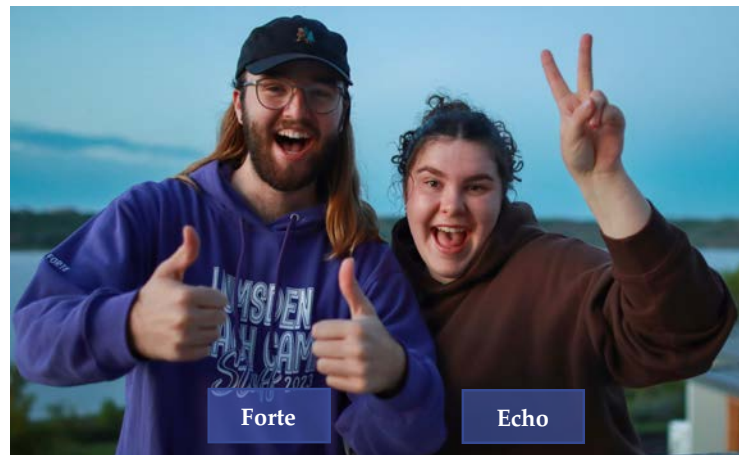
What an incredible summer it was and we are truly thankful to have been able to be a part of it as the Directors. Each year, we are amazed by the unique energy and sense of community that camp brings, and this summer was no exception.

This summer you would have been able to find the campers and staff dressing up in silly costumes, singing karaoke, competing in friendly Minute to Win It games and enjoying Flapjack's delicious meals in our brand-new dining hall. This was an amazing upgrade for camp and we know that it will serve the LBC community for years to come. Campers participated in fun shark tank inventions at Intermediate, an incredible summer Olympic themed JIB 2 and got to learn some sick line dancing skills at Senior Teen. The day campers had just as much fun with pool parties, mock sleepouts and a fun music performance/concert.

None of this summer would have been possible without our amazing staff. Our young staff base was ready to embrace every challenge with enthusiasm and creativity. Their energy and fresh perspectives revitalised the camper experience with lots of energy and new ideas. They handled the summer heat, sore tummies and high energy with grace. The permanent staff helped to ensure that the grounds were kept looking pristine, the pool was there to cool everyone down, the food was prepped and ready for hungry bellies and the activities were planned to ensure maximum FUN! And we can't forget about our volunteers who were there throughout the summer ensuring that campers were safe and fed.

Wrapping up this awesome summer we need to thank the board and all the supporters of Lumsden Beach Camp. Your unwavering support and trust in us with the campers is deeply appreciated. We had an amazing summer and can't wait to watch camp continue to grow in the summers to come.

It was a delight,  
Sarah Black & Will Powers  
*A.k.a Echo & Forte*



## STAFF

<b>Summer Directors:</b>	Sarah Black (Echo) & Will Powers (Forte)
<b>Aquatics Coordinator:</b>	Keely Hadwen (Peach)
<b>Maintenance Coordinator:</b>	Manni Gilboy-Bashutski (Rocky)
<b>Programming:</b>	Erika Stronski (Finch)
<b>Head Cook:</b>	Kieran Smith (Flapjack)
<b>Executive Director:</b>	Kylie Orr (Guppy)

### Amazing Cabin Leaders:

Katie Achtzehner (Fiddle), Ethan Black (Rango), Megan Black (Minnow), Madeline Clincke (Fable), Finn Conway (Coyote), Halle Ferguson (Yoshi), Alex Graham (Simba), Alia Hadwen (Fanta), Amelia Hall (Aloe), Kael Horth (Hiccup), Liam Jones (Ducky), Brooke Litzenberger (Nemo), Anya Mandziak (Fajita), Kate Mieziako (Scuttle), Georgia Montgomery (Tweety), Chris Osborne (Yogi), Eva Ricci (Clover), Zander Smith (Iceberg), Avery Stronski (Mako), Rashawn Taniskishayinew (Guava), & Sianna Tannahill (Calico).



# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We had another year of 4 Day Camps and 8 Overnight sessions.

In total, we had 579 registrations!

LBC hosted 5 rental groups this year. This was lower than normal due to Dining Hall construction.

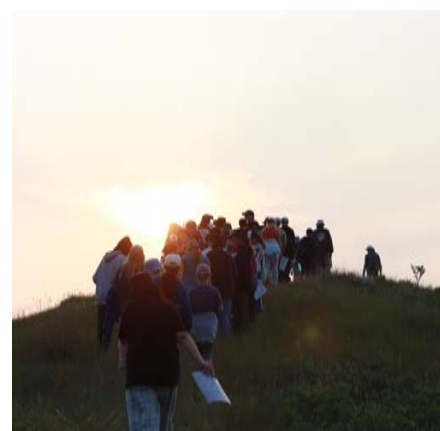
Through grants, partnerships and donations, we were able to provide some level of financial assistance to 54 campers!

100% of families said they would recommend LBC to friends or family.

LIT	7
Primary	20
Intermediate	62
JIB 1	47
Junior Teen	67
JIB 2	56
Junior	48
JIB 3	52
Senior Teen	64
Day Camp #1	29
Day Camp #2	38
Day Camp #3	44
Day Camp #4	45



Canoeing on a beautifully calm lake

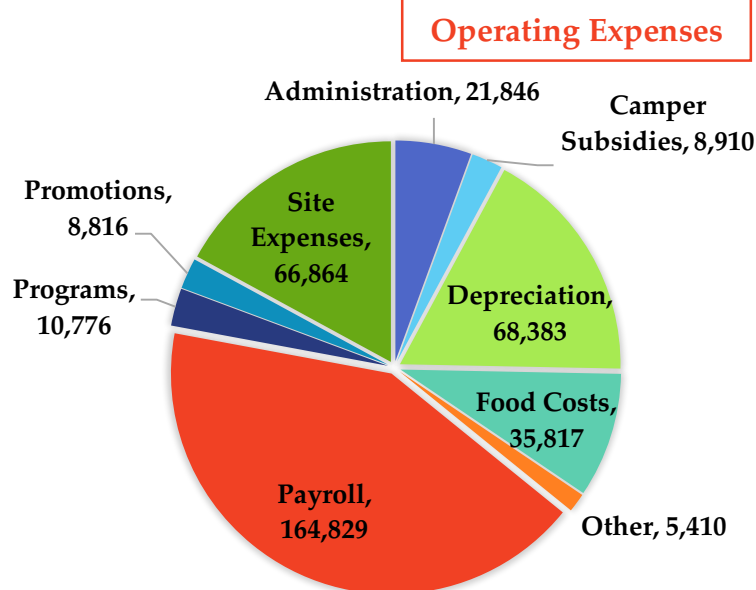
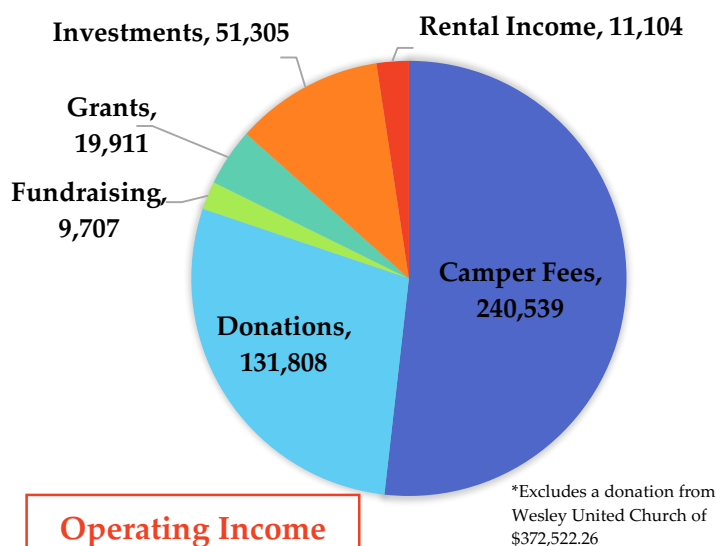


The hike to Vespers Hill at sunset

## Camper Location

Alameda	3	Fillmore	1	Moose Jaw	7	Regina Beach	13
Balgonie	2	Grand Coulee	1	Moosomin	1	Saskatoon	13
Beaver Creek	2	Indian Head	1	Nokomis	1	Simpson	1
Buena Vista	10	Imperial	2	Penzance	1	Swan Hills	1
Davidson	2	Liberty	1	Pilot Butte	3	Warman	3
Deer Valley	3	Lumsden	27	Prince Albert	1	Watrous	1
Edmonton	1	McLean	3	RM of Aberdeen	1	Weyburn	3
Emerald Park	4	Melfort	1	RM of Sarnia	1	White City	7
Esterhazy	2	Milestone	1	Regina	422	Young	2
						Zehner	1

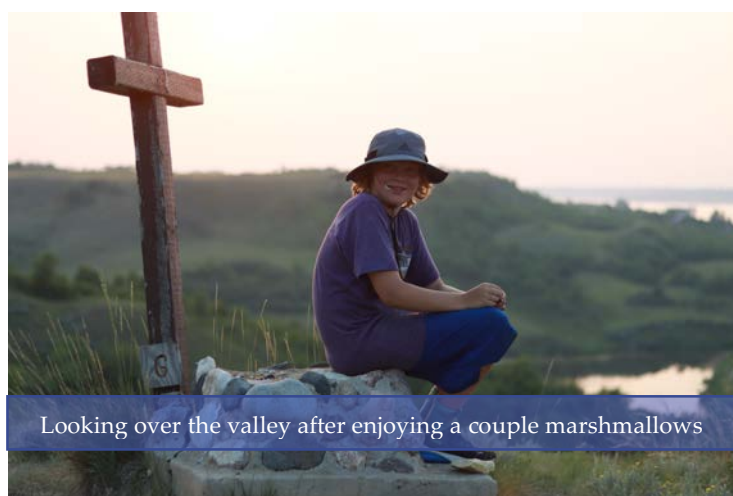
# FINANCIAL INFORMATION



In 2023-2024, LBC had a Net Income of \$16,200

## Financial Position at September 30, 2024

Current Assets	\$ 159,921
Fixed Assets	\$ 1,498,303
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,658,224</b>
Current Liabilities	\$ 104,000
Long Term Debt	\$ 53,825
Deferred Contributions	\$ 1,915
Amounts held in trust	\$ 9,597
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 1,488,888
<b>TOTAL Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,658,224</b>





# GRANTS

Lumsden Beach Camp is extremely grateful to the following organizations for their support of our work.



## MAKING SUMMER MEMORIES

If you could describe LBC in 3 words:

- Happy, excitement, helpful
- Best time EVER
- Made lifetime memories

"We asked [our camper] if he would like to go back next year with some school friends and he said that he might just want to go back alone again because he loved making new friends!"

"He was inspired by the positive leaders who looked after their needs, taught them songs and ensured they all had fun."

"I found a boost in their mood and confidence! They loved their camp leaders and made them 'feel cool'."

"Camp removed the fear of what if no one likes me and tried new activities they normally wouldn't have tried on their own."

"We really enjoy the program you offer and find that the balance of spiritual learning, self-care and fun are fantastic!"



## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

This summer's Spiritual Care Time theme was "Connect. Grow. Thrive." Campers talked about different kinds of connections: interpersonal, cultural, inner connection, connection to nature. How through connection we have a chance to grow, we learn about ourselves and others, broaden our perspectives, have a deeper understanding. And ultimately, that leads to thriving together. Our community becomes more understanding, empathetic, helping. It's really what we as a camp strive to teach year after year – working together and being together is better.

What seemed like a daunting and almost impossible task of building a new dining hall, came together because people are connected to

LBC and want it to grow and thrive. And grow we did – we nearly doubled the size of our old building – which will allow us to thrive for generations to come. Hundreds of campers continued to sing silly songs, eat with wacky utensils, feed their friendships and be entertained with the traditional camp goofiness all while appreciating a more welcoming and open space – with better airflow and a dishwasher!! This would not have been possible without the incredible and generous support of our camp community. From the very bottom of our hearts, **thank you for your support.**

## BUILT ON A FOUNDATION OF GENEROSITY

LBC is able to welcome hundreds of campers and improve our site because of the generosity and gifts of those who love and care for this wonderful place. All these people and organizations have donated to camp this year. Thank you!

John Achtzehner & September Russell, Tyler & Krista Alexander, Lyla Ali & Kenny Pagan, Lori & Chris Allard, Brendan Anderson, Clark & Delores Anderson, Barry Andrews, Christina Attard, Rita Baker, Gregory Bamford, Mary Beth Nicks Barbour, Wanda Barr, Shirley Bartz, Gordon & Lee Beck, Leslie Beck & Lane Rathgeber, Nick Belanger & Kevin Perrey, Amanda Benesh, Bethune United Church, Dan Beveridge, Carter Bigalky, Lyndsay & Nick Bobetsis, Cynthia & Frank Bojkovsky, Margaret & David Bollman, Melissa Boys, Dawn Bray & Jamie Lamy, Laurie Briggs, Brian Brunskill, Arla Cameron & Douglas Stroud, J. Faye Cameron, Jean Cameron, Marilyn Caughlin, Karena Chow & Felipe Barradas, Kyla & Dominique Clincke, Carrie Cornelisse, Coteau Hills Pastoral Charge, Gregory Coutts, Roberta Cox, Christina Crowe, Jeff & Ashley Deagle, Keneni Debia, Sam Debia, Shirley Dodds, Jennifer Dodge, Diane Dopko, Darwin Dopson, Tammy & Mark Dorey, Sheila & Glen Dowling, Cara Gay Driscoll, Euniece Dueck, Michelle Dueck, E & R Properties Ltd., Marilyn Etter, Judy Fawell, Arlene Fehler, Lindsay Ferguson, Cindy Fisher & Burton Freitag, Barbara Flaten-Orr & Don Orr, Shirley Flaten, Leona Fornwald, Sara & Sean Forster, Heidi Forsythe, Mary Fraser, Ian Freitag, Norman Freitag, Shawn Friess & Anna Karlsson, Maida Gardner, Kerri & Jeremy Geisel, Gilda & Stewart Graham, Laureen & Randy Graham, John Keith Gray-Owen, Amy Groothuis, Linda Gunningham, Karen & Mike Hadwen, Trevor Hadwen, Karen Haggman, Mark Haggman, Clayton Hall, Laurie & Stephen Hall, Deb Harper, Lacey Heller, Heritage U.C.W., Carol Ho, Callum Hodges, Melanie & Robin Hodges-Neufeld, Robert Holtom-Waddell, Ron & Margaret Hopkinson, Miranda Huck, Eric Inglis, Lorie Inglis, Carole Innes, Steve & Marina Jeffery, Erin Jones, Elvera & Derek Kater, Rita Kerr, Don Kindopp, Herbert & Nadine Klassen, Lisa Kozmyk, Henk & Beth Kuiper, Patrick Lalach, Joy Langrell, Darla & Michael Larson, Katherine Leson, Gabriel Lewis, Shane Lewis, Loreburn Hawarden Pastoral Charge, Katherine Luhning, Kiel Luhning, Lumsden U.C.W., Brenda MacLauchlan, David MacPherson & Tricia Kaminski, Nicole & Cole Karst, Nancy Koszman, Lindsay & Mike Manko-Bauche, Bonnie Manz, Amanda Marcotte & Suneil Sarai, Marilyn Mayes-Wilson, Nancy McBean, Breigh & Rob McDavid, Margery McKenzie, Rod McLeod, Janet McMurtry & Ross MacNab, Paula Meeres, Joanne Michael, Dean Mieziako, Charlotte Miller, Chris Miller, Kevin & Rosemary Miller, Barry & Valerie Mitschke, Ovi Mocanu & Ani Marinescu, Don & Alison Moreau, Robert Morley & Carina Folgering, Ian Mulholland, Donna Nelson, Vicki Nelson, Mary Newman, Sara & Luke Nichols, Judy Nicholson, Chris Orr, Kylie Orr, Tara Osborne, Bill & Bev O'Shea, Barry & Lily Pasternak, Karen Payant, Sandra Perry, Gordon Pettigrew, Joann & Dave Pettigrew, Plainsview Pastoral Charge, Alisa Planeto & Travis Carnie, Ken Powers, Shari Powers, Linda Pratt, Richard Preddy, Jody Ramsay, Regina Beach United Church, John & Janet Robinson, Donna Roach, Darwin & Sheila Roske, Harriet Ross, Nanette & Aaron Salamon, SaskTel Pioneers, Jeanne Scarfe & Darcy Lawrence, Carol Schick, Glenn Schmuland, Kia & Devon Schollar, Cecily & Adam Shill, Elaine Sigethy, Siltan United Church, Frances & Karlo Simonson, Dean Smith, Southey United Church, St. Andrews United Church Imperial, St. Andrews United Church Lumsden, St. James United Church, St. Paul's United Church Estevan, Wes Staruiala, Collette Stillborn, Heather Stirling, Strasbourg Pastoral Charge, Leanne & Barry Sudom, Matthew Sudom, Ian Temple, Anita Tessier, Wendy Therens, Gregory & Terry Lynn Thomas, Brandin & Michelle Titanich, Darrell Townsend & Lana Olson, Bryan & Marion Tudor, Rod Undseth, Helen & Casey Vandenberg, Chelsey & Mark Vargo Wilson, Sandra Vargo, Steve & Kim Weiss, Wesley United Church, Warren Wessel, Wilma Wessel, Westminster United Church, Westminster United Church Anniversary Unit, Lisa Whaley, John Whyte, Carla Wilson & Jud Trenholm, Sharon Wood, Janelle Woodward, Lindsay & Doris Wyatt, Bonnie Yake, Jason Young, Mike Ziglo, Elffie & Stephanie Zimmer.



Building a fire together



## BUNNEY'S BUDDIES & PENNY'S PALS

Many great people are the reason for this camp being so special. We want to celebrate the amazing people who come back year after year who dedicate their time and talents to LBC. In 2018 two categories of awesome were created. Staff who have worked at LBC for 3 years entered an elite group, called Bunney's Buddies (named after long-time staffer, Mark Bunney).

### 2024 Bunney's Buddies Inductees

Katherine Achtzehner (Fiddle)  
Amelia Hall (Aloe)  
Layne Jones (Capo)  
Brooke Litzenberger (Nemo)  
Georgia Montgomery (Tweety)  
Kieran Smith (Flapjack)



People who have spent 6 summers on staff at LBC received a canoe paddle and the title of Penny's Pals (named after Penny Wingert, dedicated and outstanding staff member, volunteer, LIT coordinator, and all-around camp fanatic).

### 2024 Penny's Pals Inductees

Sarah Black (Echo) & Will Powers (Forte)



## SUSTAINERS

The following people have committed to monthly donations which provide consistent funding for Lumsden Beach Camp. This type of generosity allows LBC to plan for the future and weather unexpected reductions in funding. We are incredibly grateful for their support and confidence.

Susan Black, Stephen Blayone, Amanda Benesh, Dan Beveridge, Amy Bewcyk, Graham Bradley, Broadway United Church, Vicki Conway, Carrie Cornelisse, Darcie Cornelisse, Jill Cowen, Henrietta Donkersgoed, Barbara & Dwaine Dornan, Sheila & Glen Dowling, Nancy Drackett, Carol Draper, Euniece Dueck, Kris Dueck, Danika Ferner, Barbara Flaten-Orr, Ben Freitag, Ian Freitag, Karen & Mike Hadwen, Cam & Cheryl Hymus-Fraser, Knox-Metropolitan United Church, Kelsey Koszman, Ross Macnab & Janet McMurtry, Darcie McGonigle, Joanne Michael, Kevin & Rosemary Miller, Russell Mitchell-Walker, Doug & Kathy Moen, Kara Moen, Kent & Lindsay Mohn, Donna Nelson, Vicki Nelson & Adam Smith, Jamie Orr, Kylie Orr, Delise Pitman, Mark Pitman, Sherrie Pohl, John & Janet Robinson, Carol Schick, Reuben Senft, Todd Senft, Barbara Shourounis, Rae-Lyn Snyder, Megan Stecyk, Ian Temple, Rick Temple, Wendy Therens, Courtney Thomson, Corinne Toews, Chelsey Vargo Wilson, Sandra Vargo, Marj Weiss, Steve & Kim Weiss, Dorian Yake.

\* let's talk about how you can sign up to be a sustainer today!