LUMSDEN 2024 - 2025 Beach Camp ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025 **Board of Directors**



LUMSDEN Beach Camp



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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Lumsden Beach Camp acknowledges that we live and work on Treaty 4 territory, the traditional lands of the Nehiyawak, Anihsinapek, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakada, and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We recognize the deep and enduring relationship that Indigenous Peoples have with this land and honour their history, culture, and contributions.

We respect the traditional stewards of Turtle Island's lands and waters. We acknowledge the harms caused by colonization and are committed to walking alongside Indigenous Peoples on the path of Truth and Reconciliation.

As an organization, we are committed to ongoing learning, meaningful dialogue, and taking concrete actions to support reconciliation in both our personal and professional communities.









Chair, **Board of Directors Report**



Chelsey Vargo Wilson

LBC celebrated its 120th camping season on the shores of Last Mountain Lake this year, what a feat!

It was another full summer of laughs, memories, and campfires. LBC provided eight overnight camps and four weeks of day camps throughout the summer of 2025. All together we provided programming for 671 campers.

During the first week of camp we encountered a broken compressor for our walk in fridge/freezer unit, our community showed up for us in an incredible fashion, raising the money needed in a few days to cover the replacement cost for a new one! We are so grateful.

It was a summer of learning and growing, as we have a new Executive Director with us who was getting her footing. Carissa jumped in head first and excelled in her role this summer, we are so happy to have her with us!

Our perm staff, cabin leaders, and volunteers were excellent as always, and their dedication and perseverance ensures that campers have fun, and parents are at ease entrusting their kiddos to us year after year.

As my time as Board Chair winds down, I'm so heartened by the love so many have for the magical place that is Lumsden Beach Camp. Generation after generations have camped there, and then taken on the task of its upkeep and stewardship. Many hands make light work, as the saying goes, and that is evident each and every day at LBC.

Here's to another 120 years of camp!

Chelsey Vargo Wilson Chair, Lumsden Beach Camp

Camp

Directors Report



This summer at Lumsden Beach Camp was one for the books! A season overflowing with laughter, creativity, growth, and the unmistakable warmth that only camp can bring. Every week felt like its own story, filled with new friendships, silly traditions, and countless moments that reminded me why LBC will always hold such a special place in my heart. From morning watch to campfire, campers and staff filled the valley with energy and joy.

Erika Stronski

Our staff team went above and beyond this year. They led with heart, humor, and a whole lot of sunscreen. They showed up for the campers and for each other through long days, endless laughter, and more than a few rainy afternoons. Their creativity shone through in every program, from spontaneous dance parties to late-night campfire conversations that made campers feel seen, valued, and supported. Once again, we had a very young staff base, but they rose to every challenge with enthusiasm and maturity, working hard to make this one of the best summers yet.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to our incredible volunteers and year-round supporters. From those in the kitchen who kept tummies full, to the nurse who offered care and comfort, and to the behind-the-scenes crew who fixed, cleaned, and kept camp running smoothly, your efforts did not go unnoticed. And a special shoutout to everyone who helped us secure a new freezer so quickly when ours broke down! Your care and commitment are truly the heartbeat of LBC.

As the season wraps up and the echoes of camp songs fade into the autumn breeze, I'm filled with deep gratitude. Thank you to everyone, campers, staff, alumni, volunteers, and the LBC Board, for making this summer shine so bright. Together, we've kept the magic of camp alive, and I can't wait to see what next summer brings to the shores of our beloved beach.

With love and gratitude, Erika (aka Finch) Camp Director, Lumsden Beach Camp

Camp Community

Each year, Lumsden Beach Camp welcomes campers from across Saskatchewan to experience connection, growth, and adventure on the shores of Last Mountain Lake. Our programs continue to foster confidence, community, and lifelong memories for children and youth of all ages.

671

Active Campers supported by our staff.

39

Active Campers received Financial Assistance

320%

Increase in Rental Groups with twentyone taking place this year.

15
LEADERS IN TRAINING

35 STAFF

Bunney's Buddies

Lumsden Beach Camp's spirit is shaped by the many remarkable individuals who make it so special. Each year, we celebrate the dedicated people who return summer after summer, generously sharing their time, energy, and talents. In 2018, we introduced two special recognition categories to honour this commitment. Staff who have contributed three or more years to LBC join an elite group known as Bunney's Buddies, named in tribute to long-time staff member, Mark Bunney.

Chris Osborne Anya Mandziak Madeline Clinke Eva Ricci Megan Black



Our

Penny's Pals

Those who have served on staff for six summers at Lumsden Beach Camp are recognized with a canoe paddle and inducted into Penny's Pals, a title named in honour of Penny Wingert, a devoted and exceptional staff member, volunteer, LIT coordinator, and lifelong champion of camp life.

Erika Stronski Alex Graham Avery Stronski



Our Summer Staff



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Carissa Saftner



CAMP DIRECTOR

Erika Stronski

Aquatics Coordinator: Keely Hadwen

Maintenance Coordinator: Wesley Stowe, Ethan Black, Emmanuel G-B.

Programming Coordinator: Avery Stronski

Day Camp Coordinators: Amelia Hall, Madison Clinke, Georgia Montgomery

Head Cook: Claire Powers | Karen Hadwen

Cabin Leaders

Achtzehner, Katie

Black, Megan

Clinke, Madeline

Ferguson, Halle

Graham, Alex

Hadwen, Alia

Hall. Amelia

Mandziak, Anya

McDavid, Ryleigh

Montgomery, Georgia

Morhart. Charlie

Ottenbreit-Born, Annelise

Ricci. Eva

Smith, Sophia

Tannahill, Sianna

Leake, Elayna

Mattick. Briana

Polischuk. Mara

Clinke, Julian

Conway, Finn

Hodges, Callum

Horth. Kael

Jones, Liam

Lichtenwald, Jason

Miller-Bartz, Sam

Osborne. Chris

Smith. Zander

Tudor, Kaden

Taniskishayinew, Rashawn

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Our **Summer Volunteers**

Tara Osborne Nina Baeker Georgia Montgomery Alex Murphy Dave MacPherson Adaeus Watson Kim Newsham Sam Vargo Elayna Leake Crystal Kroeker Daria Snow Thao Nhu Nguyen Eva Ricci Kathleen Hilsden Stacey McPeek Wendy Therens Penelope Hall Nicole Pettigrew Carla Wilson Megan MacPherson Julian Clinke Lauren Schenher Kim Katzberg Nate Spriggs Dianne Markusson Annelise Ottenbreit-born Liam Martens Andrea Stronski Cole Osborne Karen Hadwen Connor Pettigrew Tanya Cameron Mike Hadwen

Our

Leaders in Training

This year, the LBC LIT program was simply too full of leadership spirit to fit into one session — so we ran two! With 15 eager applicants (normally just 8–10 are accepted), the camp buzzed with energy as both groups learned how to lead, teach camp skills, develop our faith, and support campers through every laugh, challenge, and campfire song.

Each crew completed a week of training and shadowing our cabin leaders, which was followed by helping lead at an overnight camp session and a day camp session. They tackled the legendary overnight sleepout and cookout, planning their own supplies and proving that teamwork and a good tarp can handle anything. It was our 4th year as leaders for the LIT program. Running double the programs meant double the planning and plenty of long days, but the reward was seeing 15 new leaders shine — proof that the spirit of LBC leadership is alive, well, and ready for the next adventure!

Mike and Karen Hadwen

Fund Development

Lumsden Beach Camp's work is made possible through the generous support of our funding partners. We deeply value these collaborations, which strengthen our ability to serve the community and enhance the camp experience for all who attend. Thanks to these partnerships, we have continued to sustain and expand our programs, ensuring that LBC remains a place where children and youth can learn, grow, and belong.

Fundraising Highlights

When our walk-in freezer broke down mid-season, the Lumsden Beach Camp community stepped up in a big way. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our campers, families, alumni, and local supporters, we raised \$12,000 to complete the necessary repairs, ensuring our kitchen could continue serving nutritious meals to hundreds of campers and staff all summer long. That same spirit of generosity shone again when Tanya Cameron immediately purchased a new fridge after our staff fridge broke down, keeping camp operations running smoothly. These moments reflect the heart of Lumsden Beach Camp: a community that shows up, supports one another, and keeps camp thriving no matter the challenge.

Thank you to our Funders



Stepping into this role, I was immediately struck by the incredible generosity and spirit of the Lumsden Beach Camp community. When our walk-in freezer unexpectedly broke down, people didn't hesitate, they came together to ensure we could make the repair possible. Around the same time, when our staff fridge failed, Tanya Cameron donated a full-sized replacement without hesitation. These moments reminded me that LBC is more than a camp, it's a community that shows up for one another. I'm deeply grateful to everyone who continues to support and sustain this special place.

-Carissa Saftner, Executive Director

Rooted In Steady Support

Our monthly Sustainers provide the steady foundation that keeps Lumsden Beach Camp thriving, ensuring that each season, campers continue to learn, grow, and connect in a place built on community, generosity, and enduring support.

Reuben Senft Danika Ferner

Chelsey Vargo Wilson

Ian Freitag

Glenn Schmuland Darcie McGonigle

Susan Black Dorian . Yake

Alexandra & Ronald Noyes John & Janet Robinson Barbara Dornan Amanda C. Benesh

Dan Beveridge Stephen. Blayone

Graham C. Bradley

Broadway United Church

Carol Schick
Corinne Toews
Carrie Cornelisse
Jillian, Cowen

Darcy Cornelisse

Sheila and Glen Dowling

Nancy Drackett Carol Draper Euniece. Dueck Kris Dueck

Barbara Flaten-Orr Cam & Cheryl Fraser Benjamin. Freitag

Karen & Michael Hadwen

John & Janet Robinson Kevin & Rosemary Miller

Knox-Metropolitan Kelsey A Koszman

Kylie. Orr

Janet McMurtry Ross MacNab Mark Pitman

Joanne Michael. Russell Mitchell-Walker

Douglas & Kathy Moen

Kara Moen

Kent & Lindsay Mohn Donna L Nelson Delise Pitman

Sherrie Pohl Todd Senft

Barbara Shourounis

Megan Stecyk Rick Temple Ian Temple. Courtney Thomson

Sandra Vargo Vicki Conway

Victoria Nelson & Adam Smith

Marj Weiss

Stephen & Kim Weiss Athena and Tony Burko

Join our community of monthly sustainers and help ensure Lumsden Beach Camp continues to be a place where children grow, friendships flourish, and the spirit of camp thrives for generations to come.

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Built

By Generous Donors

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Darcie McGonigle

Lorna King Jamie Orr

September Russell Joyce Humbert Kristen Schneider Nichole Huck

Dennie Fornwald Dorian Yake

David Warden Wendy Therens Doug Moen

Chelsey Vargo Wilson

Kathy Undseth Heather Stirling Danika Ferner

Herb & Nadine Klassen Susan and Tim Beard

Carol Ho Anita Tessier Sara Nichols Catherine Barnsley Rae-Lyn Snyder Nancy McBean Glenn Schmuland Randy Graham

Kara Moen

Christine Watson Nona Stronski Colin Markusson Mike Hadwen

Helen Vandenberg
Jean Cameron

Brenda MacLauchlan

Travis Roske
Samuel Debia
Keith Schneider
Donna Nelson
Ken Powers
Kyla Clincke
Sarah Tkachuk
Barbara Bailey

D Harper

Johanna Bundon Loanne Myrah Dave Clarke Paula Meeres Tricia Flavel
Beth Ellsworth
Mary Jane Ethier

Joanne McDonald Darwin Roske

Randy Graham Richard Hazel Grant Bloor Sheila Korpan Doris Wyatt

Sherrie Pohl

Carleen Mckillop

Louise, Ralph McMaster Marnie WatkinPawelko

Sara Elin

Anna Arvidsson Heather Monaghan Anna-Marie Donovan

Melinda Nelson Brea Monaghan Joshua Griffin Sandra Nourse Dean Smith Jillian Laursen

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Holly Harper Janelle Woodard

Samuel Debia

David Kyle

Jara Langill McDonald

Jeanne Scarfe

Helen Vandenberg

Rod + Corrie McLeod

Jenny Lyons-Mouyios

Cindy Fisher Greg Whitelaw Kristina Potter Eryn Audette

Raymond Arscott Stephanie Boyle

Mona Jamieson

Jesse Wilson

Amanda Popkin

Melinda Van Hove Stephanie Greenway-West

Sara Nichols

Amanda Marcotte

Erin Ward

Lauren Schenher

Heidi Forsythe

Roxane Chicoine

Connor Ferguson

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Krista Kendel

Hailee Raffey

Simone O'Neail

Fabian Cascante

Danika Ferner

Susan McGee

Devin Wallin

Kris Dueck

Lindsay Reid

Jo-Anne Cushon

Angela Krauss

Andrew Miller

Trina Hodgson

Kristen Schneider

Janice Tannahill

Jarrice Taririarii

Nancy Mattick

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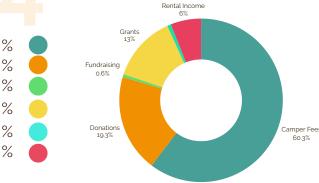
Gregory Coutts

Financial Report

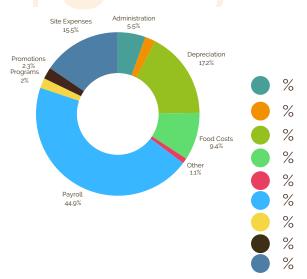
Lumsden Beach Camp remains committed to responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us by our community, donors, and partners. This year's financial performance reflects both the resilience and generosity of those who believe in our mission. Through careful budgeting, fundraising, and strong community support, we were able to maintain stable operations, invest in essential infrastructure projects, and continue offering accessible camp experiences for children and youth across Saskatchewan.



Camper Fees
Donations
Fundraising
Grants
Investments
Rental Income



Total Expenditures:



Category

Administration
Camper Subsidies
Depreciation
Food Costs
Other
Payroll
Programs
Promotions
Site Expenses

Thank You

Lumsden Beach Camp

A short drive from Regina, located in the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley, hugging the south shore of Last Mountain Lake, is a piece of paradise known as Lumsden Beach Camp. Lumsden Beach Camp did not happen by chance. It was created by faith filled people who had a vision. Since 1905 this camp has been a special place where adults and children come together. Still today we come to this special place making lasting friendships, connecting with the sacred and having tons of fun!

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