

# The Kamp Kiwanis Daily Peanut

## From The President

April/May 2015

Dear Friends,

As spring approaches, plans made during the short days of winter are starting to come to fruition. While working our way through the usual preparations, a theme of growth started to appear. Kamp Kiwanis is expecting to have its biggest and most successful season ever.

The trend started to emerge with our largest Winter Reunion to date. Kampers who attended Summer Kamp in 2015 were invited back to Kamp Kiwanis for an exciting day filled with a turkey dinner, winter activities, and even gifts from Santa.

The Kamp Kiwanis Outdoor School program promises to be the largest we have ever seen. More children from Calgary and the surrounding area will have the opportunity to develop their environmental

literacy, awareness, and action in a unique outdoor setting. The Outdoor School programs range from a single day to a 4 day overnight excursion.

Over the winter not only were plans for programs developed, but infrastructure was also given attention. We focused our efforts on incremental improvements to plumbing and heating systems, and minor improvements to high-traffic areas. These improvements will last many years and will allow Kamp Kiwanis to better serve children, long into the future.

Nomination forms for summer camp have been distributed. In early June, another group of children (the largest ever) will be notified that they will turn into kampers during the summer for an unforgettable, joyous, character-building experience.

We are grateful to our volunteers, staff, donors, participants, and supporters who make possible our vision of creating camping and outdoor experiences for children who would otherwise be unable to have them. To all those involved - it is your dedication that makes Kamp Kiwanis the special place that it is, THANK YOU!

Sincerely,



Paul Kelba

President

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**The Daily Peanut is produced each day during the summer at Kamp Kiwanis to keep campers and staff informed of upcoming events, camp success stories and celebrations. It also provides campers with opportunities for input through songs, stories and opinions. This is a special edition for the friends of Kamp Kiwanis to share our progress and future plans for the Kamp.**



**Above:** Kampers snowshoeing.

**Left:** Kampers excited to be at the reunion.

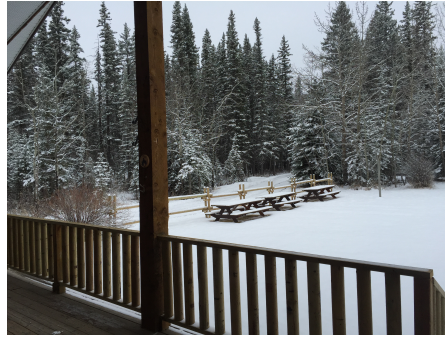
**Right:** Kampers enjoying turkey dinner.



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## Progress At Kamp Kiwanis

**Right:** Kamp Kiwanis has been busy updating some of our high-traffic areas. Here is a view of the new deck railings at Nestor Lodge. In the background the new fence can also be seen. This area is commonly used as a meeting place.



**Left:** New volunteers training to lead one of our most popular activities ... the Animal Game. During the game, children and youth learn about energy flow and food pyramids in an exciting and hands-on way.



**In Memorium:** It is with a sad heart that we mourn the passing of Dona Vine. Dona was a tremendous Kiwanian whose heart was always in the right place. She was the first female member of any service club in Calgary. Dona was a strong supporter of Kamp Kiwanis, volunteering her time as a board member, camp committee chair, volunteer driver advisor and confidante. Dona will be greatly missed.



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## Mailbox

As the year progresses we receive letters, cards, emails, and telephone calls. We welcome the opportunity to hear from you with ideas, suggestions, and constructive feedback. The letters that we receive allow us to celebrate the impact that we have on the lives of families. We are pleased to share some of the excerpts with you here. Once again we would like to pass along our appreciation for the support that you provide each year. Only through your support and encouragement are we able to positively impact the community.

**It has made me grow as a person. - A Leadership Participant**

**I love that they gave the children this opportunity. - The Parent of an Outdoor School Student**

**I had soooooo much fun! - An Enthusiastic Summer Kamper**

**I made lots of new friends and bonded with classmates I never really knew. - An Outdoor School Student**

**Thank you for another great camp! We all really enjoyed it and look forward to next year. - The Organizer of a Community Rental Group**

**I wish to thank you for allowing my children over the years to attend your camp. They have had nothing but fun. I thank you so much, keep up the great work you do to make these camps so enjoyable! - The Parent of a Summer Kamper**

**Our Cubs and Scouts returned home today with a lot of wonderful stories about camp. They had a great time. Thank you for accommodating our group. Your facilities are terrific. - Parent of a Cub/Scout User Group**



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