



Torch Wridings

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CAMPS

This summer our camp weeks were packed with excitement. In honour of our theme we brought back some old camp traditions, such as theme days and the 'lay-z bone' (messiest cabin award). There was a lot of energy for many of the camps this year, including the highest teen camper numbers since pre-covid. Our program is a tool to allow for opportunities to share the gospel, and with the way things ran this year I am confident that it will incentivize more campers to return and bring their friends, allowing for further discipleship and evangelism.



STAFF

Once again, God has blessed the camp with the staff we needed to effectively share the gospel. Our staffing team was a diverse group, coming from different churches, bible colleges, careers, situations and locations (Alberta to Ontario). Ultimately we are all united by what Christ has done for us, and has now called us to do.



Upcoming Event:

55+ CHRISTMAS BANQUET

December 5th at 5:00 pm

Please contact the office to reserve your seat

During a busy summer, it is easy to get a sort of tunnel vision focusing on the tasks at hand. I get caught up in things like what crises needs to be addressed, how we are going to fill this staffing need, and how we can help our staff to thrive when they are tired from a hectic cabin. It can be difficult to look at the full picture of what God is doing.

Our theme for this year was based off 1 Peter 1: 3-5, where Peter calls the recipients of the letter to praise God for what he has already done through His redemptive work on the cross, and to look forward to what God has promised for them, their upcoming priceless inheritance. In the midst of suffering and difficulty that came as a result of following Jesus, Peter invites the believer to **Look back** to what God has done, and **Look forward** to what He is yet to do.

It would be dishonest to equate the ministry of Torch Trail with suffering, but Peter's wisdom is helpful in reminding me on where to set my focus, and as I look back to all that God has done, I can also better reflect on the continuing eternal work that He is doing at camp. Reflecting on this past summer, there are 3 areas that I am drawn to reflect on as measures of what God has been doing.



In the past 3 years, 70% of MIT's returned for part of the summer to serve in some capacity, and 56% served this summer.

MIT

One of my personal highlights of the summer is always our Missionary in Training program. Over the past 3 years of leading the program I have appreciated the intentionality of the discipleship that can happen during this program. This summer I was once again encouraged to see younger believers grow in their desire and ability to share this gospel and then to see them put into practice the things they learned. Our goal for the program is not just to help us meet our own staff needs, but to equip believers to be effective in sharing the gospel wherever they go.

- Cam Kroeker





Jeffrey Custer

Hear from Jeffrey



A past PBCN camper who attended MIT this year and stayed the whole summer to cabin lead. He got baptised after his last week here.

My favourite part of Torch Trail this summer was definitely the wide games. They were a lot of fun, and I really enjoyed spending time with everyone and making memories together. One of the biggest things I'll take away from Torch is the people I met. They were such a great crowd to be around I really hope I can stay friends with them for the rest of my life.

I really enjoyed the MIT program as well. It was very helpful, and the group I was surrounded by was incredibly supportive. We had a lot of fun together, even though we spent about six hours in the same room almost every day but the people I spent those 6 hours with I definitely made the most memories with.

After being a cabin leader for a few weeks, I realized that I actually enjoy being a cabin leader more than being a camper. My favourite week as a cabin leader was probably Spark Camp because I felt more confident in my ability to lead, especially with Liam there to cabin lead with me.

Another meaningful part of my experience was getting the opportunity to share my testimony. I was really nervous to share it, but knowing that it encouraged some of the campers made it worth stepping outside of my comfort zone. I also learned more about the Bible this summer than I have anywhere else.

I definitely want to keep coming back to Torch Trail every summer. This summer has been the best experience of my life so far, and I'm incredibly thankful for everyone I met, the friendships I made, the opportunities I had, and everything I learned. I'm already looking forward to coming back next summer and making even more memories.



Prayer Requests:

- **Pray** for all the staff who served so well this past summer as they recuperate and go back to their homes, schools and jobs.

- **Pray** for the campers, that the truths they learned and heard would stick with them and take root in their lives.

- **Pray** for the year round staff as they get into a season of getting ready for events as well as planning for next summer.

- **Pray** for the board as they make decisions regarding the camp and the kitchen project.

Director's Wish list:

- Skid Steer
 - Haybine
 - New Apple Computer for the office
 - Dump Trailer
 - 500GL Fuel Tank
 - Fencing Posts
 - 2x4's & 2x6's
- (for more info contact Devin)



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