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It is hard to believe that another Camp Woody Acres season has come and gone, and we are almost at the end of 2022. Despite how quickly it passed, it was a lovely and thrilling summer. Our programs this summer consisted of Vacation Bible School, Workers' Camp, Camp Meeting, West of 50 Camp, Junior Camp, and DiscipleTrek Camp. The weeks were well attended and well enjoyed. Everyone who attended was blessed, thanks to Newfoundland and Labrador's great staffing, volunteers, and local support.

Our weeks included:

Week 1: Vacation Bible School

Week 2: Workers Camp

Week 3: Camp Meeting

Week 4: West of 50 Camp

Week 5: Junior Camp

Week 6: DiscipleTrek Camp

Addition: A Women's Retreat was added in late September.



Camp Meeting 1st Sabbath



West of 50 Campers



Junior Camp



West of 50 Campers

Our VBS was held in St. John's and Bay Roberts. Local leaders ran both programs with staffing assistance from Camp Woody Acres. This year NL used the NAD program, "Jasper Canyon," where God treasures every child. It was an exciting week as our leaders led the children through crafts, games, songs, stories, and experiments that solidified God's love for each of them. Next year's program will be "Fiercely Faithful; God Always Keeps His Promises." If you want to help by being a local leader in your district, please contact your local Pastor or Kaitlynn Harushimana; God needs YOU!



In photo: Bay Roberts VBS crew 2022

Camp Meeting ran the last two weeks of July. People met together for fellowship, family time, and attended a variety of meetings that were offered. There were Cradle-Roll, Primary, Pathfinders and Youth meetings as well. "Prepared for the Unexpected" was this year's Camp Meeting theme. Our guest speakers included Jon Paulien, Paul and Donnalee Lehmann. In addition, Special guests: Evaldo Vicente, Paul Llewellyn, Mark, and Becky Johnson, Eric and Candi Rajah, Tinel Pelly, and Steven Matthews. Representation from ADRA, A Better World Canada, Canadian Adventist Messenger, SDACC, Burman University, and Kingsway College.



In photo: Evaldo Vicente of the SDACC Messenger



Camp Meeting Kids

Ample time was made this year for our speakers, programs, family time, and free time for individuals to gather for a spiritual revival and much-needed fellowship. Watching everyone together after a three-year closure was beautiful. People were excited to sit and chat, to see the little ones run around the camp, and experience all the joys that camp has to offer.

A special moment of our Camp Meeting this year was our "Newfoundland Time" program on Thursday night, in place of our evening speaker. The auditorium was packed with people excited to laugh, sing, and hear our province's bright and colorful history. There were many highlights throughout the week of Camp Meeting. Friends came together and families reunited, and all were able to join together in Christ and have a week that was clearly led by the Holy Spirit.

West of 50 Camp is the first-ever camp for individuals 50+ (with exceptions). This camp included praise, fellowship, and group activities. We had 6 participants in attendance, and everyone had a bundle of fun. Comments flooded in, "I have never felt this young in a long time," "Everyone here is so much fun, I really can't wait for next year to be longer," and "I would have never tried any of these things if I didn't come here. This is wonderful, and I get to be a kid again." Our campers had the experience of a lifetime while enjoying all the activities of a junior camper—archery, painting, music, board games, tubing, paddle boat, boat rides, etc. We hope to see more individuals for our West of 50 camp next year.

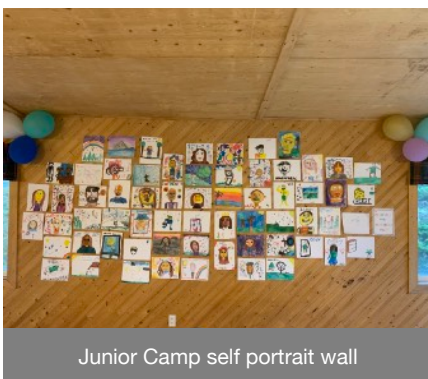


West of 50 Campers and Staff

Junior Camp 2022 had a record registration of 60 campers! We had 55 campers settle in on registration day for a fun-filled week. Our campers were able to experience a week of "Love Your Selfie," which focused on seeing ourselves through the eyes of Jesus. Our worship and class times brought out our daily themes and allowed us to apply our lessons practically. All the staff and volunteers were pleasantly surprised by each child and teen who were represented at Camp. You could watch the attitudes change as the young people walk towards their classes or cabins laughing, smiling, and sharing their favorite moments of the day.



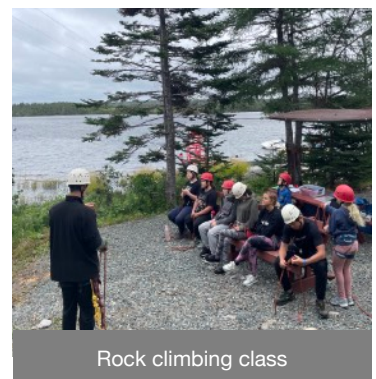
Junior campers and staff 2022



Junior Camp self portrait wall



Worship with Pastor Etienne



Rock climbing class



DiscipleTrek Campers and staff



Archery Class



McIntyre Siblings Love Your "Selfie"

DiscipleTrek camp was our second pilot camp of the summer. This Camp was for ages 13-18 and was designed to build personal relationships with the teens. It was exciting to see how involved each teen wanted to be, and it was a very encouraging week with them. We had 14 campers from St. John's - Corner Brook.

Our final event for Camp Woody Acres 2022 was our Island-Wide Women's Retreat. This event was a fantastic experience for all involved. With our guest speaker, Massiel Davila- Ferrer, 57 women of NL gathered to renew and revitalize our relationship with our God. It was a beautiful experience for all ages.

It was an exhilarating summer for Camp Woody Acres. Running for a total of 8 weeks with six weeks of programs was our most extended summer in several years. Next year our goal is to increase by an additional week and continue to grow and develop our camping program. Upcoming dates include:



Women's Retreat 2022

Sunday, June 18 to Friday, June 23
Workers Camp

Monday, July 3 to Friday, July 7
Staff and Volunteer Training

Sunday, July 9 to Sunday, July 16
Junior Camp (Ages 10-13)

Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21
West of 50 Camp (Adult only)

Friday, July 21 to Sunday, July 30
Camp Meeting

Monday, August 1 to Friday, August 4
Vacation Bible School

Sunday, August 6 to Sunday, August 13
Youth Camp (Ages 12-16)

Sunday, August 13 to Thursday, August 17
Family Camp



Please Note: We aim to open registration the first week of February 2023; more information, including next year's costs, will come in the new year. However, these are the final dates unless something unforeseen and out of our control happens.

Staff applications will also be released in February 2023.

