

You're invited.. to our February retreat!

Hello Hope Bay Bible Camp supporters of the past, present and FUTURE...??!



Some of you have been at Hope Bay more recently, and others of you may be questioning if it still even EXISTS!

Well indeed it does. I want to invite each of you who have served here in the past, and anyone who may be interested in joining us in the future in any capacity, to come to Hope Bay Bible Camp for all or part of February 17-20, 2023. It is our desire to invite you in to look around and find out what is happening at Hope Bay, what we are all about, and join us as we consider where we are headed.. We also want to offer you a weekend of rest, fun and fellowship.

More information on that to come, but first I'll introduce myself (though some of you will remember me.. I hope!). My name is Ciara, and I have recently stepped into the role of Program Director at Hope Bay. My relationship with the camp started with yearly epic road trips from Calgary with my youth group. It was one of the highlights of the year to come to such a beautiful, green place (while we were still in the depths of winter back home) and do many work projects to help get the camp ready for summer.

When I was 20, I came to Hope Bay for a 7 month discipleship program called "The Forma Project". I'm grateful for that time because it grew in me a love for full time ministry.

I then returned to Calgary for several years where I worked as a support aide for special needs adults. In March of 2022, I returned to Pender Island to visit old friends and was invited by the Hope Bay year round team to apply for the role of Assistant Program Director for the upcoming camp season. I prayed and spoke with family and friends and decided I would be thrilled to embrace the opportunity. In May I moved to Pender and began learning about my role and preparing for the summer ahead. Just as camp began, our Program Director became unavailable and I stepped into his role.

I praise God because He had a good plan for us, and provided so abundantly for all our needs. Throughout the summer it became so clear to me that this was the Lord's camp, not ours, and that whatever good was accomplished would be because of His grace, kindness and strength and not because of our effort. I was dependent on Him moment by moment and I am so humbled by it and in awe of what He has done. . What a marvelous work to be invited into! Campers heard the good news of Christ's love for them, in dying on their behalf for sin, to bring them to God. They had FUN and learned new things and built wonderful friendships with one another and with our summer missionaries. Praise Him!

I also want to introduce you quickly to our other full time Missionaries who are looking forward to getting to know you.

Randy, our director and his wife Diane, originally came from Ontario to fill the Facilities Management role. Randy became the Director in 2020 and the Lord is providing all that he and Diane need to do the work he has set before them. They are devoted, wise and compassionate and have such earnest and joyful hearts as they labor for the sake of the gospel.

David is our new facilities manager and resident arborist! We are so blessed by his hard work and clever thoughts about how to improve the grounds and make them more functional, enjoyable and effective for their purpose of bringing the Gospel to children. Come out to the Februaretreat to welcome him into the Hope Bay family!

Our newest addition is Meg! She is the Director's Assistant, and her area of particular interest is gardening and caring for the farm animals at Hope Bay. She is keen to learn as much as she can about both topics, in order to be able to educate children about the abundance and beauty of God's creation, and how to care for it well.

We all would be so delighted to see you here again, or to meet you for the first time. As camp rebuilds post pandemic, we look forward to growing a strong team of missionaries and of individuals, families and churches who care for the camp and want to be a part of it's purpose of bringing the good news of Christ's love to children and youth. Even if you won't be available in the summertime, but want to learn about other ways that you can be involved and support the ministry, we would be so honoured to have you. Thank you for the ways that you have already contributed to Hope Bay's mission of sharing the Gospel. You are a blessing and I am praying for you and hoping to see you this February.

In Him,
Ciara Heynen

REGISTER ONLINE AT <https://hopebaybiblecamp.com/camps/our-camps> and choose "Februaretreat".

More Details below!

Here is our schedule for the weekend, and some other things you will need to know.

Details

Who: You! Whether you have served with Hope Bay in the past or not, all you need is an interest in the ministry and a desire to know how you could be involved. Bring your children! Bring your teens!!! We will not have separate care available for them, but everything we are doing will be child friendly and they can join in on all the games and activities.

What: A weekend of rest, fun, fellowship. Learning about the ministry and praying together about the future of it.

Where: Hope Bay Bible Camp, Pender Island BC. You may choose to stay at the camp overnight with your family, even if you live on Pender! Please indicate on your registration whether you will need overnight accommodations. We would be so blessed by a donation to help cover the cost of lodging and meals (transfer to office@hopebaybiblecamp.com). Meals will be provided.

When: Evening of Friday February 17- morning of Monday February 20, 2023. Saturday will be the most key day to be present! It will be full of "Campy" activities to get a taste of what summer time is like. We will also spend time in prayer for camp and in discussion about hopes and ideas for the future of the ministry. Sunday and will be more informal and relaxed with meals, some games and outings to enjoy the island.



Remember to bring:

- *Sleeping bag*
- *Pillow*
- *Toiletries (Toothbrush and Paste, brush, shampoo, towel etc.)*
- *Pjs*
- *Clothes for 2 days (Extras in case you get wet)*
- *Outdoor wear (Rain coat, rain boots, warm layers)*
- *Journal and Pen*

Schedule:

Ferry Arrival Options (email ciara@onehopcanada.ca ahead of time to arrange ferry pickup)

From Swartz Bay→4:00pm or 7:25 pm

Tsawwassen→3:20 direct or 5:00 through fare Via Swartz Bay

Friday:

4:30-8 Arrive and unpack, hang out, snacky supper, games, short hike?

8pm Snackfire (Expectations, Songs, intro to weekend theme, sharing and game.)

9:30 Ready for Bed

10:00 In Cabins

10:30 Lights Out

Saturday:

8:00 Wake & Shower

8:30 DIY Breakfast & DIY Dishes

9:15 Group game, "anything you can do I can do better."

10:30 Morning Devo and intro to Hope Bay Bible Camp. Why, what and how?

11:30 Hangout/ relax/ explore

12:00 Lunch & Dishes

1:00 Skills of choice (Extreme archery and Pelletry, canoeing, disc golf)

3:00 Hangout/relax/explore

5:30 Ironchef cook-off supper and clean-up

7:00 Snackfire and local guest speaker. How can I be involved in camp?

8:30 Epic board game night

9:30 Ready for Bed

10:00 In Cabins

10:30 Lights Out

Sunday:

8:30 Wake & Shower

9:00 DIY Breakfast & DIY Dishes

10:30 Church service at community hall

12:00 Lunch

After lunch, we will fill the afternoon and evening with island exploration, games and good chats.

Option to depart Sunday evening:

To Swartz→5:35 pm

To Tsawwassen→3:45pm

Monday:

Breakfast will be provided. You may choose to stay longer and enjoy one of the local restaurants for lunch!

Departure options:

To Swartz Bay → 9:10am or 11:50am

To Tsawwassen→7:10am or 3:45pm

