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March 1, 2021

A warm hello from all of us at Camp Caroline!

It is hard to believe it's been almost a year since we suspended regular operations due to public health measures.

We have missed sharing the love of God with campers this past year.

We still cannot host overnight camps or retreats but we have been getting ready to welcome campers and counselors back once we are able to reopen. While we are not able to set a date for our reopening yet we are getting everything ready for the summer ministry season. The province has informed us that we will be able to open when we reach Step 4 of its *Path Forward* plan.

Last month we sent an update out to campers and counselors to let them know which camps we are planning to offer.

We are planning to run 8 weeks of modified Grade Camps, alongside 8 weeks of Lead Camps. (For more information on these camps, COVID-19 considerations, and dates and rates please check our website at [www.campcaroline.ab.ca](http://www.campcaroline.ab.ca).) Registration for these camps is tentatively scheduled for later this month.

Our theme for the summer ministry season is **OVERCOME**.

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.  
In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have **overcome** the world.”  
- John 16:33

This last year has been hard on everyone, including campers and counselors.



We believe that camp is going to be a much needed getaway with a greater purpose this summer. This will be a chance for campers to escape their everyday and to grow, learn, and play outside again with friends old and new.

And while the fresh air, fun, and community will be good for everyone, we know that only God can give us what we really need.... **HOPE**.

This summer we will invite campers and counselors to look to God for hope and peace through a personal relationship with Jesus.



While we continue getting everything ready for the summer we recognize we may need to adjust our plans and will do so as needed. We are excited about the possibilities awaiting us this summer! We have been working hard to capture the spirit and joy of camping as we all continue to carefully consider the public health needs in light of COVID-19.

## PRAYER UPDATE

Please join us in praying for the following as we look ahead to the summer ministry season:

- 1) Wisdom, discernment, and direction as we prayerfully consider how God is continuing to direct us through this season and toward the next.
- 2) Open doors to offer ministry programming in 2021.
- 3) Continue praying that God will provide for the needs of the camp. We are so **THANKFUL** for how God has been meeting the needs of the ministry. So far this year, individuals and churches have given \$95,000 to the ministry!

On behalf of our team and Board of Directors, **THANK YOU** for your support and prayer.



Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Trites', written over a white background.

Ben Trites  
Executive Director  
Camp Caroline

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## MATCHING GIFT FOR MARCH/APRIL

We have a donor who will match every dollar received before the end of April up to \$5,000. **Would you consider making a financial gift to the camp this spring to help us take full advantage of this matching gift?** As you consider making a gift please know we believe the church should be the primary place each of us give and want to encourage you to give to your church first. If after giving to your church you have the means and desire to help camp financially, we welcome your gift this spring. Gifts received this spring will be used to help us be ready to reopen. Gifts can be made online at [campcaroline.ab.ca/donation](https://campcaroline.ab.ca/donation). At this time we are asking that gifts be directed to the *General Fund* to allow us to maintain appropriate cash flow, manage ongoing costs, and direct funds to those areas most in need as we look to the future.

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