

## [United Church Camps and Climate Change](#)

### [Canyon Church Camp](#)

#### **Alberta and Northwest Conference**

Located in Waterton Lakes National Park, Canyon Church Camp strives to encourage campers to connect with nature through many different aspects of our program. All campers participate in Nature Explorations programs, where campers become more aware of the environment around them, learn about different aspects of local ecology, and appreciate the role national parks play in conserving the environment.

During worship, the camp community is immersed in the natural world. Many campers and staff indicate that they feel closest to God in nature. This love of nature translates to an ethic of conservation and stewardship for many campers and staff in their lives outside of camp.

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### [Camp Shagabec](#)

#### **Saskatchewan Conference**

Part of Camp Shagabec's mandate is to care for the forest it is located in. The camp has established green spaces, in which campers are in charge of watering the trees, shrubs, and flowers. Camp Shagabec has an ambitious plan to help rejuvenate the forest (80 years overmature with old growth falling down) with a tree-planting program. Campers learn how to plant trees properly and how to select a perfect spot for a young sapling.

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### [Lumsden Beach Camp](#)

#### **Saskatchewan Conference**

At Lumsden Beach Camp, environmental stewardship is a part of our mission statement. Spiritual care curriculum frequently has a focus on creation stories and care for creation. The camp welcomes guest presenters from conservation organizations who facilitate activities for campers (for example, Nature Conservancy, Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre, Ducks Unlimited, SaskOutdoors). Artists in residence focus on creating nature-based work and encouraging campers to look for changes imposed on the landscape by human intervention.

"Leave no trace" training has been provided for all camp staff, and these principles are executed during campers' sleep-outs. Any new construction or renovation projects at Lumsden Beach Camp work to incorporate green building practices and technologies.

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### [Wellman Lake Camp](#)

#### **Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Conference**

Wellman's camp facilities and practices are focused on environmental preservation. All camp facilities are heated and air-conditioned with geo-thermal power, water-saving fixtures have been installed, and there is no use of chemicals or pesticides to control weeds and insects. The only gas-powered vehicle in use is the lawn mower. No disposable dishes or utensils are ever used.

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### [Rock Lake Camp](#)

#### **Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario**

Rock Lake offers activities, games, worship, and leadership opportunities where campers learn to conserve and preserve God's creation. The camp does no live cutting unless there is a safety issue. Deadfall or donated wood is used for the firepit.

An outside conservation expert visits to teach campers about the need to preserve the camp's meadows, trees, and bush to preserve air quality and prevent climate change.

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### [Camp Menesetung](#)

#### **London Conference**

Camp Menesetung offers an Environment Education Program for local schools during the spring. Outdoor Living Skills, part of the camp's summer programming, includes care of the environment and climate change awareness.

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### [Cave Springs Camp](#)

#### **Hamilton Conference**

The garden at Cave Springs Camp helps campers learn about gardening and the importance of local food. Cave Springs is developing programming related to the Three Sisters plants (squash, corn, and beans), and how they work together to help each other grow.

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### [Camp Simpresca](#)

#### **Toronto Conference**

Simpresca campers experience environment-related programming for an hour per day on most days. The environment counsellor takes campers on hikes, teaches fire- and shelter-building skills, and helps campers learn about wildlife. Campers have also visited a neighbouring deer farm and learned about making recycled paper.

Simpresca's leadership program runs five-day backcountry canoe trips throughout the summer where campers learn and practise "leave no trace" camping.

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### [Camp Big Canoe](#)

#### **Toronto Conference**

Camp Big Canoe prioritizes care for the environment, and all of its programs have a leave-no-trace priority, both onsite and off. All programs utilize a reuse practice—crafts, music, drama, sports, and games are "funded" by donated supplies and equipment.

Recycling and low food waste are a priority for facilities and kitchen staff.

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### **Sparrow Lake Camp**

#### **Toronto Conference**

In celebration of Canada 150, Sparrow Lake Camp is planting 150 new trees in June 2017. This will serve as the launch of an environmental program to educate campers about their carbon footprints.

Sparrow Lake's experiential nature program includes educating young campers on vegetable gardening and caring for our plants and trees.

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### **Sherbrooke Lake Camp**

#### **Maritime Conference**

Sherbrooke Lake Camp partners with Clean NS, which funds an Outdoor Living and Environmental Stewardship staff position. The Outdoor Living and Environmental Stewardship program includes instruction on environmental gardening practices and water quality research.

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### **Camp Abeqweit**

#### **Maritime Conference**

Camp Abeqweit is engaged in a waterfront protect project in partnership with Prince Edward Island's South Shore Watershed Group. The project is an experimental beachfront protection initiative that uses organic materials rather than the rock-wall approach.

Campers who return to Abeqweit year after year see the effect of the changing tides and harsher winter storms related to climate change are eroding shorelines. Campers have been involved in some aspects of the work for this project, and have been able to see what is being done and why as part of the outdoor life program.

In cooperation with Ducks Unlimited, Camp Abeqweit has created three ponds on camp property that provide a habitat for birds and protect the wetlands.

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### **Burry Heights Camp**

#### **Newfoundland & Labrador Conference**

Burry Heights' campers are ages 9 to 15, so the summer's program shows them many ways that they, as youth, can make a difference now. Burry Heights teaches campers that their impact on the environment is very real, and that the use of disposable products, such as garbage bags and paper towels, must be minimized.

The camp reuses many simple products, such as toilet paper rolls, when making crafts. All campers are expected to help with the camp's recycling program, including preparing and taking out recyclables for pickup.

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