

# CAMP IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD



“We are so very grateful for all you do to make Camping Ministry a vital and inspiring part of the work of the church.”



## THE CYOB PROGRAM

The Cairn Family of Camps offers you Camp in Your Own Backyard (CYOB): an opportunity to offer a five-day, day camp experience in your own church. This vacation Bible school program brings camp-style fun to churches and communities around our Synod.

This program is designed for children ages 5 to 13, but also allows for older youth to help as young adult volunteers. There is no limit to the number of children who can participate, so long as there is an appropriate ratio of adult volunteers (18+) provided by the church to assist with the programming.

The cost for this week-long camp program is \$1000, which covers the cost of minimum two Cairn staff members, the CYOB curriculum, five days of programming from 9am to 4pm, and marketing advertisements for your church. The curriculum is centred around a new theme every year, and provides stories and lessons from the Bible, singing, games, music and drama, creations quest, arts and crafts, team initiatives, and “campfire” every day.

We hope that this will prove an exciting way to allow more children to experience Christian camping, by bringing camp to you! We look

If you would like to offer a CYOB program at your church this summer, please contact our camp office at 705-767-3300, or send an email to [mapes@ilovecamp.org](mailto:mapes@ilovecamp.org).

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



### What Cairn will provide:

- 2 trained and experienced camp staff members (Cairn staff members are fully trained in Leading with Care)
- Copies of police checks for Cairn staff members
- Transportation for staff members to your church at the beginning of the week and from your church at the end of the week.
- A researched and developed themed day-camp programme (9:00 am to 4:00 pm) for children ages 5 to 13
- A program that will include Bible study, crafts, games, singing, and outdoor activities
- Marketing ads for your congregation in mid-March
- A list of items to be purchased by the church prior to the start of the program, i.e. craft supplies and snacks (provided in mid-June)
- A contract to be signed by the minister or Christian Education director

### What your church will provide:

- Billeting at one home for staff members from Sunday evening through Friday (5 nights)
- Food for staff members for the duration of their stay (Sunday evening to Friday 4:00 pm)
- A copy of the church's insurance document for Cairn's records
- Adult (17 years plus) volunteers for any groups over 10 children (1 for every 5 children over 10 children – Cairn staff do not require additional support for numbers less than 10)
- Items on the supply list provided
- Daily snacks for the children
- Space to run the program, including one or two indoor spaces and an outdoor space (local park, backyard, etc.) that are an adequate size for the number of campers
- Marketing prior to the start of the program
- Registration of children attending the program
- Assurance that all necessary forms, including the contract, are completed before the first day of program

### What the families will provide:

- Completed health and information forms
- A daily lunch for their children (unless the church chooses to provide it)
- Appropriate clothing and footwear for daily activity

“Thank you for staff who took the program seriously and gave their all to present it to our kids. The three staff members we had this year did an excellent job demonstrating great enthusiasm for both the program and the kids.”

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