





It breaks our hearts to imagine another summer without the hustle and bustle of campers being dropped off for another fun-filled season at Camp Easter Seal. Once again, as we continue in the midst of the pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to pause in-person camping for the 2021 season. We know this disappointment is felt even more so by the hundreds of children, youth and adults who attend Camp Easter Seal each year. But, of course, the health and safety of campers is always our number one priority.

> While still physically apart, we will continue to foster this special community, Camp Easter Seal, and enjoy each other's company through Camp Connected once again this summer. I can't wait for the fun to begin! **CHRISTINE EPP, CAMP EASTER SEAL MANAGER**

A familiar face to both Camp Easter Seal and Camp Connected is 18-year-old Ocean Zborowski from Regina. While Ocean is very quick to remind us online programming is not the same as in-person activities, she is still extremely excited to connect with her friends and her favourite counselors for virtual campfire sing-alongs and other activities again this year.

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Camp Easter Seal is the only completely barrier-free camp of its kind in the province and, for many children, youth and adults experiencing disability, the only camp they can attend fully and safely. Your donations to Camp Easter Seal will ensure campers like Ocean stay connected to the camp community this summer and are able to return to their favourite place in the world next year.

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"We sure do miss our campers and we think of them every day during this global pandemic. It's a challenging time, affecting everyone, but we are confident in their strengths and know that we will all continue to grow in our resilience, patience and personal journey," says Christine Epp, Camp Easter Seal Manager.

Ocean attended Camp Easter Seal for the first time in 2018 and was immediately hooked! "Camp is so much fun! You get to do a lot of fun things like swimming, going for boat rides or wagon rides and just laughing with your friends," says Ocean, reminiscing of her first two years at Little Manitou Lake. Having attended other camps in the past, Ocean struggled to connect with kids her own age. With developmental challenges, AD[H]D and asthma, regular camps were becoming more of a challenge as Ocean grew older. "Having tried camps that weren't suited for Ocean, the expectation is you move forward to the next group with additional responsibilities. It was too much for her. It can be an isolating experience for those who don't have visible disabilities," explains Ocean's mom Jalyn Zborowski of her daughter's past experiences.

The importance of Camp Easter Seal is not lost on the many camp families who see the positive impact it has on their loved ones year after year. The lush green grounds are the perfect backdrop for Saskatchewan's only barrier-free camp where children, youth and adults experiencing disability can attend fully and safely. When you donate to Camp Easter Seal, you are supporting families in your community and are ensuring that next year, campers are able to return to their most favourite place in the world!





Camp Easter Seal is such

a gift. It's a gift for the parents and it's a gift for the campers. You know your child is going to learn new things and be open to experiences they might not be otherwise with you around. As a parent you know your child is going to be safe. You know if your child is feeling overwhelmed, has a meltdown or is overstimulated the camp counselors will know what to do. If your child isn't at their best one day, that's okay because they aren't going to be judged. They can just be themselves. And for any parents of a child with developmental challenges or any disability, these are the things yowu worry about. When I drop Ocean off at Camp Easter Seal, I know the many staff are well trained and know their stuff. Even with the virtual programming, I know the games and activities are created for Ocean and the other participants to thrive, engage and connect. Honestly, what more can any parent ask for?"

**JALYN ZBOROWSKI** 

Camp Easter Seal is a much-needed sanctuary in Saskatchewan that provides children, youth and adults experiencing disability the opportunity to thrive and just be themselves. As the only barrier-free facility of its kind in the province, your donations ensure the fun will not stop for hundreds of campers like Ocean who flock to Little Manitou Lake each summer for carefree fun and adventure! The past year has been difficult for many given the COVID-19 pandemic, and we know that for our campers and their families the stress has been exasperated by the disappointment of a second summer without in-person camp activities. With your help, this year will not be lost; in fact, we aim to make it the biggest and brightest given the circumstances! Thank you for your generous donation!

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