

2021 CAMPAIGN

The world is bigger and brighter when we join together...

so let's connect for another

Stay at Home Tea!



Never would anyone have thought the concept of Stay at Home Tea would take on such a literal sense and be symbolic of our current living situation. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues well into 2021, tough decisions about Camp Easter Seal and the safety of campers had to be made.

It is with a heavy heart that I share that Camp Easter Seal is once again putting in-person activities on pause for the 2021 summer season. But not all is lost, I assure you! SaskAbilities and the Camp Easter Seal team and staff have created a dynamic and interactive virtual program called Camp Connected. From across the province campers will once again gather for virtual activities, laughs and sing-alongs hosted by Camp staff.

As many of you know, my roots in Camp Easter Seal date back to 1984 during my time as a pediatric resident and, let me tell you, the fun had over the years has compounded into such fond memories. I know that now more than ever we must continue to support Camp in its efforts to create meaningful connections for campers from all corners of the province so the memories can continue. Please, join me in celebration and support of Camp Easter Seal as we come together in our hearts while physically distancing for the 38th annual Stay at Home Tea.



## Different can be good...

As I have been reflecting over the past year, one thing I know for sure about Camp Easter Seal is it makes the world bigger and brighter for those who are lucky enough to experience it - campers, staff members and volunteers. It is a place where the focus is on "I can" rather than "I can't". This year, Camp will once again look different. But that's okay. Different can be good.

Camp Easter Seal is used to finding creative solutions, making the impossible possible and ensuring positive outcomes and experiences for campers. This year will be no exception.

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How many of us have recently been pushed outside of our comfort zones with technology to expand our own worlds? I know for me that has meant connecting with many of my social groups, friends and family online. Finding unique ways to still feel included and expand our worlds can also include our SaskAbilities and Easter Seal Saskatchewan donor community. I know the peace of mind and gratitude I feel knowing so many of us are coming together for our 38th Annual Stay At Home Tea in support of Camp Easter Seal.

#### Finding the opportunities...

A common thread in all that SaskAbilities and Camp Easter Seal do in the community is find opportunities for people to thrive. Moving Camp Easter Seal to a virtual platform has meant campers' online worlds have been made bigger. The possibility for connection with familiar faces and new friends has just expanded.

Camp staff are also learning new ways to engage with participants. Just think, for over 65 years Camp Easter Seal has been in operation as Saskatchewan's only fully barrier-free camp. What a gift technology has been in keeping Camp moving forward, differently, but together during this most unprecedented time.

Without the campers in person, last summer was an opportunity for Camp Easter Seal to catch up on some grounds work and maintenance that otherwise may not have happened so quickly with the hustle and bustle of activities. This year will be an opportunity for much of the same. The safety of campers on the grounds has always been a priority and I am happy to share the list of 'to dos' at Camp continues to get shorter!

### Tea time in support of Camp Easter Seal...

Even though we are still apart, we can share in this moment together. We have much to look forward to when this pandemic is behind us. Many people to see, hugs to share and places to visit. I can already imagine the excitement of campers as they make their way to Little Manitou Lake, driving onto the Camp Easter Seal grounds with a renewed appreciation for the familiar faces, sights, and sounds.

Sticking with tradition, as many of you may recall and hopefully look forward to, I always share a recipe near and dear to my heart. This year I chose a familiar one that is a favourite in my household and circle - it rarely lasts very long after it comes out of the oven. Mormor's Jam Cake is Danish for Grandma's Jam Cake. This is the perfect pairing for an afternoon tea. You can personalize the recipe with your favourite jam and even include some fresh berries of your choice.

As a former Board Member of SaskAbilities it warms my heart to imagine all of us coming together in support of Camp Easter Seal. Thank you so much for your continued support over the years. It has been such a pleasure to share my recipes and memories of Camp with you. Once again, I invite you to share and submit your fondest Camp Easter Seal memories or photos of your favourite Stay at Home Tea baking creations to *communications@saskabilities.ca*. Be well and happy.

Sincerest wishes,
Ulla Viola

Dr. Ulla Nielsen, MD Former Board Member, SaskAbilities

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