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NEWSLETTER

## Summer Fun Program

*Excitement galore at the Exhibition*

The Summer Fun Program, which runs during the summer break at the Saskatchewan Abilities Council Branches in Regina, Saskatoon, Yorkton, and Swift Current, is for children and youth ages 6 to 18 who live with a disability.

Goals of the Summer Fun Program are to provide children and youth with varying abilities an opportunity to take part in a variety of recreational activities within the community, promote a sense of belonging in the community, provide opportunities to develop friendships and social skills through interaction with peers, and to provide a supportive environment which fosters independence, self-determination, personal growth, and maturity.

Many things go into making the program successful. We have energetic, caring and fun-loving staff who provide support and positive role modelling, a dedicated group of volunteers who enhance the experience of the participants, effective communication with parents which builds confidence and trust, and a planned roster of community-based activities that deliver fun, learning and exploration opportunities, and a chance to socialize with peers.

This year the Summer Fun participants took part in a variety of activities throughout the province. They laughed and screamed at spray parks and swimming pools, searched for artifacts at a historical venue, expressed their creativity

through crafting and baking, took in the sights and sounds of the Exhibition, made their own pizzas at Boston Pizza, visited a fire hall where they tried on firefighters' gear, sprayed a hose, and checked out the inside of a fire truck, visited Wanuskewin, Pike Lake, and the Strawberry Ranch, and danced the night away at a farewell to Summer Fun party.

"We tried out Beaver Creek for the first time with Summer Fun, and it was a really great first experience. We walked and rolled the trails, checked out some specimens under a microscope, did leaf rubbings, and hung out in the model beaver lodge," said Brette Crockett, Coordinator of the Summer Fun Program in Saskatoon.

Parents and caregivers register their children in Summer Fun for a variety of reasons and benefits including decreasing isolation during the summer months and increasing opportunities to socialize. Through opportunity and participation the kids develop relationships and increase social skills. Because many of the activities occur in public venues the kids increase their sense of belonging and decrease feelings of awkwardness. Many parents are thankful for the respite it provides them as well. "The program is unique in that it provides a comfortable fun atmosphere where the kids are accepted for who they are," said Michael Easton from the Regina Summer Fun Program.

# CELEBRATING OUR MAJOR SUPPORTERS



## SADA

*Saskatchewan Auto Dealers Association (SADA) provided Camp Easter Seal with a brand new pontoon boat this year.*

*Thanks to Boston Pizza and its guests, over \$60,000 was raised on the 2nd annual "Boston Pizza Day for Camp Easter Seal" to help send children and youth with varying abilities to Camp.*



*15 Safeway stores in Saskatchewan raised a total of \$38,552 for Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan.*



*Century 21 has been sending kids to Camp for many years. This year they raised over \$100,000 between the Saskatoon and Regina offices alone.*

*RBC and friends raised over \$28,000 with this year's golf tournament for Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan.*



**RBC**  
Royal Bank

*In 2014 the Draggins Car Club of Saskatoon added to their many contributions to Camp Easter Seal by building a new air-conditioned fully-accessible cabin.*



*Thanks to everyone who sold and/or purchased a Paper Egg in spring. Over \$33,000 was raised in our province.*

## 2014 Easter Seals™ Ambassadors

**Regina** Jaycee Culham is 13 years old and participates in both the Summer Fun Program and Camp Easter Seal. He loves to draw and play with his cars and dreams of being a race car driver when he grows up.



**Saskatoon** Jamisan Frerichs is 12 years old and has attended Camp Easter Seal for a number of years and participated in the Summer Fun program for the first time this year. Jamie likes to have fun, enjoys trying new things, meeting people (and making them laugh) and wants to be an electrician.



**Yorkton** Brooke Perepeluk is 11 years old and loves gym class, recess, and all animals. She enjoys watching her brother's hockey games, swimming, and shopping. She also joined Girl Guides this year. This was Brooke's third year at Camp Easter Seal and she had a blast.





Dear Camp Easter Seal

My wife Lyta and I have a great deal of fond memories from our years working at Camp Easter Seal.

I worked at Camp in 1970 as a junior counsellor, 1971 as the assistant riding director and counsellor, and 1972-1974 as a senior counsellor and riding director. Lyta worked as a counsellor while she was a nursing student during the summer of 1973 and this is when we started dating.

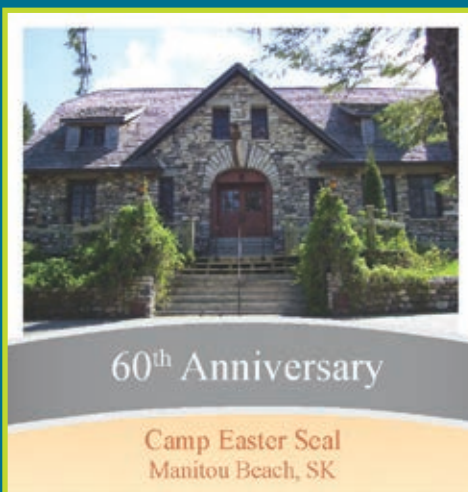
During the tour of Camp at the 60th Anniversary, I recognized a camper from my time as a counsellor. Not only did he remember me from the 70's, he remembered my son Kris who was also his counsellor in 1994. I was amazed he remembered us from so long ago and it just shows you how important camp is when campers can recall your name from decades past.

It was also impressive the improvements that have been done with the cabins all having air conditioning, heating, indoor washrooms, treatment rooms, and even a luggage cart for each cabin. The Chalet and Dining Room were basically the same and I am happy that the history of these buildings was able to be maintained.

Warren G  
Saskatoon

Make sure to check out the Camp Easter Seal video on the Saskatchewan Abilities Council website [www.abilitiescouncil.sk.ca](http://www.abilitiescouncil.sk.ca). It illustrates so well the unique relationship between campers and counsellors.

## Camp Easter Seal Celebrates 60 Years of Success!



The Saskatchewan Abilities Council is a provincial, non-profit organization that works with people of varying abilities to enhance their independence and participation in the community through vocational, rehabilitation and recreational services. Camp Easter Seal was one of the first programs offered by the Saskatchewan Abilities Council. This specially designed wheelchair-accessible multi-purpose resort has offered recreational programs to people with disabilities since 1954.

Located near Watrous at Manitou Beach, Camp Easter Seal offers a beautiful environment of lake and wooded slopes. The Camp operates like any other children's camp with horseback riding, sports, canoeing, water skiing, tubing, rustic camping, wagon rides, and arts & crafts. There is also an indoor heated pool, a recreation centre, barbeque areas, a sensory room and a wheelchair accessible pontoon boat.

### Easter Seals™ Donation Form

Saskatchewan

Yes, I would like to support Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan with a gift of:

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Online - Please visit [www.abilitiescouncil.sk.ca](http://www.abilitiescouncil.sk.ca) and click on Make a Donation

Telephone - Please call us at 306-374-4448

## Easter Seals™ Drop Zone

Stepping over the ledge of a high-rise to rappel down a 22 storey building takes a tremendous amount of courage and determination. "It's a big challenge, but participants stepped up, met the challenge, and made it a great day in both Regina and Saskatoon. People living with varying abilities get out of their comfort zone every day to live active and barrier-free lives," said Director of Provincial Services of the Saskatchewan Abilities Council, Karen Moore.

Many of the participants were dressed as Superheroes in keeping with the theme, and in the eyes of the children and youth who get to go to Camp because of their fundraising efforts, they really ARE Superheroes.

Special thanks to all the Superheroes, volunteers, sponsors, and donors who contributed to this year's successful events. Over \$260,000 was raised for Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan. Registration for 2015 will open in late October ([www.thedropzone.ca](http://www.thedropzone.ca)).



*Eric Wilkinson-Superhero  
and Jamie Frerichs*

## 36th Annual Snowarama Easter Seals™ Fundraiser in Yorkton Raised over \$155,000

**232 riders snowmobiled in support of children and youth with varying abilities on February 8, 2014.**

John Denysek, Yorkton Regional Director of the Saskatchewan Abilities Council commented, "Once again the team of snowmobilers, corporate sponsors, volunteers and media have come together to support children with disabilities. We are so pleased with the results and the services that this will enable us to provide."

Registration for the February 7, 2015 event will start this November.

## What is Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan?

The Saskatchewan Abilities Council is a proud member of Easter Seals™ Canada. The financial support Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan receives each year allows us to offer rehabilitation and recreational programs for children and youth living with varying abilities in our province.

### Camp Easter Seal

Camp Easter Seal is the only completely wheelchair accessible camp facility of its kind in Saskatchewan. With activities such as horseback riding, swimming, sports, and much more, it provides a fun and barrier-free experience to all campers. Camp Easter Seal welcomes campers with varying disabilities including those with high medical needs.



Camp Easter Seal

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### Summer Fun

Summer Fun is an urban day camp program for children and youth living with varying abilities offered by the four branches of the Saskatchewan Abilities Council. Activities and field trips within the community provide



participants with learning and recreational opportunities that are fun and which help to foster personal development. What a great way to learn about the community!

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### Adaptive Technology Services

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