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Saying "YES" to New Opportunities at Camp



Dear Salutation



On the steps in front of Camp Easter Seal's historic chalet, with camp manager Steve by her side, Lyrikah gazes out at the crowd gathered for Camp Day 2025. With Saskatoon's Regional Director, Emily Hurd, holding the microphone, the 12 year old confidently shares her love for Camp and recounts some of the cherished memories she has made over the three summers she has attended. "Camp means a lot to me," Lyrikah shares. "It means happy memories and being active. It means making new friends and meeting old friends. Camp Easter Seal is a place where I connect with people." As her final words are spoken, the crowd erupts in enthusiastic applause. Lyrikah smiles.

"I'm really proud of her," shares Jolon, Lyrikah's dad, who was not able to attend Camp Day but was able to see a video of his daughter speaking at the event. "She was great. Lyrikah has always been very outgoing and well spoken. But it is one thing to see her socializing with friends and talking to people she

knows and another to see her onstage speaking in front of that crowd. Wow! I know Camp Easter Seal means so much to her that she wanted to share why it is a special place."

"Lyrikah loves Camp and the friendships that come with it. Sitting with her ahead of Camp Day to prepare, it was easy to see the joy, her laughter, joking, and connection with all those around her. What stood out the most was her confidence. She prepared, showed up in the presence of a large group of strangers, and spoke from the heart about something she loves. No small feat for a 12 year old,"

– Steve Grove, Camp Easter Seal manager

Camp Day was not the first time Lyrikah stepped outside her comfort zone to share her experiences and joy for Camp. The previous summer, Lyrikah volunteered to be part of a film project, highlighting campers for SaskAbilities' 75th celebration. With very little prep time, she was "mic'd up" and in front of the camera, recounting her favourite activities and latest adventures at Camp. "I feel like Camp has done so much for me that I want to give back. I am very grateful to be able to go to Camp and I was happy to be asked to share my experiences," reflects Lyrikah of the unique opportunities that have come her way during her summers at Camp.

Thinking ahead to the upcoming summer, the now 13 year old is already anticipating another great week full of friendship and activities at Camp Easter Seal. "I am someone who is very social so I'm most looking forward to meeting new people, making new friends, and seeing my old friends," shares the teen, who also admits she loves hanging out by the recreational shed at Camp. "I love sports, I'm very athletic. I play basketball and like to be active and outside. I also like doing crafts and rustics... I like everything at Camp!"

Camp is more than just fun and adventure; it's also a place where campers can cultivate friendships, build confidence, and enhance their independence. It's a safe place and supportive

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Since 1954, Camp Easter Seal has welcomed children, youth, and adults experiencing disability to immerse themselves in an inclusive sanctuary that celebrates differences, fosters a sense of belonging, and offers exciting new opportunities. As another camp season is fast approaching, you can ensure campers like Lyrikah continue to have access to the magic and vibrancy of Camp Easter Seal.

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Lyrikah

environment that fosters inclusion and belonging. As the only accessible camp facility in Saskatchewan, ensuring campers have a barrier-free experience is at the heart of what we do at Camp Easter Seal.

For Lyrikah's family, they are happy she's happy and want to ensure she continues to have access to the recreational opportunities Camp provides. "I'll be honest: Lyrikah gets home and she talks about Camp for three to four weeks. Then September hits and she's busy back in school with her friends. When October rolls around she can't wait until Camp next year," laughs Jolon. "As a parent, you want to promote these opportunities. You want your child to have access to recreational programs that enhance growth and independence. These programs are so needed right now, especially for kids who face different challenges."

We can't wait to see what opportunities find Lyrikah at Camp this season.

Sincerely,



Ian Wilkinson,
 Executive Director



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