# Camp's Social Butterfly

**Since its inception in 1954, Camp Easter Seal has been an essential recreational program, welcoming children, youth, and adults experiencing disability for a unique camping experience tailored specifically for them. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, over 70 years later, Camp continues to provide a barrier-free experience, with demand increasing each year. Your support is crucial for ensuring that Camp remains accessible to the hundreds of campers across Saskatchewan who eagerly await their return each summer. We need your support!**

In our first letter, we introduced you to Camp's social butterfly, youth camper Lyrikah, and her proud dad, Jolon. We highlighted the exciting and unique opportunities Lyrikah has enthusiastically embraced at Camp, including delivering a speech to a large crowd during Camp Day 2025. Lyrikah embraces fun, adventure, and the chance to make new friends while trying different things - this is the essence of what Camp Easter Seal is all about!

At Camp, Lyrikah actively participates in every experience. If there's music, she dances. If there's a basketball, she's making the shot. And if there's a camera, she's posing with a smile alongside her friends. Camp Easter Seal was developed with youth like Lyrikah in mind, as well as all the other campers who deserve a camping experience tailored to their unique needs and abilities.

**As summer approaches, anticipation builds for the hundreds of campers across the province who will soon have the chance to contribute to the magic and vibrancy of Camp Easter Seal. Cabins will be filled with campers and the sounds of nature will harmonize with music, laughter, and activity as Camp comes to life! For an entire week, campers like Lyrikah will be fully immersed in an inclusive sanctuary that celebrates diversity and fosters togetherness. At Camp, everyone belongs!**

Having attended Camp since 2023, each summer offers Lyrikah new opportunities, including creating lasting memories, connecting with new friends, and the joy of reconnecting with familiar faces. "The best thing about Camp is the people," expresses the 13 year old. "I'm very social; I'm chatty and connect easily with others. I love making new friends and finding old ones. Just hanging out and chilling with people at Camp is what I enjoy most."

Lyrikah's remarkable ability to effortlessly forge new friendships while nurturing existing ones has not gone unnoticed at Camp. "Lyrikah loves Camp and the friendships that come with it. While sitting with her to prepare for Camp Day, it was clear to see the joy she brings - her laughter, her joking, and her connection with everyone around her," shares camp manager, Steve Grove.

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At Camp, Lyrikah is authentically, unapologetically, and entirely herself, and that is exactly the invitation that Camp offers all campers – to simply be themselves. "In environments where Lyrikah can truly be Lyrikah, she shines," shares her dad, Jolon. "If there's an opportunity for her to be social, meet new people, and have new experiences, she's ready and out the door. That's what she loves. I'm a big fan of what I've heard about Camp Easter Seal and what I've witnessed in Lyrikah when she returns home. The camaraderie she shares with her peers and the joy and enthusiasm in her voice when she talks about another summer at Camp Easter Seal tells me everything I need to know about how much she enjoys it."

Each year during registration, we are reminded of the immense demand for Saskatchewan's only barrier-free camp facility. Providing an accessible camp allows campers to explore in their own unique ways. Each summer, Camp is experienced through the diverse abilities of hundreds of campers, and these experiences leave a lasting impact. The highlight reel for one camper will inevitably differ from that of another, and that is by design. There is truly something for every camper, including the social butterflies at Camp Easter Seal, like Lyrikah.

**Your generosity ensures campers like Lyrikah have access to the programs and services they need to flourish! Her message to you: "Thank you! Camp makes me so happy. I am very grateful to be able to come to Camp and do all the camp things. If I had to choose between a week at Camp or Christmas, Camp wins!"**

**Every dollar you donate to Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan creates valuable opportunities for children and youth experiencing disability to access essential programs like Summer Fun, Adaptive Technology Services, and Camp Easter Seal. With summer fast approaching, we need your support for a successful 2026 camp season. Together, we can ensure campers have the best summer ever!**

Sincerely,

Ian Wilkinson,
Executive Director

Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan

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