

Annual Report 2022

OUR MISSION:

To own and operate a camp for youth from 4 to 18, with a programming focus upon life skills, leadership skills and environmental awareness while operating with an environmental sustainability focus to lower our carbon footprint.



October 29, 2021

Was the day that we took ownership of the camp property.

This property had been closed for 2 years. On November 1, the clean up began.

Social Investor

Without our anonymous social investor, ownership of the camp would not have been possible. They stepped in when we needed it most and loaned us the required funds so that we could close the deal on time and create this camp for the children of our community. We are most grateful for your support.

The first loan repayment occurred in October 2022.

Founders Club

Members of the Founders Club have sponsored one or more squares of camp property at \$5000 per square. Each square is approximately 1/3 of an acre. Members are always welcome to visit the camp to see the impact of their support and how they have made a difference. Squares remain available for sponsorship.



Donors & Sponsors

The tremendous support we have received from our Founders Club, Community Foundations and Corporations and the many individual donors made the following possible.

We welcomed the first campers to day camps held during March Break and two weeks of overnight Summer Camp held in July and August.

April Earth Day celebrations, the Field Naturalist Jr. Egrets meetings in May and June, and an Optimist "Super Power" Day in June followed.

Camp facility renewals have begun.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Founders Club

- Brian Basterfield & Associates
- Charles & Ethel Cohen Family Foundation
- Ground Effects
- Lucier Family Foundation
- Nancy Flagler-Wilburn
- Navy League of Canada – Windsor Branch & RCSCC Agamemnon
- Noel Family
- Rotary
- Turtle Rock Family Club
- Unifor Local 444 & Retirees Chapter
- Waste Connections of Canada
- Windsor Construction Association
- Wolfhead Distilleries
- Anonymous (6)
- Anonymous Supporters of the auctions run by Michelle/Dan Faerber & Erin/Larry Stauton



Foundations & Corporations

- Amherstburg Community Foundation
- Anthony Leardi MPP Essex
- CenterLine (Windsor)
- Chris Lewis MP Essex
- Enbridge
- Essex County Field Naturalists' Club
- Farm Credit Canada
- Green Sun Rising
- Native Trees & Plants
- Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Town of Amherstburg
- Walker Aggregates



2021 / 2022 Accomplishments

Many jobs had to be completed before any camp facilities could be used. Buildings required cleaning and some remediation. All contents needed to be gone through, sorted, cleaned or disposed of. Almost 6 months after the purchase, we were able to welcome the first campers.

Activities

Q1 & Q2 - Main Lodge cleaning and renewal to make the building usable. Sorting, cleaning, storing or disposal of materials from buildings and storage sheds.

Q3 - Outdoor clean up. Installation of new solar powered entry sign. Installation of entry gates. Provision of Community Service Hours to secondary students.

Q4 - Outdoor clean up and renewal of gardens.

Events

Q2 - March Break Camp

Q3 - Earth Day Celebrations, Jr. Egrets meetings and Optimist "Super-Power" Day.

Q4 - Two weeks of overnight Summer Camp.



The Numbers

75 - Children & Youth attended Summer and March Break camps

25 - Jr. Egrets Youth attended

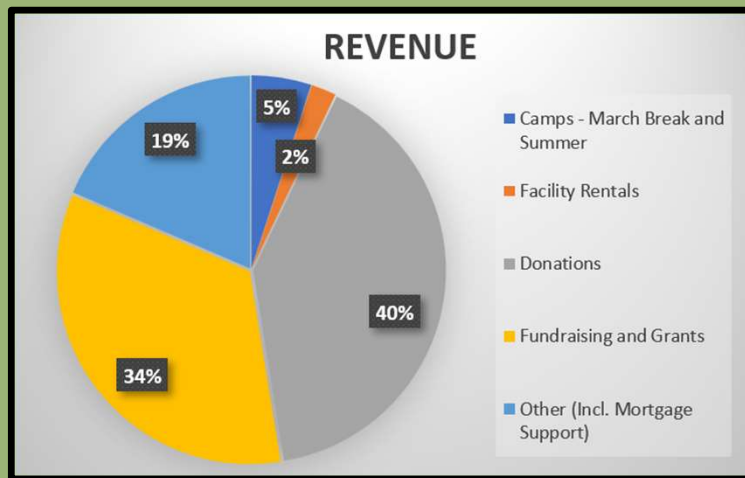
60 - Optimist Super Power Youth participants

500 - Attendees to Earth Day

110 - Native trees planted

20 - Native plants planted





Despite the challenges found upon ownership on October 29 2021, the Optimist Club volunteers persevered and tackled every difficulty with determination and optimism. The end result was that facilities were cleaned, campers were welcomed, good times were had and memories were made. A beginning was had. We look forward to 2023 as we continue the camp renewal and expand upon program and camp offerings.

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