



**BRYERSWOOD
YOUTH CAMP**
Optimist Club

Annual Report 2023

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.



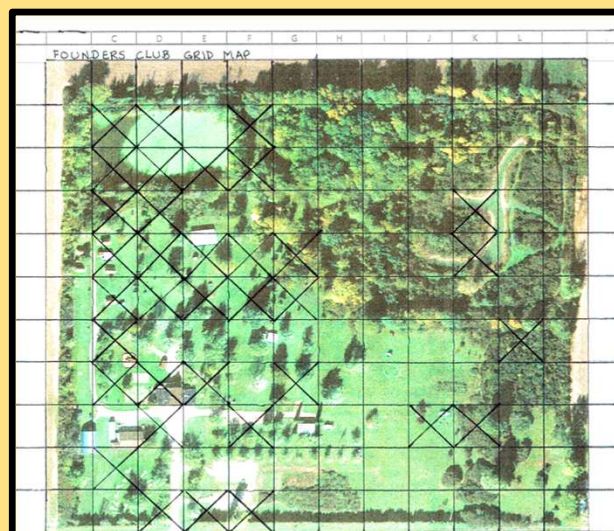
October 29, 2023

This date is the two-year anniversary of Bryerswood Youth Camp. Around this time a second payment was made to our anonymous social investor. With this payment we were able to pay off approximately one-fifth of our loan!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our programs, donated, or sponsored an event. All these funds have helped us to offer affordable programs and keep the camp operating for the youth of our community.

Founders Club

Nine sponsorships happened this past year and now 39% of the camp property has now been supported. Join the Founders Club today before the opportunities are gone. Contact us if you would like to join the Founders Club.



Donors & Sponsors

Thank you to the Founders Club, Community Foundations, Corporations and the many individual donors who continue to support us. You brought joy and happiness to many youth in our community.

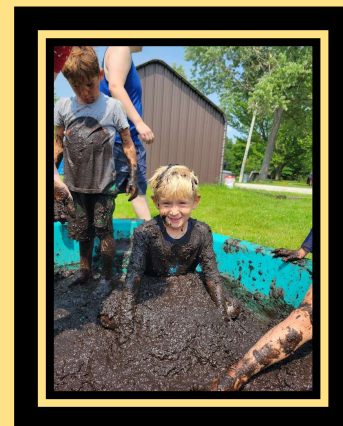
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- Ground Effects
- Mary Mahovlich
- Moir Crane Service Ltd



Foundations & Corporations

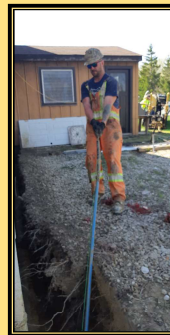
- Anthony Leardi MPP Essex
- Artika Sprayfoam Insulation – Golf Tournament
- Chris Lewis MP Essex
- Enbridge
- Essex County Field Naturalists' Club
- Extreme Drilling
- Farm Credit Canada
- Green Sun Rising
- Meridian Credit Union – Golf Tournament
- Native Trees & Plants
- St. Vincent de Paul Amherstburg
- Town of Amherstburg
- Walker Aggregates
- WindsorEssex Community Foundation



2022 / 2023 Accomplishments

Many children and youth from all over Essex County, and the city of Windsor had the opportunity to attend programs at Bryerswood Youth Camp. Thirteen school break and PD day camps were held. There were also 4 weeks of summer day camps.

In terms of property upgrades, the new cabins were moved, insulated and situated onto concrete pads. Upgraded electrical work was also run to these new locations. The water line to the Activity Centre was relocated underground. New doors and windows were installed in the Activity Centre. Further driveway work was completed. Many dead trees were removed. The Phragmites in the pond was sprayed to help control it. The 2nd Annual Golf Tournament was held in September.



The Numbers

190 - Children & Youth attended School break and PD day camps

193 – Children & Youth attended Summer camps

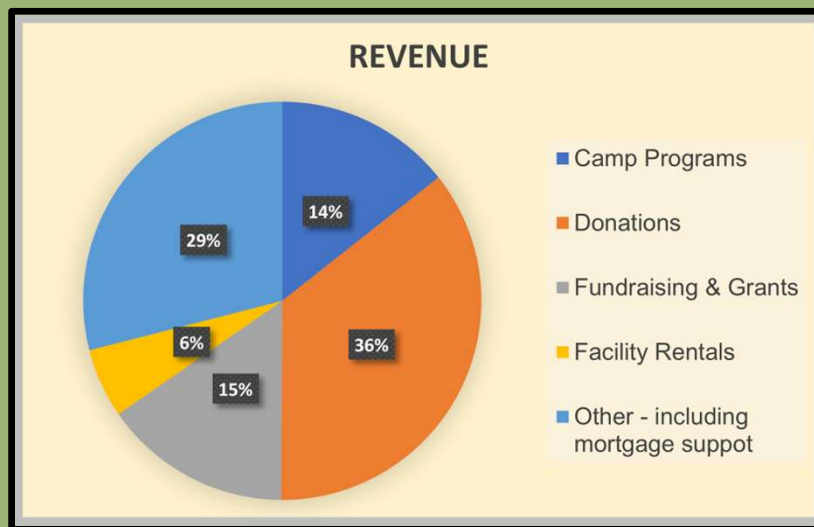
60 - Optimist Super Power Youth participants

150 - Attendees to Earth Day

70 - Native trees planted

15 - Native plants planted





Bryerswood Youth Camp Optimist Club volunteers continue to work very hard at maintaining and developing the camp property, developing exciting programs and raising funds to operate the camp and keep programs affordable for all. New club members are always welcome.

2023 was an exciting year with the developmental start of the new cabins and the Activity Centre. 2024 will also prove to be exciting as we move forward with these developments.

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