



## EVERYONE DESERVES A Y MOMENT... MOMENTS THAT CREATE LASTING MEMORIES.

Dear: Fellow Camper,

*“Down a Kitchi path, together we will walk...”*

For fourteen summers, I walked down Kitchi paths – slowly making my way to the beach with eyes half-shut for morning dip, running to the dining hall as the bell rang, wearing ridiculous costumes during the evening program, and staying away from the white rocks to avoid poison ivy. I went from being a camper to leadership, counsellor, and senior staff. Making more memories every year with camp friends that quickly turned into real-life friends. The friends I walked down camp paths with are still the friends I’m walking down the path of life with.

New hobbies, careers, marriages, children, and the realities of being unable to stay at camp forever set in – but our souls stay at camp forever. Camp Kitchikewana was fundamental in shaping who I am today, and I believe every child deserves a camp experience, and a place to create these special moments that shape their futures—moments that offer the joy of adventure and create lifelong memories.

As part of the 100<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebration in 2019, we launched an Endowment Fund to secure permanent funds to support and enhance the camper experience at YMCA Camp Kitchikewana, ensuring the camp's long-term existence. The interest generated by the fund is dedicated to improving and replacing equipment and facilities, ultimately enhancing camp programs. Every contribution to the endowment fund, no matter its size, plays a pivotal role in increasing the fund's impact and generating significant returns. Each new gift to the fund will leave a lasting impact for generations to come.

**So, let’s continue walking down the camp path together. Please join me in donating to the Endowment Fund so that campers for generations can love and cherish camp like we do.**

To donate, visit [GiveToTheY.ca](http://GiveToTheY.ca) and designate your gift to the *Camp Kitchikewana 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Endowment Fund* or contact Kate Meeks at [Kate.Meeks@sm.ymca.ca](mailto:Kate.Meeks@sm.ymca.ca) or call 705-241-5137. Thank you for your continued support of our beloved Camp Kitchikewana.

Yours in Kitchi Spirit,

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