



July 20, 2020

Greetings Bethel Park Family,

In our communications with members the past few months, we have shared the government directives that dictate what we are able to do as members of Bethel Park. As you are all aware, we have now entered into Stage 3 of the Governments' reopening plan. Although many places are now able to re-open, the guidelines by which they can do this, are very strict.

Requirements to open any of our public facilities require stringent sanitization protocols and supervision. After careful review and consideration of the many factors related to continued COVID guidelines and use of facilities at Bethel Park, we have decided that the camp facilities will remain closed. This includes the Tabernacle, Dining Hall, Chapel and Public Washrooms. Please note the following:

- Social distancing of 2 metres should be observed
- If you are feeling vulnerable, consider wearing a mask
- You must be self-sufficient while at camp
- There will be no access to the public washrooms. ***If your cabin does not have a washroom/shower and you would like to go to your cabin, contact Ingrid Hook at 226-964-2275 or administration@bethelpark.ca for additional information***
- All programs and formal services are cancelled until the end of August
- **The outside playground equipment is open, to be used at your own risk.** Parents are responsible for their children using any playground equipment and appropriate personal sanitization after use. The equipment is not supervised.

Other News

Ticks: We have heard several reports of ticks being found on campers and pets while going for walks. When you have been for a walk, especially off the main roads, please remember to check for ticks. There is information in the office on the bulletin board and have a look at this link about removing ticks and other good tips.

https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/removing_a_tick.html.

Volunteer Talent Inventory: If you are new to Bethel Park let us know what your talents are! If you are currently volunteering in any capacity already, take a minute to complete the survey as well - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJLQWMY>. Bethel Park has been blessed over the years with dedicated and faithful volunteers. Their service has come in many different forms and so valued. Bethel Park would not be what it is today without volunteers like YOU! Over the years we have welcomed new members. There are so many areas of service and we want you to be involved if you are not already. Although 2020 has required limited volunteering due to COVID 19, this information will well prepare us get rolling for the 2021 season.

Principles and Policies Handbook Update – Vehicles: Driving through the campgrounds is to be kept to a minimum (see Speed Limits). Bikes and children's toys are to be stored close to your cottage or trailer. If bikes are used at night, they must be equipped with a light. Children must wear bike helmets at all times when riding their bikes. **For safety reasons, motorized recreational vehicles are not allowed on the property.**

Annual General Meeting: We are planning towards holding the 2020 Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at Bethel Park Camp. (Thanksgiving Day Weekend). The package will be circulated to members early next week. Mark your calendars.

Waste Management: This project is moving along very well. Thank you campers for your patience with the dust and construction upheaval when you visit Bethel Park. A significant milestone is that the plant has been put in place and the team is currently working on getting it operational. **REMINDER that you STAY AWAY from the construction site, crew and equipment at all times.** See the attached document for recent pictures.

Donations, Taxes and Fees: As noted in previous communications, expenses at Bethel Park continue even though this has been such a unique year. As a result, it has also provided an opportunity for the waste management project to move forward much quicker than anticipated. Continue to pray and give towards this major project. There are a number of ways you can do this:

- **Mail** your donation by cheque to: Bethel Park Camp, 310 Fairway Road South, P.O. Box 45070, Kitchener, ON N2C 1X0
- **Offering envelopes** are available in the front room of the office at Bethel Park and place your donation in the secure mailbox in the inside door of the main office.
- **E-transfer** is now set up for auto deposit. A password is no longer required. The email address is bookkeeper@bethelpark.ca. In the **message box** indicate Camp-General, Capital-General or Waste Management. Donations with no message will go to Camp-General. For payments, indicate your cabin address in the **message box**. Or send your cheque to the address above.
- **Bethel Park website** is another option via Canada Helps. Click on *Donate* on the Home page. You can make your donation via credit or debit card and PayPal. Canada Helps will issue you a receipt directly for your donation.