

Camp Caravan 2026 Leadership Team Ready for Summer!

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Camp Caravan is excited to welcome its 2026 leadership team as preparations continue for another summer of faith, fun, friendship, and belonging across Chinook Winds Region.

Joining the team is **Kaie**, who serves as **Program Lead**, helping to bring this year's theme, *Gather Round: With Love at the Centre*, to life through creative programming, worship, games, crafts, and community-building experiences. Returning this summer is **McKenzie**, who is **Team Lead**, providing overall leadership and coordination for the program.

Earlier this month, McKenzie and Kaie participated in a five-day camping ministry leadership training event at Camp Grafton alongside camp directors, assistant directors, program leaders, and faith formation staff from across Pacific Mountain and Chinook Winds Regions.

The training focused on leadership development, staff supervision, conflict management, coaching and mentorship, faith formation, health and safety, volunteer engagement, inclusion, and creating safe and welcoming camp communities. Through

workshops, worship, planning sessions, and conversations with other camping leaders, participants shared ideas, learned from one another, and prepared for the summer season ahead.

The gathering also provided time to begin planning for Camp Caravan's 2026 season, including staff training, camper experiences, leadership development opportunities, and the practical details that help create safe, welcoming, and meaningful camp communities.

McKenzie and Kaie return with new skills, fresh ideas, and plenty of enthusiasm as they prepare to welcome campers, Junior Youth, YouthCrew participants, volunteers, and host communities this summer.

We are grateful for their leadership and invite communities across Chinook Winds Region to join us in welcoming McKenzie and Kaie to the Camp Caravan 2026 team.



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