



# BRIGADOON

**2018 Summer Impact Report.**

# A DAY IN THE LIFE AT BRIGADOON

At Brigadoon Village we aim to give our campers the opportunity to develop their skills in a variety of areas. We strive to ensure that every single one of our programs are engaging, age-appropriate, inclusive, and fun!

## Core Program Rotations

Some of the main components of our weekly program schedule include:

**Music Program**  
**Sharing Circles**  
**Carnivals**  
**Backwards Day**  
**Pursuits**  
**Evening Programs**

**Campfires**  
**Cabin Eve**  
**Talent Show**  
**Gala Dinner**  
**BrigaBattle**  
**Swimming**

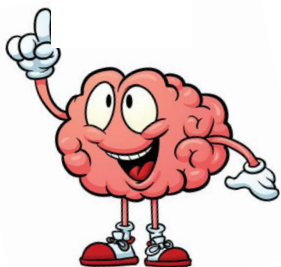
**New Music Program:** This program gave campers the opportunity to learn the different sounds they could make on a variety of instruments, as well as gave them the chance to collaborate with other campers in creating new original music. Campers began having never touched an instrument before and left with the confidence to show off their skills to their families at home.

**Campfires:** This year we changed up our campfire routine to allow cabin groups to take turns making group contributions such as a song, skit or story. This provided a middle step for campers who wouldn't normally be comfortable performing in front of a group, to do so with help from their cabin leaders and friends. This way, every camper got to contribute to the campfire, just like every camper contributes to camp.

**Cabin Eve:** This was our camper's opportunity to spend their last night at camp in a special way, planned by their counselors to be unique to them. It may have involved glow-in-the-dark gaga ball, a long chat on the dock, an individual campfire with hot chocolate, or making wishes on burn bracelets.

**Sharing Circles:** This was an optional opportunity for our oldest campers to discuss what their experience with chronic illness has been like and how it's impacted their lives. They spoke about topics like how it feels to be the odd one out, feeling like you're causing extra strain on friends/family and how it feels to have to miss a lot of time at school. They also spent time talking about the really important lessons they've learned through having a chronic illness and how it's helped them to develop.

## 2018 Highlights



**New Neurosurgery  
Camp**



**New Pilot  
Leadership Program**



**New Music  
Program**



**Cabin Eve  
Addition**

# Brigadoon's Impact on Families

## PROGRAMS

- » “The music pursuit was AMAZING! Kids would go into it not knowing anything about music, then they would come out knowing how to play Riptide on the ukulele!! It was amazing!!!”

## SUPPORT

- » “Brigadoon is a place where I feel safe and can open up to others about my illness. Brigadoon has so many caring people who attend or work at camp that it makes the experience worth going back”
- » “I think Brigadoon is wonderful. You guys are amazing. I cannot think of anything that could possibly make camp better”.

## NUTRITION

- » “My daughter has never been able to attend overnight camps because of her celiac disease and risk of cross contamination. This was the first time she could just be a kid and not have to ask questions of every item of food at every meal. It also helped her confidence immensely to see so many other kids with the same disease. Absolutely stellar counselors and camp programs. Truly a special place.”

## WHAT DOES CAMP MEAN TO YOU?

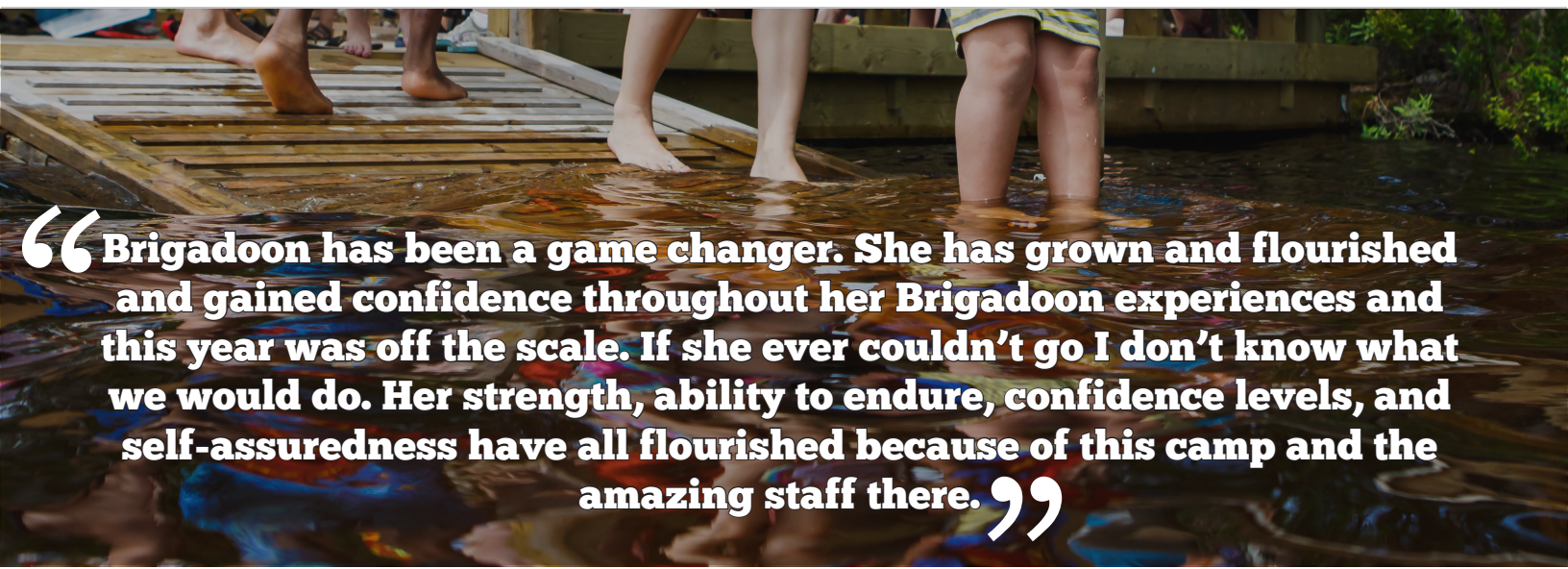
- » “Camp is a place for my camper to be herself and make new friends every year. Camp has made my daughter more independent, outgoing, and has given her more self-confidence. It has also made her more open with her condition. Overall, camp is a positive environment that creates a great experience for my camper!”
- » “Camp was an amazing experience for my daughter! She was nervous about it at first but hasn't stopped talking about it since coming home. She has her heart set on going again next year! Above all, as her mom, it was very nice for her to know that she's not alone in her battle and that there's others like her going through similar things. From the bottom of my heart: Thank You Brigadoon!”
- » “It is the best thing that has happened to us since her diagnosis. It was hard to leave her the first time but now she is talking about what she will be doing the next year. And has made some really great friends.”



# Where Our Campers Come From

Province		
Nova Scotia	495	76%
New Brunswick	79	12%
Prince Edward Island	30	5%
Newfoundland	15	2%
Quebec	4	0.60%
Ontario	29	4%
Totals	652	

NS County Breakdown			
Annapolis	11	Inverness	5
Antigonish	13	Kings	30
Cape Breton	22	Lunenburg	15
Colchester	27	Pictou	17
Cumberland	6	Queens	6
Digby	11	Richmond	1
Guysborough	3	Shelburne	6
Halifax	287	Victoria	1
Hants	23	Yarmouth	11



**“ Brigadoon has been a game changer. She has grown and flourished and gained confidence throughout her Brigadoon experiences and this year was off the scale. If she ever couldn't go I don't know what we would do. Her strength, ability to endure, confidence levels, and self-assuredness have all flourished because of this camp and the amazing staff there. ”**

# SUMMER SURVEY STATISTICS

94% of our campers felt better about themselves after attending Brigadoon.

92% of our campers of families say their camper now talks more about openly about their illness or condition after attending camp.

90% of our campers said they learned more about their health condition or other life challenge at Brigadoon.

100% of our 2018 campers said they had exceptional fun this summer.

100% of our campers said they tried something at Brigadoon that they have never tried before.

99% of our campers made a new friend this summer.

100% of our campers and their families would recommend Brigadoon to another family.

100% of our campers said they felt safe and supported at Brigadoon.

100% of our campers thought that our Counselors, Programming Staff, and Health Care Team were extraordinary.

## Looking Forward to 2019

### We are looking to accomplish a number of things in 2019:

1. Expand our facility to accommodate more campers
2. Improving program options and camp experience for our campers
3. Giving older campers the ability to have more ownership of their camp experience
4. Further developing our Leadership Program

