



# BRIGADOON

**2019 Summer Impact Report**

# 2019 SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

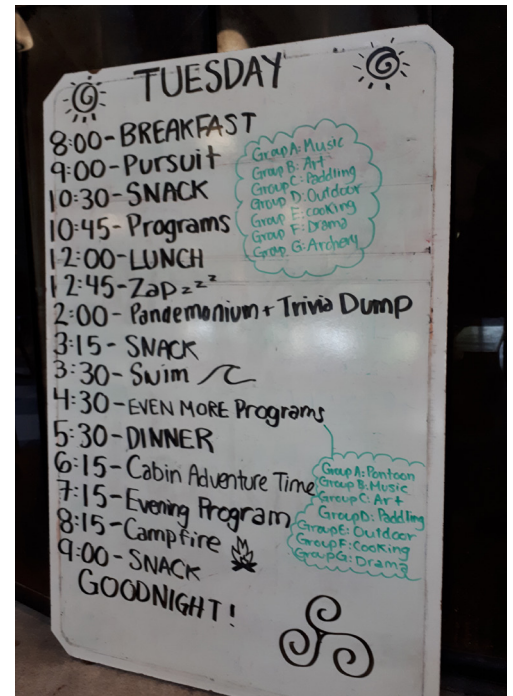
## A look back on our summer

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!

We welcomed 782 campers to 14 different camp programs. This year, the majority of campers were between the ages of 12-15 years old, joining us from each Atlantic province. As in previous years, more than half of our campers heard about Brigadoon Village through the IWK Health Centre.

We were thrilled to offer a new camp this summer for children and youth who are deaf or hard of hearing, Camp Whatcha-Say. Thirty-three campers came from across Atlantic Canada, for the first camp of its kind in our community.

With 100% of campers and their families telling us they would recommend Brigadoon to another family, we are confident that our summer camp programs are hitting their mark!



## Space to breathe

As Brigadoon Village enters its tenth year, we are always finding new ways to expand and improve our camp program to give our campers the best experience possible. This past summer, we created a new program space named Wonderland. It quickly became a camper favourite!

Wonderland is a camper-directed play area, tucked away in the trees, away from the hustle and bustle of camp. It's where campers could spend their free-time, either creating art, reading a book, or hanging out in the hammocks for some quiet time.

Wonderland has a collection of arts and craft supplies, musical instruments, science experiments, and basic tools so that campers can choose what they would like to do. The play is completely unstructured, with staff empowering the campers to make their own decisions and do what they'd like to, without any further facilitation from counsellors.



# SUMMER SURVEY STATISTICS

- 100% of our 2019 campers said they had exceptional fun this summer!
- 99% of our campers made a new friend this summer.
- 90% of our campers said they tried something at Brigadoon that they have never tried before.
- 95% of our campers felt like they belonged at Brigadoon.
- 92% of our campers' families say their camper now talks more about openly about their illness or condition after attending camp.
- 100% of our campers and their families would recommend Brigadoon to another family.



## 2019 SUMMER PROGRAMS

### Camp Brainiac

Neurosurgery conditions

### Camp BELIEVE

Parental mental illness

### Camp Watcha Say \*NEW 2019!

Deaf & Hard of Hearing

### Camp See-Ya

Blind & Visually Impaired

### Camp Kedooopse

Bereavement

### Camp Guts & Glory / Camp Got2Go

IBD, ostomy, cecostomy

### Camp Braveheart

Heart conditions

### Camp Treasure Chest

Asthma, anaphylaxis, lung conditions

### Canadian Cancer Society's

#### Camp Goodtimes

Children living with or beyond cancer

### Camp Carpe Diem

Epilepsy

### Camp Lots-a-Wata

Kidney disease

### Camp Silly-Yak

Celiac disease

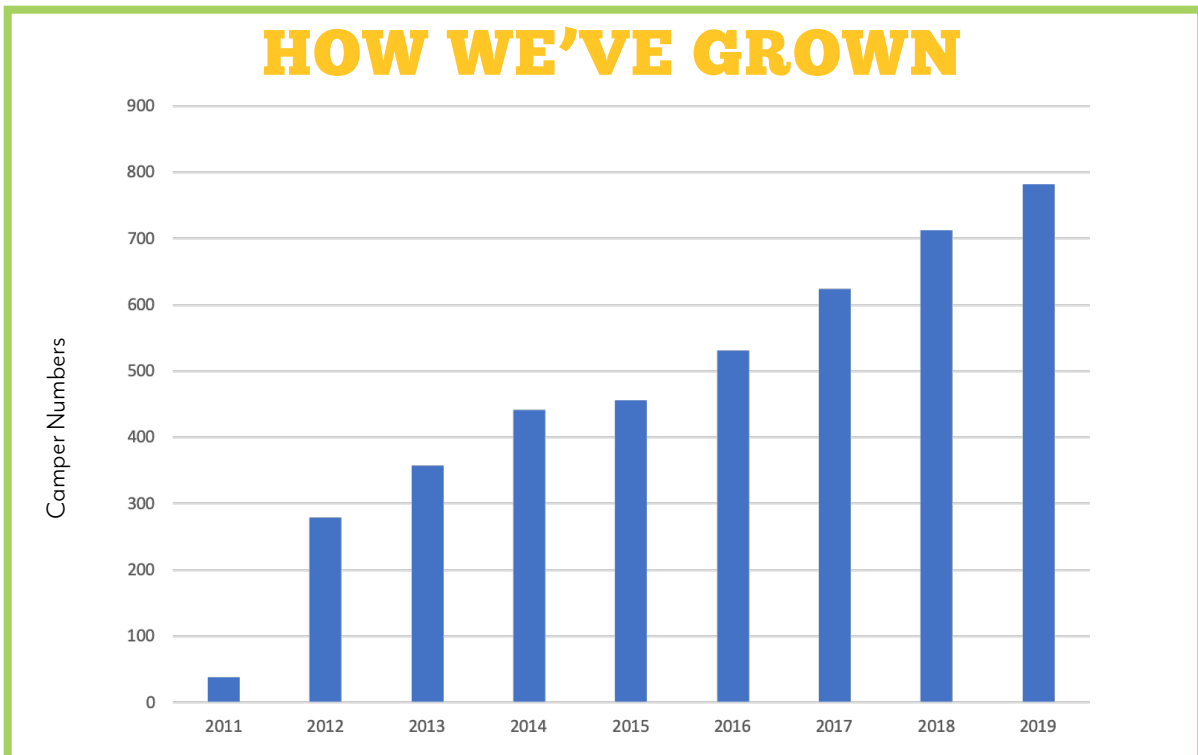
### Camp JoinTogether

Arthritis

# WHERE OUR CAMPERS COME FROM

Province	2019		2018	
Nova Scotia	545	78%	495	76%
New Brunswick	80	11%	79	12%
Prince Edward Island	26	3%	30	5%
Newfoundland	11	2%	15	2%
Quebec	3	0.4%	4	0.6%
Ontario	33	5%	29	4%
Other	3	0.4%		0.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>701</b>		<b>652</b>	

Nova Scotia County Breakdown	
Annapolis	15
Antigonish	10
Cape Breton	20
Colchester	25
Cumberland	8
Digby	11
Guysbrough	3
Halifax	310
Hants	30
Inverness	5
Kings	42
Lunenburg	17
Pictou	28
Queens	6
Richmond	1
Shelburn	5
Victoria	2
Yarmouth	7



# WHAT DOES CAMP MEAN TO YOU?

*"A place I can feel normal."*

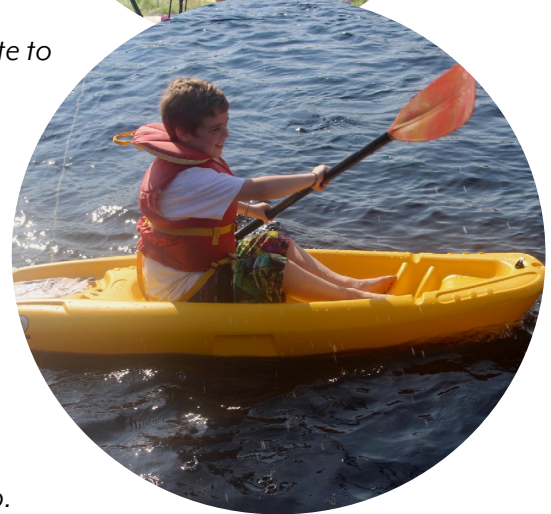
*"Camp means happiness."*

*"Camp means making new friends, being able to be yourself, fitting in and feeling comfortable."*

*"It's where I can go without my parents, that I am safe, and know that the people there can deal with my medical issues if need be. It's so easy to relate to each other, while we forget about our medical issues."*

*"Brigadoon is a place where I belong and don't have to worry about my condition."*

*"Camp means I can feel comfortable in my own skin, no one asks about the scars on my body and I don't have to worry about showing them. It is my favorite week of the whole summer and I can't wait until I can give back as a buddy and leader when I get older. I like trying different pursuits and activities, like archery, that I would have never get to try without camp. The other campers know how I feel and what we have all been through and it is cool talking about each others experiences."*



## BRIGADOON'S IMPACT ON FAMILIES

*"By all the pictures of my son, and the smile on his face, I knew he was having the best time. When I picked him up he was glowing, grinning from ear-to-ear, I could see the happiness in his eyes."*

*"She came home proud of who she is."*

*"My daughter finds it difficult, sometimes, to connect with others her age. Brigadoon gives her a chance to be herself and accepted."*

*"She got to be herself without judgment. She found out what she likes about herself."*

*"Brigadoon is a place my child can go to have fun and feel like they are not alone in their fight."*

*"My daughter thinks of Brigadoon as her home away from home, and I cannot express enough how amazing that feels as a parents."*



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When reviewing our summer surveys from campers and their families, these are the words that were used most often to describe their time at Brigadoon Village.



**Thank you for giving extraordinary kids  
a chance to be ordinary!**