

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For the first time in our 63-year history, Camp McDougall has been forced to close the remainder of the summer program effective July 9 due to staff shortages. Despite entering the season with a full staff complement and offering competitive wages, we have been unable to retain enough staff in accordance with OCA guidelines, secure a Head Cook and the NLS certified Lifeguards required to run a successful summer program. We have not been alone in this reality.



It is with heavy hearts that the Board of Directors announces the closing of the Camp effective July 9. All campers who have pre-registered for the 2023 season are being notified by email and a full refund will be forthcoming. And all present staff have been given favourable recommendations in their search for new employment.

Camp McDougall is located just west of Thessalon nestled on the shores of Lake Huron and is emboldened by the Mission to enrich the lives of campers by providing quality outdoor recreational programming that promotes positive self-esteem, acceptance and friendship, founded in a safe and inclusive Christian community. Established in 1960, Camp McDougall is an Incorporated Ministry of The United Church of Canada.

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