



SALVATION ARMY Newsletter

August 2016 Edition

BARBEQUE

Back To School Bash!

On August 18th we will host our second annual Back to School Barbeque Bash! This is an event catered towards low-income families to support them in their transition back to school-time routine by providing supplies to their children in a way that is fun for the whole family! We will have carnival games, bouncy castles, contests, and prizes for families to participate in to help supply their return to school. Prizes will include toys, backpacks, new shoes, haircuts, and other school supplies. This is a big event, and we will need a number of high energy volunteers to make this annual event a success!

If you would like to help out at this event, please call Christine @ 250-554-1611 ext. 26.

EMERGENCY DISASTER TRAINING

Meet and Greet

Thanks to a visit from Major Martin Ketteringham, The Salvation Army in Kamloops now has 12 newly trained volunteers ready to be dispatched in times of emergency! We will also be having additional training days in the fall for anyone that missed out!

Camp Sunrise & Oasis Kickoff!

This summer we were able to provide a great summer camp experience to low-income families in Kamloops thanks to generous donors.

CAMP SUNRISE: Six kids between the ages of 6 and 12 went for a one week trip to Gibsons, BC for Camp Sunrise. Camp Sunrise is a beautiful summer camp on the Sunshine Coast that people of all ages attend to experience fellowship and a rejuvenation of faith. The children have participated in archery, ziplining, wall climbing, canoeing, swimming, and many other activities that develop social skills. All wrapped around a Christian environment. A great experience for our kids!

CAMP OASIS: Our day camp also kicked off this summer and the kids have been exploring Kamloops and doing activities such as swimming, geo-caching, gleaning, and African Drum making. This year at Camp Oasis, the kids spent some time gleaning apricots, which were used at the River of Life church to help make Smoothie Sunday a success, serving over 50 smoothies to the vulnerable. Way to go kids!



DID YOU KNOW?

The Kamloops Salvation Army volunteers collectively log approximately 600 hours every month!





Sally Ann Thrift Stores

RECYCLING YOUR CLOTHES

Did you know that goods donated to Salvation Army Thrift Stores can be given to families in need through a voucher system at our community services? Every month, The Salvation Army in Kamloops provides people with vouchers to our Thrift Store to purchase necessities. But giving to a Salvation Army thrift store has even more benefits.

1. The Thrift Store in Kamloops supports our Community and Family Services, Emergency Food Bank, Birthday Club, Children's Camps, and other great programs!
2. The Salvation Army Thrift Store reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills by selling and recycling items that would otherwise be thrown out.
3. Donated clothing that cannot be sold (too worn, stained, torn) is instead sold to cloth-graders who can use the materials to be used or sold to foreign markets.
4. The Kamloops Thrift Store recently partnered with the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Phoenix Centre to provide ongoing support for post-treatment recovery housing and to supply start up materials.

<http://www.salvationarmy.ca/blog/2015/04/07/25854/>

South Abbotsford & Valleyview Bible Churches

Thanks to a wonderful group of young missionaries from the South Abbotsford Church and the Valleyview Bible Church, we were able to host a special event for the vulnerable population in Kamloops this month. On this evening we listened to live music, played games, and had a barbeque to celebrate fellowship in our community! The moment these volunteers walked into our building, they were full of eagerness and enthusiasm to help. We began preparing salads, packaging apple pie, and cleaning the church and the mobile kitchen from top to bottom...a huge task if staff were to do it on our own! Once we arrived at the Old Daily News parking lot, we served 220 meals, painted faces, tossed footballs, and enjoyed great fellowship.



All ready to serve up a hot meal!



Taking a break to enjoy the music in the hot summer sun.



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