



The Catholic  
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## Archdiocesan Camps Renewal Project: Update 3

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Reverend Fathers; Parish, School and Camp Colleagues; Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Redevelopment work has begun at the two archdiocesan camps, and we are pleased to confirm that Our Lady of Victory Camp will open this summer for youth camps and family camps.

### Registration is Now Open!

Catholic camping is a sacred space and time where community is created, Christ is encountered, and lives are transformed. If you are looking for an unforgettable experience for your children or grandchildren in a beautiful natural setting, sign them up for a week at Our Lady of Victory Camp this summer. We extend a special invitation to all those who have previously attended Camp Encounter, which remains closed for 2020. OLVC offers fresh new programming for youth and families, drawing from the best experiences at both camps, and we can't wait to share it with you. Find all the details, along with online registration, at <https://www.olvc.ab.ca/summer-camp.html>.

Choose from:

**Counsellors' Week** (Gr. 10-12)

**Encounter** (ages 8-11)

**Adventure** (ages 11-14)

**Explore** (ages 8-14)

**Teen Week** (ages 14-18)

**Connect** (Family Camp)

Activities for the whole family – archery, waterfront, outdoor adventures, Frisbee golf, games, movies, campfire and more – along with unique prayer opportunities throughout.

### What's new for Summer 2020

- OLVC will provide bus transportation to and from Edmonton.
- Canoeing has been added to the list of outdoor activities.
- Tipis are coming to OLVC.

### Camps Renewal Project

Renewal work on both camps is proposed in three phases, depending on the availability of capital funds. Here's what's planned this year for Phase 1:

#### OLVC

- Site cleanup (including removal of condemned structures) and upgrades
- Equipment upgrades
- Addition of new Tipi sites
- Construction of new maintenance building for secure storage of vehicles and equipment

### Camp Encounter

- Site cleanup and upgrades
- Relocation and upgrade of Craft Shack
- Camp remains closed for 2020.

### How Can I help?

In the coming weeks, OLVC is being spruced up for the return of campers. That means cleaning, repairing, repainting and all kinds of odd jobs. There's a lot to do, but with many hands the work will be easily completed. If you can help in any way, we'd love to have you at camp. Please consider volunteering for one of our Camp Stewardship Days: **April 18, May 9, or June 13** (all Saturdays). To indicate your interest, kindly email [lisa.macquarrie@caedm.ca](mailto:lisa.macquarrie@caedm.ca).



Watch for news on our *Revamp the Camps* capital campaign. Our goal is to raise \$5.6 million for the renewal of both Camp Encounter and OLVC. We welcome online donations at <http://bit.ly/CAEdm-Camps>.

We are grateful as well for your patience and prayers as the Camps Renewal Project proceeds. We will continue to provide regular updates as the work unfolds.

### Upcoming

- We invite you to learn more about the detailed Business Plan for Archdiocesan Camps, ask questions, and find out how you can get involved. You are welcome to attend one of the following information sessions:
  - Saturday, March 21** – 5 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Lac La Nonne
  - Wednesday, March 25** – 7 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish, Edmonton
  - Thursday, March 26** – 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, Red Deer
- Save the Date – Visit OLVC at our Open House on **Sunday, June 14**.
- Watch for news on school and parish group bookings soon.

Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!



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