

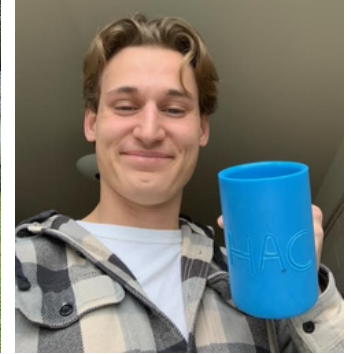


ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

3 Year Mugz

There's a new tradition at Hidden Acres that started at the end of the summer of 2023, the 3-Year Alumni Mug. This new tradition will recognize those summer staff who serve at camp for three or more summers. Each summer staff who reaches this milestone will receive a HAC branded Ugly Mugz mug. What is an Ugly Mugz you might ask? Well, Ugly Mugz are an increasingly popular style of mug in the camping and scouting world. They are made from BPA free plastic and can be branded with hot iron brands. They are great for enjoying your morning cup of coffee or tea and also function as a can cozy. This tradition of honouring milestones with a mug connects to our tradition of giving a hand-crafted pottery mug to any board member who serves on the board for two consecutive terms, a total of six years.

We have a list of 186 alumni who have met this milestone and to date have handed out 18 mugz. If you have served three or more years on our summer staff team, please contact us at the office and we'll work out how to get the mug to you.



Alumni Gathering 2024

The HAC Alumni weekend was held on the warm and sunny long weekend in May. Some Alumni and their families came for the full weekend while others joined the group throughout the day on Saturday. With lots of time to connect with Alumni from different years, the weekend was a fun and relaxed way to reconnect with friends and make some new ones.

Many of the kids and young adults enjoyed the warm waters of Lake Laverne doing ducky dip Saturday morning and swimming throughout the day Saturday and Sunday. The Committee also planned a variety of events including archery, 9 square, rock climbing, crafts, camp wide games, camp fires and a worship service on Sunday, and Cyndi Pugh provided delicious meals. The committee would welcome your ideas on ways to connect with other Alumni. Please email them at alumni@hiddenacres.ca.

Hidden Acres' Alumni Association:

A place for past Summer Staff of Hidden Acres to
Stay Connected - Find Encouragement - Get Involved

The Purpose of the Hidden Acres Alumni Association

The Hidden Acres Alumni Association exists to keep the HAC Alumni community in touch with each other and the camp and to reconnect those who have wandered off the trail. This is done by:

- **providing opportunities for alumni to connect with Hidden Acres through:**
 - opportunities for service and volunteering
 - opportunities to pray for the camp and the broader alumni community
 - opportunities to financially support the camp
- **providing opportunities for alumni to connect with the broader alumni community through:**
 - Alumni Gatherings
 - other events (virtual or in-person) that the committee plans
- **providing faith formation resources and opportunities to explore faith such as resources for connecting with churches, faith-based post-secondary institutions, etc.**



We will be sharing about Alumni events on our website, social media channels as well as through email so if you want to know about what's happening with HAC's Alumni and to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Hidden Acres, do the following:

- visit our website and fill out the Alumni Stay-Up-To-Date form
- like us on Facebook: @hiddenacrescamp & Instagram: @hiddenacresmennonitecamp

**If you have any questions or ideas for engaging with Alumni,
please reach out to the Alumni Association Committee by emailing alumni@hiddenacres.ca.**

*Committee members are Joy Wagler (Joyful), Ruth Drudge (Moose), Roxanne Wright (Quirk), Ryan Seguin (Scrap),
and staff members Josh Penfold (Yahmi) and Emily Riegert (Bwin).*