

## Section 1: Philosophy & Objectives

### 1.1 Philosophy

Jun 2005

We believe that valuable spiritual and recreational experiences can be obtained in the outdoor wilderness retreat setting of Rock Lake United Church Camp, removed from the everyday care and routines of life, in the company of others who are seeking recreation and re-creation in the truest sense.

#### 1.1.1 Logo

Feb 2015



The Logo was designed by Kevin Travis of Calgary, Alberta and was adopted by the Board in 2012. It should appear on all Camp documents and be displayed prominently at the Camp.

The logo is based on the following Scripture references quoted from the NIV translation:

- He alone is my rock and my salvation. (Psalm 62:6)
- . . . that your faith . . . may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honour. (I Peter 1:7)
- Whoever believes in me . . . streams of living water will flow from within him. (John 7:38)
- To him who overcomes I will give the right to eat from the tree of life. (Revelation 2:7)

*Psalm 62:6* admonishes us to trust in God.

*I Peter 1:7* reminds us that not only is faith precious, but so is the journey we undertake to find faith.

*John 7:38* promises us that the Holy Spirit will flow forth from those who believe in and follow Jesus.

*Revelation 2:7* reminds us that believers will be welcomed into heaven for all eternity.

The logo is a mnemonic device designed to remind us of these four Scripture passages and their meaning. The passages are represented in order by: mountains (solid & strong), sun (watching over all from afar), lake (teeming with life) and trees (an endless supply for many, many believers).

Tied all together these four elements from nature easily characterize the beautiful space that we call Rock Lake Camp.

### 1.1.2 **Mission Statement**

Jun 2005

Rock Lake United Church Camp will:

- provide a safe gathering place to help everyone who attends, to grow socially, mentally and spiritually while having fun in God's creation;
- create an accepting environment where all people are acknowledged as unique, important and capable, focussing on love, acceptance and respect for each other;
- offer our hospitality to groups who desire to provide programs and activities in the natural setting of our camp; and
- further the outdoor ministry of the United Church of Canada.

This Mission Statement is to be reviewed annually and approved at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. The statement is to be prominently displayed at the Camp and used in all brochures advertising camps.

### 1.2 **Objectives**

Jun 2005

- To have fun in a safe, outdoor setting.
- To promote the idea of Christian community.
- To give campers and leaders the opportunity to explore their relationship with Jesus Christ.
- To offer use of the camp to other groups.
- To continue fund-raising by renting the camp and operating the adjacent campground, thereby ensuring our continued financial self-sufficiency.

### 1.3 **Commitment**

Jun 2013

All camp staff and members of the Board are committed to:

**Safety:** We will take the utmost care to provide a welcome and safe camping experience for each camper.

**Self-Esteem:** Each camper is unique and, as such, will be treated as an important and capable individual.

**Community:** Our programs are designed and our staff and volunteers are chosen so as to nurture a cooperative, accepting camping community.

**Appreciation of the Natural Environment:** All of our outdoor experiences are designed to encourage respect for our natural world.

**Leadership and Learning:** We provide strong leadership and a positive environment for learning.

**United Church Camping:** We offer times for reflection and celebration of our friendships and experiences at camp.

## 1.4 Privacy Policy

Mar 2009

The Society is committed to protecting the privacy of personal information. Personal information is collected, used, maintained, disclosed and stored or destroyed in compliance with the UCC Privacy Policy and applicable federal and provincial privacy legislation including, but not limited to, The Personal Information Protection Act (2003). Additional information regarding the policy which has been approved and adopted by the UCC is available for viewing at <http://www.united-church.ca/privacy/> web site.

### 1.4.1 Compliance and Complaints Procedure

Jul 2020

Any complaints, concerns or questions regarding this privacy policy are to be submitted in writing to the Privacy Officer of the Society. If the Privacy Officer is unable to address the individual's concerns, the issue can be referred to an appeal committee made up of the entire Board. If any of the individuals on this Board are in conflict regarding the individual making the complaint, they should be excused from participation in the appeal committee and a substitute should be appointed by the Chair (or Vice-Chair if the conflict affects the Chair) of the Society. If this appeal does not resolve the matter, the complainant is always able to write to the Provincial Privacy Commissioner's office.

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## 1.5 Compliance & Standards

### 1.5.1 Legislation

Nov 2014

The Society is committed to follow all laws and rules and regulations as established by the Government of Canada and/or the Province of British Columbia.

### 1.5.2 Membership

Nov 2014

The Society is committed to maintaining a membership in good standing in the BCCA.

### 1.5.3 Accreditation

Nov 2014

Both the camp facility and any camps sponsored by the Society must always be fully accredited by both the UCC and the BCCA.

### 1.5.4 Operating Manual

Apr 2019

To maintain these accreditations, a Manual must be developed and maintained

An Accreditation Officer will be appointed by the Society from among its members. Said officer will be responsible for maintaining the Manual and to deal with all matters concerning accreditation with either the UCC or the BCCA.

Any activities that are included in the Manual that are not covered in the BCCA Standards should be submitted to the BCCA for review.

### 1.5.5 United Church of Canada Reporting

Nov 2014

The Society's Secretary will be responsible to prepare and submit any and all reports and other requests required by the UCC complete and on time.