

Leave a Legacy

... A Gift that Lives on Beyond Us



A photograph of the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre, a two-story building with a gabled roof and solar panels. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and foliage. The text "Camp Kawartha Environment Centre" is overlaid in the bottom left corner of the image.

Camp Kawartha Environment Centre

About Camp Kawartha

Camp Kawartha is an **award-winning not-for-profit, charitable organization**. Established in 1921, we now operate as a year round outdoor/ environmental learning centre and camp, teaching **16,000 children, youth and adults annually**. Our mission is to nurture stewards - people who care for each other and for the environment.

The Challenge We Face

Since the 1970's, the earth has **lost over 50% of its biodiversity**. In addition, Climate Scientists have warned us that we are at tipping point and are **facing irreversible climate change** if we don't substantially reduce our carbon footprint. The UN report on biodiversity called for "**transformative changes**" to restore and protect nature.

Camp Kawartha - Creating Positive Change

If we want to **inspire** and **empower** the **next generation of environmental stewards** – we need to provide our children, parents and teachers with the **knowledge, skill** and the **hope** to create a **greener future**.

Here is what Camp Kawartha is doing to create **meaningful** and **lasting change**:

- Showcasing examples of **innovative sustainable living in action**. We are home to one of Canada's most sustainable buildings, the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre
- Offering **creative environmental and outdoor programming** involving nature connection, exploration and hands-on learning. We have over 90 programs linked to the Ontario curriculum, teaching students about ecology, citizen science and environmental arts.
- **Fostering community-based stewardship education** in collaboration with over 40 organizations through our innovative Pathways to Stewardship & Kinship project (www.pathwayproject.ca).
- Providing **teacher training** and **workshops to the general public** on environmental education and sustainability.

How Your Planned Gift Can Help

- Contribute to our capital campaign, helping Camp Kawartha become a **national environmental education leadership centre** – demonstrating the very best in sustainable design.
- Help us develop **new environmental programs** for all ages
- **Sponsor children in need** so they can experience the magic of a summer camp and an environmental learning centre.



CAMP KAWARTHA

The Planned Giving program of Camp Kawartha offers you a unique pathway to leave a legacy and express your passion for the outdoors.

Planned Giving is a strategic approach to financial management that will help you realize your financial and estate planning goals. Charitable giving is a reflection of your values and beliefs put into action, and is a rewarding experience.

When you include Camp Kawartha in your plans, you are leaving a legacy that will help engage children and youth in the natural environment, and build the human and environmental stewards of tomorrow.

A truly lasting legacy

Planned gifts can be included in your will, but are not the only method of leaving a legacy. Life Insurance, donations of real property, securities and stocks can be part of your plan.

In the past decade, the benefits of connecting to nature have been well documented in numerous scientific research studies and publications. Children's social, psychological, academic and physical health is positively impacted when they have daily contact with nature. Choosing to make a gift means you are investing in play, exploration, learning, fun, friend-ships, and the sustainability of the planet.

Giving Options

Donor Advised Fund

Establishing a Fund enables a donor to benefit from immediate tax savings for the full value of their donation and at the same time enables donors to witness the immediate effects of their charitable giving.

Will Bequest

Bequests are one of the simplest forms of legacy giving. They can be outright gifts of a specified cash amount or a piece of property, or a portion of the residue of your estate.

Real Estate

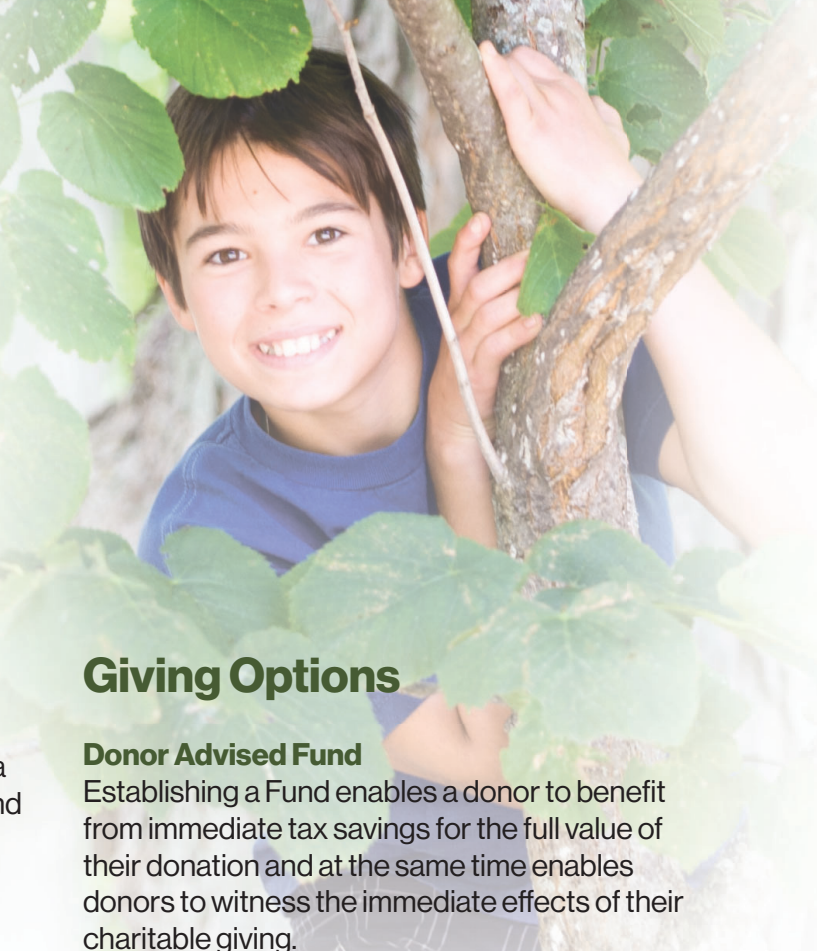
A gift of real estate has an immediate effect on your taxes when a donation receipt is issued for the fair market value made by a qualified appraiser.

Life Insurance

Options for giving life insurance include taking out a new policy and making the Camp your beneficiary or transferring an existing policy which may no longer be required.

Publicly Traded Securities

Stocks, income trust, bonds, mutual funds, shares offer an advantage by making a major reduction in your taxable income. Gifting the stock directly to Camp Kawartha can help you avoid capital gains tax and receive a credit for the donation.



"I believe in the magic and power of a camp experience. It can be transformative."

Bob Burgis, Securities Donor

Building positive, forward-thinking, active citizens requires that we engage with our youth in meaningful ways. Camp Kawartha opens doors for children to experience, to interact, to immerse themselves in communities, both human and natural, that can inspire them.

You can make a significant difference in young lives, now and in the future, with your planned gift to the Camp. By doing so you will be recognized as a part of the league of special donors who will be honoured annually at our ReLeaf Tree Planting Day. Symbolically, trees represent life, wisdom and growth ... ideal observers and caretakers of the humans around them, and great messengers for the environmental stewards of today and tomorrow.

To learn more about our Planned Giving Program contact us at:

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