

BIMINI BEACON

EXPERIENCE NATURE. GROW SPIRITUALLY. CREATE LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS

A Message from The Coordinator- Carol Young

It's the season for gratitude.

Our spring and summer staffs, led by our program team of Claire Schoenherr and Ellie Brink, were a committed, energetic, creative and caring team of teens, young adults and young-at-heart adults who provided a program designed to welcome all. We are so grateful for this team of people who gave so much to what we do at Camp Bimini. These words of gratitude extend to our caretaker and administrator whose day-to-day work throughout the year keeps us living up to our vision and mission.

We are grateful for our board members who vision and dream, problem solve and act, support and care. As board members change, the board's dedication to this place has been consistent presence in our history.

We are grateful for teachers who bring their classes here as part of our school program. In 2026, we welcomed 26 school groups for over 1100 students for a day of time spent at camp. We are grateful for our summer program campers--over 720 campers in total--who brought their energy, creativity and questions. We are grateful for their parents and care givers for their trust and support.

We are grateful for our rental groups through the spring and fall who use our facilities to enhance their program.

We are grateful for our financial supporters--communities of faith, service groups, individuals, organizations, businesses and more--and those who give items, goods and services to us.

Without all of these people above, we would not be able to do what we do. Camp Bimini came into being in 1947 through the foresight and hard work of some of the local clergy. Following WWII there was a new interest in doing something for the youth of the country. The United Church was caught up in this interest and these local clergy embraced the idea of starting a camp for youth to gather. It's a place of hope and possibilities and more. We are excited to celebrate our 80th anniversary in 2027! Please watch for the ways this celebration will live out throughout the year. We hope you will join us!



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Renovated Washrooms Project Reveal

The previous gender specific washroom building on site was in need of an update. New fixtures and plumbing were required. The plywood stalls and painted cement blocks were difficult to clean and appeared unsanitary. Our plan was to renovate the existing building into a gender inclusive or gender neutral facility. Often there were lineups on one gender side and empty spots on the other side. An individual camper may not be comfortable choosing a gender specific space they do not identify with. The showers now have an adjacent enclosed private space to undress, dry and redress. Individual sinks were replaced with a long trough like basin to encourage more space for multiple users and decrease congestion and wait time. A supervising counsellor could monitor any camper using the facilities regardless of gender/identities.

New smooth metal stall partitions and covering painted cement walls with PVC paneling are now easier to clean and maintain. The appearance is dramatically more appealing for our clients/parents of campers. Gender neutral signage for the washroom and education of our campers encourage a welcoming inclusive community for all individuals. This shift in perspective will be carried beyond our camp property to the community. We are still asking for donations to help cover the cost of this important renovation. E-transfers accepted at treasurer@campbimini.ca. Cheques can be mailed to Camp Bimini.



In June 2026, new metal panels were installed at Vespers to replace the cross at vespers which had hung for many years.

They are in memory of *Joanne Young* whose found peace, comfort and strength with time spent in God's Creation and whose faith was deep and present in all she did and said.

We thank all who made this possible.



Camp Bimini is pleased to announce the establishment of the David & Eleanor Williams Camp Legacy Fund to support the Gift of Camp program. Dave and Eleanor have been long-time supporters of Camp Bimini. Their involvement includes being on staff, sending their children as campers, volunteering as needed and financially donations. We are grateful for their dedication, support and visioning.

If you and/or your family would like to contribute to the Dave & Eleanor Williams Camp Legacy Fund or establish your own fund, please reach out to us to discuss options.

Memorial Donations

Since November 1, 2025

Cade Eickmeyer
 Ron Kraemer
 Tom Miller
 Maureen Pratley
 Bob Ready
 Martina Rudolph
 Heidi Schlump
 Nancy Stewart
 Meredith Stokes
 Sarah Ulch
 Mary Van Staveren
 Eleanor Williams
 Joanne Young

Thank you to the members of Innerkip United Church for thinking of Camp Bimini when dispersing funds.



In spring 2026, a new game arrived at Bimini! 9-square in the air: a combination of volleyball and 4 square. The court is adjustable by height so many ages and abilities can play. This is in memory of *Martina Rudolph* who loved kids and loved seeing people be active and experiencing life fully. We thank all who made this possible.

**Thank You for
the Cookies**

St. Marys UC, St. Marys
Avondale UCW, Stratford
Thamesview UCW, Fullarton
St. David's UCW, Woodstock
Grace UCW, Tavistock
Elimville/Thames Rd UCW, Exeter
Main St. UCW, Mitchell

**and Rice
Krispie
Squares**

**The campers really enjoyed the delicious
homemade cookies this summer.**




Camp Bimini
**TURKEY PIE
FUNDRAISER**

Anna Mae's 9" flaky crust filled with our delicious, juicy turkey and vegetables, and covered in a flavourful bread dressing. Pie comes fresh or frozen. Just cook and serve.

Pick Up
Fresh pies Oct 24 2-4pm
Frozen pies Oct 27 4-7pm
at Camp Bimini

ORDER AT CAMPBIMINI.CA UNDER EVENTS





Corner Store
candy &
EST. 2022 Co.

**25% OF EACH DIGITAL GIFT CARD
PURCHASED GOES DIRECTLY
BACK TO CAMP BIMINI!!**

**Nov.
15-30**

**PURCHASE A GIFT CARD FOR CORNER STORE
CANDY CO. THROUGH OUR SPECIAL ONLINE
LINK, YOU WILL RECEIVE A DIGITAL GIFT CARD
THAT CAN BE USED ONLINE OR IN STORE!**

LINK:
[HTTPS://CORNERSTORECANDY.CO/PRODUCTS/C
AMP-BIMINI-GIFT-CARD-FUNDRAISER](https://cornerstorecandy.co/products/camp-bimini-gift-card-fundraiser)




**FALL
CLEAN UP
AT
CAMP BIMINI**

**November 7th
9 am - 12 noon
Rain Date: November 14**

Bring your rakes
and gloves
Hot soup lunch
will be served
after.



Camp Bimini Christmas Mini Photo Sessions

Intuition Photography By Leanne

Nov 7th & 8th

15 min sessions Up to 10 Digital Images

\$120.00 (cash or e-transfer made at
appointment).

Hot Chocolate & Freshly made Cookies to
enjoy!!!

50% of the proceeds go back to
sending Kids to Camp!

[intuitionphotographybyleanne.pixieset.com/
booking/camp-bimini-christmas-mini-
fundraiser](http://intuitionphotographybyleanne.pixieset.com/booking/camp-bimini-christmas-mini-fundraiser)

Camp Bimini

Celebrates

80 Years

in 2027

Does planning the anniversary
celebrations interest you?

Contact Carol at
coordinator@campbimini.ca



Camp Bimini Annual Member's Meeting

Monday
December 7, 2026
7:00pm

Avondale United Church
194 Avondale Ave,
Stratford, ON

For the purpose of receiving annual report, financial
statements, budget and for election of board of
directors and officers.

For the annual report, please email
coordinator@campbimini.ca or phone 519-271-4129.



At the end of October, we say
goodbye to our much loved
caretaker of 10 years, Roger
Steckly. His strong work ethic,
friendship, care, dedication,
teamwork and so much more will be
really missed. HAPPY RETIREMENT,
ROGER! WISHING YOU THE BEST IN
THIS NEXT CHAPTER! WE LOVE
YOU!

*Watch for the job posting for the
position of caretaker at Bimini.*



Camp Bimini Merchandise!

Check out our merchandise at campbimini.ca
This would make a great gift for the Bimini camper in your family.

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