



# Campfire Chronicles

WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Thank You for Spreading the  
Love!



**Happy Valentine's Day to our fabulous squad of supporters!** Your love all year round helps us sprinkle a little magic at Zajac Ranch, making sure kids and young adults fall head over heels for camp!

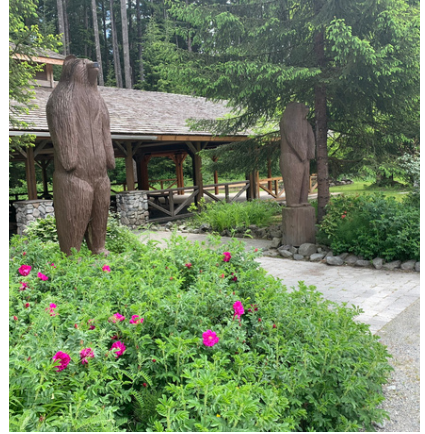
Thanks to your incredible generosity, **we raised over \$1,700,000** last year! And can we get a round of applause for the jaw-dropping **\$10,000 raised on Giving Tuesday** to upgrade our medical gear at the OK Corral?

We're hoping you'll keep riding this adventure with us, spreading joy and unforgettable camp experiences to kids who need it most!

# Zajac Ranch Update

## NEW PROJECTS AT THE RANCH

### COMING SOON!



As we embrace the chill of the upcoming months, we're buzzing with excitement about some fantastic projects that are underway at the Ranch! Here's a sneak peek of what's in store:

- **The High Ropes Course Rebuild:** Get ready to conquer new heights! Our revamped high ropes course is set to be completed by early Spring, and it promises to be more thrilling than ever. Just in time for the summer, we can't wait for this popular camp activity to return this year!
- **New Water Adventure:** We're diving into a brand new water zone! Our vision is to create a splash-tastic water park that will add even more fun activities for everyone to enjoy. Stay tuned for updates as we bring this dream to life!
- **Fresh Landscaping:** We're rolling out a beautiful facelift with new greenery that will enhance the Ranch's natural beauty. Get ready for a stunning transformation!

We can't wait to share these upgrades with you all. Here's to making the Ranch even more amazing!

# Staff Highlight

## MIKE - EDUCATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Say hello to **Michael Helsby**, our passionate **Education Program Director** and the driving force behind Zajac Ranch for Children's Outdoor Education Program! With a love for nature and a knack for inspiring young minds, Mike is all about turning the great outdoors into the ultimate classroom.

Mike has built his career around **turning complex challenges into actionable plans**, helping students, campers, and colleagues find their way to health and meaning — whether by mapping routes to self-regulation, mastering the art of goal-setting, or exploring brain-body connections in learning.

Get ready to explore, learn, and grow with Zajac Ranch and Mike leading the way!

# Funder Feature

## THANK YOU TO THE MISSION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION!



We cannot express our immense gratitude for the continued support of the Mission Community Foundation !

Along with continuing to support campership for Mission residents, we were also one of the lucky recipients of the Mission Prosperity Fund grant! This grant will help support our operational costs for the OK Corral Medical Centre and help ensure that the safety of our campers remain our top priority!

To the MCF team, thank you so much for supporting our mission and help make a positive impact on youth with complex medical conditions.

Together, we will raise spirits at the Zajac Ranch!

# Events & News Features



## ZAJAC NIGHTS RETURNS MAY 31, 2025

**Mark your calendars** - the Zajac Nights Gala is returning **May 31, 2025**. Ticket sales will be announced soon, so stay tuned! If you are interested in **sponsoring our event**, please contact our team at **[info@zajac.com](mailto:info@zajac.com)**

**ZAJAC NIGHTS 2025**

## 2025 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Do you know any young individuals who would gain from attending Zajac Ranch? **Registration for our 2025 Summer Camp season is now open**, but spaces are limited and filling up quickly! Click on the link below to view our camp schedule and register!

**2025 CAMP  
SCHEDULE**



# Out here we raise spirits - Donate to the Zajac Ranch today!

Every dollar will help to providing a transformative summer camp experience for children at Zajac Ranch, on the shores of Stave Lake in Mission British Columbia.

**DONATE**

## MISSED DONATING IN 2024?

Good news - the Federal Government announced they extended the deadline for making donations eligible for tax support in the 2024 tax year until **February 28, 2025!** For more information, please visit the CRA website.



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