



# Camp Connection

the official newsletter of Pioneer Bible Camp

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Dear friends and supporters of PBC,

My thoughts recently have been on fire. The word can bring images of warmth, safety, and comfort. It could also inspire images of danger, fear, and destruction. In the Bible, we find that fire is used frequently to represent the presence of God — such as a burning bush, a pillar of flames, or the Holy Spirit. In the book of Jeremiah, the prophet writes:

“ ‘Is not my word like fire,’ declares the Lord, ‘and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?’ ”

(Jeremiah 23:29, NIV)

By this time, I hope that most of our supporters have heard of the fire that occurred on our camp property the evening of May 15th. Graciously, the damage was minimal — we would like to thank our network of prayer supporters who immediately jumped into action as the fire was ongoing. Please see the message below for the full details of this event.

With less than a couple of weeks before camp begins, our ministry is eagerly in prayer that the Lord’s word would spread through the hearts and minds of our campers, like a raging fire that Jeremiah wrote of. Please join us in praying for our camp ministry, and for our director Zachary and the rest of our staff as they finish preparation and begin to welcome campers.

In His service,

Stuart Barth  
Board Chairperson

## 2023 Camp Director: Zachary Rayment

We are pleased to have hired a new camp director for this summer! Zachary Rayment is a recent graduate of Prairie Bible College, and has previous experience running outdoor camps and serving in other administrative roles. Please join us in welcoming Zachary to Pioneer, and in praying for his ministry this summer.

## Our Summer Program

<b>Teen Week</b>	<b>Ages 14-17</b>	<b>Sunday, July 9th – Friday, July 14th</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<b>Intermediate Week</b>	<b>Ages 10-13</b>	<b>Sunday, July 16th – Friday, July 21st</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<b>Kid’s Week</b>	<b>Ages 7-9</b>	<b>Sunday, July 23rd – Thursday, July 27th</b>	<b>\$325</b>

## Save the Date!

### Bike-a-Thon

Our fall bike-a-thon will be returning this year on Saturday, August 19, 2023



### 75th Anniversary



Pioneer Bible Camp will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2024. We are looking for an individual or group to lead the planning of a celebration event.

If you are interested, please contact [info@pioneerbiblecamp.com](mailto:info@pioneerbiblecamp.com).

## Staff Needed

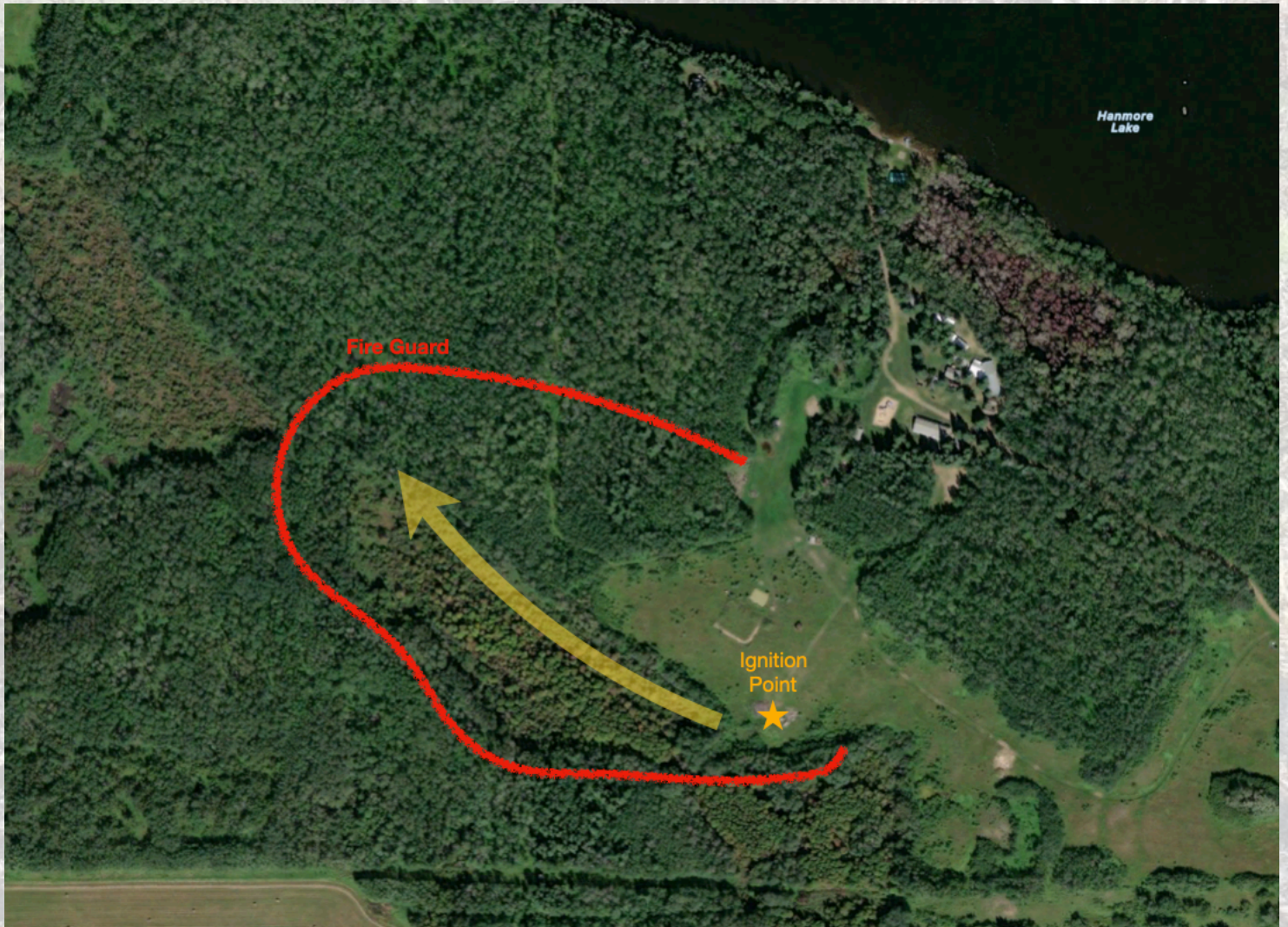
We are still looking for camp nurses and lifeguards! If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact [staff@pioneerbiblecamp.com](mailto:staff@pioneerbiblecamp.com).

If you want to start or stop receiving camp correspondence, or change the way that you receive it (mail or email) then please contact us at: [secretary@pioneerbiblecamp.com](mailto:secretary@pioneerbiblecamp.com)



# Fire at Camp

On May 15th, a fire was spotted coming from Pioneer's property. Emergency fire services were called, and multiple crews attended what had become a forest fire. The responders quickly bulldozed a fire guard through the forests on the south-west side of camp property. Amazingly, no buildings or program-use areas of the camp were damaged. We would like to thank the first responders that worked at the camp that night, and those who immediately began praying for the safety of the camp's property.



The fire started at the camp's burn pit ("Ignition Point" in the figure above), where a (permitted) fire was set in February to burn pruned brush from around the camp. It is suspected that the fire smouldered underground due to a number of tree roots in the area, and was ignited in May due to intense winds. Thankfully, the winds appear to have been blowing from the east, such that the fire spread away from the main camp site, towards the north-west — although some of the field to the north of the ignition site was burnt as well.

The board of Pioneer Bible Camp is so grateful for the Lord's protection of the camp during this time, and apologizes for any conflicting information that may have been released in the few days around the time of the fire.