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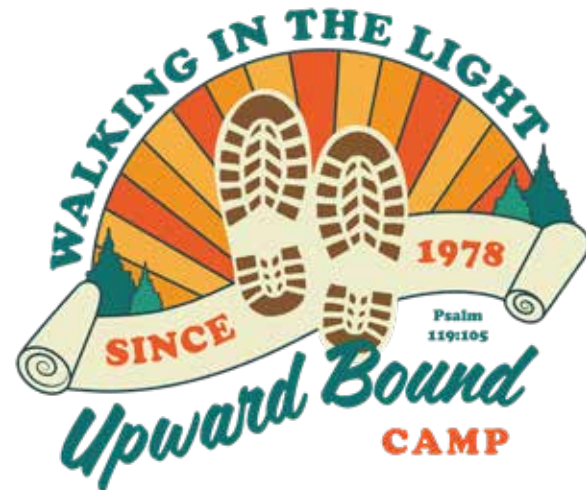
Year-round, Upward Bound Camp Staff, left to right: Sasquatch, Ms. Ellie, Noodle, Echo, Opa, Care Bear, Robin, Cuke.

## THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

*Stories From Upward Bound Camp*

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"Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
a light on my path."

NIV Psalm 119:105

### A Note From The Director



You must be wondering "who's that person the picture with Darryl, the giant goat?" And that is an excellent question! And, I have an excellent, not to mention, exciting answer!

Meet Noodle, aka: Emily Lovell. She is our new Program Director! I asked her to tell me about herself, so here is what she said:

Hello! My name is Em (Emily Lovell, camp name TBD!) I am so excited to be joining the Upward Bound Camp team as the program director. I LOVE people and can't wait to get to know all the staff, campers, volunteers, and everyone else in the UBC community. I like to think of life as an adventure that comes from spending time outside, laughing with friends, trying new things, or simply walking with Jesus!

I also asked her "How would you go about filling a room with basketballs?" It was quite a long answer, and unfortunately, we don't have the space to share her well thought out plan to acquire enough basketballs to fill an entire room, so suffice it to say:

I would open the door, start at the back of the room and fill the room as high as possible, barricading the basketballs with the other items in the room. Eventually I would have to cut a basketball sized hole in the door to unceremoniously shove basketballs in until the room was full.

I don't know about you but, based on this detailed description about how she would fill a room with basketballs, I believe that Em is the perfect Program Director for Upward Bound Camp!



GATES SCHOOL RESTORATION PROJECT  
Upward Bound Camp for Persons with Special Needs, INC.

## Old Schoolhouse Restoration

**BRING BACK GATES SCHOOL**

RESTORATION PHASE 1-EXTERIOR:

- ROOF
- PORTICOS
- SIDING
- WINDOWS

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On October 14th, 2023, the Gates Schoolhouse turned 100 years old. Upward Bound Camp had a celebratory fundraising event which included a catered diner from the local Spud Bus and desert from The Lovin Oven, raffle ticket prizes, an old time radio show, short play, and an auction. The generous donations and support from the community brought our fundraising goal almost to our end goal! We now have raised a grand total of \$307,000 for the restoration project! The functioning of

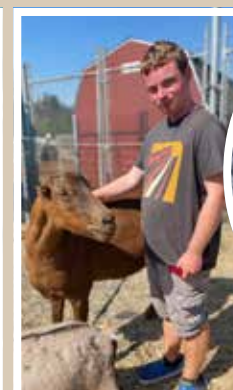
this historic schoolhouse has been essential in our ability to keep camp running after the 2020 fires. It's a blessing to be able to keep the building safe for our campers and staff!



# Summer Camp 2023

## SmugMug

It was a fantastic summer camp season this past year and we captured some amazing photos and memories! At the end of each camp session we created a private online photo album with SmugMug and passed out links for viewing at camper check-out. If you lost track or didn't receive your special album link and would like to view the photos from your time at camp send "Care Bear" an email at [carole.robare@upwardboundcamp.org](mailto:carole.robare@upwardboundcamp.org) with the name of the camp you attended and she will be happy to send you the link to view pictures from your week at camp. There is even the option for you to purchase photos if you like!



## Calling All Campers

Build-Your-Own-Camp

NEW!  
with Noodle



We are pleased to announce that we now have limited off-season overnight respite options at Upward Bound Camp...let us introduce the new "Build-Your-Own-Camp" experiences!

**Build-Your-Own-Camp** is an opportunity for campers to create a unique overnight camp experience that meets individual participant needs for support and includes activities chosen specifically by and for the camper participating in this camp experience.

**Build-Your-Own-Camp** dates are flexible and can last for 1-4 consecutive days and 3 nights. While we have some scheduled dates, we are also open to creating a time that works within a camper's own schedule.

To schedule your custom BYOC, contact Emily (aka: Noodle) at [emily@upwardboundcamp.org](mailto:emily@upwardboundcamp.org) and see the newsletter insert for already scheduled dates

As an added **BONUS** if your BYOC camp experience overlaps any of Upward Bound's Day Camps, you will automatically be registered for that Day Camp at no additional cost.

Check out the insert for a 2024 BYOC dates and keep a lookout in February for a mailing with more info about upcoming Day Camps.

\*\*\*Due to structural limitations, we are currently only able to build camps for campers who are ambulatory including people who use a cane or a walker to get around safely. The camp house has ramped stairs but the hallways in the house itself are not accessible for wheelchair use at this time.

For questions about scheduling or accommodations email Noodle at [emily@upwardboundcamp.org](mailto:emily@upwardboundcamp.org) or Robin at [diane.turnbull@upwardboundcamp.org](mailto:diane.turnbull@upwardboundcamp.org)

