

# PYPS Periodical



To keep up with our Exec members we asked them some questions, here are their answers:

**Q:** Describe your experience with previous May camps in 3 words.

**Christine:** un. freakin. believable.

**Lauren:** Extra Long Fun

**Taylor:** welcome, fun, love

**Mike:** Totally Awesome Weekend

**Jonathan:** Excited, Exuberant,  
Exhausted

**James:** Christ filled fellowship

**Abbey:** Uplifting. Reenergizing.  
Renewing.

**Lizz:** memorable, friendship,  
growth

**Nicola:** friendship, laughs,  
inspiring

**Lisa:** community, fun, love.



**Q:** What would you tell someone considering coming to May Camp for the first time?

**Christine:** You won't regret it I swear! Best way to spend the long weekend!!

**Lauren:** May Camp is like a weekend with the perfect amount of fun activities and worship mixed together to make one super awesome weekend of awesomeness!

**Taylor:** even if you only know one person coming in, you will have lifelong friends going out.

**Mike:** You won't regret it.

**Jonathan:** I would tell them to be ready for a great time! In all seriousness I think that something everyone should know when thinking about an event like this is that the people attending with you will be the most important part. What keeps all of us coming back to May Camp is the friends we made there and the fellowship we get at the event; put yourself out there and May Camp becomes a very different place.

**James:** To prepare for a good time and also come being open to what PYPS has to offer for you.

**Abbey:** The best thing about a May Camp event is the idea of connection. Though at first it seems almost overwhelming to be meeting all the new people with such various ages, experiences and personalities, I'm always constantly amazed by how connected and close we all become by the end of the weekend.



There's also the connection to nature. My favourite part about May Camp is getting to be at Kintail and a part of that world where you get to experience the exhilaration, intensity, yet calm of be so close to the water and the

trees. I know I sound the start of a Disney sound (queue Colours of the Wind) but it's dazzling and baffling that no matter how many times I go something always gets me at the core. Which is how I feel that final connection: the Spirit. For me, to quote my friend Christine Goud, I find experiences like Canada Youth are where I get an overhaul on my faith. It's the place where everything gets out of the cupboards I keep them in during the rest of my life in the day to day grime, where sometimes it doesn't feel comfortable to share my faith, and let it all air out and be part of my soul again. Events with PYPS, especially May Camp, gives me that chance to recharge those ideals and feelings and closeness with God. I'm forward to this year's theme. My hopes is will help me find the way to keep those feelings all year round when I'm in a world that doesn't always let me experience the joy my faith gives me. Can't wait to see all the new faces, and hopefully we'll like old friends by the end!

**Lizz:** If you are considering coming to May Camp for the first time think about going to a youth event at your church, now triple the people there add in a bunch of games, music, sun and really good food. Now you have an idea of May Camp. You will meet so many people there and being shy isn't bad either, look at me I used to be shy and now I am on the executive team planning events and talking to people all the time. May Camp will be a great time and it's all what you make of it. I hope to see you all there.

**Nicola:** I must admit, I was very nervous to come to my very first May Camp because I didn't know much about it and I had never been to a PYPS event before. But I am so happy that I had the opportunity to come. Everyone is so welcoming and open to talk to. The activities are so much fun and worship is a great time to connect with others and God. I have made so many friendships and memories at May Camp and I would recommend coming to May Camp to anyone in a heartbeat.

**Lisa:** you don't know how much fun we are until you give us a chance! You will not feel left out. You will belong. You will be loved and grow in your faith. Having a whole lot of fun along the way.



**Q:** Anything exciting happen in your life after Winter Weekend?

**Christine:** I had an amazing clinical experience that showed me where I want to work after school!

**Lauren:** I went to Tanzania, Africa to work at an orphanage and teach some of the kids how to swim! I had an amazing time but I'm glad to be home to spend May Camp with all of you!

**Taylor:** I got engaged and am graduating in June.

**Mike:** I bought a Dodge Ram.

**Jonathan:** I found work for the summer which was a huge weight off my chest; University costs being what they are. Other than that my life has been rather sedate following our Winter Weekend finishing up a term and looking forward to the summer.



**James:** I completed my second year at Knox collage as well as my field placement. So I am one year away from being able to finish my MDiv which is great.

**Abbey:** The biggest thing that has happened me since Winter Weekend would relate to the happy continual progression of my schooling. It has been great to get to know these new youngsters as I have gone through Teacher's College!

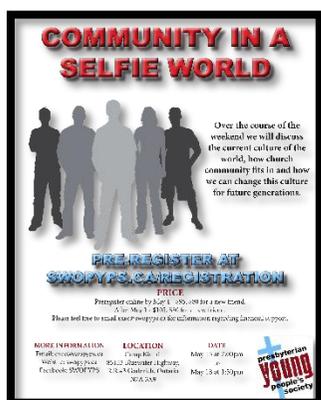
**Nicola:** Since Winter Weekend, I have finished up my final year of undergrad at Western. I cannot believe how quickly the 4 years have gone by. I am excited for the summer where I hope to travel and play rugby. I am also excited for May Camp of course!

**Lisa:** I went to Toronto February 11 and successfully completed my Paralegal licensing exam! The day was stressful but worth it.

## Spirituality Moment with Lisa

We just passed the celebration of Easter. What I want all of you to remember is the good news of Easter Sunday. Jesus kept His promise to His followers that the grave could not hold Him. As His followers today we should also be encouraged and believe that He will continue to keep His promises to us. Sometimes in life people let us down. Friends leave us out of plans, family have high expectations of us, and life just gets stressful and we feel overwhelmed. I want you all to find strength and peace in the fact that Jesus will never be disappointed in you and will always love you, no matter what! A relationship with Jesus is one that is very rewarding and well worth pursuing after you leave church on Sunday or a PYPS event. Remember that when Jesus died on the cross He was thinking of you and He expressed one of the greatest acts of love ever, for you!

## Upcoming Events



### May Camp

May 15 to 18 at Camp Kintail

For more information or to register

[www.swopyps.ca](http://www.swopyps.ca)



### Senior High Retreat

October 23 to 25 at Camp Kintail

More information to come

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