



Breakfast Dates 2014

May 20th, 2014 Saskatoon

May 21th, 2014 Regina

The Annual Gilwell Club fundraising breakfast takes place each year in mid to late May, with one in Regina and one in Saskatoon. Over the past 5 years the breakfast has raised in excess of \$55,000. These funds have been distributed to our outdoor programs here in Saskatchewan. Helping to keep our camps operating by purchasing the large ticket items that their never seems to be the funds to purchase out of our reserves. Your financial support of this event in the past has helped purchase canoes and equipment for our programs, has helped with the purchase of camp equipment to help the directors better serve our youth, as well as things like propane fridges, propane freezers, canoe trailers and equipment trailers. Two of our programs are in wilderness areas with no infrastructure or permanent buildings and our gear is stored off site, so getting it there is a concern.

We do not just give the camps the money, they have to apply through the Saskatchewan Scouting Foundation and tell us what they are going to use the funds for and how they are going to pay for the balance. While we support our camps the Foundation feels that they should have an interest in what they are purchasing and we normally finance them to about 50% of the purchase price. So yes we leverage these donated dollars and that \$55,000 that has been so graciously donated has turned into a \$110, 000 of equipment.

We also support our other camping opportunities throughout the province. Such as Saskatchewan Cub Camp and our properties at Camp Totowamihk just outside Moose Jaw as well as Camp Seeonee just outside Saskatoon. We have also supported Anglin Lake in the Prince Albert area. They have different needs than our program camps as they have bricks and mortar to maintain and upgrade, so infrastructure become a key part of their needs and costs.

One thing that our program camps are very proud of is the fact that we give our youth an 8 day experience in the \$200+ range, which includes their food, the program, a t-shirt, a hat and a badge .That is pretty good value considering the quality of the programs that are offered. If your kids happen to go to church camps, youth group camps, Y camps, you already know that it can cost between \$600 and \$800 per week. How is it; Scouts can run their camps for \$200. All of our staff are volunteers, often graduates of our various programs. We donate our time and travel and out of pocket expenses. As our Founders where very frugal, we shop and get the best deals we possibly can for everything we purchase for the camps or we scrounge and get it donated if at all possible.