

## Personnel Report 2021

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2021 was one of Camp Wegesegum's most successful years yet for staffing. I applied for four grants through CSJ and four grants through SEED. Chelsie applied for a grant to kick-start our new Little Rangers program through the New Brunswick's Children Foundation, where we would be able to employ an additional two staff.

We found out Camp Wegesegum was approved for funding from CSJ for four students, for eight weeks. Through SEED Camp Wegesegum was approved for two students, for 12 weeks. Already ecstatic about the approved staffing for summer 2021, we were shortly approached by Neil Squire. Neil Squire is an organization with wonderful staff who assist and empower Canadians with disabilities. They were reaching out to see if we would be interested in employing two local students who have already dedicated so much of their time to Camp Wegie in previous years. We were beyond thrilled and humbled that these two students chose us as their summer placement and welcomed them to the team.

Through the CSJ grant we were able to employ two Lifeguards, Gabby and Brooke and two Camp Leaders, Lee and Robert. All four students had previously attended camp either as a camper, counsellor, volunteer, previous employee, etc., and were a tremendous help to Camp Wegie over the summer. Through the SEED grant we were able to employ a Camp Manager, Lucy, and a Camp Leader, Behdad. Lucy was an absolute pleasure to have on the team. She never turns down a challenge, even when it included being a Director for the very first time for a brand new program we offered this year, Mini Coed.

Through the New Brunswick's Children Foundation grant we were able to employ two Camp Leaders, Ireland and Rennia. Ireland is a long-time camper who has turned into a wonderful counsellor over the years and dedicates her time to the camp each summer. Rennia reached out to us from the Village of Chipman's Newcomers Settlement Program. It was her first time at Camp Wegesegum and her and her kids thoroughly enjoyed their time at camp. Through Neil Squire we were able to hire our final two Camp Leaders, Kaitlyn and Kyle. Kyle was up for any task handed his way, and often spent additional time at camp volunteering at the various camps going on at the time. Kaitlyn was at the Camp as much as she could be! You would often hear her say it's her favorite place to be. She was a great help to Lucy during Little Rangers, the little kids love her. She also volunteered a lot of her spare time to the camps in session outside of her work hours.

We are truly honored at Camp Wegesegum, to have so many young leaders that put their heart and soul into Camp Wegie each and every summer. We are expecting nothing less from summer 2022. We have been approved for SIX positions through CSJ and two positions through SEED. With CSJ's funding, we will be able to hire four Camp Leaders, a Lifeguard, and a Maintenance Manager. We were approved for a Camp Manager and Assistant Camp Manager through SEED, both of which have already began work. Lucy and Brooke have returned as the Camp Manager and Assistant Camp Manager and we cannot wait to see what they'll accomplish this summer along side the six additional staff starting June 27.