

Camp Harmattan Association Board of Directors
Appoints New Executive Director

Mountain View County, Alberta

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The Camp Harmattan Association's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of the Association's next Executive Director. Camp Harmattan's Board recently engaged in an extensive professional executive search across Western Canada. Following the selection process, the Board arrived at a unanimous decision to appoint Bob Murray of Didsbury, Alberta, as Camp Harmattan's Executive Director.

"Bob's extensive leadership experience in public, private, and ministry sectors distinguishes him as a strong fit for the leadership and relational competencies, as well as the business and technical skill set needed, to fulfill Camp Harmattan's potential," said Camp Harmattan's Board Chair, Brock Priebe. "The Board is united in our confidence in Bob's ability to lead the organization's operations and to positively position Camp Harmattan for the future. We are excited to welcome Bob to our team and we look forward to introducing him to the broader Harmattan family and working with him to build the ministry entrusted to us", Priebe added.

Murray's areas of leadership strength include organizational culture development, staff coaching and mentorship, strategic planning, and cultivating collaborative teams. His background uniquely equips him to navigate complex team dynamics while inspiring excellence and purpose. Murray, who has a lifelong passion for camp ministry, is looking forward to establishing relationships with Camp Harmattan staff, volunteers, camp supporters and guests, and the Canada West District as a whole. Among Murray's priorities are to work with the Board of Directors and the staff to maximize Camp Harmattan's potential and position it as the venue of choice for camping ministry.

In addition to leading the Association as Board Chair, Priebe has served as Interim Executive Director since 2024 and will continue until Murray commences as Executive Director on May 1, 2026. The Association will be reaching out to its Nazarene partners and Harmattan supporters in the coming weeks regarding upcoming opportunities to meet and build relationships with the incoming Executive Director.

Further inquiries may be directed to Brock Priebe, Chair of the Association Board of Directors, at campboard@campharmattan.com.

Biographical Summary:

About Bob Murray:

Bob Murray is an accomplished leader with more than twenty-five years of experience in athletics administration and organizational leadership. He holds a Master of Arts in Leadership Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Sport Management and English, grounding his work in both strategic vision and effective communication.

Throughout his career, Bob has served primarily as a Director of Athletics, guiding athletic departments through growth, program development, and mission-driven change. His leadership has extended to national reach, having served fifteen years as a board member within both conference-level and national collegiate sports organizations, shaping policy, governance, marketing, communications and the student-athlete experience.

Bob's ministry experience reflects his commitment to faith-centered leadership. He has contributed to ministry on many different levels through mentorship, team development, and service roles that integrate his passion for personal growth, character formation, community impact and servant based leadership.

About Camp Harmattan Association:

The Camp Harmattan Association is evangelistic in its ministry focus of providing a safe, fun, and affordable retreat and camping experience for kids, youth, and families. As a para-church ministry, our focus is sharing the love of Jesus through our words and actions. Affiliated with the Nazarene church, Camp Harmattan was established under the authority of the Canada West District of the Nazarene faith community. Since 1955, Camp Harmattan has provided Christian ministry through its kids and youth camps, and is the home to many other faith-based family camps and other retreats. Located in the valley of the Little Red Deer River at the gateway to the Rocky Mountains, Camp Harmattan provides a retreat, creation-centric environment for kids, youth, campers, and guests from across Alberta and western Canada.