

Shine a Light on Youth Homelessness



# CAMPOUT 2024

AT KATHERINE'S PLACE

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>



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Register as a Camper or Sponsor a Camper Here:

[canadahelps.org/en/charities/a-way-home-kamloops-society/p2p/Campout2024](https://canadahelps.org/en/charities/a-way-home-kamloops-society/p2p/Campout2024)

Join the Event by Zoom, at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88552821374>

Visit [awayhomekamloops.com](https://awayhomekamloops.com) to learn more

Contact us to learn more at [admin@awayhomekamloops.com](mailto:admin@awayhomekamloops.com)

You can be part of the change by getting involved in the 8th Annual Campout to End Youth Homelessness!

## What is Campout?

Campers spend a December night outside to experience what youth who don't have a home experience every day while raising much needed funds for A Way Home Kamloops youth housing programs.

## Why Do We Campout?

- Youth homelessness is a significant issue that often leads to long term homelessness and effects younger and younger folks every year
- Youth are still aging out of Foster Care without appropriate housing or wraparound supports
- Youth who are housed are sometimes living in unsafe, unstable or inappropriate homes
- The longer a youth has been homeless the more trauma they experience and the greater the chance that they will experience homelessness more often and for longer periods
- There is a lack of supportive housing for youth in our community. In the last youth specific homeless count we found over 150 youth who needed housing in Kamloops

## How Does Campout Make A Difference?

- People who Campout get a one-night glimpse into what it means to sleep outside in Kamloops
- Campers learn about AWHK programs and meet the staff who support youth in our housing. This year, Campers will also get a glimpse into what it will be like to live at Katherine's Place
- Every cent raised through community pledges goes to AWHK Housing Programs that help youth who are at risk of, or experiencing homelessness



Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Centre Drummers Welcome Campers



Longtime Camper Clement waking up



Campers waking up in Macdonald Park

# There are many ways to get involved!

## Campout at Katherine's Place

We are very excited to be able to hold this year's Campout at 560 Tranquille Rd where there will soon be 39 new AWHK homes for youth in our community. We will be camping in the parking lot of this brand new building and will be offering sneak peaks into the inner workings of Katherine's Place

## Campout as a Team

- Creating a team is a great way to unite for a cause, gather your co-workers, family or friends and come together to shine a light on youth homelessness
- We will be highlighting exceptional teams on our social media, so get creative, come up with a descriptive team name, and share on your own social media
- Each donation over \$20 will receive a charitable tax receipt

## Campout at Home

- You can create your own version of camping at home and join by Zoom
- In the past, campers have joined from the store fronts of their businesses, backyards, front porches, balconies, cars, and even from their living rooms
- Youth homelessness is a spectrum from sleeping rough outside, to couch surfing and being precariously or inappropriately housed. How ever you decide to camp, you will be shining a light on youth homelessness
- You can camp in cardboard boxes, tarps, tents, blankets on the floor, on a couch, or in your car

## Pledge Support for Campers

- Our Campers campout to raise awareness and dollars for AWHK programs
- You can show your support for their passion by visiting the link below, clicking on their name and donating to their effort
- If you don't know anyone who is camping choose any person or a team to pledge your support to!

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## Sponsor the Event

This is A Way Home Kamloops' biggest fundraiser of the year and your business can benefit from being a sponsor while helping to end youth homelessness.

Title Sponsor who provides over \$5,000:

- Have representative from your company give a prerecorded or live 3-minute presentation to virtual and in-person Campers
- Media mentions with event promotion
- Your signage displayed at the event
- Your logo on Partnership poster and the AWHK website
- Social media thank yous & a Charitable tax receipt

Partner Sponsor who gives \$2,000-\$5,000:

- Media mentions with event promotion
- Your logo on Partnership poster and the AWHK website
- Social media thank yous & a Charitable tax receipt

Business Sponsor who gives \$250-\$2,000:

- Your logo on Partnership poster and the AWHK website
- Social media thank yous & a Charitable tax receipt

Contributor who gives under \$250 in cash or in-kind donations:

- Your logo on Partnership poster and the AWHK website
- Social media thank yous

## Be an In-Kind Donor

There are many things that we need to make the night a success and we appreciate donations of in-kind items. We will be looking for food for our campers, propane for our fire pits for the night, hot beverages, swag for campers and items like hand warmers to keep our campers warm through the night.

## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU CAMPOUT

We can not pretend that this one night of sleeping outside is exactly what it is like to be homeless; this is just a glimpse into what it might feel like. We provide many luxuries such as snacks, warming stations, and lighting. We also make sure everyone is safe by providing staff, First Aid attendants and security. There are still a few things to be aware of:

### **Weather!**

The weather is unpredictable, it can be very cold or surprisingly warm, it can be wet and it may snow. You will want to be prepared with layers and options for changes in weather. Water-proof footwear and warm socks are a must!

### **Sleep Pattern Changes**

Wherever you camp your sleep patterns will likely be disrupted. You may get very little or no sleep so you may want to plan your next day accordingly.

### **Support**

There will be support on site. AWHK staff will be at the park along with Saint John's Ambulance and Security Services. We will provide some activities, snacks, hot dogs and hot chocolate.

## CAMPOUT SCHEDULE

### **5pm - Arrive & Set Up**

Come to the park before dark to prepare or set up at home with everything you need.

### **6:00-7:00 - Presentations**

Live and over Zoom discussion and presentation on the issues of youth homelessness

### **7:00-10:00 - Activities & Mingling**

Complete your set up, get settled in, take part in activities, snack, and get to know your fellow campers

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Can children Campout?** Yes! If children under 19 years of age are with their legal guardian, they are welcome to Campout either at the park or at home.

**What does safety and security look like?** You will be sleeping in an open area surrounded by a security fence. Security onsite is walking the area all night. First Aid responders will be on site all night.

**Can I sleep in a tent?** Yes! Youth homelessness comes in many forms so be creative or play it a bit safe, it is up to you how you camp!

**Where, when and how do we set up our camps?** You can start setting up as early as 4:30pm on December 13th. There is on street parking nearby. You are responsible for bringing any of your camp supplies but we will have some large cardboard boxes and hand warmers on site for your use.

**Where is the bathroom?** We will have bathroom facilities very close by!

**What should I bring?** Layers of clothes, a flashlight, your phone all charged up so you can post on social media, your tent, box, or tarp with sleeping bag and blankets. You may also want to bring a water bottle, medications or special snacks if you have dietary restrictions.

**Who else will be there?** All the best people! There are a wide range of campers from individuals to work teams and friend groups; people who just learned about AWHK to people who have camped out every year for the last 8 years!

**Substance use on site?** No smoking, vaping or consumption of alcohol or substances is permitted on site. What if I decide I can't handle it? If it just gets too cold you are welcome to leave any time at all! We just ask that you take anything you brought with you out when you leave.

**What happens after the event?** We leave the donation site open until mid January so people can pledge their support for your experience into the new year. Once we have a grand total we will send that out to all the campers and broadcast it on our social media with special recognition for Campers who did an exceptional job!