



Welcome to "Campfire Conversation", our new tool to start conversations between the Camping Association of Nova Scotia & PEI and you.

Our job is to help you make camp more safe, well run and connected. Our board of directors are a group of passionate camp professionals who care about raising the industry standard for our camps and help make your job easier.

We have some **professional development coming up in May and June**. We're just nailing down the details and as soon as those are available we'll let you know.

We also hope to have a **virtual gathering every other month or so** to talk camp, your needs and to support each other. So stay tuned for that!

This resource will update you on the business of CANSPEI, grant opportunities, updates on camp activities, stories to celebrate and upcoming events. If at any point you have something to share please send it along to info@canspei.ca



As we get closer to the summer, we are sure COVID-19 is on everyone's mind as it relates to summer camps and outdoor education centres.

The CANSPEI board members are working to provide the most up to date information for camps as it becomes available. We will continue to provide updates on an as needed basis through the CANSPEI website.

Please know we are working on information relevant to camp operations as a precaution. At this time, we are not offering details on any specific camp operations as we are too far out from the start of camp and it is unknown what the situation will be like over the next month or two. We continue to monitor the situation closely, and will provide recommendations and best practices as necessary.

At this time we suggest camps take the following actions:

- Ensure you have clear, up to date Infectious Disease protocols. COVID-19 falls under the infectious disease protocols as would any infectious disease.
- If you accept international campers or staff, please contact the organizations you work with and begin conversations around COVID-19.
- Consider reaching out to families with a statement from your camp – a template is attached.
- We suggest you check with your insurance company, and discuss your business interruption coverage in case of potential closure.
- Visit your local public health department website as they will have information about COVID-19 specific to your area.

Check out these links to resources for further information and follow advice as it becomes available:

- Public Health Agency of Canada - [Guidance for Schools K-12 and Childcare Programs COVID-19](#)

- Public Health Nova Scotia - [Coronavirus Resource Site](#)
- Public Health PEI - [Prince Edward Island Guidelines for the Management and Control of COVID-19](#)
- Health Canada - [COVID-19 Website](#)
- World Health Organization - [Information for Members of the Public](#)

In the meantime, you can help yourself and educate those around you to help diminish the risk of transmission and spread of misinformation.

CANSPEI is here to support our Members, and between our Board of Directors, and our committees, the situation is continuously being monitored.

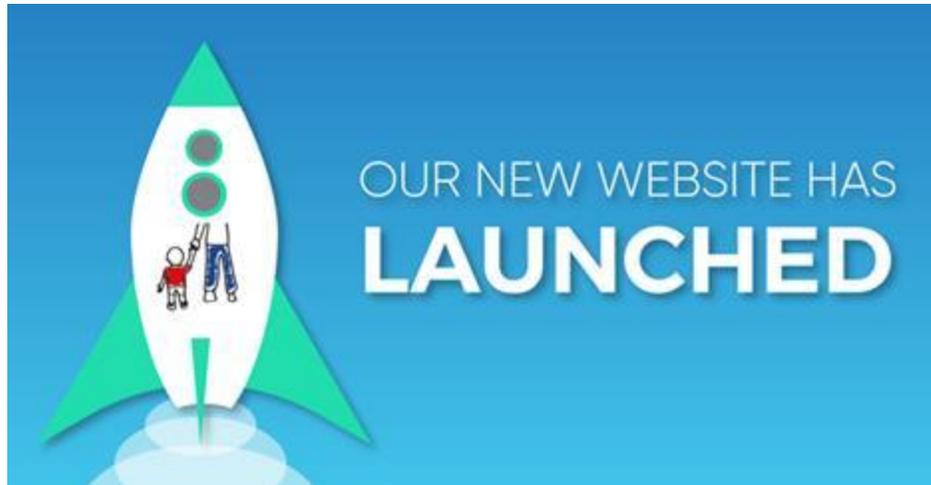
As this situation is fluid, we ask you to keep up to date through the resources links provided above on an ongoing basis.

We will be providing updates as we have them through the [CANSPEI website](#).



CANSPEI Annual General meeting is scheduled for **April 18th from 10-2pm at Ross Creek Arts Centre** in Canning, NS (Annapolis Valley).

This is where we will elect a new Board of Directors. Remember that as part of your accreditation you are encouraged to send at least one representative to the CANSPEI AGM. More details about RSVP'ing and dietary needs will come!



Don't forget to check out our new website, filled with lots of information for you and your camp. The benefits of being a member of CANSPEI, information about your camp, information for parents & campers and so much more. Check it out at www.canspei.ca