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Bishop Rose (right) with (from left) Sgt. Ben Greeley, Cpl. Braxton Lockyer, and Sgt. Lilly Tobin.



C.L.B. Officers attending a special awards ceremony at Government House in January, 2026.

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# Honouring Faithful Service

## New annual tradition celebrates excellence

By: The Right Rev. Samuel Rose, Bishop

**I**t was my great joy to spend a wonderful evening recently celebrating the recipients of this year's C.L.B. Bishop's Badge, the highest honour awarded to a Senior Corps member in The C.L.B.

This prestigious badge recognizes not only outstanding leadership and faithful service, but also the demonstration of Christian character, discipline, and a deep commitment to serving others in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This gathering marks a new tradition launched this year, one I hope will continue for many years to come as we honour the outstanding young people who embody the very best of the Brigade.

Warmest congratulations to the three exceptional recipients:

- C.L.B. Sgt. Ben Greeley
- C.L.B. Cpl. Braxton Lockyer
- C.L.B. Sgt. Lilly Tobin

Each of you has shown remarkable dedication, integrity, and a willingness to lead by example. Your achievement reflects countless hours of training, service, and spiritual growth. You have made your Companies, your families, and your Diocese very proud.

I was delighted to be joined by the recipients' dedicated Company Commanders, Capt. Wayne Young (Foxtrap Company) and Lt. Vicki Reid (Upper Gullies Company), along with Col. Sheila Mercer, C.L.B. Governor and Commandant for the Diocese. Their ongoing commitment to nurturing our young people

in faith and fellowship is truly inspiring.

The C.L.B. continues to play a vital role in the life of our Anglican Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador. Through its programs, young people are formed in Christian discipleship, develop lifelong skills, and build friendships rooted in shared values. Events like this remind us of the hope and promise we see in the next generation of leaders in the Church and community.

I look forward to hosting another gathering with the next recipients of the Bishop's Badge.

To Ben, Braxton, and Lilly, may God continue to bless you richly as you grow in faith and service.

Well done, good and faithful soldiers and servants 🇩🇪



# The Good Christian Soldier

## Milestones, remembrance and learning

By: Nancy Lieff, Lt.

Upper Island Cove Company

The 2025–2026 training year has been a memorable one, filled with many interactive opportunities for the youth in our company to be present and supportive within the community of Upper Island Cove and the surrounding Conception Bay North region, doing what we aim to do: be the good.

In November, the children of The C.L.B. were actively involved in the “North Shore Wildfire Faith in Action Project,” a Parish of Upper Island Cove initiative to sponsor a family along the North Shore who lost their home and all belongings in the devastating wildfires during the summer of 2025.

Our youth participated in a toonie drive to help replace favourite items for the children in the family and wrote personal cards to accompany their gifts. As a company, our primary focus was to support this

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family during a difficult time, while also providing our youth with a strong example of what putting faith into action as a “Good Christian Soldier,” referenced in the LTC Prayer, looks like in real life. It is a reflection of compassion in action, as community-minded leaders who care for their neighbours.

Additionally, within the town of Upper Island Cove, our C.L.B. company was very active this past fall. We supported the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 29 Poppy Campaign, canvassing the town door-to-door selling poppies, and helped clean the cenotaph at St. Peter’s Church in advance of the annual Remembrance Day Parade.

Our company also took part in both the St. Peter’s Elementary School Remembrance Day Assembly and the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Parade in Upper Island Cove, representing an historic link between The C.L.B. and our community’s proud and extensive military heritage and service in the First and Second World Wars and beyond.

Starting the second half of the training year, our company was thrilled to welcome four new members who were enrolled at St. Peter’s Church. These members begin their C.L.B. journeys with many years and blessings ahead of them.

In the same training year, one of our members celebrated his 50th year in The C.L.B., none other than Commanding Officer Capt. Don Sharpe. Capt. Sharpe was honoured by the Parish of Upper Island Cove in the fall during a special anniversary service attended by more than 180 guests, including Bishop Sam Rose, who happened to be in the area.

He later received his 50-year Long Service Gold award at Government House in St. John’s alongside long-time comrades receiving their own. It has been a remarkable year celebrating these milestones within our company, and we hope our youth are inspired by both new C.L.B. faces and one who, even after 50 years, remains fresh and vibrant in C.L.B. spirit.

Finally, our C.L.B. company has been as busy with programming as we have been in the community. To update our readers, C.L.B. youth badge programming is divided into three levels, aptly named Blue, Yellow and Red, reflecting the colours of the C.L.B. flag. Each level is comprised of different badges, and the levels rotate each training year, ensuring each member receives the full C.L.B. badge program. This provides a well-rounded educational experience for children aged 5 to 18, aimed at enhancing

youth development and leadership skills.

This year, The C.L.B. is following the Blue level program, and one key opportunity for #4547 Upper Island Cove Company to embody our motto was through the newly created Diversity Badge.

Our LTC and YTC members learned what cultural diversity means, explored the beauty and wisdom of Indigenous culture and spirituality within Newfoundland and Labrador, and, in an age-appropriate manner, learned about the devastating consequences of racism and discrimination, including the Residential School system.

To complete their badge experience, the full company visited Balance Health and Wellness Centre in Carbonear, where they joined local artist Jennifer Janes and created their own dream-catchers to take home.

In closing, Upper Island Cove Company looks ahead to the remainder of this training year with hope and optimism, eager to continue finding ways to be the good within both company and community, and of course, to have a good time doing it.

We hope to encourage readers with a deeper understanding of the meaning and courage

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of the “Good Christian Soldier,” taking the prayer from the page and applying it to daily life. The heart of The C.L.B. is about much more than being sharply dressed

on parade. It is about having the courage to act compassionately in support of your neighbour, standing against marginalization and discrimination, embracing diver-

sity, supporting our communities, and taking time to honour those who fought for our freedoms.

Until next time, keep the faith and the flag flying 🇨🇦

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# Tidbits from the Past

By: Mr. Derrick Barbour  
C.L.B. Old Comrades Lodge #1

On Sunday, Nov. 11, 1911, the 20th anniversary of the Brigade's founding was commemorated with a parade involving all ranks and a significant presence of former members, commonly referred to as "Old Boys."

On July 28, 1912, Colonel William Matlock Gee, the founder of the Brigade, visited Newfoundland and Labrador. He expressed a strong desire to establish an Old Comrades organization in Newfoundland specifically for former members. The following day, July 29, he met with members of the C.L.B. "Old Boys," leading to the formation of the Newfoundland and Labrador No. 1 Old Comrades Association, with Mr. Ken Ruby, a member of St. John's City Council, serving as the first president. The organization was officially established on July 30, 1912.

On May 30, 1919, the first annual dinner of the Old Comrades Association was held at the C.L.B. Armoury, functioning as a reunion. Colonel R.G. Rendell, the new patron of the Old Comrades, presided over the event. Many former members of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment were in attendance.

On Aug. 31, 1922, a large audience gathered on the north side of Quidi Vidi Lake to observe the retirement ceremony of the racing boat Blue Peter. This rowing shell was designed by Sgt. Maj. H. Rendell and constructed by the renowned Bob Sexton.

In 1901, the Outer Cove crew participated in a race aboard the Blue Peter, setting a record time of 9:13:45. Over the years, the boat achieved significant success, winning a total of 165 awards, including 73 first-place, 61 second-place,

19 third-place, and 12 fourth-place finishes, reflecting an impressive competitive record.

Mr. Claude Noonan, secretary of the Royal St. John's Regatta Committee, congratulated the C.L.B. Old Comrades on their efforts to honour the legacy of the renowned boat. Following this, Blue Peter was carried on the shoulders of a group of Old Comrades, accompanied by the C.L.B. Band, and transported to the C.L.B. Armoury.

Mr. R.B. Job of Job Brothers & Co., who had presented the boat to the Brigade on June 13, 1911, was present for the occasion. Mr. Job had been a crew member during the boat's inaugural race in 1901. Maj. G.R. Williams, speaking on behalf of the Brigade, assured donors and attendees that the racing shell would be displayed prominently within the C.L.B. Armoury 🇩🇪



# Fighting Food Insecurity Together

By: Michael Cooper, Captain  
Trinity East - Port Rexton Company

On June 17, 2025, we opened the Mega Pantry in Bonavista to help offset the closure of the Bonavista Food Bank and the TBN Food Bank, both of which closed for the summer period.

Since that time, we have moved more than 20 pallets of food to those in need. This included fresh and frozen items at times, along with the usual canned and dry goods. With the support of friends and partners, we were also able to provide emergency Christmas hampers, including turkeys, with the final hamper delivered on Christmas Eve.

With that said, I am pleased to announce that we will be closing the Mega Pantry in Bonavista on Feb. 27, as the Bonavista Food Bank is set to reopen on March 10.

A sincere thank you is extended to everyone who has supported this initiative in any way over the past several months. During this time, we expanded our Little Free Pantry program to help meet

urgent needs in the community during a challenging period.

A personal thank you is also extended to MHA Craig Pardy and his office. Without his cooperation and support, the Mega Pantry would not have been possible.

If you would like to learn more about our program, donate, or assist in expanding the Little Free Pantry initiative, please feel free to contact me at michael-cooper@theclb.ca. Together, we can continue the fight against food insecurity, not only on the Bonavista Peninsula but throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

This marks the end of a major, and unexpected, stage of our Little Free Pantry program. When we began, we could not have anticipated the level of need or the role we would be asked to play.

Even with the Mega Pantry closing, other doors have opened. Since January, thanks to our partnership with Second Harvest, we have been able to “rescue” surplus meals from the

G.B. Cross Memorial kitchen and distribute them to those in need, with 1,622 meals delivered as of this writing.

Our program also became part of Newfoundland and Labrador’s 211 system for food insecurity support in early October 2025.

On Feb. 19, I had the opportunity to present on our Little Free Pantry program to Food First NL, with participants joining from across the Atlantic provinces.



These are just a few of the new doors that have opened.

As we continue to be the good on the Bonavista Peninsula, we are also fighting the good fight against food insecurity, one item at a time. Together, we can all help make the world a better place simply by trying to be the good 🇷🇺



# Finding a Home in The C.L.B.

An exchange student shares his experience joining the Brigade

By: Paul Massot, Pte.  
Bay Roberts Company

At the start of this school year, I came to Newfoundland as part of an exchange program. Here, I could go to school and experience the Canadian lifestyle. This is where I met Cpl. Jack Lane. As I was talking to him about my desire to join extracurricular activities, he suggested I come to the next C.L.B. session.

There, I was warmly welcomed by the other C.L.B. members. On that evening, we learned about

Morse code, and I was instantly hooked. Over the weeks, I kept coming to the weekly meetings and became an active member of the organization. Soon after, I took part in the enrolment ceremony, where I pledged my allegiance to the values of The C.L.B.

During my time in Newfoundland, the organization gave me many opportunities to take part in activities like the Remembrance Parade, where we marched through the streets of St. John's,

and Challenge Camp, which gave me the chance to meet new people from other companies. I had a lot of fun participating in these events, and I know I made memories that will last me a lifetime.

Sadly, I will soon be going back to my home country. I am incredibly thankful to the volunteers who keep the organization alive and who welcomed me into the C.L.B. family so quickly 🇨🇦



# Memories Across the Miles

A surprise reunion proves C.L.B. friendships last a lifetime

By: Craig Dyer, Captain  
St. Michael's Company

**W**e are everywhere! Recently, I had the opportunity to travel to Prince Edward Island for a project that kept me there for a couple of weeks. When I entered the Charlottetown post office, I was greeted by a friendly face, a gentleman named Chris Yetman. Chris knew me, and while I vaguely remembered him, it did not take long for us to reconnect.

As we started talking and reminiscing about Newfoundland, we discovered that we did, in fact, know each other from many years ago. Chris was a former member of Bay Roberts Company back in the 1980s. We remembered parades, sports and many shared experiences from our younger days.

It has often been said that C.L.B. members are all around

the world, and this was another reminder of just how true that is. I have had many opportunities to travel and have met former members in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Moncton and now Charlottetown. These chance meetings bring back great memories and remind me of the lifelong friendships formed through The C.L.B. It is just another reason why I love The C.L.B. 🇨🇦

# Crib and Darts Night

Old Comrades Lodge 1 hosts annual tournament

By: Craig Dyer, Captain  
St. Michael's Company

On Feb. 28, Old Comrades Lodge No. 1 hosted its annual Crib and Dart Tournament, bringing together several C.L.B. officers and Old Comrades for an evening of friendly competition and fellowship.

The event was well attended, with participants enjoying both the cribbage matches and the dart tournament. After some close competition, Col. Sheila Mercer was named the crib champion, while Mr. Fred Meadus took home top honours in darts.

In addition to the games, everyone was treated to a great meal from Mary Brown's, which added to the enjoyment of the evening.

A sincere thank you goes to the hosts for organizing another successful event and providing such a warm and enjoyable gathering for all who attended 🇪🇺



Mr. Bill Meadus and Col. Sheila Mercer accept their awards.

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# Building on Tradition in TE-PR

## Community programs, service and fellowship

By: Michael Cooper, Captain  
Trinity East - Port Rexton Company

**W**hen you have been around as long as TEPR Company has (114 years this Sept. 4), you develop a long history of programs, badges, events and traditions that have been tried and refined over time. This training year, we have been blending the old with some new ideas to create a fun-filled, and at times serious, overall program.

We started back on Sept. 17 (a week later than normal), getting back into the swing of C.L.B. activities. October quickly followed with a full schedule. Anniversary Parade, harvesting our community garden, and a

pancake breakfast for the school were all long-standing events that were once again well supported. A new initiative, thanks to our friends at Vista Family Resource Centre, was a car seat clinic. This session provided important information on rules and regulations around car seats and booster seats, including a height indicator bar to help determine when a child is ready to move out of a booster seat. One youth was surprised to learn they were still required to use one due to their size.

Of course, October would not be complete without a Halloween party.

Of note, in October our Little Free Pantry program became part of the NL 211 system, helping to improve accessibility and awareness within the community.

November is dedicated to honouring our veterans. We participated in two meaningful services at Bishop White School and the Trinity Historical Society, along with our annual C.L.B. nights focused on remembering and honouring those who have fought, and continue to fight, for our freedom.

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December is about supporting and giving back to the community. Our youth assisted at the Lions Club seniors' supper, took part in the town tree lighting, and helped prepare emergency Christmas hampers for those in need. These were just some of the ways we gave back during the season. We finished for the Christmas break with our annual tree decorating and Christmas party at Rev. John's, a tradition the youth always look forward to.

Early 2026 brought significant snowfall, with Mother Nature and Jack Frost seemingly in a constant snowball fight. As a result, many C.L.B. nights had to be cancelled, but we still managed to fit in some valuable activities. This included a session on food insecurity, local food programs, and how to build a food hamper, which concluded with a visit to the local food bank.

Of course, with all that snow, a sliding night was a must, complete with hot chocolate and

snacks to warm everyone up afterwards.

Just before Easter, we wrote letters to our friends in the C.L.C.G.B. in the United Kingdom.

Looking ahead, we are excited for better weather so we can prepare our community garden for the season, along with other outdoor events.

We continue to be the good while fighting the good fight here on the Bonavista Peninsula 🇵🇸



# Sliding Into Winter

## St. Michael's Company day of fun

By: Craig Dyer, Captain  
St. Michael's Company

**M**other Nature has not been kind to St. Michael's Company so far in 2026. With one of the worst winters on record, we have cancelled more regular parade nights than we have attended this year. We even had to cancel our Winter Camp because of yet another stormy day.

Thankfully, she did give us one perfect winter day for sliding at Bowring Park. On Saturday, Feb. 21, members, officers, parents and family members spent the afternoon enjoying the fresh snow, eating Timbits and drinking hot chocolate while making trip after trip down the hill.

Rosy cheeks and sore legs were the theme of the day, but everyone had a great time and made the most of the winter weather 🇪🇺





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# This Is How We Do It

## Highlights of the fun in Foxtrap/Upper Gullies

By: Vicki Reid, Lt. *(with excerpts from our youth)*

Foxtrap/Upper Gullies Company

**W**e had a very busy winter this year working on leadership skills, badges, drill, and getting our band up and running again. With lots of snow and good conditions, we had several opportunities to get out and enjoy the outdoors.

Our Christmas activities included making Christmas cards for seniors in the community, making angel ornaments to hand out during a Blue Christmas service, participating in the annual Christmas Parade, and of course our C.L.B. Christmas Party, where the youth enjoyed crafts, games, food, and a visit from Santa.

“As a 3rd year JTC member, one of my favourite outings is when we go sliding. This year we went on Feb. 16 and it was a blast! We had hot chocolate and brownies too. We had fun with our friends, and it is cool to see the officers have fun. One of my favourite things about the outings they plan is the officers always have fun too!”

- LCpl. Eugene Morgan



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## Continued: This Is How We Do It

We held two winter camps this year, the first for our Senior Corps group and then the YTC group.

Here are snippets from youth who attended:

“Senior Winter Camp has always been my most memorable company camp. It is always filled with lots of activities. This year we did a combination of making and placing rabbit snares, ice fishing where we had no luck catching anything, and snowshoeing, which is always my favourite. We stayed in a big tent in the woods heated by a wood stove. This year we ended up having a snowstorm while we were out there but since we were in a warm, stable tent it did not affect us at all. Because of the storm we could not check our rabbit snares as they were covered in snow. In the evening we enjoyed sitting around the table with snacks we all brought to share, while playing a game of Scat.”

– Sgt. Lily Tobin



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## Continued: This Is How We Do It

Our second winter camp was held with our YTC group at the Old Comrades Lodge:

“This year I was one of the seniors who volunteered to help run the 2026 YTC winter camp. This camp taught the YTC group how to do lots of fun winter activities safely. At this camp, the YTC group learned the basics of how to read a map and compass for their map and compass badge. They also learned how to ice fish safely and, more importantly, had fun doing it. During free time we would take them sliding and that was a fan favourite with the kids. A few tried snowshoeing too. We also did bracelet making, colouring, crafts and board games and ended our night with a campfire. Throughout this camp, the seniors who volunteered got to practice our planning, teaching and leadership skills, all while the YTC group learned skills and created memories they will have for a long time to come.”

– Pte. Madelyn Fagan

We also had a JTC bowling fun night. According to Pte. Jessica Morgan, “The JTC bowling night was a blast! We had a lot of fun with snacks and drinks and can’t wait to do it again next year!”

Fun, friendships, developing skills and making memories, that is what The C.L.B. is all about, and this is how we do it 🇧🇷







# A Strong Year for Bay Roberts Company

Strong commitment and steady growth in The C.L.B.

By: Karen Dawe, Captain  
Bay Roberts Company

**W**e began the training year in September retaining all members from the previous year and welcoming two new members into the Senior Corps. Two international students also chose

to join us for the duration of their time in Canada, and they were a valued part of our company while they were here.

At our Anniversary Parade in October, Major Joe Skanes received the Exemplary Medal,

while Captain Karen Dawe received the Brigade Cross Medal. We continue to be very proud of their dedication and service.

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## Continued: A Strong Year for Bay Roberts Company

Throughout the year, we carried out our usual badge work, carved pumpkins, baked cookies, supported the Poppy Campaign, and were once again invited to attend Remembrance Day assemblies in our local schools.

The JTC and Senior Corps continue to work closely together, both within our own company and alongside other companies in our battalion. At times this involves joint activities, while on other nights the Senior Corps works independently. This approach has worked well, especially in a year where numbers are lower, as combining groups helps ensure meaningful and engaging program nights.

Our company was also invited by the Salvation Army Corps in Bay Roberts to take part in their Kettle Campaign, where I was given the opportunity to speak. The event was well attended and greatly appreciated.

We also held another successful Officers' Social, with a location already booked for 2026.

We continue to use Bay Roberts Primary School once per month for sports nights, which remain a highlight for many of our members.

In addition to our regular program, we continue to teach practical life skills, including learning to read analog clocks, knot tying, and personal hygiene.

Our members were also joined by our company chaplain, Rev. Christine Lynch, who assisted with instruction for the Church Duty and Christian Knowledge badge.

Sadly, our two international students came to the end of their term and have since returned to their respective countries. They were very polite, engaged, and a pleasure to have in our company.

While our numbers may be small, the commitment and enthusiasm of our members is clear in their attendance and participation throughout the year 🇪🇺

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# Training for the Future

By: Sheila Mercer, Colonel  
Brigade Council

Officer training and NCO and WO proficiency have been an integral part of The C.L.B. since our early beginnings.

When the First World War broke out and the call came for gentlemen to join what is now the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, some of the first to enlist were members of our own C.L.B. companies. Our members were also recruited as officers to help train new recruits.

Today, we continue this important component of The C.L.B. program with both officers and youth. On March 22, 2026, under the direction of Regimental Training Director Lt. Cassandra Hibbs and her team of officers, two clergy, 19 officers and 14 youth gathered for a full day of training. Sessions included classroom learning, PTCF instruction, drill, and, of course, plenty of fun and fellowship.

During a drill session, some officers even role played as members of a J.T.C. squad to simulate the procedures a C.L.B. company should follow when falling in and out during a weekly parade night.

As a result of their efforts, and the support of the training staff, several officers were able to

complete their next level of officer proficiency, while others participated to refresh and strengthen their skills. We look forward to them bringing what they have learned back to their respective companies and sharing it with their youth members and fellow officers.

Members of the Senior Corps were invited to join this year's training day so they could see firsthand what NCO proficiency has to offer. We were delighted to see so many attend for the first time and take advantage of this valuable training opportunity.

The NCOs and WOs will also take back new knowledge and skills to their own companies as they continue working through Phase 3 of their proficiency. Training staff look forward to visiting companies later in the training year for final evaluations, and I have every confidence they will do well based on their performance throughout the day.

C.L.B. events do not happen without the people working behind the scenes. For lunch, participants enjoyed delicious chili and soup courtesy of Capt. Barb Lilly and Capt. Karen Dawe, while additional snacks and refreshments were provided by Col. Sheila Mercer and Regi-

mental staff. Major Wayne Lilly and Lt. Chris Lockyer ensured everything was set up at St. Paul's Parish Hall in Harbour Grace and ready for arrival. Our sincere appreciation is extended to all for helping make the day such a success.

Thank you to members of the training staff, Capt. Wayne Young, Capt. Derek Tucker, Capt. David Evans, WO1 Gillian King (Read) and Lt. Nancy Lieff, PTCF Director, for facilitating the various sessions throughout the day. A job well done.

A special thank you is extended to Training Director Lt. Cassandra Hibbs for planning and organizing such a successful day of learning for our officers and youth. Lt. Hibbs and her partner Nick are expecting their first child in early April, and on behalf of all ranks we wish them much joy and happiness as they welcome their son into the world and into our C.L.B. family.

The future of The C.L.B. continues to be bright and strong as a result of training days such as this, but most importantly because of the year-round dedication and commitment of our officers to our youth. Until our next training day, keep the flag flying 🇷🇺



# A Memorable Weekend at Camp

By: Chris Lane Pte.  
Bay Roberts Company

**O**n Friday, Oct. 10, I arrived at Camp Springwood along with my transfer student friends from Germany and France, my brother, and everyone else at camp. It was roughly 5 p.m. by the time we got there. My buddies and I had brought a couple of card games to play before supper.

We fell in for supper with our cutlery and dishes and then marched to the mess hall. After supper, and saying grace, we were dismissed to go back to our cabins or play outside. My friends and I continued our card games for a while. Later, we were told to get ready for lights out and prepare for the following day. As I fell asleep, I was thinking about how fun the next day would be.

When I woke up on the second day, I was full of excitement for camping and canoeing. We had pancakes and sausages for breakfast before heading back to our cabins to prepare for the day ahead. I packed my sleeping bag, tent, pillow, marshmallows, and everything else I needed for an awesome camping experience.

We were driven to a lake where we hopped into our canoes. I went with my brother's friend Paul from Germany, and my brother went with our friend Nathanéal from France. As we canoed with the rest of the camp, my brother and I raced to the shore, and Paul and I obviously won, since we are the best.

We then loaded our gear into the canoes and paddled to the next pond, repeating this a few times. At one point, someone flipped their canoe. Paul and I picked up a bag of their gear while the officers went to retrieve more. We waited for everyone to dry off before continuing. We later stopped for lunch and snacks.

By the time we reached our camping point, we realized the ground was too wet and unstable, which meant we unfortunately could not camp there. We canoed back, looking for another spot, but none were available. Fortunately, our officers offered the choice to camp not too far from the cabins or sleep inside them.

My brother, our friends, and I chose to camp, while others stayed in the cabins. Before heading out, we fell in and marched back to the mess hall for supper. We set up our tents, and before bed, we had marshmallows around a campfire, along with lots of fun and jokes.

The next and final morning involved packing up again before we were driven back to the cabins. Once we arrived, we fell in for breakfast and marched off for French toast and scrambled eggs. We were then dismissed for the last time to enjoy some more fun and games before leaving.

As I spent time with my friends, I thought about how much fun I had at camp and how much I enjoyed the experience.

For anyone on the fence about joining camp, or even The C.L.B. in general, I highly encourage you to join.

That will be all from me today, folks. Have a good one, and I hope to see you next year 🇩🇪



## Building Bright Futures

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