



Red Pine Times



Summer 2009

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To the lake, to the trees!

By Brian Cornelius
Chair, RPC Operating
Committee

The summer of 2009 has arrived and the “babies” of 1992 and 1993 achieve the milestone of being Junior Staff age. We welcome them, along with each of you, to what promises to be a most excellent summer.

It is my delight to write to you as Chair of the Operating Committee, a role which I assumed this past year. It is a joy, along with other Committee members, to work through the winter months as we ready ourselves for another magical summer at Red Pine.

It is our delight to have such a strong staff team in place, a team led by experienced Camp Coordinators Ted Edwards and Nancy Thomson. This formidable duo will guide a Senior Staff that is populated with both returning expertise and fresh perspectives.

Some of the new additions to camp this summer will be readily apparent. Near to the play structure is a new “wave-board” for the enjoyment of our youngest campers and new toys and furniture in the Beehive. The camp has also purchased a Magno Sport Sailboat. We believe that this is the best sailboat to replace our aging fleet; however, we are testing this vessel throughout the summer and value



A sunset over Ace’s Point, signalling the end of another beautiful day at Red Pine Camp.

insights from our sailing constituency.

The Chalet has been updated for your enjoyment (including books for children) and new industrial quality washing machines installed in the Laundry area. Not only will this benefit our campers, but the staff will be more ably equipped for laundry throughout the summer.

Our First Aid Post has also been upgraded, with both a new floor plan and some new flooring, and other upgrades will continue over the course of the next year.

Other improvements to camp you will not see but will most definitely experience. Your tastebuds will benefit

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from the new ovens installed for our baker, and our Property Managers are improving our landscaping and maintenance with the new Kubota tractor the camp purchased. There have also been numerous plumbing and roofing improvements as well.

As always, we remain committed to improving the camp facilities. Next year, we anticipate replacing the Junior Program Hut, and welcome

suggestions both on design and location. We are also exploring the option of relocating the mini-putt, likely into the grove area, and would welcome any insights you might have to share.

As always, the Operating Committee and Board of Directors are honoured to serve the camp as we do. We are committed to building upon the strong foundations that have been established by our predecessors. We remain focused on maintaining and enriching the programs and property of the camp. As always, we welcome your insights and volunteer efforts.

The week at a glance:

(some events weather-dependent)

Saturday:

Check-in at the office; **dinner at 6 p.m.**; **new campers' tour** after dinner (leaving from the front porch of the dining hall **7-8 p.m.**); **registration** for the week's activities in the Rec. Hall, **tournament sign-up (6:30-7:30 p.m.)**; **opening campfire at 8 p.m.**

Sunday:

Tournament sign-up before breakfast; **breakfast 8:30 a.m.**; non-denominational **service** in the *Chapel in the Pines* after breakfast; Junior Program starts at 9:15 a.m.; Open House at the **Craft Hut** from 10 to 11 a.m.; **swimming lessons** begin at 11 a.m. (immediately after JP) and, today only, children meet their instructors at the front of the dining hall; **lunch** is at **1 p.m.**; afternoon and evening programs will be announced.

Monday:

Fishing Derby before breakfast; **breakfast 8:30 a.m.**; **JP** begins at 9:15 and runs until 10:45 a.m.; **adults-only craft time** at the Hearth House runs from **9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**; children are invited to do crafts with their parents from **11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**; **swimming lessons** begin at the dock at **11 a.m.**; a cookout lunch (optional) takes place at **Hoffman Beach** across the lake. Cars leave the Grove after swimming lessons and maps will be supplied. Cook-out participants may also travel to the beach by canoe, leaving from the waterfront after swimming lessons. Hoffman's lunch runs until about 3 p.m.; **lunch in camp** takes place at the regular time (1 p.m.); **camper-staff basketball** game runs from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the basketball court (no sign-up required); **LIT overnight** leaves camp at 5 p.m.; **dinner at 6 p.m.**; evening program to be announced in the dining hall.



The Regatta on Tuesday is a highlight of the week!

Tuesday:

Breakfast 8:30 a.m.; Junior Program 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.; **Adult crafts** 9:30 to 11:30; **Swimming lessons** 11 a.m.; **Family crafts** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Lunch 1 p.m.; **Regatta at the waterfront** from 2 - 4 p.m.; **Buffet dinner** begins in the dining hall at 5:30 and runs until 7; **Folklore night** takes place in the main council ring, beginning at 8 p.m.

Wednesday:

Golfers leave before breakfast; **breakfast** at 8:30; **junior program** 9:15 to 10:45; **adult crafts** 9:30 -11:30 a.m.; **swimming lessons** at 11 a.m.; **Family crafts** 11:30 to 12:30; **Lunch** at 1 p.m.; **Sing-song** in the dining hall after lunch; **kids' crafts 2:00 p.m to 3:30 p.m.** (Kids must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a sign up sheet for this available on Wednesday morning.); **triathlon 3:30-4:30 p.m.**; **dinner** at 6 p.m.; evening **family program** to be announced.

Thursday:

Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; **Junior Program** 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.; adult crafts 9:30-11:30; swimming lessons at 11 a.m.; family crafts 11:30 to 12:30; Lunch at 1 p.m.; **sailing race** at 2 p.m.; **LIT-run carnival 3:30-4:30 p.m.**; **outdoor**

barbecue dinner 5:30 - 7 p.m.;

Campers' show at 8 p.m. in the Rec. Hall.

Friday:

Breakfast at 8:30; **junior program** 9:15 to 10:45; adult crafts 9:30 to 11:30; **swimming lessons** at 11 a.m.; family crafts 11:30 to 12:30; lunch at 1 p.m.; afternoon program to be announced; **banquet dinner** (wear white, if possible) at 6 p.m., followed by speeches, entertainment, JP and a **hayride** for the kids; finals of the **paddle tennis** tournaments played after dinner; **dance in the dining hall** begins at 8 p.m.

Saturday:

Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; **camp sweep** immediately after breakfast; junior program at 9:15 to 10:45; **campers who are going home must be out of their cabins by 11 a.m.** for cleaning; **12 p.m. lunch** followed by a **farewell sing-song**.

See You next year!

Craft Corner

"a buzz"

By Cheryl Edwards

The Hearth House is a buzz with activity. Our craft volunteers have been busy this winter gathering, creating and experimenting with new ideas. As a result we have some great new crafts available for you including jewellery, not just for you, but for you garden too - punch tin ornaments, garden dazzlers, and more!

Other new crafts include glass mosaics, dog tags (stamping on metal), quilted ornaments, felting, and glass tile pendants, to name a few.

Come and try your hand at silk screening - colourful t-shirts and canvas bags are available for purchase, however feel free to bring your own items to silk screen on.

And favourites returning from last year include wooden stars - now with a new smaller size which is great for Christmas ornaments or gift tags, as well as, the ceramic tile coasters and trivets.

Crafts for adults and teens run each day from 9:30am-11:30am.

Parent & Child Crafts will run daily from 11:30am-



12:30pm and Wednesday afternoons from 2:30pm-4:00pm.

Parents please remember that children must be accompanied by an adult during this time.

Don't be shy - stop by and see what handicrafts and leather crafts have to offer.



Ride the X Wave!

By Dee Clift

Q: Is it a snake, a steal log or a really long bench?

A: No, it is an X Wave!

This next-gen teeter-totter is a unique combination of motion, balance and fun for the whole family! Featuring a "No-Pinch Hinge" this new piece of equipment is exciting and challenging for all children preschool age and up.

It can accommodate anywhere from 2 to 20 children at one time.

Keeping with Red Pine tradition this new addition to the play ground will allow children to meet one other and get involved thought interactive motion and cooperative play.

So get unpacked and head over to the playground for a look! Happy Teeter-Tottering!

Please, wear your badge

A long-standing tradition at Red Pine is to wear a name badge. These badges are carefully crafted and help all campers get to know one another.

Meet RPC's Green Machines

By Michael Lachance

Red Pine's aging washing machines were worn out and ready for retirement. As a result, the camp acquired new, heavy-duty machinery to handle the load of camper and staff laundry. These washing machines, installed in the Green Laundry building adjacent to the JP Hut, will take the new "HE" type of detergent. Single-load quantities will be available for sale in the Tuck Shop.

Another noticeable addition to the Prop Dept. is the bright orange KUBOTA Tractor that Rick and Tom have found many good uses for already this year. Lastly, thanks to the dozens of campers who attended the two work parties this spring. We could not get everything ready for camp -- and make needed improvements -- without their dedicated efforts.

Equipment and facilities:

Please help us ensure that our camp equipment and facilities are respected and kept in good order. We have a limited budget to spend on new sports equipment and need it to last the entire summer. We all need to work together to ensure that the camp is well looked after.

Look for the Orange:

If there's something in your cabin in need of repair, or if you'd like a bunk board or a new light bulb, please visit the Prop Shop adjacent to the dining hall. One of the orange-shirted staff members will be happy to help you.

Waterfront at the ready!

By Frankie Menna

Making waves:

White Sail I, II and III sailing levels will continue to be a feature on the Waterfront this summer. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to benefit from first-rate sailing instruction and gain your White Sail qualifications.

Perhaps the biggest news on the waterfront this summer is the new addition to our fleet of sailboats. The *Topas Magno* is user-friendly, yet will give the more experienced sailor that extra oomph on demand. Its plastic hull is as durable as the *Hobie Wave*. We are considering replacing the CL-14s in the years to come with the *Magno* and would like your feedback on the camper comment sheets.

We also have a new peddle boat and the rowboats oarlocks have been replaced. As well, the boat house was successfully levelled and new rafts were built during the work weekends.

This summer try out "Stand Up Paddling". It's an exciting new sport where you can try to catch a wave. It's a great ab workout.

First Aid Post:

A new floor was installed in the exam room and the recovery area has had a complete facelift, including new walls, curtains to separate sick beds and doors installed. A reminder that the camp doctor is available for emergencies right after breakfast and dinner.



Dining Hall News

Parents/guardians are advised to please **keep young children from wandering the aisles during meal times** in order to avoid injury from hot foods or heavy trays being carried by the wait staff.

Campers are encouraged to **use the Purell dispensers** prior to each meal. Dispensers are located at each dining hall porch.

On the Web:

Check out our new-look website at www.redpinecamp.org. The website includes news and information about programs, registration, summer jobs and all things Red Pine. Visit our site to stay in touch with RPC all through the year.

Food, glorious food!

By Bob Orchard

Dining Hall/Slop

Once again we welcome back GB Catering to provide us with another summer of excellent meals. We are especially pleased that Head Chef Mike Poels and Chef Pam Poels will once again be leading the kitchen staff. They also provided some great meals at both work weekends prior to the start of camp this year. Thanks Mike and Pam!

In the spring we installed new ovens for the baker. This will help to make the freshly baked breads, desserts and other surprises from the baker even better than before. Can't you smell the bread baking already. Remember, if you have a birthday, anniversary or some other special event that you are celebrating while at camp, please let your Dining Hall

Hostess, Jessie D'Uva, know in advance so she and the dining hall staff can help you celebrate.

Tuck Shop

Everyone's favourite place in camp is ready to go with some fresh paint on the outside and your favourite RPC clothing and treats inside. We've added a few healthier snacks and we've made a some changes to the clothing line.

Come in and browse and if you have questions ask Tuck Shop Manager Leslie Jenkins or any of her friendly staff. So drop by for early morning coffee, to socialize on the porch or indulge in a little treat. You'll be glad you did.

Junior Program: Where the fun begins

By Jodi Sinclair

Time Change for Junior Program - Chapel

We have decided to start JP at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, and not 10:00 a.m. You now have the opportunity to take your children to Junior Program for 9:15 and then attend Chapel alone. If you would prefer to take your children to Chapel, you are invited to take them to Junior Program once the final songs have been sung!

Calling all Bumblebees!

In response to the camper comment sheets, we have begun to improve the programming for our youngest campers (ages 0-2). Please feel free to stop by the registration table and complete a Bumblebee Profile sheet to allow the staff some insight into your child's interests. Our philosophy is a play-based model where the children will have the opportunity to visit areas of interest: sand table, water table, kitchen, house, magnet discovery, ride on toys, books, gardening, crafts, story time and much more. Buzz on by!

Monday Afternoon Program for Children

At Red Pine our mornings are filled with supervised Junior Program activities and swimming lessons. Now the children will have the opportunity to participate in a supervised afternoon program...soccer or t-ball! Monday afternoon at 2:45, the children are encouraged to come to the field outside the Rec Hall.



Parents will need to sign in his/her child and indicate where they can be found during the hour. The dynamic J.P. staff will teach and supervise the children during either soccer or t-ball. Come one, come all!

The J.P. Hut needs some TLC!

This summer we are asking for camper input into the redesign of the Junior Program Hut. It needs to be replaced and we would like to hear what you have to say. Please write your suggestions on the designated spot on the camper comment sheet. Your feedback is important!

Mini-Golf at RPC

We are fortunate to have received the creative ideas of Chuck Ross, long-time camper, in the form of a mini-putt course. Over the years, it has been neglected and is in need

of a makeover. We are looking to relocate the mini-putt course to a more suitable location in camp. We are asking for campers to walk the camp and scout out a good location. We have been considering Kiddy Korner as it is shaded, near the restrooms and not too central in the camp. Please offer your ideas and maybe your working hands at next year's work weekends!

RPC Children's Library

You will notice a new addition to the Chalet. We have created a Children's Lending Library that is filled with books that campers have donated. Please feel free to "borrow" some books, take them back to your cabin, and return them when you have finished. If you happen to have books that you would like to donate, please give them to Barb or either J.P. senior (Sara and Lauren).

Operating Committee:

Brian Cornelius - Operating Committee Chair
Deirdre Clift - Family Program & L.I.T.
Cheryl Edwards - Crafts
Mike Lachance - Property
Frankie Menna - Waterfront
Bob Orchard - Dining Hall & Tuck Shop
Jodi Sinclair - Junior Program

Senior Staff:

Ted Edwards and Nancy Thomson - Coordinators

Lindsey Jackson - Waterfront Director

Ben Farrow - Asst. Waterfront Director - Boats

Shannon Leonard - Asst. Waterfront Director - Swim
Jessie D'Uva - Dining Hall Hostess

Mike Guertin - Head Slop
Ben Stevenson - Asst. Crafts/Asst. Dining Hall

Leslie Jenkins - Tuck Shop Manager

Sarah Bolen - Head Prop
Shawna McFadyen - Family Program

Miranda Boggild - L.I.T. Director

Sara Demizio - Junior Program Director

Lauren Clift - Asst. J.P./Asst. Tuck

Deirdre Finn - Office/Tuck Asst.

Permanent Staff:

Barbara Fisher -- Business Manager

Rick Ziemann -- Chief Custodian

Tom Sauer -- Custodian

Rules in place to benefit all campers

- The camp does not have a permit for the use of alcoholic beverages. **Discretion and consideration for others** are the main tenets of Red Pine's policy on alcohol. Adult campers are permitted to consume alcohol provided they use maximum discretion and consume it only in their **immediate cabin area** and at all times avoiding disturbing or offending friends and neighbours.

- **Bottles of alcohol and beer should not be visible anywhere.** Drinks should never be carried inside the dining hall, even on dance night. Coolers should be left inside the cabins.

- Out of respect for fellow campers, there is an **all-quiet rule after 11 p.m.** If you would like to have a campfire in one of the camp council rings (near cabin 17 or on the

shorestrip), noise should be kept to a minimum. All campfires should be inclusive.

- **Amplified instruments are not permitted** at council rings.

- **All garbage and any bottles must be cleaned up** in the council ring after each use and not be left for staff to remove. Nothing should be left until the morning.

- Cigarette, cigar and pipe smoking is a concern among campers. In recent years, smoking has been banned for staff members. While smoking has not been banned for campers, **individuals who smoke are asked to consider those around them** and stay a respectful distance from all cabins and common buildings.

Use of digital technology

Red Pine Camp wishes to protect the unique vacation experience it offers from the impact of digital devices on our shared camp experience.

The following guidelines and policies applies to digital technology, which includes:

- Cell Phones
- Personal Digital Assistants – PDA (Blackberry, Treo etc.)
- Laptop computers with Internet Access
- DVD Players, MP3 and iPod devices

Digital technology for personal use is banned from all communal camp buildings. (dining hall, recreation hall, hearth house, etc.) and all

communal spaces in camp (waterfront, grove area, council rings, playing fields, nature walks, etc.).

Digital technology is permitted in and around camper cabins provided that it is used with discretion so as not to interfere with the vacation experience of fellow campers (e.g. in silent mode, or with earphones, etc.). Cell phone usage in attached cabins is discouraged.

Campers are encouraged to use cell phones in the main and shore strip parking lots, preferably in the comfort of their cars.



Waterfront Safety

Waterfront safety is a concern of all campers. You are requested to follow all rules established by the waterfront staff.

- Children under age 12 and without a red lanyard swimming qualification must be accompanied by an adult at the waterfront. All campers using camp boats must follow directions of the staff.
- Camper-owned boats must be registered by completing a waiver form available from the waterfront director. Motor boats should leave and enter the dock area under minimum power. The camp assumes no responsibility for camper owned boats. Camper ski boats and personal watercraft are requested to operate well away from the camp docks and from sailing, canoeing and windsurfing activities.
- Fishing is encouraged as a family activity where everyone follows a catch-and-release policy. The caterer will not prepare fish dinners for campers. Campers are reminded of their responsibility to obtain an Ontario Fishing License.

Use of Tents and Tarps

- Tents shall not exceed 12' in length or width.
- Tarps shall not exceed 20' in length or width.
- Tents and tarps may be erected only where they do not obstruct pathways or communal spaces.
- Tarps may not be set up so as to connect cabins.
- No guy wires may be used such that they constitute a risk to campers walking nearby, especially at night.
- No electric power may be used in tents or under tarps (i.e. no electric lights, appliances, televisions, heaters, bug traps, etc.).
- Users of tents and tarps must adhere to camp policies relating to fire, noise and the personal use of technology