



# Red Pine Times

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Giving  
thanks  
for a great  
year

**R**ed Pine Camp enjoyed one of its most successful summers ever in 2005. The weather was glorious, the staff was first-rate and the facilities and programs were terrific.

A great deal of thanks goes to Co-ordinator **Nancy Thomson** and Asst. Co-ordinator **Dave Williams**. They did an exceptional job!

Both Nancy and Dave are planning other pursuits in 2006: Nancy and her husband, Dave "Vinny" Warda, are expecting their third child in May, while Dave Williams and family will follow through with long-held travel plans.

In the fall, the camp advertised the Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator positions and recently recruited two new staff leaders to oversee summer '06. They are Orangeville, ON, teacher **Jeff Mellor** and North Gower, ON, teacher **Julia Gilbert**, both of whom have a history with Red Pine.

The next phase of preparations for Summer '06 involves the hiring of a 13-member Senior Staff team.

Interviews for Senior Staff positions are to begin on Boxing Day. Details about

*Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!*



**Wishing you a wonderful holiday season from the Red Pine Camp Board of Directors, Operating Committee and full-time staff. Photo taken during Joint Board-Committee meeting in October. Standing (from left): Joni Campbell, Barry Bickerton, Barbara Fisher, Nancy Pidgeon, Jim Millar, Joy Morrow, Bob Douglas, Robin McKay, Peter Murray, Linda Short, Rick Ziemann, Tom Sauer, Paul Hession and Jim Cocks. Seated (from left): Ron Kaden, Mike Saker and Cathy Campbell.**

all positions are available on the Red Pine Camp website at [www.redpinecamp.org](http://www.redpinecamp.org) or by calling the camp office at 613-828-0700. **The application deadline for Senior Staff is December 23.**

After the Senior Staff hiring process is complete, the Camp will begin hiring its 54-member Junior Staff team. The application deadline for Junior Staff is **January 31**. An orientation meeting will be held in mid-February for all candidates. Interviews will take place during the latter part of February and early March. Successful candidates will be notified by mid- to late-March.

Junior staff precamp begins on **June 23**.

## Robin 'retires' . . . and Frankie joins the OC

**R**obin McKay recently 'retired' from the Operating Committee (OC) after a number of years of dedicated service, during which time she planned and prepared all Handicrafts and oversaw the annual set-up of the Tuck Shop. It was a major volunteer effort that involved hundreds of hours each year! Our thanks go out to Robin, who will now be able to enjoy more time in her garden and with her husband. We're pleased that Robin will continue to be involved as a volunteer crafter!

With Robin's departure, Linda Short will now move to the Crafts-Tuck portfolio and **Frankie Menna** will join the OC as the 'Junior Program' person. Frankie is known to many Red Piners as a family programmer, former junior and senior staffer and long-time volunteer. In fact, it was Frankie who planned, designed and installed the camp's ropes course.

Welcome aboard, Frankie!

## A camp built on volunteerism

*Work parties to be held  
on May 27-28  
and June 10-11*

**R**ed Pine's success is due in large measure to the incredible efforts of countless volunteers who work during the 'off season' to get things ready for the coming year.

The efforts of volunteers make it possible to keep camping rates affordable and to offer the best possible services and facilities.

Recent Camp Council meetings, held in Ottawa and Toronto, were extremely well attended with people coming forward to offer their help and advice to the Operating Committee (the group of seven volunteers appointed by the Board of Directors to oversee camp operations) on everything from the purchase of boats and Tuck inventory to the planning of programs.

But **more hands are always welcome**. If you have a special

skill or talent to share (sewing curtains for the cabins, sourcing new mattress covers or repainting faded cabin numbers) your talents can always be put to work – and in the comfort of your own home. Call the Camp office to connect with the Operating Committee and to get involved!

In the spring, interested campers are invited to attend Work Parties at RPC on the weekends of **May 27-28** and **June 10-11**. A spring Camp Council meeting is also held during the first Work Party, allowing people to provide input and ideas.

Work Parties involve a number of jobs – from cleaning cabins and common buildings to painting and carpentry. People are also needed to perform tasks such as washing dishes and rigging boats.

More information about the Work Parties will be available on the camp website, or through Barb in the office at 613-828-0700. Please consider sharing your talents!



### RPC Christmas Trees

About 20 Red Pine trees were transplanted from the camp's tree nursery in November. The trees were placed throughout the camp as part of an ongoing reforestation program. It's a good thing: A recent survey, conducted as part of the 2030 consultation process, found that the primary concern of campers is sustaining the environment.

### RPC dates to remember

- Dec. 23:** Application deadline for Senior Staff
- Jan. 31:** Application deadline for Junior Staff
- Apr. 22:** Shareholders' meeting, Ottawa
- May 27-28:** First work party at camp
- June 10-11:** Second work party at camp
- June 16:** Senior Staff pre-camp begins
- June 23:** Junior Staff pre-camp begins
- June 30:** Camp opens for the season

### Camp seeks programmers, crafters

Would you like to be a volunteer family programmer or volunteer crafter next summer? Learn more by contacting the camp office and connecting with Joni Campbell or Linda Short. It's a great way to get involved in camp life!

### Improvements planned for '06

The Board of Directors recently approved a number of major projects for RPC 2006.

They include:

- A **raised walkway** to be built along the bluff from the shorestrip cabins to the waterfront. This will reduce erosion along the bluff and improve access to the waterfront;
- The purchase of some **new sailboats** for the waterfront;
- **Resurfacing** and repair of paddle tennis courts;
- A new **storage area** for the Tuck Shop to accommodate

inventory;

- A new **cash register** system for the Tuck Shop;
- A permanent structure for the **'Beehive'** group (ages 0-3) at Junior Program;
- An **all-terrain vehicle** to be used for garbage pickup and tree watering;
- Completion of the replacement of **side runner docks** at the waterfront;
- **Repainting** of the kitchen in the camp dining hall.