



Red Pine Times

Christmas 2006

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Merry Christmas from RPC Central

Your Operating Committee is already preparing for another memorable Red Pine summer for 2007. Interviews for Senior Staff positions will begin on Boxing Day this year, followed by Junior Staff interviews in February. The positions of Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator remain open with a February 15 application deadline.

This fall, there were a few changes on the RPC Operating Committee as long-time members Cathy Campbell, Jim Cocks and Peter Murray 'retired' from their volunteer duties. Cathy, Jim and Peter have devoted countless hours and contributed greatly to our camp in their respective roles. To each of them we say "thank you".

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Mark your calendars:

Junior Staff applications are due no later than Jan 31, 2007 and interviews will be scheduled during February. The application deadline for **coordinator and assistant coordinator** positions is Feb. 15.

Work party weekends will be held **May 26 & 27, June 9 & 10.**

Registration material will be mailed early January.

Season's Greetings



Among 'Tea and Tuck' participants, from left, Katie Duchesne, Mike Guertin, Alison Sutherland, Lauren Clift, Brittany Webster, Naomi Robert, Nicole van Oosten, Jacqueline Fitts and Emma Carey.

Hundreds turn out for 'Tea and Tuck'

More than 300 Red Piners made their way to All Saints Church in Westboro on Dec. 2 for the first-ever 'Tea and Tuck', an event that included entertainment, socializing and an opportunity to do Christmas shopping at the RPC 'Tuck Shop.'

A 'campfire' was set up on the stage in the large church hall and people played guitars and sang Christmas tunes.

"This is great," said Week 5 camper and programmer Jeff Froggett.

Participants included young children, former staffers and adults of all ages. Campers enjoyed a variety of delicious Christmas baking, while they sipped tea, coffee and 'mung.'

Many 2006 staffers were on hand to play with children, sell clothing, sing Christmas songs and act like



Caroline Hart and Marina Irick

elves! Thanks go out to the numerous volunteers who pitched in to make 'Tea and Tuck' such a wonderful success.

Not only did it allow people to get a start on their shopping, the event provided a great mid-season opportunity to connect with camp friends.

RPC: New volunteers step up

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Former staffer Barry Bickerton moved into the Chair's role behind Cathy Campbell. Barry assumed this new role just over thirty five years after his late father, Ed Bickerton, held the same position.

Jodi Sinclair, also a former staffer and life-long camper, took over Junior Program duties, while former Coordinator Brian Cornelius assumed responsibility for the Dining Hall and Tuck Shop. Week 8 camper Mike Lachance took over Property responsibilities and will now be working closely with our full-time employees, Rick Zieman and Tom Sauer.

The Board of Directors has approved a number of projects for 2007 including the construction of two new boys' cabins, a unisex washroom in the grove designated for the use of handicapped campers, and a selection of new boats for the waterfront.

With unseasonably mild weather blanketing all of green eastern Ontario at the moment – yes, reports of golfers still teeing off in these parts are true – it's hard to imagine that winter is just around the corner. Rest assured that the colder weather and snow will arrive before we know it. And that will mean that it won't be long before we're back at camp reacquainting ourselves with old friends, forming new friendships and waiting for that perfect sunset off Ace's Point.

It won't be long before "Are we almost there yet?" will be asked from the back of some van somewhere along Highway 60. We can almost smell those majestic pines now...

See you at RPC!



Young swimmers enjoy an early-evening dip in Golden Lake during Summer 2006.

Camp Briefs

RPC Mini-putt

Thanks to the hard work of Chuck Ross, campers have enjoyed many years of playing mini-putt at Red Pine. As we look toward next summer, we would like to undertake a mini-putt revitalization project which will see the mini-putt being reformatted and relocated into the grove area. We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping design and build the new mini-putt course. Please contact Joni Campbell at campbell.best@sympatico.ca for more information.

RPC Tickle Trunk

We are always looking for new items for our costume room – old Halloween costumes, funny hats, props, bridesmaid dresses. Donated items can be brought to camp and are always put to good use!

Voices of Leadership

Last summer the Voices of Leadership Program was launched to compliment the LIT program. Each week campers volunteered to share their leadership experiences with the LIT group. This program was very well received and will continue next summer. We are looking for adult volunteers who would be interested in giving a brief presentation on their leadership experiences as part of an LIT session. This is a great way to get involved at camp and to make a significant contribution to the Red Pine experience for our LITs. If you are interested in getting more information about this program, please contact Joni Campbell at campbell.best@sympatico.ca.