



Red Pine Times

Summer 2006

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Welcome to another great summer of camping!

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Welcome to Summer 2006. An excellent staff has been assembled, facilities are ready and the camp is fully booked. The only thing left to do is relax, unwind and have a wonderful and memorable vacation.

As you settle in under the pines, take a few moments to read our summer newsletter, which will provide you with an overview of RPC news and activities.

Operating policies

Each camper family received a copy of RPC's updated *General Information and Operating Policies* upon arrival at Camp. It is a one-stop reference for everything you need to know about the organization and operation of

the Camp, including information on hiring processes, various operating policies, and a section on Camp history. This booklet is updated every five years, so please take it home with you and keep it in a handy place for reference.



New Trees at Red Pine

In our continuing effort to rejuvenate our forest canopy we transplanted 16 more red pines last fall. You will see these trees in various locations

around the camp site. In addition we transplanted some younger three-year seedlings from our nursery – these are less conspicuous but are identifiable by the ring of short stakes and mulch surrounding them. As well, we replaced five dead “75th Anniversary” Lindens (basswood) in the playing field. Property staff has the job of caring for all of these trees during the hot summer months, so they are being looked after. We also have engaged professional help in our management plans for the trees. Please point out these efforts to your children so that they are aware of the importance to guard these trees from harm.

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 (JP)**

begins after chapel at the JP Hut and runs until 10:45 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

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On the negative side of the ledger, five diseased or dead old-growth red pines were removed over the winter, along with two of the earlier transplants. This is an inevitable trend with our aging grove trees; thus our continuing efforts to rejuvenate. Please do your part to keep them from harm.

Shoreline Boardwalk

Everyone must take a stroll down our newly installed boardwalk between cabin 28 and the waterfront. This walkway was designed and installed by a local craftsman Rodney Herwig. Rodney culled tamarack trees from the wild and milled them into lumber for the walkway. Tamarack was regularly used in Algonquin Park at the turn of the century in swampy areas to stabilize roadways (the logs are still there). It's very resistant to rot, so we are looking for a long life. The purpose of the boardwalk is to preserve the soil along the slope from erosion and to provide a safer path to the waterfront. You will note some newly planted sumac along the

slope which we hope will generate a root network to help with stabilization. More plantings of other varieties will follow. Campers are reminded that no one is to set foot on the slope, due to its fragile nature. As for the boardwalk itself, it is an extension of the waterfront - no running, and it is to be closed off and out of bounds when the waterfront is closed.

Tuck Shop Changes

First of all, can you find the latest addition to the Tuck Shop building? It's a newly built store room that will allow us to have more stock on hand and in more presentable condition. Rick and Tom built this during the off-season. It looks like it has always been there. A second noticeable change is the installation of a computer-based Point-of-Sale retail system for managing Tuck sales. This change was brought on by inefficiencies in the old tuck-card system and it will streamline ordering and inventory. The new system should also enhance our ability to manage the Tuck Shop and improve customer service.



RPC rules foster environment of respect

In response to camper concerns, we would like to clarify rules around **alcohol consumption, noise and smoking** at Red Pine Camp. These rules have been established to maintain an atmosphere of respect, a sense of community and a safe place for everyone.

- 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.

These rules were put in place to provide a safe, clean and peaceful environment for campers of all ages and to ensure good role modelling for children and staff. We appreciate your support and understanding.



Athletic feat: A clever and nimble Red Pine chipmunk catches a nut mid-air in the Grove.

Week at a glance:

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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 a.m.**; **swimming** lessons begin at the dock at **11 a.m.**; a cookout lunch (optional) takes place at



Hoffman's 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.

Tuesday:

Breakfast 8:30 a.m.; Junior

Program 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.; **Adult crafts** 9:30 to 11:30; **Swimming lessons** 11a.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!

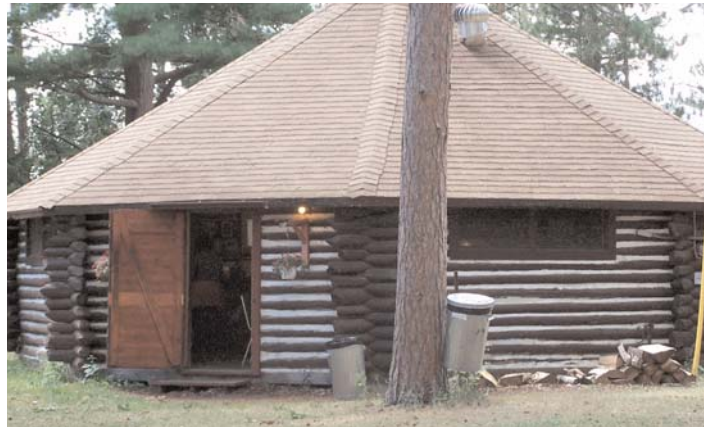
Dining Hall News

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.

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. We'd be grateful if you would continue this great tradition and wear your badge. In the event a badge is lost, please let the office know and you will have it replaced right away.



Care for our Camp:

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.

Fitness Trail:

A 3-kilometre Fitness Trail has been developed on the camp property. This is a great and safe alternative to walking the hot and dusty road. A map for the fitness trail, which includes 10 fitness stations, is posted at the playstructure near the Tuck Shop. Ask a staff member if you would like details.

Prop at the ready:

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.

Cool clothing:

Check out the new line of RPC clothing – golf shirts, yoga pants, ribbed tank tops, fleece vests and much more in the Tuck Shop. You will also be able to purchase handmade RPC photo notecards for \$3.00 each.

Voices of Leadership:

This summer we are offering a new session for LITs called Voices of Leadership. Thanks to all campers who volunteered to lead a session.

Bunny love:

Cottontails have been added to JP this summer and by Labour Day they will be looking for a home in the city. If you live in the Ottawa area and would like to adopt, please leave your name with the camp office.

Senior Staff 2006

Co-ordinator:

Jeff Mellor

Asst. Co-ordinator:

Julia Gilbert

Dining Hall Host:

Pat McCullagh

Asst. Host:

Kira Tarabelli

Head of Dishwashing:

Jake Holton

Head of Property:

Wallis Giunta

Office Assistant:

Dan Ross

Family Program director:

Ally Lozoff

Junior Program:

Elizabeth Ennis-

Dawson (Director)

Amy Burt (Asst. JP/

Asst. Tuck)

Tuck Shop manager:

Jamie Rogers

LIT Director:

Michelle Tufts

Waterfront Director:

Laura Mahoney

Asst. Director (Boats):

Jamie Allan-Wiseman

Asst. Director (Swim):

Dan Siré

Full-time staff

Business Manager:

Barbara Fisher

Custodian: Rick Zieman

Asst. Custodian: Tom

Sauer

Operating Committee:

Cathy Campbell (chair),

Barry Bickerton, Jim

Cocks, Joni Campbell,

Frankie Menna, Peter

Murray, Linda Short.