



# Red Pine Times



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## Ring in another great summer

By Ron Kaden  
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Isn't it great to be able to come back to Red Pine every summer and see everything like it was last year? Seeing old friends and happy faces in a familiar place is a real joy in today's changing world.

Welcome back - the tradition continues!

We do, however, have a few new things to highlight for you:

After 14 seasons of service, our Sea Pro 115 motor boat has been replaced by a Scout 150.

We know that waterskiers and wakeboarders will appreciate the extra power and improved dynamics of this boat as well as the fact it is a durable and reliable rescue craft when help is needed on the water.

We are concerned that the popularity of the new boat will place a lot of demands to offer unlimited waterskiing/boarding. The rising cost of gas coupled with environmental concerns indicates we should adopt a more moderate approach to boat use.

The waterfront staff has been asked to monitor boat operations to ensure a balanced use of the new boat over the course of the summer among campers and staff.

With these factors in mind, a daily limit of three runs per camper/staff member will be introduced this summer. We know you will understand when the boat is not always available for that extra run.

We have also added two Hobie Wave sail boats to our fleet. We know you will enjoy these easy to sail and responsive boats. Thanks



- Barry Bickerton photo

Red Pine's Dining Hall bell signals the start of meals and programs.

to the McFadyen family for the donation of one of the new Hobie Wave sailboats in memory of family members and long-time campers Mary Ann and Mark.

Don't forget to check out the new clothing line in the Tuck Shop.

Again this year we will be asking campers to help ensure that their use of extra tents/tarps and all the associated extra furniture and equipment outside their cabins does not overly clutter the camp and detract from other camper's enjoyment of the natural setting.

On behalf of my colleagues on the Board of Directors and our dedicated Operating Committee led by Barry Bickerton we hope your family enjoys another great summer at RPC. Let us know how we can make your week better or improve things for next year.

Welcome back!

### The week at a glance:

#### 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.); 7:00 p.m. **sign-up and orientation** for Leadership in Training (LIT) program in the ball field and **Camp Skills Investigators (CSI)**. Parents are required to attend these sessions; 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 of the dining hall; **lunch is at 1 p.m.**; afternoon and evening programs will be announced.

#### Monday:

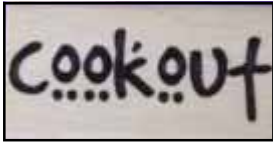
**Fishing Derby** before breakfast; breakfast 8:30 a.m.; JP begins at 9:15 and runs until 10:45 a.m.; adults-only craft time at the **Hearth House** runs from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; children are invited to do crafts with their parents from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.;

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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 11:00; 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**.

## Ace's Point



– Barry Bickerton photo

## Craft Corner: Unleashing your inner *artiste*

Come on over and check out this year's crafts at the Sunday morning open house.

This year we have some new takes on old favourites. Canvas bags and silk scarves are back with new techniques for decorating, including stamping on fabric.

There are some great new wooden home decor items including a folk art star, a teapot trivet and a cat doorstep. We have built on last



year's knitting craze with the introduction of knitted wire and bead jewellery.

Crafts for adults and teens run each day from 9:30-11:30. Parent & Child Crafts will run daily from 11:30-12:30 and Wednesday afternoon from 2:30-4:00.

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.

## CSI: CAMP SKILLS INVESTIGATORS



Are you 11 or 12 years old? Join C.S.I. - Camp Skills Investigators, and take part in exciting activities that encourage leadership and camp skills. **The first meeting will take place after supper on the first evening of each week.** Bring a parent to the LIT Lounge and learn about the program. The events will take place each morning from 9:15 - 10:45. Come and find out about this new program.



**Property News:**

## “Bring Out what you Bring In”

### *Keep Council Rings Clean!*

In an effort to minimize the hours spent by junior staff collecting bottles at the council rings, we would like to encourage campers to adopt the “Bring Out What You Bring In” principle of camping. If this is not possible, please put recyclables in their original cases as this will minimize the handling and sorting process for staff.

We are gradually converting Red Pine Camp to **energy-saving compact fluorescent lighting**. There are minor health risks if these bulbs are broken in their location. If such a breakage should occur or even if a bulb should burn out, please contact the property staff immediately as they are trained to handle these situations.

### **Leaders In Training Ages 13 to 15**

Red Pine’s LIT program provides valuable leadership training and practical, hands-on work experience.

Individuals who are interested in applying to work on junior staff at Red Pine Camp are strongly encouraged to participate in this program.

**SIGN UP: Saturday evening  
7 p.m.:**

Sign-up and orientation for Leadership in Training (LIT) program is in the ball diamond field.

**Parents are required to attend this session.**

## New camp boat makes waves on Waterfront



### *Waterfront News: White Sail program and so much more*

**W**aterfront director Jane Dare, Assistant Director-Swim Lindsey Jackson and Assistant Director-Boats Ben Farrow welcome you to the waterfront this summer.

The forecast is for hot, sunny weather. Come and enjoy our new

additions: new camp motor boat, Hobie Waves and windsurfers.

New equipment storage was built in the spring. We would appreciate your cooperation in replacing the equipment after use to prevent damage.

**Red Pine Camp is now affiliat-**

**ed with the Canadian Yachting Association! Sailors can now take White Sail I, II, III instruction and receive formal certification.**

Remember to supervise your children and encourage them to earn their Lanyards

## What’s creating a buzz this summer?: Our ‘molok’

### **Dining Hall**

**W**e are delighted to have the excellence of GB Catering providing our “thrice-daily” sustenance. Chef Mike Poels and sous-chef Patrick McCullagh have returned, and for this we are delighted.

This winter two special projects occurred to enhance our dining experience. **A new stage was built for the dining hall** to create additional space for announcements and for the banquet. Special thanks to Mike Lachance for his engineering feat.

Last year, we expanded our composting systems, and over the winter explored options to improve our composting capabilities. **We have installed a “molok”** system developed in Scandinavian countries which enables us to compost all organics (including meats and bones and oils). The system is air tight so that there is no smell nor a means of attracting animals. The municipality picks up the compost on a weekly basis and takes it to a centralized composting site. So please help us with our composting efforts.

### **Tuck Shop**

The Tuck shop is still one of the best “haunts” in camp life. **A new line of clothing has been introduced this year.** You will want to check out our vintage t-shirts, our dry tech t-shirts, as well as the return of pajama bottoms. Thank you to those who pre-ordered, and we hope to expand this pre-ordering system next year. Any suggestions or comments are welcomed, and these can be included on your camper comment sheets.

### **Time Change: Junior Program**

This summer there will be a slight change to the pick up time for Junior Program on Saturday ONLY. In order to assist with packing up your cabin, J.P. will run from 9:15 to 11:00. This should allow parents sufficient time to load the car before having to pick up the children.

## Operating Committee:

**Barry Bickerton** (chair),

**Deirdre Clift:**

*LIT, Family Program*

**Brian Cornelius:**

*Dining Hall, Tuck*

**Cheryl Edwards:**

*Crafts*

**Michael Lachance:**

*Property*

**Frankie Menna:**

*Waterfront*

**Jodi Sinclair:**

*Junior Program*

## Full-time staff:

**Business Manager:**

Barbara Fisher

**Custodian:** Rick Ziemann

**Asst. Custodian:** Tom Sauer

## Senior staff:

**Coordinators:** Ted Edwards

and Janet Stefanyk

**Waterfront Director:**

Jane Anne Dare

**Asst. Waterfront Director-**

**Swim:** Lindsey Jackson

**Asst. Waterfront Director -**

**Boats:** Ben Farrow

**Dining Hall Hostess:**

Sarah Bolen

**Asst. Dining Hall Host:**

Shane O'Neill

**Head Slop:** Dan Ross

**Tuck Shop Manager:**

Kate Grantham

**Family Program:**

Sandy Gibson

**L.I.T. Director:**

Miranda Boggild

**Junior Program Director:**

Sarah Robert

**Asst. J.P. / Asst. Tuck:**

Sara Demizio

**Head Prop:** Adrien Gervais

**Office Asst. / Asst. Tuck:**

Julia Watson

## 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.



-- Barry Bickerton photo

**Work party perk? Red Pine held its first-ever garage sale during the second spring work party in order to recycle unused goods and supplies. Want to get involved in a work party next year? Barb Fisher in the office can provide you with the details.**

## 'Red Pine rules' based on respect for others

**R**ed Pine 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.

*Rules are 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 co-operation.*

- **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. Smoking is 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.

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## IN BRIEF

### 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.

### Safety in the aisles

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 entrance door.

### Your comments?

We always welcome feedback on camp operations and communications. Please contact [redpine@redpinecamp.org](mailto:redpine@redpinecamp.org) with any comments, questions or concerns. And remember to fill out camper comment sheets -- available at the end of every camping session.