



Red Pine Times



Christmas 2008

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Season's Greetings from RPC

Reflecting on another great year

By Ron Kaden
President, RPC

Greetings from your Board of Directors!
Hopefully you were able to make it to this year's Red Pine Camp Tea and Tuck in Ottawa on Dec. 6 – or that you plan another way to connect with camp friends over the holiday season.

The Board of Directors has been busy since the summer reviewing the past season's successes and planning for future summers at camp.

Changing of the Guard

Barry Bickerton has completed his term as Operating Committee Chair. He led the camp through two very successful summers and we all owe him our thanks for a job well done.

We look forward to seeing Barry and his family back enjoying summers at camp without the responsibilities of the past few summers.

We are very fortunate that Brian Cornelius, who was on the Operating Committee with responsibilities for the Dining Hall and Tuck, has agreed to take on the Chairperson's job.

In addition to his work on the Operating Committee, Brian has served Red Pine as the Camp Coordinator – so he is well positioned to oversee camp operations during the coming seasons.

We know you will give Brian your support.

We also welcome Bob Orchard to the Operating Committee with responsibilities for Dining Hall and Tuck.



Snowed in! Red Pine is covered in a blanket of pristine white snow, awaiting the return of campers for another fun-filled summer of fellowship, fun, fresh air and shared memories.

Golden Lake enters Information Age

Early this fall, we learned that a new cell tower has been installed at Golden Lake, which will provide cell and wireless services to Camp. While the availability of cell phone/wireless service is good news for the local community, it provides Red Pine with one of its biggest challenges yet.

How we preserve the unplugged and away-from-city-life respite that a week at Camp provides

while benefiting from the advantages of mobile technology will require the cooperation of all campers and staff. The Board is currently reviewing guidelines on the use of wireless devices by campers and staff while in camp and we will be making these available prior to the summer. The guidelines are focused on retaining the traditional camp environment and respite from city life.

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With '09 in mind

By Brian Cornelius
Chair, RPC

2009 Coordinator - Ted Edwards

The Operating Committee is delighted that Ted Edwards has agreed to return as a Coordinator in the summer of 2009. Ted brings a vast array of Red Pine experience with him, including the past two summers where he, along with Janet Stefanyk, offered exceptional leadership.

Thank You to Janet Stefanyk

Janet Stefanyk, who will be getting married just before the summer of 2009, will not be returning as a Coordinator this coming summer. We thank her for her efforts over the past two summers and express our appreciation for her calm, efficient, and enthusiastic leadership. We extend our deepest blessings and best wishes as she begins this next stage in life.

Search for 2009 Coordinator

The Operating Committee welcomes expressions of interest for the position of Camp Co-Coordinator/Assistant Coordinator.

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Be part of the program!

Family Program:
Volunteers needed and ideas welcome,
Join the 2009 RPC Team!

By Deirdre Clift
Family Program/LIT

As most of you are aware, the volunteer family programmer is an important role at camp.

Each week, volunteer programmers, supported by our Family Programmer, plan themed events for you and your family to enjoy at your leisure.

Thanks to our creative and dedicated 2008 volunteers, we have traveled through RPC times, visited exciting destinations, learned about new cultures, participated in reality TV, competed in Olympic level sports, enjoyed an amazing fireworks show and explored the



magical world of Harry Potter!

We are always looking for weekly volunteers to run this program as well as any ideas campers may have!

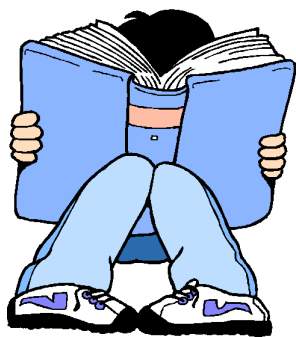
If you are interested in finding out more about this role and the associated benefits please feel free to email Deirdre Clift at j.clift@sympatico.ca.

The books and the bees

By Jodi Sinclair
Junior Program

Children's books

We are creating a children's library for you to enjoy while at camp. If you have any books that you are willing to donate, please send them our way. The library will be housed in the Chalet and campers are encouraged to 'borrow' books for the week and return them before they leave.



The Busy Beehive

Over the winter months we are improving the programming for our youngest campers. We have listened to your comments and are dedicated to adapting our programming to suit the needs of this age group. If you have ideas, suggestions, and/or are interested in helping to develop this program, please contact Jodi Sinclair at jodi.sinclair@ocdsb.ca



Kaden: Board message

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A gift idea?

During the gift-giving season perhaps you have wondered if it is possible to consider the rewards of making a gift to Red Pine Camp? In the past, a number of families have presented Red Pine Camp with gifts that improve the camping experience of all campers and recognize the importance of the camp in the lives of the donors or their families.

If you would like to arrange for a Red Pine gift this year, please speak to Barb or any member of the Board or Operating Committee for further information. As well, the Board is planning more information on opportunities to contribute to your camp. Look forward to that this spring.

On behalf of my colleagues on the Board, best wishes to all Red Piners this holiday season. We look forward to seeing you at camp in 2009 when the tradition continues . . .

Making Waves on Waterfront

By Frankie Menna
Waterfront

Last summer was a huge success with our new Hobie Waves and ski boat. Next summer, we are looking forward to testing out a higher performance sailboat to replace one of the CL-14s.

We are busy planning next summer's warmer weather activities on the waterfront and would love to get your suggestions. We have noticed a decline in participation in the regatta over the years and would like to revamp the program. If you have ideas that you would like to share, please send me your suggestions at francine.menna@ocdsb.ca.



Dreaming of crafts

By Cheryl Edwards
Crafts

While the snow may be falling around us and a white Christmas will soon be upon us, we are already dreaming of next summer and counting the days until we are at Red Pine again.

We are busy planning for next summer's craft program and welcome your ideas. Please feel free to forward any suggestions for crafts to Cheryl Edwards at cherylthompson@sympatico.ca

Trades-Only Work Party

By Michael Lachance
Property

The RPC Property Department would like to try a TRADES-ONLY work party weekend in addition to the regular ones. If you have expertise in the areas of carpentry, plumbing, electrical and/or mechanical we would appreciate your help. It would take place on the weekend of MAY 24-25 and we are looking for approximately 10 to 12 volunteers. Just bring your tool kit and sleeping bag and we will take care of the rest. Direct inquiries to Michael Lachance: dmml@rogers.com

Cornelius: '09 in mind

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This position will work in partnership with Ted Edwards beginning in the middle of June and ending at the close of the Labour Day weekend. A full position description is available on the website and through the Red Pine office. Potential candidates are invited to express their interest by February 28th, 2009.

A wintry pause

On my last trip to Red Pine, the first blanket of snow had just covered the landscape. There was, for me, an unusual quiet that was a stark contrast to the hustle and bustle of the summer months. While the camp seemed quite different in appearance and activity, the majestic Red Pines provided that same safe enclave.

I reveled in their caring embrace and felt their invitation for campers to return for another season of recreation and relaxation and reconnecting. It is with such

an invitation that we look forward to the summer of 2009, the 85th summer of camping, where the Red Pines will watch over and witness another summer of living and playing and enjoying the historic values and traditions of our beloved camp.

It is with a deep sense of honour that I begin my responsibilities as Chair of the Operating Committee. As an Operating Committee we look forward to building upon the strong foundations that have been established by our predecessors. We remain committed to maintaining and enriching the programs and property of the camp. As always, we welcome your insights and volunteer efforts as we ready ourselves for the summer of 2009. We also express our appreciation to Barry Bickerton for the leadership he offered over the past two years.

We do hope that you will heed the invitation of the Red Pines and find yourself within their warm embrace this coming summer.



Red Pine Camp sleeps amid the majestic pines.

Circle the dates:

Deadline for junior staff applications: Jan. 31, 2009

Work party weekends: May 30 - 31 and June 6 - 7

Please email Barbara Fisher if you are interested in a staff application or you would like to attend a work party: redpine@redpinecamp.org.

Good food, clothing in store for the summer

By Bob Orchard
Dining Hall, Tuck

Dining Hall:

We are pleased to announce that GB Catering will be returning next summer to provide the excellent service we've come to expect.

Tuck Shop:

As was done last year, we plan to provide a pre-order service for the RPC clothing lines. Watch for the details in a future email and check out the clothing items on the RPC website.

Tea and Tuck a rousing success

Red Pine's third annual Christmas Tea and Tuck provided a wonderful opportunity for camp friends to come together to celebrate the holiday season.

More than a hundred people attended the three-hour gathering on Dec. 6, which was held at All Saints/First United Church in Ottawa's Westboro Village.

Thanks to the many people who brought Christmas baking to share.

Thanks especially to the volunteers, who set up, poured tea, cut up squares and cleaned up. Once

again, Katy Burnett deserves special kudos for her enormous effort, as do Marjorie George, Betty Campbell, Linda Short, Elizabeth Hession, and the many 'has-beens' from Staff '09 who baked, sang and worked in the "Tuck Shop."

This year's Tea and Tuck also provided an opportunity for RPC board member Nancy Webb to survey campers about planned revisions to the RPC website and proposed changes to the camp brand. Nancy is still gathering input. The hope is to have a new website in place by the spring.



The Sinclair family shares this winter reminder of "camp feet."