



Red Pine Times



Christmas 2010

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Nostalgia, anticipation precede summer 2011

By Brian Cornelius
Chair, Operating Committee

During my recent December visit to “dear old Golden Lake”, I had a rare, and what will be a fleeting, opportunity to experience Red Pine without a JP Hut. This strange absence, in combination with the strangeness of witnessing a snow-covered camp, left me both *nostalgic* and *anticipatory*.

Nostalgic as I recalled the many occasions of racing behind my children as they excitedly headed towards that infamous hut (or those equally memorable, though not quite so delightful, moments of convincing a crying child how great JP is!!! . . . they discovered that it was). I am grateful for the many joys experienced as my children moved through Junior Birds up to CSI and even volunteered as



The old JP Hut at Red Pine has been “retired” and an improved replacement will be in place for Summer 2011.

LIT support for the programming. This aged building has a forever legacy, even as it is “retired”, and for that I am grateful.

Equally, I am *anticipatory* as I look forward to the way our valued

traditions and programs will continue to be enhanced and deepened and made alive within the walls of a JP Hut intended to serve the next generations. We are still in the “business” of creating joyful experiences and lasting memories.

Fortunately, we have a rich tradition to draw upon as our camp continues to evolve into the 21st Century. These traditions continue to root and guide us even as our children “evolve” beyond Tuck Shop accounts and penny candy to university bills and booking themselves into the week of their choice.

Christmas is a time also of tradition filled with nostalgia and anticipation. From the Operating Committee, Board of Directors, and Staff of Red Pine, we wish you a blessed season, and hope you will take a moment to raise a glass of Christmas cheer and whisper the words “here’s to dear old Golden Lake”.

Merry Christmas from us all.

’Twas the Night Before Christmas

By Cheryl Edwards
Operating Committee-Crafts

*Twas the night before Christmas, when all through Hearth House
Not a creature was stirring - well, maybe a mouse.
The craft supplies were stored in the craft room with care
With the hope that summer 2011 soon would be here.*

Although it is quiet at camp this time of year, our craft volunteers are busy searching and trying out new ideas to bring to you for crafts next summer. We welcome all of your thoughts and ideas on crafts and encourage you to send an email to cherylthompson@sympatico.ca with any ideas or comments you may have.

2011 RPC Dates: Before you book your 2011 vacation days, please check out the camp calendar at <http://redpinecamp.org>.

Junior staff applications: Candidates for **2011 junior staff** should contact the Red Pine office at redpine@redpinecamp.org or 613-828-0700 to get applications and information about upcoming meetings and interviews. All staff applications must be received before Jan. 31, 2011. Applicants must be age 16 or 17 on July 1, 2011.

Santa to fill waterfront wish list

By Blair Menna, OC Waterfront

The Waterfront made it onto Santa’s “Nice list” in 2010, so we are excited about what he will bring us. There is a Christmas tree in the Boathouse and we are hopeful that we will find a new Hobie Wave and a new rowboat under it. Also, we think that a few more Stand-Up Paddles (SUPs) will fit down the chimney! So stay warm and fit this winter, and we’ll see you on the Waterfront in 2011.

Tucked away for 2011

By Bob Orchard, OC Dining Hall-Tuck

The **pre-order system** will be available on the Red Pine website early spring. Check out some of the new items planned for 2011 as well as some of the current favourites. By placing your order early you will be assured of obtaining the items you would like. It will also help us in estimating quantities required.

We are pleased to announce that **GB Catering** will be returning to Red Pine Camp for the 2011 season. During the fall we put together a small group of committee members, staff and campers to review the menus and make suggestions for the coming year. With this input and their experience, GB is working to make a few changes that we expect will provide healthy and satisfying meals for us this coming summer.