

RED PINE TIMES

Welcome to Camp!

Enjoy the Great Escape on Golden Lake

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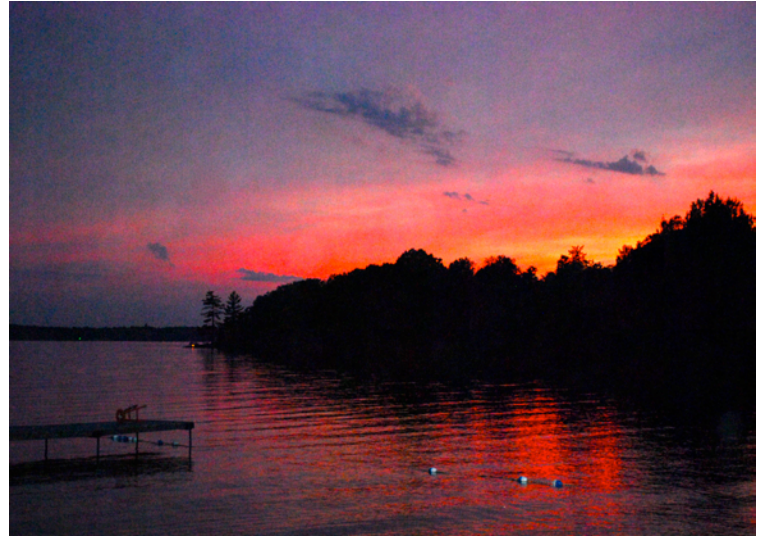
Red Pine has an abundant history, rich with traditions and values and antics, all which unfold into an abundance of stories and memories and relationships. The summer of 2010 promises to enrich our experience of this beautiful camp.

The summer staff team, led by Nancy Thomson and Sarah Bolen, are an exceptional group of seventy youthful spirits who are committed to ensuring that your week is first-rate by both working hard for you as well as playing enthusiastically alongside you. I would like to recognize and thank our full-time employees – Barb Fisher, Rick Zieman and Tom Sauer – for their dedication and hard work year round and throughout the summer.

In addition, the long-standing relationship with G.B. Catering continues this year and we welcome Mike Poels back as our Chef along with his wife, Pam, who is the baker, and their son, Chase.

Over the winter, a number of improvements to the camp were made. The time had come to replace the camp dishwasher (the Hobart) and this became the occasion for a complete overhaul of our Slop Room. Our efforts to improve our capacity for recycling continues, and so we have added to the Molok system the capacity to recycle bottles and cans.

At the Toronto Advisory Council, the suggestion was offered to cover the Rec. Hall porch, and this suggestion has been implemented. This is a reminder of how much the Committee and Board of Directors values the opportunity to speak with



campers directly about camp life in order to continue to improve our camp.

On the waterfront, the sailing fleet has expanded with the addition of a new sailboat.

Finally, we have purchased an additional “appendage” for our tractor, giving to our property managers a greater capacity to do our own repair work as well as have the capacity to plant our own trees. We have as a specific goal to continue a plan of reforestation in order to protect the natural beauty of Red Pine.

In order to maintain our traditions here at the camp, some policy guidelines have been explicated by the Board of Directors and are included in this edition of the Red Pine Times. I encourage you to read them carefully.

In closing, as an Operating Committee we look forward to building upon the strong foundations that have been established by our predecessors, and we remain committed to maintaining and enriching the programs and property of the camp. Our hope is that the summer of 2010 will be an equally abundant summer of living and playing and enjoying the historic values and traditions and antics of our beloved camp. As always, we welcome your insights and suggestions.

Dining Hall News: What's cookin' in the kitchen

GB Catering is returning for yet another summer to spoil us with great meals that we don't have to cook! Their staff will be headed once again by the fabulous Head Chef, Mike Poels and the wonderful Baker, Pam Poels. We'd like to give Mike and Pam a big thank-you for making the work weekend meals so delicious and for training Ted Edwards in the fine art of meal preparation.

We do try to listen to your comments and suggestions and hopefully you'll notice a few changes this year, including oatmeal at every breakfast.

For many years a weekly activity for Red Pine Campers has been a trip by war canoe or car to Hoffman Beach for games, swimming and lunch. Unfortunately, Hoffman Beach is now up for sale and we no longer have access to the beach and this activity had to be

cancelled from our program.

Over the winter we worked to replace our very old Hobart dishwasher with a new CL44e model. As well we modified the slop area to make it more functional and more resistant to water damage. This required some good ideas from the likes of Brian Cornelius and Mike Lachance and the work of Rick Zieman and Tom Sauer. Head dishwasher Mike Guertin and his staff have the privilege of being the first team to work with a new system in more than 25 years.

Dining Hall Hostess, Dee Finn, and Assistant Hostess, Devin Henderson, are pleased to welcome you to your camp and are the people to speak to if



A shiny new Hobart is expected to make light work of the thousands of dirty dishes that make their way through the Slop Room every day.

you have any questions about meals. A long tradition at Red Pine is the celebration of birthdays and anniversaries so please let Dee or Devin know in advance so the dining hall and kitchen staff can help you celebrate.

– Bob Orchard

Tuck, totes and tanks among top sellers in 2010

We've added a few new items in tuck shop this year. Look for stainless steel water bottles, coffee mugs, tote bags, tank tops, infant clothing and other items. So come in for a look and meet the smiling staff headed by Leslie Jenkins and her assistants, Lara Irick and Adam Spilka.

The early risers will want to check out tuck shop before breakfast for coffee, the morning paper and some good conversation. Although it's not required, we do encourage you to bring your own mug (perhaps one of the new RPC travel mugs available in tuck shop).

The place to be is JP



Red Pine from Outer Space

Check out the CSI's as they navigate through camp finding landmarks while using a Google Earth map. Have you ever wondered what camp would look like from outer space? Check it out – it's pretty cool!

JP and LIT's work together

This year both the CSI's and the LIT's will work together to create milk bag sleeping mats to donate to those in need. During the junior staff interviews, a candidate suggested this activity for our campers. We have embraced this idea and are hopeful that we can create 2 mats. Did you know that it takes between 300-500 milk bags to create ONE mat...let's get crocheting.

JP Hut – Under Construction

This summer we will be creating designs and finalizing the plans for our new JP Hut. It will remain in the same location with more space for rainy days. We are always interested in seeing ideas from the campers. There will be an envelope in the office for those who wish to contribute.



Calling Campers of All Ages

Our goal this summer is to involve as many campers as possible in using our low ropes course. We have added some new initiatives and we are very excited to show campers just what can be accomplished. Trust us -- you can do it!

-- Jodi Sinclair

Craft Corner: Jewelry, wreaths, weaving and more!

Come on over to the Hearth House and check out this year's crafts at our open house. Once again, our craft volunteers have been busy this winter gathering, creating and experimenting with new ideas. As a result we have some great new crafts available for you - including cool new jewelry ideas, Swedish weaving, a calla lily wreath, jewelry holder.

We have built on last year's glass tile jewelry with the introduction of new additions. And soapstone is back by popular demand. There are a number of favourite designs returning, as well as, a few new ones to choose from.

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.

Stop by and see what handicrafts and leather crafts have to offer. – Cheryl Edwards

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED WATERSKIPPING?

Take out your sunscreen and head out to the waterfront for some fun times this summer. This year, to welcome you to the waterfront is Jacqueline Fitts-Director in charge of Swim, Katie Hickman-Director in charge of Guard and Kyle Boggild-Director in charge of Boats. We have added a new sailboat to our fleet. The RS Feva is lighter and a bit smaller than the Magno. It should please the RPC sailor.



We have also purchased two human powered waterskippers. A hopping motion will propel you forward while the hydrofoil will give you lift. You will continue to move at speeds of up to 17 miles per hour above the water, where there is little drag. Check out the videos <http://www.inventist.com/aquaskipper/> before coming up to camp. First successful hopper from each week gets an award.

The waterfront will boast a brand new red canoe from Old Town.

C-Pool has had some renovations. The shade structure now provides shade over the beach while the additional step provides more safe seating. Come down and check out the improvements and our new boats.



- Frankie Menna

Campers urged to respect camp rules to restrict noise and alcohol

In the 2009 camping season, complaints were received in more than one week about noise coming from Council Rings. These complaints revolved around noise that continued into the early morning hours, and were primarily association with the Cabin #17 Council Ring. This is a reminder that the Council Rings are intended for

- a) quiet conversation in a location that is away from cabins, and*
- b) the making of music (without electronic amplification)*

Complaints about noise are grounds for Coordinators to close access to the Council Rings.

While Red Pine does allow for judicious consumption of alcohol, it cannot condone the illegal consumption of alcohol. Any person below the legal drinking age consuming alcohol (unless in the physical presence of a parent/guardian) will be asked to leave the camp immediately and will be refunded a "pro-rated" camp fee.