

# THE Zingette

## Come One, Come All!!! Second Alumni Association Reunion Scheduled

*Alumni will reunite on weekend of May 22-24, 2009*



The second Camp Kawartha Alumni Association will take place at the camp in the second-to-last weekend in May of 2009.

About 50 alumni came together in May of 2007 to celebrate the wonderful past that we share in Camp Kawartha and to give back – and we’re doing in again, two years later! The weekend of May 22-24, 2009, has been

booked for the second alumni reunion.

The first alumni reunion started off, in true Camp Kawartha style, with a campfire that got everyone into the mood and set the stage for a productive, fun and memorable weekend.

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And the Alumni Reunion Registration Form.

Please complete and return as soon as possible.

## Alumni reunion coming up quickly

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registration form for the reunion weekend. If you plan to attend, please fill it out and return it to the camp as quickly as possible. And please also make sure to let the Alumni Committee know that you're coming — or not, as the case may be — by dropping an e-mail to [alumni@campkawartha.ca](mailto:alumni@campkawartha.ca).

At the first reunion, Alumni Association members had a wonderful time. At the opening-night campfire, we sang songs, told stories, and reminisced about the fun each of us had at Camp Kawartha over the years.

More than 15 years of staff

members were present at the last reunion, as current staff members joined veterans to help the camp get ready for the influx of campers.

Camp Kawartha, we all know, is a wonderful, welcoming place, and partners and children are welcome to come to the reunion, too.



**Former camp staff from across the years were excited to be at the reunion (Above: "Blaze," "Austin" and "Bunker"; on the front page: "Rusty" and "Evac.")**

## HOME

We sit in our hideout,  
Hidden from the things that often occupy our minds.  
This little grove  
Placed so perfectly beneath the heavy sky.  
Where we breathe and see  
Through our summer bodies.  
Our summer hands darkened  
By the sun  
By the dirt of the day.  
Our summer faces are worn soft by the air.  
We begin to collect things  
Pictures  
Notes  
Memories  
In an attempt to capture something much bigger than we can really understand.  
Something happens to us in our grove  
We often don't realize it until we have left,  
Our hearts gripped with painful homesickness.  
Our summer faces beam.  
The sun becomes just as much a part of us as the water we live upon  
We live and breathe the sun and the light of the summer sky.  
The sun and the air have made us one.  
We breathe and laugh as one  
We eat and sleep as one

We play as one.  
Some will say it's just a place,  
Just a time  
But we know better.  
A leaf drifts down from the ancient trees above  
Its skin like ours  
Freckled and darkened from the months passed.  
It lands before us,  
causing an earthquake in our summer minds.  
We begin to wear sweaters everyday  
As we frantically grasp for the ones around us,  
Terrified of that painful nostalgia that will soon consume us.  
As one, we fear  
Cry  
Pack  
Leave.  
As one, we say goodbye  
To our summer hands  
Our summer faces

*Our summer home.*

*-by Ingrid Davidson*

# Where are you now?

## Gabrielle Novacek (Bean)

I can't believe that it's been 11 years since I spent the summer at Camp Kawartha! When I left Camp K, I was midway through my bachelor's degree at Harvard and just starting to get interested in archaeology. I went on to earn my PhD in Middle Eastern Archaeology at the University of Chicago, finally graduating in 2007. During those years I had the chance to spend my summers working on excavations throughout the Middle East. My travels took me to Israel, Turkey, Syria, Jordan, and Egypt. After graduation, I decided it was time for a change of pace and so I took a job working with a global strategy think tank. Even though my "home base" is in Chicago, I work with corporations, non-profit organizations, and government agencies around the world, helping them to solve extremely challenging and complex problems. In a lot of ways it's like being back in graduate school, except the real-world impact of our work is much clearer.



One of my fondest memories of camp was the eventful LIT trip to Algonquin Park way back in the day that resulted in a certain counselor earning the nickname "Evac." How could one ever forget

Rudy barreling his pickup truck down a logger path, the valiant rescue efforts of the Quebecois lumberjacks Steve and Gaston, or the evacuees being shown the sights and sounds of Deep River Ontario?

## Andrea Cameron (Finch)

Where am I now? Well, physically, I'm sitting in my house with my dog stretched out on the floor beside me. I've been living in Ottawa for the past six years after I moved from Toronto to attend Carleton University. I've since graduated with a degree in journalism.



After trying out various non-camp jobs, I now work for the RCMP's Canadian Firearms Program as a communications strategist. I really enjoy my job and I'm currently developing a firearms safety advertising campaign. I also do some media relations and community outreach work, which is always interesting and sometimes controversial.

I try to get back to my camp roots as often as possible by being active and getting outside. I play ultimate and dodgeball, take my dog on long walks and try to do some camping every summer. When I was asked to write this, I realized I'd lost touch with some great people and I'm looking forward to reading more of these in the next newsletter!

Want to be featured in the next Zingette's "Where are you now?" section? It's easy: just e-mail a photo or two and a brief (200-300 words) update on what you've been doing since you left camp to the Alumni Committee:

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### Camp Kawartha Alumni Reunion

May 22 - 24, 2009

ALUMNI INFORMATION *(please print clearly)*

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years on staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you bringing your spouse/partner? No Yes, (Name of spouse/partner: \_\_\_\_\_)

Are you bringing your children? No Yes, # of children & ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether you have any food allergies (severe and non-severe) or dietary restrictions.

#### ALLERGIES

Food(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Reaction \_\_\_\_\_

#### DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Food \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested alternatives \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment options - \$35.00 per person** (Please do not send cash)

Cheque  Money Order  Visa  Mastercard

\_\_\_\_\_ Card number

\_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date (MM/YY)