



2016 Annual Report

Inspiring Outdoor & Environmental Stewardship

CAMP KAWARTHA

Nurturing Stewards, Inspiring Stewardship...

Three Pillars of Camp Kawartha

Fostering Environmental Awareness

We help participants to:

- Build skills which will help participants to enjoy the outdoors
- Provide environmentally sustainable outdoor opportunities for children and adults
- Promote knowledge about the natural world and understanding of human impacts on natural systems
- Provide children and adults with strategies for positive environmental change
- Inspire in children and adults a sense of caring, wonder and awe for the natural world
- Demonstrate and promote sustainable living practices and knowledge of alternative energy sources
- Deliver innovative and consistently excellent programming for participants of all ages

Building Community

We help participants to:

- Appreciate inclusion and respect for diversity
- Develop a sense of caring and empathy
- Feel part of a close-knit community by promoting fellowship, care for one another and the natural environment.
- Recognize that a healthy community also includes the living and non-living systems that support and nurture us all.
- Live in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner

Promoting Self Esteem

We help participants to:

- Gain confidence, develop self-esteem and personal empowerment
- Develop action skills for positive environmental change
- Develop leadership and life skills
- Work effectively in teams
- Acquire initiative and motivation
- Foster independent thinking and problem-solving skills

Our Mission

Camp Kawartha, a not-for-profit, charitable organization dedicated to quality year-round outdoor, environmental and leadership education opportunities for children and adults, develops positive stewards of our natural and human communities.

Our Vision

That Camp Kawartha will be recognized as a leader in the delivery of high quality and inspirational outdoor and environmental programming; practicing, teaching and promoting sustainable living practices to children and adults of all ages and abilities.

"The earth has music for those who listen."

- George Santayana



WHAT WE DO

Camp Kawartha is an innovative environmental learning camp, dedicated to fostering stewardship in the Greater Peterborough community and throughout Ontario. Camp Kawartha has been in operation **since 1921**. We've been a not-for-profit charity since 1985. Over the past 10 years, Camp Kawartha has earned **16 awards** for our work in promoting outdoor and environmental learning. Reaching over **11,000 participants per year**, we help children, youth and adults acquire the skills to enjoy the outdoors, and we teach leadership skills, sustainable living practices, habitat protection and environmental responsibility.

Summer Camp

Camp Kawartha provides magical camping experiences for **children ages 4 through 17**. Campers have a variety of camp sessions to choose from including day camp, one, two and three week overnight camps, canoe tripping sessions, and leadership programs. We teach children skills to **appreciate, enjoy and protect the environment**. We also work with local cottagers' associations to provide outreach environmental camps.



Outdoor Education Centre

From September to June, our main facility on Birchview Road offers over **60 curriculum-linked programs** to students from **Kindergarten to grade twelve**. Program offerings fall under five broad headings:

- Environmental Science
- Canadian History
- Environmental Arts
- Adventure and Leadership
- Recreation and Physical Education

We recently tied all of our programs into a comprehensive stewardship framework.



Environment Centre

At our facility on Pioneer Road in Peterborough, we provide over 30 curriculum-linked programs to Elementary and High school students **focusing on sustainable living and ecology**. We also provide workshops on environmental education to student teachers and the general public, programs for homeschoolers, and Day Camps for ages 4-12.



Facility Rentals

We also rent both our facilities to groups. Our main facility on the shores of Clear Lake offers a scenic and relaxing venue for weekend retreats, team building, conferences, family reunions and green weddings. Our Environment Centre in Peterborough is ideal for meetings and workshops.

Outdoor Centre
1010 Birchview Rd
Douro-Dummer

on Clear Lake



Environment Centre
2505 Pioneer Rd
Peterborough

near
Trent University

"It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart."

- Rainer Maria Rilke

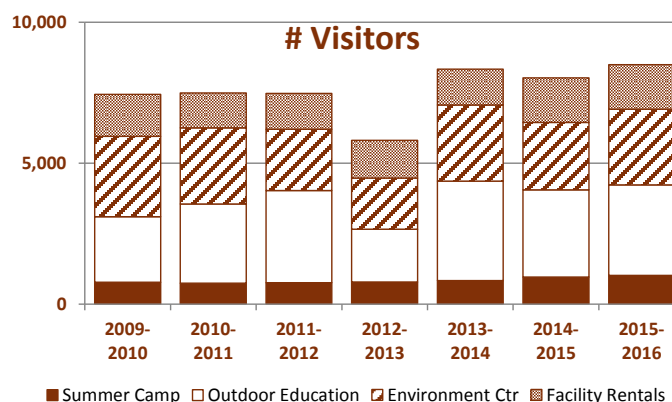
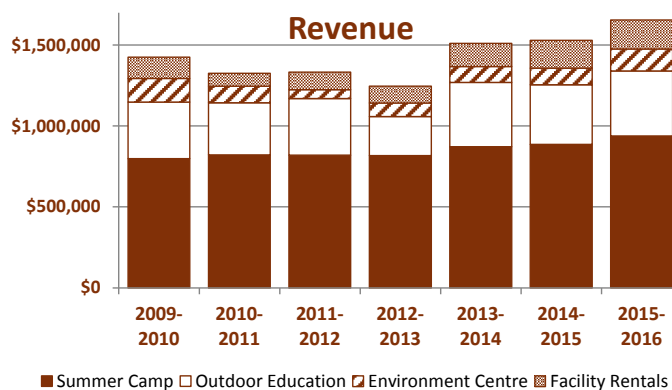
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Lately, I've lain awake at night trying to answer these questions: How do you foster a steward? Whose responsibility is this anyway? Raising an **environmentally engaged citizen doesn't happen by itself**. It isn't the core mandate of our schools. Nor can we

expect parents alone to take this on. Teaching kids to care for and protect their environment is a collective responsibility. What I love about Camp Kawartha is that this is precisely the conviction that all of our staff share. We firmly believe that it takes an entire community to nurture a culture of stewardship. We recognize that we can't take this on by ourselves. In fact inspiring stewardship can only happen if we all work together. In this report, you'll find many innovative ways in which Camp Kawartha works with partners and stakeholders to **foster stewardship** in our community and beyond. From delivering creative programming to offering workshops on sustainable living; from teaching early childhood educators and student teachers to creating inspirational nature playscapes; from initiating a **collaborative environmental framework** for our region to providing outreach camps for local Cottagers Associations - Camp Kawartha is working to foster tomorrow's environmental leaders. I'd like to take a moment to **give credit to our wonderful staff**. It is their passion, conviction and hard work that helps Camp Kawartha make such a difference. I'm proud to be part of a dedicated team of educators and support workers, who always put the best interests of the Camp first and who spend many more hours than they are paid to deliver our mission. To them I owe a great debt of gratitude.

Jacob Rodenburg (B.A., B.Ed., M.Ed.)
Executive Director



Spreading the Word

Jacob Rodenburg's new book written called the "Big Book of Nature Activities" written with Drew Monkman earned a Silver Medal from Moonbeam Children's Book Awards. Over the past year Jacob has written eight articles on nature education and has been a frequent speaker at conferences, workshops and gatherings.



"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

Albert Camus

AWARDS

This year, Camp Kawartha has been fortunate to receive **four awards** and **one certificate of merit** for our not-for-profit, charitable work.

Not-for-Profit Excellence Award

Presented by the Kawartha Chamber of Commerce, this award recognizes a not-for-profit organization that exemplifies excellence in service to the community. The organization has an established reputation for innovation, strategic partnerships, effective volunteer management, successful marketing and promotions, delivering exceptional programs and services, and achieving measurable results for the betterment of the community.



Sustainable Peterborough Healthy Communities Award

Presented by Sustainable Peterborough, in acknowledgement of our accomplishments and contribution to the community in the area of Healthy Communities.



Senvion Community Project of the Year Award

Presented by the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA), Camp Kawartha was recognized for leadership in growing sustainability awareness amongst students of all ages.



Customer First – Certificate of Merit (Top 3 Finalist)

Presented by the Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce, this certificate is in recognition of a business that demonstrates consistent top quality customer service, ongoing employee training and is able to provide examples of being friendly, honest, innovative, approachable and, as well, their community involvement.



Environmental Stewardship/Sustainability Award

Presented by the City of Peterborough, this award went to the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre in recognition of our contribution to the community during the year of 2015.



Visit our website at: campkawartha.ca/awards/ for a full list of awards that Camp Kawartha has received within the past 10 years.



"Keep close to Nature's heart... and break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean." - John Muir

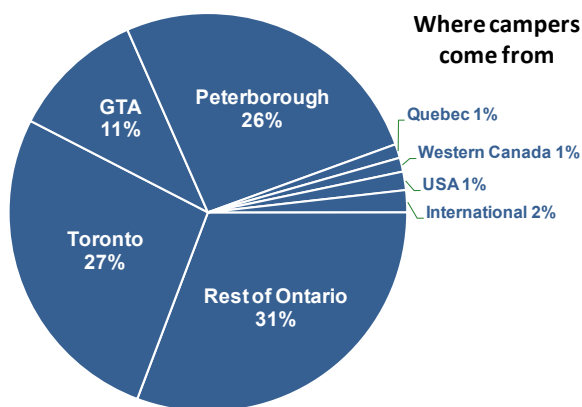
SUMMER CAMP

This past summer has been the **largest and most vibrant camp yet!** With more sessions and programs to choose from and with a staff that now is more than 70 strong, we have been able to make camp a **creative, inspiring place** for campers of all ages. Parents know that Camp Kawartha offers a rich experience for their children, both in terms of their personal growth as well as the breath of friendships they make and continue to maintain. Kids feel what it is like to be part of a **caring community**, one that embraces stewardship, the environment and a deep connection to the natural world. This realization brings campers back year after year as they continue to broaden their outdoor skills and forge memories that last a life time. We look forward to creating more **outdoor magic** for campers in the summer of 2017.

Adam Strasberg, (B.A., B.Ed.)
Summer Camp Director



"My daughter got to try new activities that she never would have been able to try. Through the rest of the summer and fall, she would bring up stories of some of the things they did at camp. I can see now that she has made some amazing memories. She has kept in contact with her group of friends that she made at camp." - Parent, Summer 2016



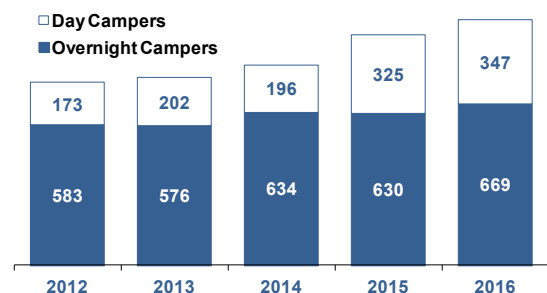
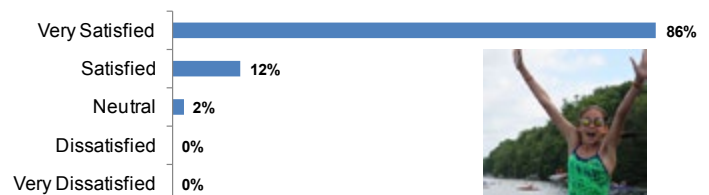
Summer 2016

This was a record breaking year for Camp Kawartha. For the first time we surpassed the 1,000 camper mark with 1,052 camper weeks compared to a budget of 975 camper weeks and last year's actual of 996. The revenue for summer camp alone topped \$1,000,000. We introduced a new three week intermediate program for 11 and 12 year olds. Families can now choose between one night, two night, three night, five night, six night, two weeks, three week and four week sessions (for our leadership program). This represents an unprecedented degree of flexibility for a camp of our size. Our day camp had its largest contingent of campers ever at 195. We continue to reach ever more children through our summer camp outreach programs with local Cottagers Association and our Environment Centre Day Camp (a total of 313 additional campers). Strong testimonials bear witness to the tremendous impact we are making in many children's lives.

Our thanks to **Adam Strasberg** and his exemplary team of staff for their hard work and dedication this past summer.

Summer Camp Survey

How would you rate your overall experience with Camp Kawartha?



creating caring and
motivated youth

"They came back transformed. They came back enriched. It's the greatest gift you can give a kid."

Parent, Summer 2016

OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE (BIRCHVIEW ROAD)

I am gratified by the sheer diversity of school groups attending Camp Kawartha. From South America to the Province of Quebec, from Western Ontario to right here in our own backyard, **more schools than ever** are attending Camp Kawartha. Since last fall alone, we've had six new schools sign up. We look forward to building new relationships while cherishing the long standing partnerships we've had with teachers and schools – some stretching back more than 15 years! **New or revamped programs** like our First Nations Awareness Program have shown that our offerings are continually being refined and updated to meet changing curriculum requirements and to best match the interest of students and teachers.

I have many teachers consistently comment on the caliber and professionalism of the Outdoor Educators and how reassuring it is to see the same faces when they climb off the bus. Unlike some OE centre staffing which is often seasonal and transitory, we are fortunate to maintain a **solid core of staff** who not only are committed to their role here, but who are personally invested in the Peterborough area community as a whole. It is their **experience, skills and knowledge** that allows for such strong educational programming. We have witnessed tremendous growth in not just bookings and group sizes but in teachers' awareness of our dedication in providing an engaging outdoor educational experience. We look forward to more remarkable things to come!

Neil Fortin
Head of Outdoor Education



We come back every year from Quebec because Kawartha is a great camp! As usual we had an amazing time. Activities are great, the staff is very nice and the location by the lake is perfect. Our students got to practice their English, they learned a lot and they had fun! Thank you!

Ecole Secondaire St. Joseph, Grade 8

This has been the best outdoor Education experience I've ever taken any school group to. The programming, food and learning environment are outstanding. The staff are professional, accommodating and extremely positive and knowledgeable. C.K. is definitely deserving of all the awards. I will highly recommend it to my colleagues.

Gateway Public School, Grade 5&6

2015-2016 School Year In Review

After a challenging beginning to our fiscal year due to the Public Board's Teacher's Work Action, we were able to make an impressive come back, surpassing last year's total by **801 student days**, representing a **15% increase**. We have ever more bookings from further afield with schools coming from Bogota Columbia, Western Ontario and Quebec. **Over 85% of teachers are very satisfied** with their experience at Camp Kawartha. Camp Kawartha continues to refine and expand our program offerings, now with more than **60 curriculum linked programs** available to all grades. Our program structure follows a newly created **stewardship framework** developed over the past year in collaboration with a wide variety of community groups. Again, teachers have provided a number of **very positive testimonials** highlighting the importance of outdoor education and nature connection for the development of their students.

Thanks to **Neil Fortin** who organizes our outdoor education programming.

**Over 3,200 students visited
our Outdoor Education Centre
from October 2015 - September 2016**



FACILITY RENTALS (BIRCHVIEW ROAD)

From offering green weddings, to hosting conferences and family reunions, the **diversity of groups** attending Camp Kawartha has markedly expanded. Over the past year we've hosted Native Child and Family Services, Wilfred Laurier University, Trent University, Spark Global Education, International Students Program, Canadian Women's Wilderness Network, the Ontario Natural Building Coalition among many others. The revenue generated from these groups helps to fund our award winning outdoor and environmental programming. Revenue from rentals this year was \$18,000 over budget. **Interest in our facilities is growing as we book our site far into 2018.**

Thanks to **Shawna Foxton** who coordinates all Facility Rentals as well as Outdoor Education bookings at our Birchview Road location.

Camp Kawartha staff are knowledgeable and friendly, and the facilities are more than adequate. The camp provides a space for groups to really build as a team in an environmentally conscious atmosphere

Biishkaa Program, Trent University

Camp Kawartha is such a great experience for our youth! Staff are always so accommodating and provide excellent programming and activities that the youth love! Such a Beautiful site, a nice weekend away from home out in the great outdoors

Native Child and Family Services of Toronto



Over 1,500 people stayed at our Centre for weekend retreats during the fiscal year October 2015 - September 2016

This is where our campers, rental groups and school groups who visited us in 2016 are from.

- Large word = Most common locations
- Small word = Less common locations



ENVIRONMENT CENTRE (PIONEER ROAD)



Each of our **innovative programs** affords kids, student teachers, teachers and parents alike a rich opportunity to experience nature, to gain knowledge about how people can live more sustainably on our planet, and gain ideas around positive, **local action**.

As we begin our seventh year at the Environment Centre, we are heartened by the number of returning visitors who have made our Centre a regular part of their lives. For some students this is their second or third (or more) class trip to the Centre and there are many teachers who visit each year. For some adults, it is a place that their organization has visited for many meetings and trainings through the years (always, we are told, a welcome reprieve from less inspiring and more sterile meeting spaces). For many families, who attend camps, year round programs and special events, the Environment Centre has become an important part of their family's life, a beautiful and hopeful place to return to on a regular basis. There are some wonderful testimonials which bear witness to the tremendous difference the Environment Centre is making in their lives.

Craig Brant
Environment Centre Manager



**Over 2,700 students visited
the Environment Centre
from October 2015 - September 2016**

Accomplishments

The Camp Kawartha Environment Centre continues to drive our mission forward of “creating positive stewards of our human and natural communities.” With more students than ever witnessing sustainable living in action and participating in engaging environmental programming; with a variety of workshops being offered on sustainable living and environmental education, Camp Kawartha is helping to create a sustainable future for tomorrow.

Here are some highlights:

- The Camp Kawartha Environment Centre logged **5,912 visits** in our sixth year of operations, despite the work action by school teachers in the fall of 2015.
- In total, **2,797 elementary and high school students** participated in year six of our operations. 540 adults and teachers accompanied them.
- Students participated in our over **30 curriculum linked programs** learning about sustainable living, habitat protection and nature awareness.
- **Since opening**, the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre has directly taught **17,059 high school and elementary students**. More than **2,500 University Students and Student Teachers** have participated in environmental education workshops. We've recorded over 36,700 visits!
- This is the sixth year that we've partnered with Trent University in creating a unique **Eco Mentor Program**. Student teachers participate in a series of in-depth workshops on environmental education at the Environment Centre delivered by Trent Faculty and Camp Kawartha Staff. Students graduating from this program receive an Eco-Mentor Certificate from both Trent University and Camp Kawartha. The certificate tells future employers that these teachers have the skills, knowledge and expertise to be their schools “Eco-Mentor”. By June 2017, we will have graduated over 260 student teachers from this program. This model of environmental education has been adopted by four other universities!
- We have started an **ECE Eco-Mentor program** with Fleming College's Early Childhood Education Program. By teaching Early Childhood Educators

ENVIRONMENT CENTRE..(CON'T)

how to use nearby green spaces and encouraging young children to engage with their environment, not only will we have improved the health and physical activity of young children but we will have laid the foundation for future stewardship. This will become an annual program.

- **482 students** participated in our **unique water steward programming** in partnership with **Otonabee Region Conservation Authority**. Students visited the Environment Centre and learned about watersheds, water conservation and sustainable living. These same students visited a local wetland with ORCA educators and engaged in ecological monitoring and wetland rehabilitation activities. This year we are piloting a “**Be A Watershed Steward**” program planting **16 pollinator gardens** in local schools as a way to teach about the important role of pollinators in maintaining and enhancing watershed biodiversity and health. At the same time, we are connecting with a group establishing “pollinator pathways” throughout Peterborough.
- This past year, we offered both a March Break Day Camp and a Winter Day Camp. In addition, we delivered 6 weeks of **eco camp** to a total of **273 campers**. We delivered a two week Environment Camp with Wollaston Township in Coe Hill and a one week Environment Camp on Juniper Island – reaching a total of 40 additional campers. That makes for a total of **313 campers** participating in our **outreach environmental camps**.
- This is the third year for **Forest Fridays** – a program designed for homeschooling families. This year, **32 sessions** took place logging **680 visits**. This program provides a venue for homeschooled children to participate in in-depth nature and environmental programming. Kids discovered wetlands, made forts and explored the many trails around the centre.



- **Nature Playscapes:** Thanks to a generous contribution from the **Gainey Foundation** and the kindness of donors to our crowd source funding campaign, we were able to expand the number of interactive nature playscapes at the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre. This year we added a **large insect hotel and giant bird's nest**. From musical chimes, to unique climbing structures, these elements invite nature engagement and play. They are creative, whimsical and fun. The playscapes are intended to not only inspire outdoor play but also to encourage teachers, parents and community leaders to design and build their own playscapes.



- Working with Cathy Hooper, the Environment Centre offered **workshops** on how to establish long lasting **permaculture spaces** in local backyards. A permaculture garden has now been established at the Centre. Permaculture involves creating systems of food production that take little or no effort to maintain.
- The Camp Kawartha Environment Centre has been an inspiring venue for many user groups to bear witness to sustainable living in action and to encourage nature connection. From visits by the MNR, Peterborough Field Naturalists, Forest Ontario, Fleming College, Kawartha Wild Nature Days among others, over **28 groups** visited the centre.

Thank you to **Craig Brant** who manages the Environment Centre and to **Paige Mahoney-Nagle** who coordinates all the bookings.

BUILDING CAPACITY

Facility Improvements

The camp continues to upgrade its infrastructure. In the past year alone, we invested more than \$257,000 in capital improvements including:

East Cabin Cluster Upgrade

For green to work best, we need to design buildings that not are only green but are accessible to everyone. Thanks to a generous grant from the **Ontario Trillium Foundation** and local partners, we were able to fully renovate a cluster of aging cabins. The cabins are now **wheelchair accessible** with a large deck and fire circle. From incorporating green features and **energy efficient design**, the cluster also helps to teach visitors about **sustainable living**.



Educational Displays

Thanks to a grant from **Employment Planning and Counselling Peterborough**, we are able to add a Display Developer to help us create additional interactive and educational displays for outdoor education and the Environment Centre.

Trail Upgrades

Thanks to our maintenance staff, **Michael & Jeremy**, and our outdoor educators, we've been able to improve the marking of the trails by removing old worn posts and replacing them with newer signage and markers and adding **QR codes** (scannable bar codes that will link your smartphone to additional information). We completely revamped our **trail guides**, helping visitors to become acquainted with the story of our land and its special ecological features.



Site & Facilities Master Plan

The objective of the Master Plan is to establish a cohesive vision and long term planning strategy to guide the environmentally sustainable development of the Camp site and its facilities. The plan includes options for upgrading, expanding and/or replacing existing facilities, as well as recommendations for the development of new facilities as required.



OUTREACH WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Environment Day

On Monday May 16th, over **200 children** from Kindergarten to Grade 8 participated in the 9th annual **Environment Day** organized by Camp Kawartha at Beavermead Park for the **PVNC Catholic District School Board**. With help from the **Otonabee Region Conservation Authority** and **Ecology Park** we provided programs on: dramatized animal hikes, pollination, trees, watershed protection, bees and healthy food.

Adventures in Understanding

Over 20 First Nations and Non First Nations youth participated in a unique canoe trip led by Camp Kawartha's Glen Caradus. Organized by the **Rotary Club of Peterborough- Kawartha** and Camp Kawartha, this 6 day, 5 night, 100 km canoe trip through the Kawartha lakes teaches youth about First Nations history and fosters cross cultural understanding. This is the third year of the trip and the largest yet.



UNESCO Centre of Expertise

Camp Kawartha has been working with Peterborough Green Up and a host of other organizations to nominate the **Peterborough Kawartha Region** as a **UNESCO Centre of Expertise (RCE)** on **Education for Sustainable Development**. We had over **45 letters of support** from Municipalities, School Boards, Post-Secondary Institutions and from First Nations. This designation would only be the second in Ontario and the 7th in Canada. Indications at this point seem positive that we will receive this designation. We hope to hear back shortly.

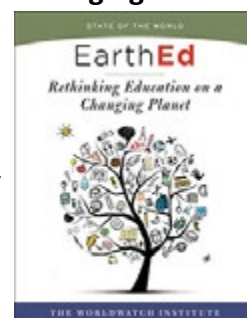
Pathway to Stewardship

Thanks to a grant from the **Ontario Trillium Foundation** under "**Collective Impact**," Camp Kawartha is currently working with partners from local conservation authorities, faculty of education, public health, school boards, parents and educators to create a stewardship framework for our region. The document summarizes the results of **comprehensive research** on best practices in environmental education and collates the thoughts of **75 local leaders**. The document articulates key benchmarks that children should achieve throughout their development in order to become **engaged stewards**. The benchmarks are linked to the Ontario Curriculum. We hope to pilot this approach to environmental education in the coming year. Thanks to Cathy Dueck for her hard work in coordinating this project. For more information about the Pathway to Stewardship please visit: campkawartha.ca/pathway-to-stewardship or to provide feedback and comments email: peterboroughpathway@gmail.com



The Pathway to Stewardship initiative is being featured in a chapter of an upcoming book put out by an organization called **State of the World**. The chapter is written by **Executive Director Jacob Rodenburg** and co-authored by **Professor Nicole Bell**. The publication is **distributed around the world**. This year's theme is: **EarthEd: Rethinking Education on a Changing Planet**.

As the publisher states: *"In the latest volume of State of the World, a diverse group of education experts share innovative approaches to teaching and learning in a new era. EarthEd addresses schooling at all levels of development, from preschool to professional. Its lessons can inform teachers, policy makers, school administrators, community leaders, parents, and students alike. And its vision will inspire anyone who wants to prepare students not only for the storms ahead but to become the next generation of sustainability leaders."*



FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

Camper Subsidies & Sponsorships

This has been a banner year for obtaining subsidies and sponsors to help kids in need. This year we raised more than **\$120,000**, helping more than **100 campers and students** enjoy the magic of an outdoor experience.

- 25 local children attended a one-week session of camp thanks to our funding partnership with the **Rotary Club of Peterborough**. This included 5 children through the New Canadians Centre.
- 14 campers received a full sponsorship thanks to the support of various community organizations
- 13 campers received a full sponsorship for a 2-4 week camp through our partnership with **AMICI**
- 19 campers received partial or full subsidies thanks to donations to our subsidy fund
- 29 students received a partial or full subsidy to attend our outdoor education centre

Thanks to **Ralph and Carol Ingleton** and the **Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough (CFGP)**, a new sponsorship fund has been established to help children in need. The fund will provide yearly grants to enable Camp Kawartha to offer registration subsidies to children and youth who would otherwise be unable to participate in Camp Kawartha's outdoor recreation and environmental education activities. Environmental educators and artists, Carol and Ralph Ingleton have spent most of their lives at Stoney Lake, where they feel a strong connection not only to the community but also to the natural surroundings.

Surf and Turf Fundraiser

Thanks to donors and community supporters, this year's Surf-n-Turf raised close to **\$50,000**. These funds support our summer camp, environmental and outdoor education programming.

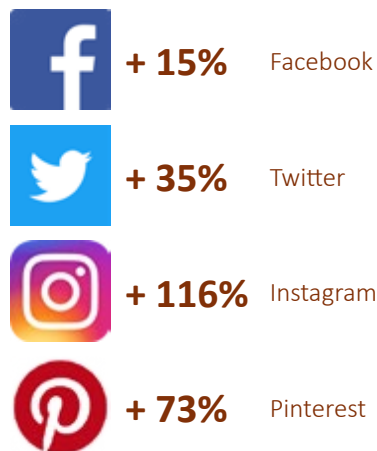
We'd like to thank the many local business who donated items for our live and silent auctions.

"The best thing I got from camp was that everyone really liked me. I was included in everything and the kids thought that I was really cool. Although I really didn't want to go at first, I was very happy I went. I even volunteered to be the center of attention- which I never do ... and had so much fun. I really left feeling that my confidence had really increased and I felt better about myself. I am hoping to do the leadership program and maybe even work there when I am done it. Thank you so much ... I will remember it always."

Giftshop

Our giftshop continues to grow as an additional stream of revenue for Camp Kawartha. This past fiscal year, we raised a net profit of **\$11,566**, which is a 14% increase over the previous year. We've added several new products for this coming year (shop.campkawartha.ca). Campers and summer staff can show off their camp spirit with some Camp Kawartha swag. Parents can order a surprise care package for their children while at camp. Students and teachers can find educational books and fun games about nature.

Social Media Followers



"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." - Albert Einstein

focus on *self esteem*

CAMP KAWARTHA DONORS

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Our many donors are our heroes. Without them, we wouldn't be able to deliver our award winning programming, update our equipment or provide the wide range of experiences we have become known for. We'd like to thank:

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Bill Corner
Graham Coughlin

"Thank you for the wonderful opportunity for our two children. We were so impressed when our son came home and said that his "confidence" had increased we were speechless. He needed prodding to go but now can't wait to go back. Our daughter was tickled with the experience and too felt better about who she is- as she relayed funny and amusing stories about her time there. We so appreciate the support that allowed our children to have this experience. Thank You so much."

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David L. Dobbin	Louisa Huband	Chris & Jennifer Moore	Prior & Allana Smith
Kelly Dobbin	Jason Huffman	Dan Moore	Lorraine Stillaway &
Ross & Ann Dobbin	Jordan Huffman	David & Judy Moore	William Thompson
Andrew Dodgson	Marie-Claude & Scott	William Morrison	Jill Stocker
Julie Dotsch	Hughes	Stephen Motyer	Glenn Stonehouse
Hannah Dubber	David Hunter	Alyssa Neville	Marguerite & Juraj
Cathy Dueck	Rosemary Imeson	Brian Nichols	Strasser
Gared Duim	William & Marion Irwin	George Nickson	James & Heather
William Duke	Hilda Jolley	Jeanette Northrop	Stronach
Donald & Mary Duncan	Doreen Jones	Susan Oliver &	Anne Struthers
Nicole Dunn	Dr. Kevin Kaller	Andy Payne	Sylvia Summers
Anita Dyke	Barry Knight	Hugh Owen	Allan & Shirley Taylor
Amie Elliott	Karl Kustor	Nicole Paleczny	Steve & Molly Taylor
Mike Evans	Shirley Lannen	Martin Parker	Ralph & Margaret Tippet
Gordon Fallen	Doug Lavery	Patricia Parks	Stefano & Karen
Jim Ferguson	Daryl Leckie	Joseph W. Paterson	Tognarelli
Fran Flanagan	Kevin Lee & Margo Glenn	Marilyn Patton	Anna Jean Trossman
Nicole Fortin	Paul Legacy	Sarah Paull	Dr. Arthur Turner
Marsha Gay	John Lewis	Anne Paxton	Nick Vanderkamp
Don & Kathy Gillespie	Aaron Lippincott	Karleen Pendleton	Darina Vasek
Tanya & Jason Gillies	John & Jennifer Little	Wally & Sandy Phair	Ross & Betty Verner
Norm Gledhill	Lori Lord	Lorna Plunkett	Ziysah & Anna
Paul E. Goulet	Glenda Lukinuk	Holly Poell	von Bieberstein
Lee Gravlev	Barry MacDougall	Ken Powell	Helen Walsh
Lara Griffin	Peter & Marilyn	Catherine & Adam	Terry & Bonnie Whelpton
Heidi Haensel & Don Bull	MacLoghlin	Prinsen	Marylyn White
Sally & Wayne Harding	Kathy Martin	Betsy & Tom Reburn	Dr. Nancy White
Dylan Harp	Glen Mattinson	Samantha Reeve	Bruce Whitney
Maureen Hartigan &	Duncan Maunder	Brenda Renaud	Hanna Gray Zaidlin
Todd Ruthman	Stephanie Maxwell	Laurel Robinson	Mark & Kim Zippel
Jagger Haslip	John McConkey	Jacob Rodenburg	
Janice Hawthorne	Joseph & Evelyn	Piero & Gianna Ronca	
Andrew Helsdon	McCulloch	Nancy Ross	

"I would like to thank those who made the subsidy for my camp experience possible. Camp was an incredibly enriching place, I was able to experience a sense of community and belonging. The friendships I made there are invaluable. Camp was the most fun I had all summer and I learned a lot from everyone there. Without the help of the subsidy committee I would have missed out on an incredible time. I give you a multitude of thanks."

TESTIMONIALS

And finally, we'll end with the words of those campers, students and visitors who are impacted by Camp Kawartha. It is what they have to say that makes our work worthwhile!

Environment Centre

This has been one of the most enriching field trips that I have been on in 29 years! The instructors were knowledgeable, friendly, organised and experienced!

The programs were geared directly to our Kindergarten curriculum. The staff engaged the children and stimulated their learning. We look forward to extending today's learning in our classroom!

Visiting the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre will definitely become an annual tradition for my class. The staff are knowledgeable and bring a genuine sense of enthusiasm that is infectious. How great to bring learning out of the classroom and into the outdoors! Great, hands on, inquiry based programming! Thanks!

Outdoor Education Centre

A great experience for the students that will not be forgotten. Professional through and through.

This was my first time here. I was pleasantly surprised by the whole experience and amazed at the talented instructors. I loved learning about the various First Nation influence – music, games, history. The outdoor education was a great experience even for an avid book reader like me.

We have been coming here for a number of years to be with our Columbian penpals (15 yrs) and it continues to be an important highlight for our Grade 5 students / school community. We greatly appreciate the enormous efforts of the Camp K Staff to integrate/ encourage both groups of students. HUGE THANKS FOR ANOTHER SUPER YEAR!!

If you want to take an elementary class on an overnight excursion, you must go to Camp Kawartha. The staff, facilities, education and food are second to none!

Environment Centre Camps

We had heard good things, but hearing the enthusiasm of my kids and their daily discoveries was incredible!

Leaders are caring, warm and fun and love what they do. The land around is beautiful. Kids always say this is the best week of their summer!

Amazing! We are so lucky to have a great outdoors camp with such amazing dedicated, fun adults who are obviously so passionate about the outdoors! Best camp ever!

Facility Rentals

Camp Kawartha is an ideal space to host gatherings. Our reunion of family & friends was enjoyed by all. A 4-yr-old with us said to her mom, "When you get married, we'll come here, okay?"

The camp staff at Camp Kawartha were so amazing and friendly! Amanda was super knowledgeable and was very accommodating. Maggie, Jen & Tina cooked wonderfully delicious meals! The facilities are wonderful and there is so much to do! We definitely look forward to coming to visit and relax again soon!

Summer Camp

Camp Kawartha is a place where our kids feel safe, happy, independent and cared about. The experiences that they have enjoyed while at camp have given them courage and confidence to be their best selves all year long. From the day we pick them up from the end of their session, our girls are counting the days until they return next year.

I am really impressed with Camp Kawartha. I did not go to camp as a child so I was nervous about sending my kids to an overnight camp but Camp Kawartha was the right choice. From the first day, I felt confident that they were in good hands and when I picked them up, I could already see an improvement in their independence and self esteem.

View more testimonials on our website at:
campkawartha.ca

WHO WE ARE

Our Board

Our volunteer Board of Directors are working hard to create a governance structure that supports the mission of Camp Kawartha and ensures the long-term sustainability of our organization.

Camp Kawartha has 19 Board Members who bring a wide variety of skills to their role as Board members. Our typical term length is three terms of three years each. Directors support our mission by attending regular meetings, participating in committee work and at Camp events. We hold our Annual General Meeting in December.

We would like to recognize the following former board members who served over the past year: Neil Campbell, Cathy Dueck, Trent Gervais, Wendy Hill, Peter Koesleg.



Our Staff

We are fortunate to have a team of talented, creative and passionate individuals who believe and support our mission. Camp Kawartha has three full-time office staff and an Executive Director, who is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the organization and assisting in strategic development.

Our accomplishments would not be possible without the efforts of more 130 part-time and seasonal staff who assist in program delivery, program development and outreach.

Board of Directors as of December 12, 2016

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- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

we plug into *nature*





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