

inspiring outdoor & environmental stewardship

CAMP KAWARTHA



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Nurturing stewards, inspiring stewardship...

Our Mission: Camp Kawartha inspires environmental leaders and stewards of all ages through dynamic, accessible, year-round outdoor programming and powerful partnerships.

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.

Three Pillars of Camp Kawartha

We help participants to:

Foster Environmental Awareness

- Build skills which 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 age appropriate 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.

Build Community

- 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

Foster Environmental Leadership

- Gain confidence, develop self-esteem and personal empowerment
- Develop action skills for positive environmental change
- Develop leadership and life skills
- Work effectively in teams
- Foster independent thinking and problem-solving skills
- Learn how to teach environmental education

About Camp Kawartha

Camp Kawartha is an innovative environmental learning centre, dedicated to fostering stewardship in the Greater Peterborough region 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 10,000 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

Providing day and overnight camp experiences for children ages 4 to 17, we teach children skills to appreciate, enjoy and protect the environment. We offer day camp, one, two and three week overnight camps, leadership sessions and tripping programs. We also work with local cottagers' associations to provide outreach environmental camps.

Outdoor Education

We offer over 60 curriculum-linked programs 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 anchored all of our programs into a comprehensive stewardship framework.

Environment Centre

Located next to Trent University, we provide over 30 curriculum-linked programs to Elementary and High school students focused on sustainable living and ecology. We also provide workshops on environmental education to student teachers and to the general public.

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.

what we do...





Executive Director's **Message:**

The world is becoming a scary place - especially for our children. And if you are a kid, you are hearing about so many big environmental issues - from climate change to habitat destruction, from oceans of plastic to endangered species and from the loss of biodiversity to melting glaciers and the list just goes on. You are thinking, "mom, dad - you gave me this world in the state that it is in - and you want me to what - fix it? How on earth can I do that? What action can I possibly take that will make any real difference?

If we are not careful, we can scare our children straight into apathy because the problems seem so overwhelming and the solutions so elusive. For those of us who are engaged in environmental and outdoor education, we need to remember that our first and most important task is to help people fall in love with their environment. We can do this by providing rich experiences in the outdoors, by teaching about the wonders of the natural world and by giving children the opportunity to engage in simple acts of hope. Planting a tree, harnessing the sun's energy to cook a meal, harvesting food from a local garden and learning to recognize the sounds and stories of our natural neighbours, these are all simple ways to build

a positive relationship with the earth and the living systems which sustain and nourish us.

Over the past year Camp Kawartha has worked hard to build a culture of stewardship and caring for the environment. We've reached over 10,000 people through all of our various programs. We've spearheaded the creation of a unique approach to environmental education called the Pathway to Stewardship & Kinship which involves the whole community. This project has been written up in Earth Education - a book that is published around the world. The Camp was one of the leaders in helping to establish this region as a UNESCO Regional Centre of Expertise in Sustainability Education. We also recognize that the magic of the outdoors should be for everyone. That is why over the past year, we've invested in a number of projects to help people of all abilities access our waterfront and climbing facilities.

Read more in this report to find out how Camp Kawartha helps to inspire tomorrow's stewards. And stay tuned, there is more to come. We'll have some exciting news to share about our upcoming capital campaign!

Awards

Jacob Rodenburg's recent book called the **"Big Book of Nature Activities,"** written with Drew Monkman has won the following:

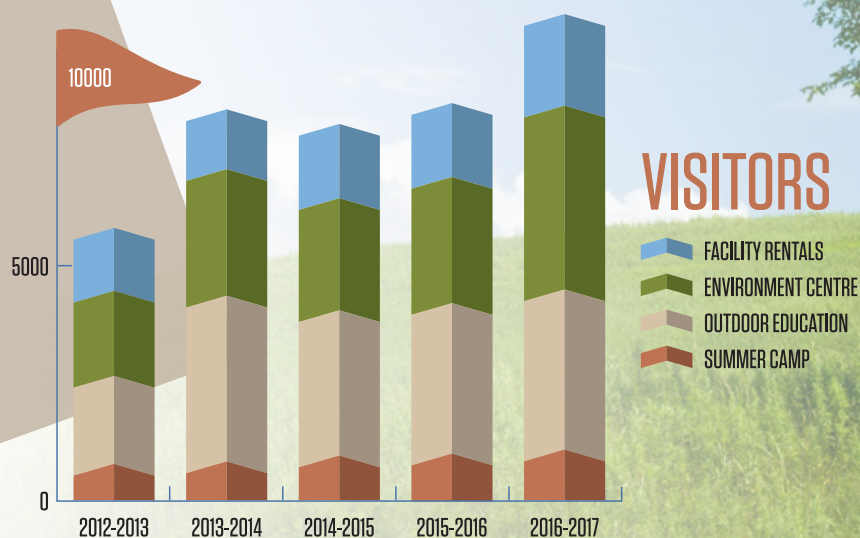
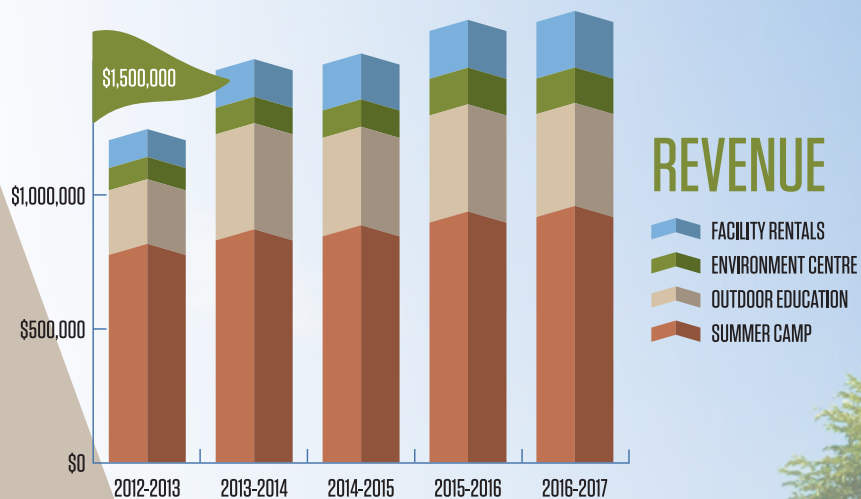
- **Winner** of The Green Book Awards (Children Category)
- **Winner** of Two Gold Medals (Nautilus Book Awards)
- **Finalist** for the Independent Book Awards (Indie)
- **Silver Medal** for the Moonbeam Children's Book Awards

Camp Kawartha also received the **Customer Service Excellence Award (2017)** presented by the **Kawartha Chamber of Commerce & Tourism**

Camp Kawartha named as top camp:

According to FlightNetwork, Camp Kawartha has been recognized as one of North America's top 60 camps (there are more than 400 camps in Ontario alone). As the website states: *"It is little wonder why Camp Kawartha remains an award-winning beacon of summer fun and leadership."*

Serenely situated on the shoreline of Clear Lake, this co-educational overnight & day camp has been around since 1921, though it's continued to revolutionize its facilities with every coming year."





Inspiring Stewardship in 2017

Pathway to Stewardship & Kinship.

Just who is responsible for raising the environmental stewards of tomorrow? Camp Kawartha believes it takes the collective work of the whole community to make this happen. And thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for supporting this vision, we are embarking on phase two of our Pathway to Stewardship & Kinship initiative. Collaborating with First Nations, public health, conservation authorities, school boards, early childhood educators and many others, Camp Kawartha has provided a road map for stewardship education for every age and stage of a child's development. We are in the pilot phase of testing this model. To find out more, please visit www.campkawartha.ca/pathway-to-stewardship

Spreading the word:

The Pathway to Stewardship & Kinship has been presented on the world stage in a book called Earth Ed – Rethinking Education on a Changing Planet and was featured in a magazine called Green Teacher. Written by Jacob Rodenburg, these articles provide an overview of the Pathways project and suggest ways in which this approach might be integrated into community based stewardship education.

UNESCO Regional Centre of Expertise:

Camp Kawartha is proud to have played a lead role, along with Peterborough GreenUP and other organizations in helping to establish Kawartha/Peterborough/Haliburton as a UNESCO Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) in Sustainability Education.

Sustainability Education:

An initiative of the United Nations University, there are 154 Regional Centres of Expertise (RCEs) on Sustainability Education around the world including 8 in Canada and 3 in Ontario. "RCEs" are networks of educational institutions, community, government, business and other organizations that work together to advance sustainability education. The Pathways to Stewardship and Kinship helps realize one of the 6 major objectives, which is to: "To implement age-appropriate sustainability and stewardship education frameworks from pre-school to secondary school, in both formal and informal settings".

Jacob Rodenburg has made presentations on environmental education to a number of international, national and provincial organizations including:

The International Conference on Children and Nature, the Ontario Woodlot Association, the Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations., The Ontario Institute of Technology, The Ontario Association for Geographic and Environmental Education, National Play Conference among others.

Building Capacity, Improving Accessibility

Climbing Wall Thanks to Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Rick Hansen Foundation, The Catherine & Maxwell Meighen Foundation, the Peterborough Foundation and other funders, we are delighted with the construction of our new accessible climbing wall. With a special belaying arm, this will permit participants with limited mobility to fully participate in a climbing experience. The wall has a series of interactive elements, from a clatter ladder to a cargo net.

Accessible Pathway Thanks to the Rick Hansen Foundation and the J.P. Bickell Foundation, we've created a wheelchair accessible pathway down to the waterfront. With a Hoyer lift and a low dock, the delights of canoeing, kayaking, swimming and sailing will be available to all those who would like to participate.

Sugar Shack With a new building and evaporator, the Camp can now showcase to students and visitors just how maple syrup is made and harvest the sweet gifts of the forest.

Birch Bark Wigwam We recently constructed an authentic Birch Bark Wigwam on our main site. Birch bark and elm bark wigwams were traditional shelters for the Anishinaabe First Nations of this region.

Summer Camp

Camp Kawartha is proud of how our summer camp has grown. And it is a credit to our phenomenal staff. Each staff member is a steward of the mission, vision and values of Camp Kawartha. As stewards, they teach, nurture and inspire these values in our campers. A summer spent at Camp Kawartha is a life-altering and unforgettable experience, not just because it is fun, but because the experience challenges every staff and camper to expect more of themselves and what they can do for others. They transition from passive spectators to active stewards, from being overwhelmed by events, to taking ownership of them. In a world that can feel more undecipherable, more hostile and less willing to embrace positive action, Camp Kawartha becomes a place of possibility, of acceptance, of change and growth where one can strive to do more - for oneself and for the world..

Adam Strasberg:
Summer Camp Director.



86%
of campers and their families were very satisfied with their experience at Camp Kawartha.



98%
of campers and their families said that our staff were either excellent or very good.



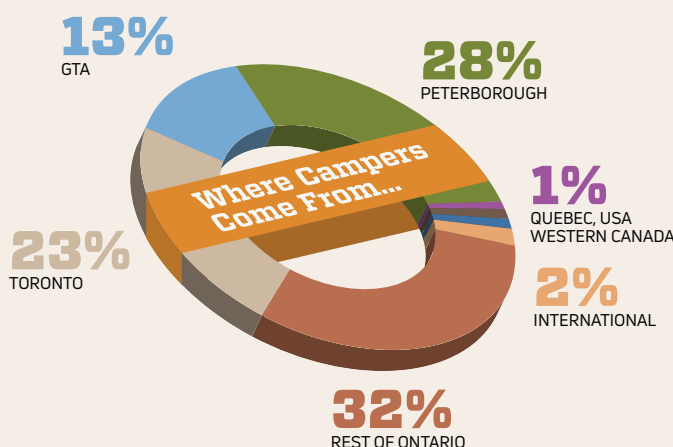
88%
would recommend Camp Kawartha to other families.





Summer Camp

This past summer has been another record breaking year for Camp Kawartha. We've reached over 1,000 campers and offer a diversity of day and overnight programs for ages 4 to 17. At the same time, we are small enough to know every camper by name. And our camp continues to grow. As we partner with local cottager's associations in several unique outreach environment camps as well as our day camps held at the our Environment Centre – we teach ever more children about stewardship and nature connection, seeding the next generation of environmental citizens.



CAMPERS



DAY CAMPERS

OVERNIGHT CAMPERS

Outdoor Education

"A tradition, an adventure, extraordinary instructors, amazing food, an opportunity to grow outside the classroom" – these are all words from teachers who have attended our facilities with their students over this past year. There are many more thoughts like this captured in our surveys reflecting the success of the Camp Kawartha Outdoor Education Centre.

We take these words seriously as we move forward in establishing our Outdoor Education Centre as one of Ontario's premier centres for environmental education, community building and outdoor adventure. Words such as these are a result of the dedication, hard work and professionalism of all the staff.

Neil Fortin: **Head of Outdoor Education**

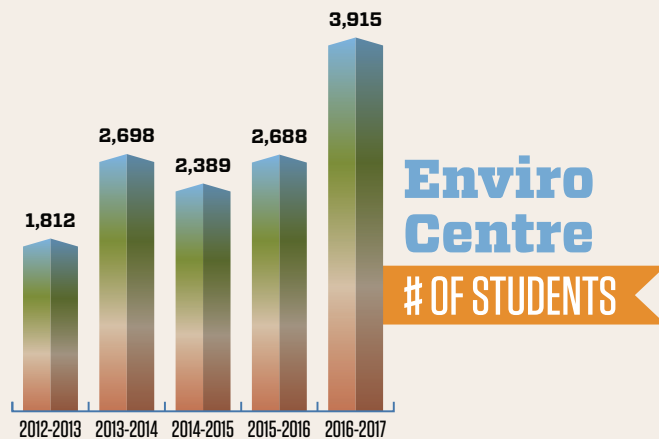


In this past school year we have hosted over 46 schools and over 3,400 students from Hamilton, London, Mississauga, Toronto, Montreal, Drummondville just to name a few of the many different cities and school boards. We are continually being seen as not just a destination for schools from the local area but from across different boards of Ontario and Quebec. Schools which once came as a single day visit or only brought a small group a couple of years ago are now coming for 2.5 days or bringing upwards of 80 students or more. In the case of our friends from Le College Stanislas in Montreal what started as a 3 day visit a couple of years ago has now evolved into 3 separate 4 days bookings. That's almost a full month per year from 1 school alone! Teachers can see the difference that the outdoor connections made here can have back within their classroom and they recognize our commitment to environmental stewardship and leadership.

As we grow as an educational centre, we look forward to weaving environmental education, outdoor adventure, and community building into an experience that students will remember for years to come.

Environment Centre

Number of Students attending the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre



It has been a busy year at the Environment Centre. We continue to be an inspiring venue for our community to learn about nature, ecology and sustainable living. As well providing programming to visiting school classes and to summer and winter campers, we continue to share our innovative approach to environmental education with aspiring and professional environmental educators locally and from across the province.

Accomplishments

- In partnership with Hardwood Nature School, we now offer Forest Kindergarten programs for four to six and seven to nine year olds, one day per week.
- The Camp Kawartha Environment Centre logged a total of 11,255 visits in our seventh year of operations. In total, 2,950 elementary and high school students participated in year seven of our operations and 760 teachers and parents accompanied them.
- Since opening, the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre has directly taught 20,009 high school and elementary students. More than 3,400 University/ College Students and Student Teachers have participated in environmental education workshops. We've recorded over 47,900 visits!
- This is the sixth year that we've partnered with Trent University in a unique Eco Mentor Program for student teachers. Student teachers graduating from this program receive an Eco-Mentor Certificate from both Trent University and Camp Kawartha. This year we are collaborating with Ontario Eco Schools to explore how we can expand the program. We've graduated over 275 student teachers from this program.

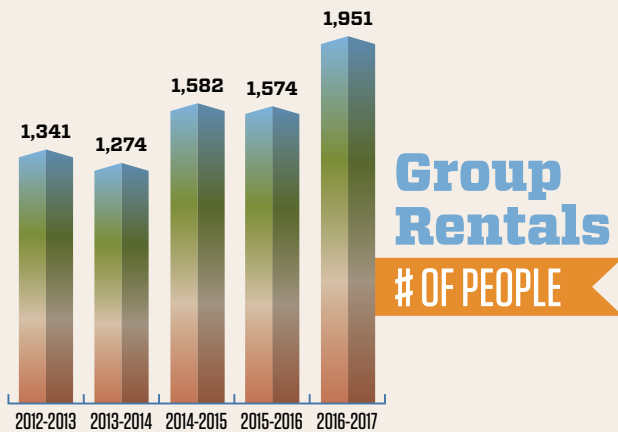


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ENVIRONMENT
CENTRE MANAGER

- This is the second year of our Early Childhood Eco Mentor Program in partnership with Fleming College. By teaching Early Childhood Educators 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.
- 567 students participated in our unique "Be A Watershed Steward" program in partnership with Otonabee Conservation. Students visited the Environment Centre and learned about watersheds, water conservation and sustainable living. These same students planted 10 pollinator gardens at local schools as a way to teach about the important role of pollinators in maintaining and enhancing watershed biodiversity and health.
- This past year, we offered both a March Break Day Camp and a Winter Day Camp. In addition, we delivered 7 weeks of eco camp to a total of 253 campers.
- This is the third year for Forest Fridays – a program designed for homeschooling families. This year, 36 sessions took place logging 1,190 visits.
- 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.
- Working with Cathy Hooper, the Environment Centre offered a second year of workshops on how to establish long lasting permaculture spaces in local backyards. An edible 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, Ontario Nature, Trent University, Maryam Monsef, Green Communities Canada, Monarch Teacher Network of Canada, Fleming College, Kawartha Wild Nature Days among others, over 59 groups visited the centre.

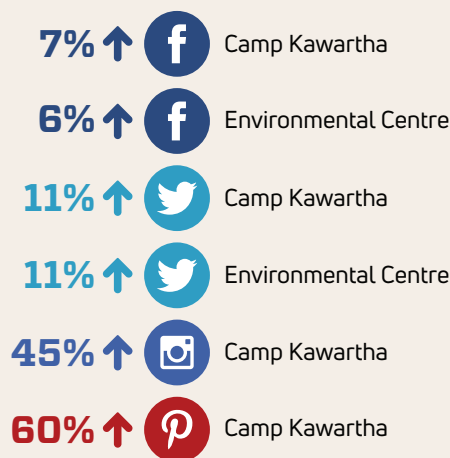


Facility Rentals



This has been one of the biggest years on record. From offering green weddings to providing programs for First Nations, Universities and Faith Communities, visiting groups find the camp to be an inspiring venue to connect with each other and the natural world. Revenue generated helps to support our environmental education programming.

Social Media



Special Programs:

Environment Day: On May 15th, 2017 over 200 children from Kindergarten to Grade 8 participated in the 10th annual Environment Day organized by Camp Kawartha at Beavermead Park for the PVNC Catholic District School Board. With help from the Otonabee Conservation and Ecology Park we provided programs on: water quality, composting, local wildlife, soils and traditional skills.

Adventures in Understanding: Over 20 First Nations and Non First Nations youth participated in a unique canoe trip coordinated 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 fourth year of the trip and the largest yet.

Fundraising:

It has been another successful year, thanks to the generosity of individual donors, foundations and businesses. This year we managed to raise more than \$110,000 to send deserving campers and students to Camp Kawartha. That means more than 200 children benefited from participating in the magic of camp.

Here is what one parent said: *"I am so appreciative of the subsidy that allowed my daughter to take part in Camp Kawartha. As a single parent, I stress about whether or not my girls are going to get the same life experiences and opportunities as other children, and thank you to the donors at CK my daughter got an experience I could have never provided her on my own. Her resilient attitude and openness to learning new things was met with equal enthusiasm from her camp counsellors and I cried tears of joy leaving her behind as she began her journey. I look forward to many more years with CK and am very thankful to the donors who make this experience possible."*

Surf and Turf:

Thanks to donors and community supporters, this year's Surf-n-Turf event raised more than \$45,000. These funds support our summer camp, environmental and outdoor education programming. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many local businesses who donated items for our live and silent auction.



Donor List

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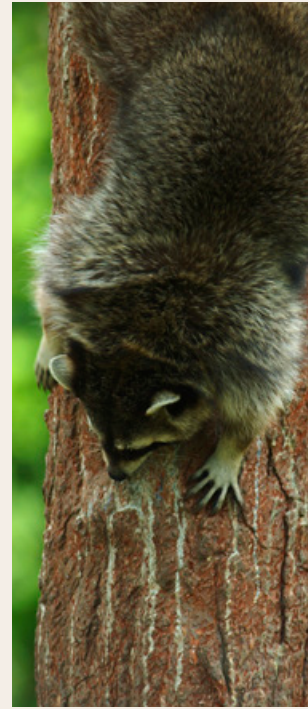


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Testimonials:

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 the most difference!

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Summer Camp:

Kids need a break from the city, from their parents, from their school friends. Camp Kawartha is a re-charge for my daughter. She's come home these past two summers a different kid. She's confident but comes home knowing that she can manage without us. She loves nature and now sees her role in protecting and preserving it.

Both of our girls have been attending CK since they were old enough to be in Day Camp – they are now 13 and 11 and go for 3 and 2 week sessions respectively (they'd go for the whole summer if we'd let them). They are second generation CK campers and as far as our family is concerned there is no better summer camp!

I want to thank Camp Kawartha for helping my daughter to grow with nature and its' surroundings. She gained experiences from going on the Sr. Canoe Trip that could only be garnered from travelling the unbeaten path on trip, working with the other Sr. girls whilst portaging, canoeing, setting up camp and breaking it down. Everyone has a part to play!

Our daughter comes home from Camp Kawartha each summer with tales of fun adventures and new friends. She's learned new skills and has increased self-confidence as a result of her Camp Kawartha experiences. Although she has tried other camps, her favourite is Camp Kawartha, and it's the only one she wants to attend now.

Nothing matters as much to them as the promise of returning to Camp Kawartha next year. They start begging to return before we get out of the parking lot. It has been beneficial to their self-esteem and improves their ability to deal with unpredictable circumstances. They come home with greater independence and the city stress just melts away.

It is all true. Sending your child to Camp Kawartha really makes a huge difference in confidence, builds lasting friendships and helps them disconnect from their electronics. We are so glad we were able to give our child this opportunity. It has made the world of difference to her and to the family dynamic too.

Outdoor Education

We saw our students learn how to work together and cooperate. We saw our students push themselves a bit out of their comfort zones every day and grow in confidence and self-esteem. It was such a joy to see! Our students are from the city and exposure to nature and outdoor activities is lacking in their lives. Camp Kawartha is such a wonderful addition to their development. Most of all, their motivation to learn English has greatly increased

Once again a great experience for the students of Keith Wightman. A once in a lifetime trip. The students absolutely loved every aspect of the their stay. Thanks to all of the staff of Camp Kawartha!

Camp Kawartha was an excellent experience for our students! Staff is very educated and extremely helpful. The activities are engaging and help to develop teamwork skills. We had a great time and would definitely return!

Our school was able to come together in a positive, supportive and professional environment. They were challenged and given several amazing opportunities to work as a team with peers they would not typically work with. We watched our students grow and support one another throughout our entire stay. Thank you for making this a memorable experience for our grade 7 team!

We are thrilled to be able to come to Camp Kawartha for our yearend trip! The welcoming staff from our first contact to our departure made it an incredible experience. The focus on the environment and stewardship fit so well with our "Connect to Nature" theme at school this year!

Environment Centre

This trip is educational, interactive and engaging! The instructors are very knowledgeable, enthusiastic and exemplary teachers. We'll be back!

Children were very engaged – love how the programs are interactive.

We love coming. I have brought my class 4 times and they love it all the time!

Of all the field trips I've done in my 28 year – career, Camp Kawartha is always the best and holds a special place in my heart and best school memories. What a truly magical experience. So great to explore nature in our beautiful city. Everything was perfect! It is a really special experience that you are giving these kids. We are very lucky to have you in Peterborough!

We have been to a lot of camps and there are none better than this one!

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