

## Another successful summer!

*The summer of 2010 has proven to be one of the best yet.*



This past summer, we had many returning staff as well as a fresh batch of first years from the LIT programs. With staff stepping into new roles, campers have been enjoying a wide variety of creative and exciting activities.

Old favourites like

Zingtong, Clue, and Liar's Club are interspersed with new programs like Newscasters and Home Sweet Home.

Our leadership programs are stronger than ever as they continue to expand and turn out amazing staff members.

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Where are you now?	2
Alumni Facebook Page	3
A New Program: Wilderness Living Skills	4



Send us your mailing and email addresses to ensure you receive important updates.

Simply email the alumni at **[alumni@campkawartha.ca](mailto:alumni@campkawartha.ca)** or send Fiona Lasenby or Liam Churchill a message through the Alumni Facebook page.

---

## Reunion on its Way

This coming May, Camp Kawartha is hosting its third, semi-annual Alumni Reunion from May 27 to 29<sup>th</sup> (the weekend after the May long weekend). All alumni, including camp staff, nurses, and board members are welcome to attend.

During the weekend, everyone can look forward to catching up with old friends, sharing

stories around the campfire, and seeing how the camp has changed in the last few years. In addition, alumni will also have the opportunity to give back, as we will work on a special building project.

Stay tuned for more reunion updates including rates and registration information in our upcoming spring newsletter.

---

## WHERE ARE YOU NOW?



**Post**  
**(Kat MacLean with daughter Lily)**  
**aka One of the Watt Twins**

My first year at Camp Kawartha was the summer of 1992. My sister (Jurzey) and I went to different summer camps from the age of 5, but when we found Camp Kawartha, we fell in

love with it! We looked forward to the following summer as soon as we left. It was amazing to see the staff and campers every year. We made some life long friends. I returned to camp as a camper for 6 years, and was fortunate enough to be on staff for 4 years. The highlights of my camp experiences would be tripping, evening programs, chilling with the staff at night, and prank nights!

During my last summer at camp, I took a college friend with me to High Falls on my days off. I married him in Mexico in January 2006. We had a beautiful girl, Lily, in June 2009. We took her on her first interior camping trip this

summer and we all enjoyed the experience.

We are expecting again in February (sex unknown). I have been living and working in Barrie since 2003. I work for Simcoe County as a Paramedic, and truly enjoy the job.

Camp Kawartha will always be a part of my life. This past summer some Alumni and I were present at my sister's wedding, which took place at the waterfront at Camp Kawartha! It was a weekend packed full of reminiscing of some old camp memories and making new ones.



**Rusty (Stuart Ross)**

I LOVE CAMP! This place, the people...I owe a lot of who and where I am today to Camp Kawartha. Since camp I have lived out west, gone to university twice and I am married. I also

play in an acoustic duo called "The Brothers From Other Mothers".

Like many of the alumni who have graced the hallowed hills and forests of Camp K, I am now a teacher. Many of my camp experiences have been transferable to the classroom to help my students, and they also allow me to work well with my colleagues.

My favourite memory of camp? Helping to build the beach volleyball court (is it still there?). Chris Straka (Flame) was there, Shaun MacLellan (Trigger), Napoleon Torres (Quayle), Dave Wycoco (Ludi), Courtney Geddes (Dave)...sooo many others who helped build that thing...we never left it.

Looking forward to the next Alumni Weekend...yes Evac, I will be there!



## Official Alumni Facebook Page

The Alumni Association has taken to the web again. We've recently started an official Camp Kawartha Alumni Association group on Facebook, for former and present staff members only.

We'll still be using e-mail and other methods to keep in touch, but the Facebook group will give us a quick way to send messages to everyone and to be in touch with people. We've already got more than 150 members spanning many different camp "generations," so it's also a great way to reconnect with old friends!

In the coming months, we'll be using the Facebook group to send out details about the Alumni table at the Surf 'N Turf dinner, the upcoming Alumni weekend, and other important information.

As many of you are already members of the popular I Heart Camp Kawartha Facebook group, you may be asking why there is a second page? The idea is to limit the Alumni Facebook group to present and present staff members, and not campers. This will reduce the amount of messages to sift through each time you log on.

Feel free to post photos, stories and messages to each other or get in touch your old co-counsellor. So if you haven't joined already, please find us and sign up, and tell all your CK friends.



## Another new program is on the rise at Camp Kawartha

This summer we had the pleasure of running the first session of the new Wilderness Living Skills program, for campers aged 14-17 years.

The program emphasizes the development of confidence, comfort and practical living skills in a wilderness setting. It also encourages campers to realize their connection to the earth and, specifically, to the Kawartha wilderness.

The group lived for two weeks out on the range in tents, and cooked their own meals over the campfire. We even dug a pit oven in the sand by the big campfire ring, and used it to roast our own ribs!

Other activities included building a traditional sapling lodge by the creek on the Range, harvesting wild rice with James Whetung, exploring the Warsaw Caves, and a four day canoe trip in the Kawartha Highlands Park. We also explored some new skills such as bow drill fire-



making, birch bark containers, coal-burning for wooden spoons, outdoor cooking, and cordage (rope from natural fibers).

We're looking forward to another great session next summer and we're hoping the word will begin to spread about this exciting new program!

Grylls (Mary Elizabeth Konrad)



*Have a safe and enjoyable holiday! Keep checking the Facebook page for updates, and we'll be in touch in the New Year.*