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April 2013

# It's Reunion Time Again!

May 31st - June 2nd, 2013



Camp Kawartha's 4<sup>th</sup>
Alumni Reunion is back
once again this spring. This
year's gathering will take
place from Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>
to Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As our alumni continues to grow, the reunion draws camp staff from across several generations. This weekend is a great opportunity to meet other alumni members, check out the updates and ongoing developments at the camp, and reconnect with old friends.

The weekend will include opportunities for traditional camp activities like the climbing wall, high ropes, canoeing, and of course, campfires.

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In an effort to maintain our commitment to the environment, we have gone **paperless**. Please ensure that we have your current email address on file. Past issues are available on the alumni website.

Update your contact information by visiting the alumni website at <a href="http://campkawartha.ca/summer-camp/alumni.php">http://campkawartha.ca/summer-camp/alumni.php</a>

Contact us at alumni@campkawartha.ca or through the Alumni Facebook page.

## **Attention Alumni!**

Help send a kid to camp !!!!! Only \$25.00 will help fill in a poster of a hopeful camper to attend Camp Kawartha this summer.

The original photo is cut into strips and with each donation of \$25.00, a strip is added until the complete photo is in view. Your name will be added to the donor list on the Camp Kawartha website. Tax receipts are available.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Surf and Turf on June 22<sup>n</sup>, please lend support to YOUR camp in this manner.

Remember the wonderful memories that still connect us together. Pass this on to another child who may not be quite as fortunate.

Go to the CK website and find directions through CanadaHelps.org to donate.

# 4th Alumni Reunion

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#### **Work Project**

Every reunion year, the alumni looks for a way to help out the camp in return for all the great times we've had. In past years we've put in the docks, built a shade shelter and done some general camp maintenance.

With all of the new updates, this year we will be assisting with painting and staining some of the new structures. Be sure to bring your paint clothes and running shoes!

#### **Voyageur Race**

Sunday morning, we will be working up an appetite for our brunch by having a traditional voyageur canoe race. We will test our paddling muscles in a race between past and present staff.

The fee for the entire weekend including food and accommodation is **only \$50 per person**. If you have any food allergies or needs, please note them on the registration form on the next page. Remember Camp Kawartha is a nut free facility, so please refrain from brining any food with traces of nuts.

Alcohol will be permitted on site during the reunion weekend. However, we ask that it be limited to beer and wine, and all alcohol must remain in the dinning hall. Alumni consuming alcohol must be of legal age. Underage drinking will not be permitted.

May nights can still be quite cold so bring lots of warm clothes, a sleeping bag, running shoes, rain coat, and a bathing suit and towel if you want to brave the Clear Lake waters.

Also, please bring any camp photos, mementoes, and stories. If you have a guitar or other instruments bring them along as we would like to do a recording of a few traditional camp songs.

#### Reunion Schedule

#### Friday

Arrival and settle in 6-7pm Snack, Campfire, Games

#### Saturday

Brunch Work Project Snack

Free Time (waterfront, climbing wall, hike on the Range to the creek, continue work

project) Dinner High Ropes Campfire

#### Sunday

Voyageur Race Brunch Free Time Departure 1:30pm



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# 4th Camp Kawartha Alumni Reunion May 31st - June 2nd **Registration Form**

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The fee for the weekend is <b>\$50</b> and includes all meals and accommodations. Fees are non-refundable and must be paid in full at the time of registration. Please attach payment to your registration by fax, mail or phone. Please register <u>at least 1-2 weeks</u> in advance so we know numbers for meals.				
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# SINCE YOU'VE BEEN GONE...

Camp Kawartha has been around for many years. And in those years, most of us saw very little change in the landscape and buildings. We grew up with the blue cabins, the old mud room, and the traditional round up area.

But in recent years, some big changes have been made to better suit our growing camp.

To list a few, there are the new swim docks; the straw bale extension, office and greenhouse; moving the campfire circle; and building two different and brand new high ropes courses.

Since the last reunion, our maintenance staff have been very busy. This past summer, they redesigned some of the cabins in the cluster to include larger porches and a beautiful wood interior.

Other updates include new compostable toilets in the cabin cluster (built with the help of board members), a new and sturdy sail dock, and a yurt replacing the footprint of the old and decomposing trip shack.

This fall and winter were spent redesigning the interior of Oak, improving the archery range, painting and trimming the dinning hall, and the biggest and most needed change of all was completely re-doing the kitchen.

Check out some of the photos of the recent updates, or better yet, see them for yourself at this year's alumni reunion!



A brand new kitchen layout with new ovens and stoves.



With beautiful pine floors, a fresh coat of paint and new trim, the dinning hall has received a complete makeover. A new feature includes a self-serve area for tea, coffee, and toast.



The new, handcrafted bunk beds inside the Oak cabin. This new layout allows for additional space and much better lighting.



A more permanent archery range.



Thanks Will and Gary for all of your hard work to make our camp beautiful while keeping the natural, rustic feel!

# **Looking Ahead to Summer 2013!**



August 2012 seems like it was only yesterday, but already Summer 2013 is fast approaching!

Last summer the Voyageur Trip program returned to Camp and gave campers an exciting opportunity to paddle down the Trent-Severn Waterway to Peterborough in the voyageur canoes. 2012 also marked the second year of intercamp visits with Camp Moshava at both locations. Campers from Moshava and Kawartha participated in friendly competitions and got to experience life at another camp.

To showcase the many activities at Camp Kawartha, we've also boosted our web presence with regular blog posts and photos on Facebook so that parents and anxious campers-in-waiting can keep up with what's going on.

Building on such a successful 2012, this summer will see a new **guitar program** alongside the other morning activities. We have an enormous talent pool in the CK staff and we're pleased to give campers even more choices to do the activities they love. We're also introducing a new **Day in the Life of Camp Kawartha** for Campers & Parents program on June 28th (the Friday before Session A). Campers and parents alike will have an opportunity to experience activities like the high ropes, eco skills, archery and boating. They even get GBS! The night ends with dinner and a campfire.

Hiring for 2013 has just wrapped up and already staff are shifting into gear with new ideas and great enthusiasm. July just can't come quickly enough!



# **Remembering Quatzy**

This past summer, Camp Kawartha was shaken by the sudden and tragic passing of one of our beloved staff members, Abby MacNaughton. Quatzy, as we called her, worked as an outdoor educator and an environmental coordinator during the summer. Her endless energy and enthusiasm was contagious, and she worked tirelessly to teach children about conservation, sustainability and nature awareness with such passion. She was a dynamic and treasured member of our staff and she will be greatly missed.

A big thank you goes out to our Alumni who stepped in at camp to continue on with programming while some of the staff attended the service. As part of our remembrance, the garden has been renamed "Abby's Garden". Click the link below to see a beautiful presentation to celebrate Abby's life.

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## Surf N' Turf 2013

The Annual Surf 'n Turf fundraiser is being held on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013.

Come and enjoy a fantastic meal of hors d'oeuvres, fresh lobster, steak, salads, and decadent desserts. Plus, try out the martini bar and selection of wines and beers. Don't forget to bid on items in both the live and silent auctions.



This is a great event for those of you who cannot make it to the reunion. Last year, we filled an alumni table and some of us even won items in the silent auction! So come on out and enjoy some delicious food and great company.

Tickets cost \$150 (\$65 tax receipt), and will be available to purchase at the alumni reunion, or you can contact Fiona Lasenby through the Alumni Facebook page. Proceeds go towards supporting Camp Kawartha's excellent programming.

# Thank a Farmer Project



Over the past several months, Jessica Roszell (Smartie) has been working hard on a project to better inform Camp Kawartha's users of where their food comes from. Through months of research, she discovered the path our food takes and travelled around to the various farms that provide it.

Camp Kawartha's food philosophy is to use local and seasonal foods as much as possible, which aligns with its commitment to promoting sustainable living. By turning to local farmers, we are reducing the dependency on large food distribution companies which in turn reduces pollution through gas consumption and packaging waste.

When you visit the link below, you can see a map of where each of our farmers are located and find out which meats and produce they supply the camp. Hover over their location for more details to really get to know our farmers.

Now, when we sing "Thanks for food and those who made it" we really do know where that food comes from and who put in all those long hours to farm it.

http://campkawartha.ca/aboutus/thank-a-farmer-project.php

### Where Are You Now?



Jessica Roszell (Smartie)

If there is one thing I would say to describe 'Where are you now', is that I'm living a happy life, thanks to the lessons and the community provided by Camp Kawartha in the past 20 years.

It was my first canoe trip, led by Mallow and Groove, then my leadership trip with Pippi and Evac, which made me realize my passion for the outdoors. Inspired by Wisp and Dipper, I completed my undergraduate degree in Outdoor Recreation at Lakehead University. During this program, I was fortunate to spend a summer living and learning in the Inuit community of Pangnirtung in Nunavut, and then the following summer in the Dené community of Lutselk'e in the North West Territories.

Since then, I've worked in outdoor education as a facilitator and coordinator at the Kinark Outdoor Centre. While working there, my favourite client group to serve was youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder. I then went on to get my Bachelor of Education degree and spent 3 years in the traditional classroom, 2 of which were at a day treatment centre for youth with behavioural and/or mental health issues.

Following Abby's (Quatzy) passing this summer, I realized the fragility of life and decided to leave the mainstream classroom to try life as an environmental educator, once again back at Camp Kawartha. I have loved seeing the centre change throughout the seasons, and getting to know the community of people who help make CK the place that we have grown to love (even meeting the farmers for the Thank-a-Farmer project!)

Right now, I am collaborating with the Board of Directors to organize Surf-n-Turf 2013, as I await a response from universities to begin a Master's degree in Counselling Psychology. What next for me? Pursuing graduate studies in psychology and pondering a potpourri life of adventure therapy, play therapy, horticultural therapy and outdoor education. In my eyes, the possibilities are endless.

As fragile as life may be, it is important to remember that life is long, no need to hurry and figure everything out.