



**CAMP  
KAWARTHA  
2015  
Annual  
Report**



*Inspiring Outdoor & Environmental Stewardship*

# CAMP KAWARTHA

*Nurturing Stewards, Inspiring Stewardship...*

## 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.*



## Three Pillars of Camp Kawartha

### Fostering Environmental Awareness

- Build skills which will help participants to enjoy the outdoors
- Provide environmentally sustainable outdoor recreational opportunities for children and adults
- Promote knowledge about the natural world
- Describe 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

Helping participants to:

- Foster 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.
- Live in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner

### Promoting Self Esteem

Helping participants to:

- Gain confidence and solve problems
- Develop leadership and life skills
- Work effectively in teams
- Acquire initiative and motivation
- Foster independent thinking and problem-solving skills

*“Those who contemplate the beauty of the Earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.”— Rachel Carson*



# WHAT WE DO

Camp Kawartha is an innovative environmental learning camp, dedicated to fostering stewardship in the Greater Peterborough community and beyond. Camp Kawartha has been in operation since 1921. We've been a not-for-profit charity since 1985. Over the past 8 years, Camp Kawartha has earned 11 awards for its 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 sustainable living practices, habitat protection and environmental responsibility.

## Our core programs:

### Summer Camp

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

### Outdoor Education

We offer over 50 curriculum-linked programs to students from Kindergarten to grade 12. Program offerings follow under 5 broad headings: Environmental Science, Canadian History, Environmental Arts, Adventure and Leadership, Recreation and Physical Education.

### Environment Centre

In partnership with 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 our facilities to user groups for weekend retreats, conferences, family reunions and weddings.



*"Today I have grown taller from walking with the trees."*

— Karle Wilson Baker

creating caring and  
*motivated youth*



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:



It is hard sometimes to listen to the news and not grip the side arms of your chair, clench your teeth and try to ward off that sense of dread that comes from facing an uncertain future - especially those of us who are parents or grandparents or who work with children. From

climate change and species depletion, to increasing levels of pollution and habitat destruction, there is plenty to be concerned about.

What I love about Camp Kawartha is simply this. We are helping the next generation to inspire hope. Hope for a greener future and a more sustainable way to live. We don't just talk about it. We show children how to become stewards - from demonstrating sustainable living in action to helping kids learn how to reduce their carbon footprint, to teaching campers and students to love the outdoors, to building ecological literacy. And the most wonderful part of what we do is that every single day, each of us sees the positive impacts of our efforts. We see it in the sparkle of a child's eye who turns over a log and spots a salamander for the very first time. We see it in the proud parent grasping their toddlers hand as they guide their child through our Nature Playscapes. We see it in the confidence exhibited by our Eco-mentors as they learn more skills to teach environmental education.

In this report, you'll find examples of the many ways in which Camp Kawartha inspires stewardship for Peterborough and beyond. A parent once remarked, when he heard about our Environment Centre, our Outdoor Education Centre and our outreach programs, *"Boy, I don't know how you do all of this stuff!"*

It is our donors, supporters and partners who help

our organization to make a difference. In a world of ever-increasing environmental challenges, part of the solution must involve providing our communities with the strategies, tools and ideas to make their tomorrow and their children's tomorrow, a sustainable one. I am so proud to be part of a team of passionate and dedicated people who make hope happen.

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



## Spreading the Word

Thanks to a flexible schedule provided by the Board of Directors, Executive Director Jacob Rodenburg was able to write a series of articles on environmental education, provide keynote addresses at conferences, teach student-teachers at Trent University, and work with award-winning author Drew Monkman to publish a book called *"The Big Book of Nature Activities"* available in May of 2016 from New Society Publishing.



*"I believe the world is incomprehensibly beautiful — an endless prospect of magic and wonder." — Ansel Adams*

inspiring environmental  
*leadership*



# A MESSAGE FROM...

## Summer Camp Director

Our Summer Camp has enjoyed a string of successful summers and, with a high retention rate of staff, we have the privilege of building on our previous successes and continue to enhance our program offerings. Our staff continue to bring an outstanding level of professionalism to Camp. They have worked hard to make our theme days, evening programs and magical moments more creative, more varied, and more organized than ever. The outlook for 2016 looks wonderful with a strong base of clientele, stable departments and staffing, and “healthy,” equipment and infrastructure.

There are many more successes to mention both large and small and it is my hope that Camp Kawartha will continue to evolve into that special place where magic happens!

**Adam Strasberg (B.A., B. Ed.)**



## Head of Outdoor Education

Over the years, we have built strong relationships with teachers and schools. For us there is nothing more gratifying than to have the same schools returning year after year. Some of these schools are travelling from further afield than ever such as Montreal and London, (Ont.). And while there are other options for them closer to home, teachers feel that Camp Kawartha offers the most comprehensive, curriculum-linked environmental programming. They remark on the professional, knowledgeable and engaging educators that are part of our teaching team.

We recently upgraded our trail system with durable, easy to follow trail markers. We also created a self-guided trail booklet that features QR codes at various points of interest, so that visitors can find out more about the ecology and history of our region. We revamped our educational programming to fit into a new environmental framework that is focused on fostering stewardship throughout all stages of students’ development.

We are excited about the upcoming year and sharing the joys of nature and the environment with children of all ages!

**Neil Fortin**



## Environment Centre Manager

The Camp Kawartha Environment Centre was built as a catalyst for environmental learning. Since construction in 2009, more than 30,000 visitors have come to learn about alternative energy, sustainable building techniques, ecology and connecting with nature.

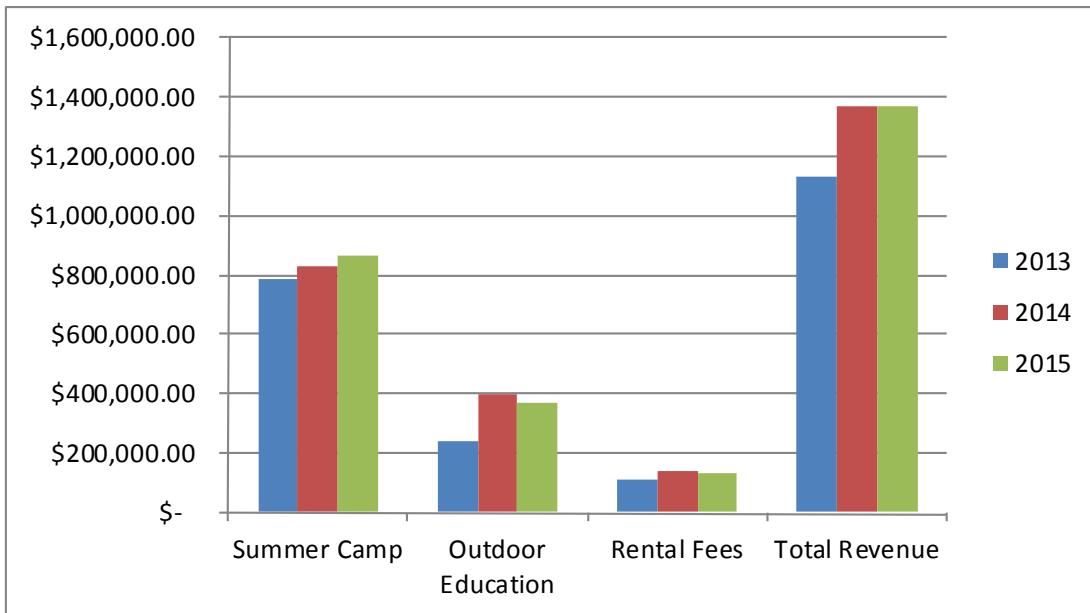
Every day at the Environment Centre, students, teachers, parents, campers, student teachers, post-secondary students, faculty or community members from a variety of backgrounds and organizations participate in environmental stewardship learning and activities. Through the dedication of the talented Environment Centre staff as well as guest facilitators, participants become highly engaged in learning and sharing ways to make a difference. Young kids explore and learn about taking care of nature, older students look at issues and how these problems can be addressed and adults learn and share alongside their children.

**Craig Brant**

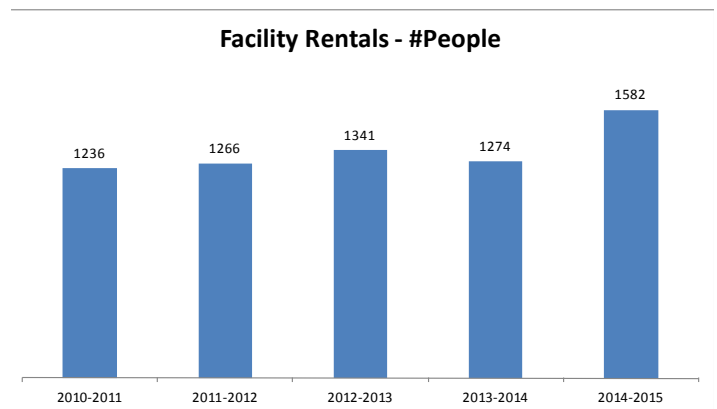
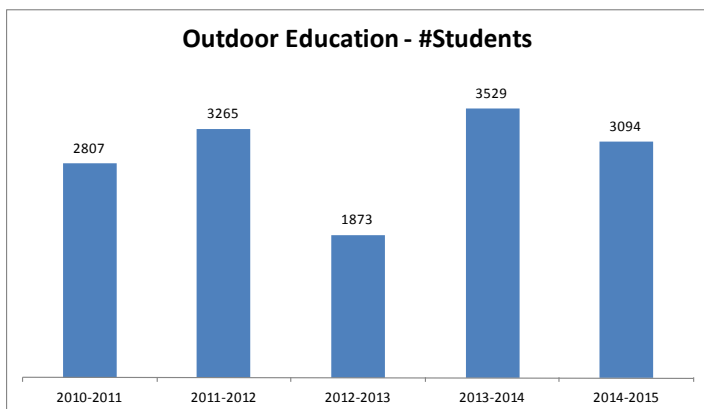
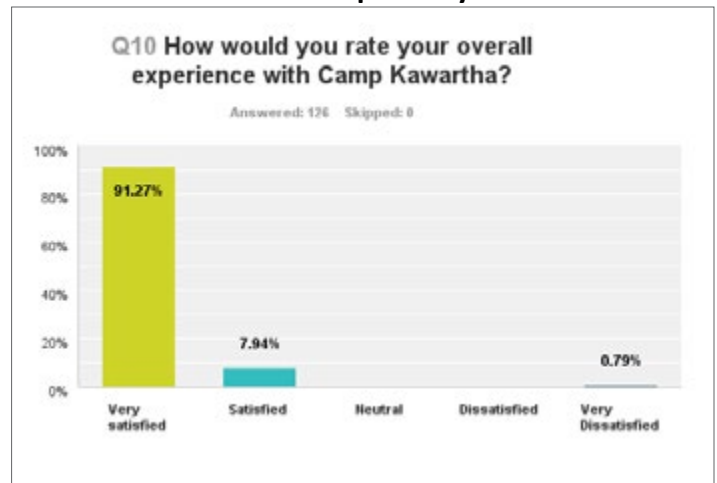
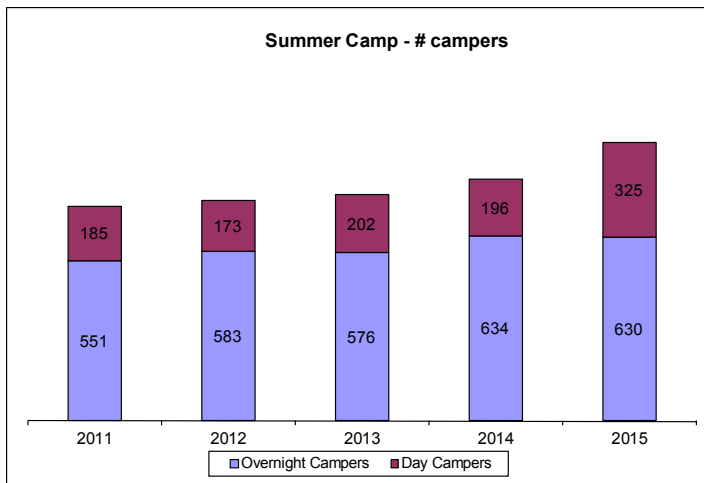


*“I know our adventures today with Craig and Jamie will be added to our stories for years to come!! Thank you! Can’t wait until next time!!”*

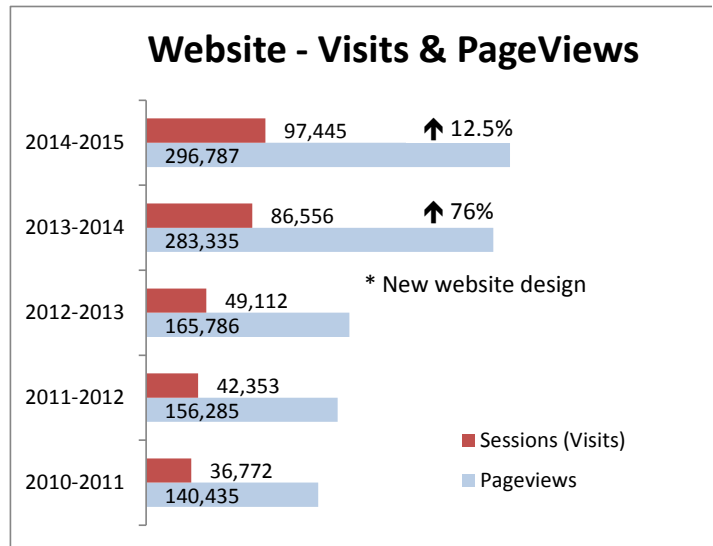
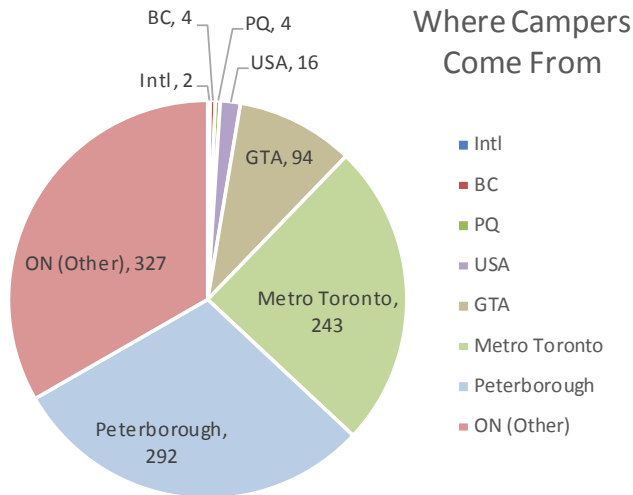
# STATS (OCTOBER 2014 - SEPTEMBER 2015)



## Summer Camp Survey 2015



# STATS - CON'T



**A total of 10,849 people participated in Camp Kawartha's programs, workshops and facilities rentals last fiscal year.**

### Social Connections:

CK Facebook Followers: 1,152 ↑ 18.5%

EnvCtr Facebook Followers: 759 ↑ 17%

CK Twitter Followers: 1,054 ↑ 48%

EnvCtr Twitter Followers: 727 ↑ 68%

Instagram Followers: 320 ↑ 320%

Pinterest Followers: 94 ↑ 54%

*Thanks to Paige Mahoney-Nagle who manages our social media accounts!*



# OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2014-2015)

## Award Received

Camp Kawartha received the **County of Peterborough 2015 Recognition Award for Sustainability**. That's 11 awards over the past 8 years!

## Summer Camp 2015

This was the biggest summer camp on record! We had:

- 577 overnight campers,
- 325 day campers
- 52 Leadership Campers

This represents an increase of **15%** over last fiscal year.

We've recently added several new programs for younger campers including **Kinder Day Camp, CK101 101** (an 3-day/2-night introduction to Camp) and **CK Overnight** (a new 1-night overnight camp). We also developed a comprehensive **Parent Manual** which helps parents and campers know what to expect when enrolling their children in our summer camp program. The tremendous testimonials bear witness to the difference we are making in promoting confidence and self-esteem, fostering nature awareness and helping children to respect and care for one another. Please see their comments at the end of this report.



## Outreach Camps

As a way to increase our reach, we've developed partnerships with the Association of Stoney Lake Cottagers and the Wollaston Cottager's Association. We provide a total of 5 weeks of environmental camps for **82 campers**. Together with our environment camps offered by the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre, that makes for a total of **234 additional campers** learning about environmental stewardship.

## Outdoor Education Programs

Over the past year, we've revised and **expanded** our **outdoor education program offerings**. The intent is to not only link programs to the **Ontario Curriculum** but to articulate **key stewardship values** and to ensure that each program delivers on these. We've also created a **stewardship framework** showing how environmental knowledge, skills and values can develop throughout all the grade levels. A new **brochure and program guide** provides an overview of the various programs Camp Kawartha provides teachers and students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Between the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre and the Camp Kawartha Outdoor Education Centre, we offer over **80 curriculum related programs!**



## Facility Rentals

Our facility rentals **grew by 22%** over last year. Revenue generated through weekend rentals helps to support our environmental programming.

Thanks to **Shawna Foxtan** who coordinates all **Facility Rentals** as well as **Outdoor Education bookings**.



*"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."*  
— Albert Camus

fostering curiosity  
*and wonder*



# OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS...(CON'T)

## Environment Centre



Located at 2505 Pioneer Road next to Trent University, The Camp Kawartha Environment Centre continues to be a wonderful catalyst for all kinds of environmental education opportunities in our community.

### Here are some highlights:

- **2,387 elementary and high school students** participated in environmental programming during this past year.
  - A total of **4,183 campers, students, student teachers and adults** visited the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre this past year.
  - Since opening, the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre has directly taught **14,262 High School and Elementary students** about sustainable living, energy conservation and ecology. More than **2,234 University Students and Student Teachers** have participated in environmental education workshops and we've recorded **30,800 visits** to the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre (a total of tours, students, student teachers and rental groups over the past 5 years).
  - A total of **402 student teachers** participated in environmental education workshops at the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre during the 2014-2015 school year.
  - This is the fifth year we have partnered with **Trent University** in creating a unique "**Eco Mentor Program**". Student teachers participate in a series of in depth workshops on environmental education delivered by Trent Faculty and Camp Kawartha staff. These workshops take place at the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre. Students graduating from this program receive an **Eco-Mentor Certificate** from both Trent University and Camp Kawartha. The certificate tells future employers that these future teachers have the skills, knowledge and expertise to be their school's "Eco-Mentor." By June 2015 we'll have graduated more than **240 student teachers** from this program. We are delighted to report that the model of environmental education for student teachers is now being used by 4 other post-secondary institutions. Our Board Member and Professor of Education, Paul Elliot presented our Eco-Mentor approach to teacher training the a **World Environmental Education Congress** in Gottenberg, Sweden this past summer.
- This has been an excellent year for renting the facilities out to user groups with an environmental focus. **553 participants** made the Environment Centre a destination for workshops. Examples include: Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Peterborough County Health Unit and many others besides.
  - In 2012, we introduced our "**Oaks and Acorns**" program. Specifically geared for parents and their toddlers, we provided a weekly opportunity for young families to explore the natural world at the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre. This past year we logged **505 visits!**
  - This is also the second year for **Forest Fridays** - a program designed for homeschooling families. This year, 16 sessions took place, logging **495 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.
  - We were able to offer a **March Break Environmental Camp** and **five one-week summer camp sessions** to children from the ages of 6 to 12. These sessions had a waiting list. Activities included Nature Art, Exploration, First Nation Awareness, Sustainable Living, Story Telling and Music. Over **170 campers** participated in these camps. As well, we ran two one-week long "**Wild Clover Day Camp**" sessions for kids between the ages of 3 and 5. That represents an increase of more than 20% over last year.
- Thank you to Paige Mahoney-Nagle who coordinates all the bookings at the Environment Centre.**

# OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS...(CON'T)

## Be a Watershed Steward

We are proud of our partnership with the **Otonabee Region Conservation Authority (ORCA)**. Since 2012, we have planted over 31,788 square metres of shoreline, we've enhanced 24 planting sites and we've taught more than 1,500 students about the importance of watersheds, water conservation and sustainable living. We've increased biodiversity and improved the health of our local watershed.

Be a Watershed Steward Program Summary Statistics						
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
#students	796	0	952	294	678	2720
#plants	200	0	1227	1249	1821	4497
Area naturalized (m2)	2500	0	10368	18920	1492	33280

## 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 create a series of **interactive nature playscapes** at the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre. From musical chimes, to unique climbing structures, it features elements that invite nature engagement and play. They are creative, whimsical and fun. Our thanks to Paul Patterson, who designed and built these creations. We hope the playscapes will not only inspire outdoor play but will encourage teachers, parents and community leaders to construct their own playscapes.



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## Environmental Framework

Camp Kawartha is currently working with **partners from local conservation authorities, land trusts, faculty of education, public health, school boards, parents and educators** to create an **environmental framework** for our region. This is a call for the whole community to determine what each child needs throughout their development in order to become an environmental steward, and to make sure that the whole community is involved in providing these experiences. We are working to establish **clear stewardship benchmarks** with our community members. Whether it means being caretakers of nearby green spaces, raising monarch butterflies, working as citizen scientists or learning about sustainable living, the camp is inspiring **our whole community** to raise a responsible steward, one child at a time. Our thanks to **Cathy Dueck** and our Steering Committee, for their tremendous work in this area.



# OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS...(CON'T)

## Facility Improvements

The Camp continues to invest in improving and upgrading our **infrastructure**. As always, we use the most **sustainable approach** to retrofitting that we can, selecting low or non-toxic materials, researching and implementing energy saving options and increasing biological diversity by planting native trees, wildflowers and shrubs. Over the past year, we've been able to invest over **\$154,000** in **capital improvements**. Special thanks to our maintenance team consisting of **Michael Schmor** and **Jeremy Courneyea** for their hard work. Here are some highlights:

- Special thanks to **GE volunteers** and their "**Days of Caring Program**" over 80 volunteers accomplished the following:
  - Constructed new stairs to cabin cluster
  - Upgraded the exterior of 8 sleeping cabins and constructed new, larger porches on three cabins
  - Ripped up old Kitchen deck and replaced decking
  - Rehabilitated our Nature Playscapes area – build bird nest, repaired large web, improved tracking area, installed feeders
  - Spread wood chips throughout camp paths
  - Painted exterior of Rotary Hall
  - Varnished entrance gate, pillar at Rotary Hall entrance, fences, and Abby's Garden entrance



- We completely renovated the interior of three sleeping cabins. We replaced a series of old asphalt roofing with new metal roofing. Special thanks to Mike Evans and the **Lloyd Carr-Harris Foundation** for their generous support
- Thanks to the **Williams Wilson Sherport Foundation**, we've been able to upgrade our canoe and sailing fleet and to install the first ever camp wide radio station!
- We've installed a fireplace insert in our dining

hall which reduces our carbon footprint, burns more efficiently than fireplace reducing our oil consumption

- We've replaced our ancient phone system and have upgraded the computers. Our new system now provides direct lines to department heads complete with voice mail, creating a more efficient and responsive office

## Camper Subsidies & Sponsorships

Thanks to the generosity of a variety of donors, businesses and foundations, we were able to provide a total of **\$80,548** in funding to help **70 children** in need participate in the magic of summer camp. We'd especially like to thank the **Rotary Club of Peterborough** and the hard work of **Judge Alan Ingram** for providing Camp Kawartha with \$8,280 in **sponsorship funding**. Together we worked with Prince of Wales Public School, St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School, and Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society to select children whose families could not afford a camp experience.

## Surf 'n Turf Fundraiser

Thanks to donors & community supporters, this year's Surf 'n Turf raised close to **\$40,000**. All funds raised help support our award-winning summer camp, environmental and outdoor education programming.

## Total Fundraising

Camp Kawartha had a **banner year in fundraising**, raising more than **\$275,655** from individual donors, grants and subsidies. The funding provides subsidies and sponsorship dollars, assists in program development, staffing levels and facility upgrades.

## Mackenzie Tour - PGA Canada

Thanks to **Glen Stonehouse** from **Wildfire Golf Club**, Camp Kawartha will be receiving \$22,000 from the **Mackenzie Golf Tour** held this past September. Two PGA golf pros visited the Camp. They participated in throwing games such as tossing an atlatl dart into a golf hole and axe throwing. In turn, they taught our Executive Director to golf. A segment of this appeared on TSNR4 and Global TV.

# OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS...(CON'T)

## Ontario Trillium Grant



Camp Kawartha received a grant for **\$100,000** from the **Ontario Trillium Foundation**. These

funds are earmarked for the renovation of what our **Site and Facilities Master Plan** referred to as the “**East Cluster**.” The intention of the grant is to: a) showcase green infrastructure, b) build capacity, and 3) improve accessibility. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$200,000. A business plan for the Site and Facilities Master Plan was created by Cambium Inc. in 2013 outlining the benefits of investing in the East Cluster. Construction will be completed by the end of **March 2016**.

## Website

Thanks to **Karen Copson**, our recently redesigned website has increased in views over the past year from 86,556 annual visits to 97,445, a 12.5% increase. The feedback we’ve received from teachers, parents and rental inquiries, is that the site is much easier to navigate, professional looking and cleaner than our previous website.

## Camp Store

Thanks largely to efforts of Karen Copson and our Office Staff, this fiscal year we’ve been able to sell a total of **\$25,648** in merchandise.

That means an additional **\$10,000** in revenue for the camp. We try to select environmentally friendly memorabilia for campers and students. We’ve expanded our product offerings and we’ve enhanced our online presence, enabling parents to pre-order for summer. We have also developed a smoother, more efficient payments system plan. This is a welcome and growing stream of revenue for the camp.



## Adventures in Understanding

This is the second year of a unique partnership between Camp Kawartha, the **Rotary Club of Peterborough-Kawartha**, **Curve Lake First Nations** and the **Canadian Canoe Museum**. Conceived by Rotarians Don Watkins and Janet McLeod, **10 First Nations** and **non-First Nations Youth** participated in a five-day canoe trip focusing on First Nations history and cross-cultural awareness. Led by our own talented **Glen Caradus**, the program was a great success. Several articles appeared in the Examiner and the story was picked up by CBC on Ontario Morning.



## Travel Writers

In June of 2015, Camp Kawartha worked with **Peterborough & the Kawarthas Tourism** and Bear’s Lair winner “**The Land Canadian Adventures**”, to run a special 4-day canoe trip for travel writers as part of an international conference.

## Cell Tower Update

In the November 2014, Camp Kawartha was informed that Rogers wanted to install a 305 foot tower directly adjacent to the Camp. Over **80 letters of protest** were written by neighbours, colleagues, friends and stakeholders. We recently heard that as of the writing of this report, Rogers has no plans to construct the tower in this location.

# FUTURE PLANS

Camp Kawartha is excited about embarking on the next phase of our Master Plan. We look forward to becoming a provincially significant environmental leadership centre for youth. To find out more about our future capital campaign and program development initiatives, visit: [campkawartha.ca/pdf/about/Site-Facilities-MasterPlan.pdf](http://campkawartha.ca/pdf/about/Site-Facilities-MasterPlan.pdf)

The report illustrates a series of physical proposals geared towards achieving the goals of the Camp

The key elements of this demonstration plan can be summarized as follows:

- Upgraded facilities to showcase sustainable living practices.
- An expanded central hub to include new interconnected dining, kitchen, dormitory and washroom/support facilities.
- A new parking area located near the existing main entry drive.
- A renewed and expanded **east cabin cluster** to complement the existing west cabin cluster.
- An enhanced upper and lower “common” area, intended to improve the natural character and identity of the camp.
- A site-wide ecological restoration effort.

Camp Kawartha is working with its partners and donors to develop a provincially recognized environmental leadership centre for youth. By providing examples of innovation in action – from strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to promoting sustainable building practices and energy conservation - we help inspire future leaders to create a greener, more sustainable economy for Ontario



[campkawartha.ca/pdf/about/Site-Facilities-MasterPlan.pdf](http://campkawartha.ca/pdf/about/Site-Facilities-MasterPlan.pdf)



## The “East Cabin Cluster”



# CAMP KAWARTHA HEROES

**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:**

## Community Supporters

Adamson and Dobbin Limited  
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Pulse Physiotherapy  
Quarry Golf  
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RBC Insurance  
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Peterborough Kawartha  
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The Art Shop  
The Irwin Inn  
The Lakefield Pantry  
The Market  
The Publican House  
The Toy Shop  
Top Performance Training  
Trent University  
Tribal Voices  
Tri-Line Electric  
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Village Pet Food & Supply  
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Wildfire Golf Club  
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# CAMP KAWARTHA HEROES...CON'T

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Margaret Broadfoot	Corin Forrester	Jennifer Martin-Cannon	Claire Thompson
Neil Broadfoot	Nicole Fortin	Rudy Massimo	Wendy Thompson
Blair Brown	Peter Gardner	Duncan Maunder	Tony Tilly
Jan Brunetti	Robert Gauvreau	Ann McDonald	Stefano & Karen Tognarelli
M. Buddle & D. Ginter	Steve Gentle	Peter McGovarin	Russell Turner
Bob & Donna Burgis	Don Gillespie	Gayle McIntyre	Nick Vanderkamp
Kari Burgis	George Gillespie	Dan McWilliams	Dr. John Van Dorsser
Trevor Burgis	Dr. N. Gledhill	Erik Miller	Z. & A. von Bieberstein
Geoffrey Butson	Nicole Grady	Drew Monkman	Jen Warr
Wanda Buttamor	Lara & Andrew Griffin	Randy Morton	Susan Weaver
Neil Campbell	Jonathan Gucciardi	Stephen Motyer	Maeda Welch
April & Vince Casali	Jonathan Gucciardi	Rick Murdock	Nancy White
Alison Casey	Marion Habermehl	Nancy Newton	Susan Williamson
Albina Chiasson	Lucinda Hage	Bryon & Kirsten Olive	Carol Lea Wood
Liam Churchill	Chantelle & Aaron Hart	Martin & Kathy Parker	Ellen Woodward
Robert Clark	Gwen Harterre	Gwen Parkes	Greg Worboy
Paul Clifford	M.Hartigan & T. Ruthman	Marilyn Patton	Shelly York
John Cockburn	Janice Hawthorne	Olivia Paxton-Beesley	Peter Young
	Andrew Helsdon	Bill Peacock	
	Lisa Helsdon	Lynn Peskoran	Edwin Matthews Memorial Fund
	Kyrie Hicks	Jack Phelan	

# 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

- *Two great days that allowed the kids to have many learning experiences from nature. Thanks for all your great ideas for us to take back to use in our nature classrooms.*
  - *Loved the hike down to the creek with the children holding their nets and Jamie playing the mandolin – this is what a child's education should look like!*
  - *AWESOME DAY with GREAT OUTDOOR LEARNING!*
  - *Very engaging and informative programs!*
  - *The students had a LOT of fun. Good connections to the First Nations curriculum.*
  - *The leaders were excellent with my students!*
  - *Instructor was very knowledgeable and patient! Thank you!*
  - *Wonderful programs!*
  - *FANTASTIC AS USUAL!!! Your staff and program are age appropriate, engaging, enviro based and WE LOVE IT!!! Yay! Amanda, Jamie and Britania!*
  - *The staff at Camp Kawartha are truly dedicated, interested and therefore very interesting, informative and fun!*
  - *Our visit to the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre last week was wonderful. The program was perfectly suited to the science subjects we are currently working on (Gr. 4 Habitats, Gr. 5 Conservation of Energy). My kids loved the activities, both indoor and out. They were engaging, interactive, hands-on, thought-provoking, and lots of fun.*
  - *What a fantastic fun-filled day for Kindergarten students! Thank you so much!*
  - *Very creative! Nice to get in touch with nature. Energetic! Really like the structure! Games!*
  - *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.*
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- *How great to bring learning out of the classroom and into the outdoors! Great, hands on, inquiry based programming! Thanks!*
  - *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!*
  - *We had an exemplary day at the centre. We knew from the moment we arrived that our Kindergarten students would be engaged. From the first moose song to the pond exploration, to foxes chasing deer. The children were delighted with their day! Thank you!*
  - *'Our daughter (and I) felt safe, confident and stimulated here. We will be back and I will definitely recommend Camp Kawartha to friends.'*
  - *'The kids learn a lot about really important things.'*
  - *'A fantastic week with great leaders and creative environmental programming!'*
  - *We had heard good things, but hearing the enthusiasm of my kids and their daily discoveries was incredible!*
  - *'Great environmental focus, experienced teachers, different activities from other camps.'*
  - *Staff were wonderful and went above and beyond for the kids! Program was interesting for her and she talked about her adventure nonstop!*
  - *'My only wish is that she came years ago - this was a wonderful week of exploring and creating and being outdoors! Thank you!'*

*"In the spring, at the end of the day,  
you should smell like dirt."  
— Margaret Atwood*

focus on *self esteem*



# TEACHER TESTIMONIALS

## Outdoor Education Centre

**We are committed to providing students, teachers and parent volunteers with the best outdoor education experience possible. Below are some letters and comments we have received from teachers about their visit to our Centre:**

*"I have taken my class to MANY outdoor education camps over the last 15 years and Camp Kawartha is, by far, the BEST. The educators, staff, facilities and focus on REAL outdoor EDUCATION are unmatched. Thank you."*

Glebe Montessori School, Ottawa

*"Experiential learning in the outdoor environment is not something we can provide within our school, therefore having facilities like this one greatly improves our student's education."*

Emery Collegiate Institute, North York

*"Camp Kawartha is a treasure allowing children the opportunity to interact with the natural environment in a positive way. Students absolutely love Camp Kawartha and remember their experiences forever."*

North Cavan Public School

*"Camp Kawartha staff are fantastic. The kitchen staff accommodated all dietary restrictions and made sure our students were well fed with healthy meals. Program staff were very flexible in supporting students with special needs so they were included. Activities were differentiated to allow all students an entry point regardless of previous experiences, ability or interests. Thanks!"*

Dr. M.S. Hawkins Public School, Port Hope

*"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 Gr. 5 students/school community. We greatly appreciate the enormous efforts of the Camp K staff to integrate/encourage both groups of students."*

Edmison Heights Public School, Peterborough

*"Programs such as this one are essential for students who are looking for an experience that can teach them leadership & wilderness skills, educate them about nature, and let them learn about Canadian history. This facility is one of a kind and I am grateful to be able to offer this experience to our community @ New College (UofT)"*

University of Toronto

*"Our experiences at Camp Kawartha have been phenomenal! Our "city kids" have truly gained a greater appreciation for nature and our environment, as well as have experiences and take risks they would never have had the opportunity for in their daily lives. We love Camp Kawartha and will be back again next year!"*

Josyf Cardinal Slipyj Catholic School, Toronto

*"I have brought students from three different schools for over ten years now. Every year students claim their CK experience is the best part of the year. I have students from years gone by who keep in touch & still talk about the trip to CK. A jewel that needs to be treasured. Every child should get the opportunity to go at least once."*

North Cavan Public School, Cavan-Monaghan

*"Camp Kawartha is a rich learning experience for all students. Learning goes beyond the curriculum and includes life skills such as: community building, curiosity, and a joy of our Ontario environment. I will always bring my students here."*

Westmount Public School, Peterborough

*"The hands-on experiences outdoors lent themselves to some great exploration of some big ideas. They created a springboard to further enrich classroom discussions. The knowledgeable staff was highly valued as you could tell they believed in what they were doing. The food was also really good – dedication to local & healthy products valuable lessons for our students too."*

The Bishop Strachan School, Toronto

*"The knowledge, professionalism, quality and experience of your staff are what keeps us coming back! Thanks again for another amazing 3 days, our students love it! We will see you next year."*

Brock High School, Cannington

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# SUMMER CAMP TESTIMONIALS

*"You made our daughters first overnight camp experience wonderful and memorable! She had a blast, got out of her shell and tried some new things. Looking forward to next summer!"*

Parent, Session CK101 (3-days/2-nights), 2015

*"Every time I have picked up our daughter from Camp Kawartha, she has asked if she can return the next year. This started the first afternoon I picked her up from CK day camp four years ago, and continued this year when I picked her up at the end of her first week-long camp. Thanks CK!"*

Parent, Session A (1-week), 2015

*"Best Summer Camp by far! My son went for the Nature Camp (4days,3nights) and he didn't want to come home. The people are amazing. So welcoming and accepting of everybody. It was well organized. Drop off and pick up were a breeze. My son is already asking when he can go back. His camp leaders were great, they left a lasting impression. Keep up the great work! This may have been our first experience with Camp Kawartha, but it sure won't be our last!!"*

Parent, Session N (4 days/3-nights), 2015

*"At 13 years old, I had never attended camp before. I was a bit nervous and excited about coming. I had a spectacular experience; when my parents came to pick me up I didn't want to leave. All campers and counsellors were extremely nice, welcoming and made me feel at home. I am already planning next years camp, can't wait!!!!!!"*

Camper, Algonquin Canoe Trip (1 week), 2015

*"This was the third year for our son and second year for our daughter attending Camp Kawartha for sleepover camp. We chose it after our friends were married there and we experienced the food, the scenery, and the cabins! Each year, upon our children's return, they ask for an extra week the following year. They adore the staff, love the choice of activities, and appreciate the abundance of good food. They both want to be leaders eventually. We love the care and concern of the staff, the size of the camp and the location. Until next year..."*

Parent, Session E & Session E1, 2015

*"My Son and Daughter have both attended Camp Kawartha over that last 7 years. It has been an amazing experience for them both, My son found his love of the outdoors during the 7 day trip, as well as applied this to his Duke Of Edinburgh Award Designation. My daughter will continue thru the entire process and wants to become a summer counselor, She enjoys the staff and always comes home talking about it for the next few weeks. It's been nothing but a positive experience for both my kids."*

Parent, Pre-Leadership Camp (3-weeks), 2015

*"This summer was our daughter's 3rd summer at Camp Kawartha. Every year that she has attended, her stay has gotten longer and longer and her request. As we picked her up this time, she asked for an extra week next year. She loves the freedom of being outdoors, learning new activities, developing new friendships and being encouraged by the amazing team of counsellors. I joke about this but I believe that if we gave our daughter the opportunity to spend the whole summer at camp, she'd take it! Keep in mind she's only 10!!"*

Parent, Session D (2-weeks), 2015

*"This was the first time my two children had ever attended camp – they are 9 and 11 so I'll be honest in saying I was a little nervous but excited for them as camp is a big part of my childhood memories and Camp Kawartha did not disappoint!! They LOVED it – the activities, cabins, crazy staff names and stories, new friendships, new experiences! When I picked them up they were both bubbling with confidence and stories of their week adventures! Truly an awesome experience for them both – thank you!!"*

Parent, Session C (1-week), 2015

*"You made our daughters first overnight camp experience wonderful and memorable! She had a blast, got out of her shell and tried some new things. Looking forward to next summer!"*

Parent, Session CK101 (3-days/2-nights), 2015

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# 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 of Directors who bring a wide variety of skills to their role as Board members. Our typical term length is three terms of three years each in duration. 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 people who served on the board over the past year: Ed Arnold, Alison Casey, Deborah Lineberry, Martin Parker



## 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 at December 14, 2015

Chair	Dan McWilliams
President	Jay Amer
Vice-President	Jason Huffman
Corporate Secretary	Emmet Connolly
Treasurer	Robert D. Gauvreau
Past President	Bob Burgis
Director	Neil Campbell
Director	Cathy Dueck (on Leave)
Director	Paul Elliott
Director	Trent Gervais
Director	Wendy Hill
Director	Peter Koesleg
Director	David Kubica
Director	Paul Legacy
Director	Betsy Reburn
Rotary Representative	Rick Storey
Honorary Member	Stephen Ambler
Honorary Member	John Cockburn

### Department Managers & Administration Staff

Executive Director	Jacob Rodenburg
Summer Camp Director	Adam Strasberg
Head of Outdoor Education	Neil Fortin
Environment Centre Manager	Craig Brant
Administrative Coordinator	Karen Copson
Outdoor Centre Registrar	Shawna Foxtton
Environment Centre & Summer Camp Registrar	Paige Mahoney-Nagle
Property Manager	Michael Schmor
Food Services Manager	Tina Barnes
Housekeeping Coordinator	Sue Clarke

*"It is a job that's never started that takes the longest to finish"*  
-J.R.R. Tolkien

we plug into *nature*





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