

*Award Winning*  
**The Camp Kawartha**  
*Outdoor Education Centre*



*Open a door to environmental learning*

## Testimonials

*“The most valuable aspect of the Kawartha Outdoor Education Centre, is that it is led by highly specialized teachers who are able to blend the Ontario Curriculum into educational, creative and interactive programs. Within the context of an exciting outdoor classroom facility, Kawartha teachers are experts at making the history curriculum come alive. Our kids love their Fur Trade activities and want to return year after year!”*

*“Camp Kawartha is an amazing trip for students. I have organized it for middle school students for the past 4 years, and every year it gets better. The programs and food are amazing and the staff are wonderful and very knowledgeable. Every year the students come back to school exhausted, but they always say it is the best trip of the year.”*


*“One of the highlights for every Grade 6 student at Westmount is the 3 day - 2 night trip to Camp Kawartha every March. “*

*“Students look forward, with great anticipation, to the winter camping experience and well planned programs.”*

*“This is my eighth year as a teacher coming to KOEC. Every year better than the last! Your staff - Glen, Sherry, Neil are fabulous, you could not ask for a better group of people. Blaisdale Montessori staff and children look forward to camp every year. Thank you.”*

**For more testimonials, please visit [www.campkawartha.ca](http://www.campkawartha.ca)**





**Award Winning...** Over the past few years, Camp Kawartha has earned seven awards for our work in environmental education and stewardship. Our mission is to “promote the interrelationship between all living things” and to “develop positive stewards of our natural and human communities.”

### **Environmental Learning for Almost a Century**

Camp Kawartha has been providing meaningful outdoor experiences for children, youth and adults for over 90 years. We have grown into a year-round learning centre dedicated to promoting outdoor learning, environmental awareness, recreational opportunities and leadership programming to residents from Ontario and beyond. We operate as a summer camp, an outdoor education centre and an environmental learning centre. We also offer facility rentals for user groups.

The Camp Kawartha Outdoor Education Centre operates from September until the end of June providing dynamic and innovative programs ground in the curriculum for school children from kindergarten to grade 12.




### **The Camp Kawartha Outdoor Education Centre Difference**

We strive to make our programs interactive, varied and of course, educational. Wherever possible, we provide you with pre and post activity suggestions. We are continually developing new program ideas. Please consult the enclosed guide for a list of our latest program offerings.

**Excellence in Programming** We incorporate a wide variety of exciting teaching techniques including drama, storytelling, music, hands-on games and activities. Our programs are educational, engaging and fun! We are also able to tailor-design a program to fit a unit of classroom study or to modify existing programs to emphasize an area of learning that you want to focus on.

**Environmental Education** With a wind turbine, passive and active solar systems and unique straw bale buildings, including a solar straw bale greenhouse, we provide students with concrete and inspiring examples of alternatives to fossil fuels. Our newly revised alternative energy program features solar cookers, solar ovens, model solar powered cars and a variety of hands-on and experientially based equipment. We are keenly aware that one of the most important messages we can convey to children is a sense of hope for a better tomorrow. Our renowned environmental programming teaches children about what animals and plants live in their community.





**Commitment to Professionalism** Our educators, all university graduates, many teacher-trained, share a lifetime commitment to excellence in education in the outdoors. They combine a wide range of knowledge and experience in natural science, history, geography, environmental studies, outdoor living skills, group development and adventure learning. Our staff is continually upgrading their skills by attending workshops, conferences and courses.

**Small Learning Groups** At the Camp Kawartha Outdoor Education Centre, students benefit from a low student to instructor ratio (usually one instructor to twelve students, or less). Our staff take the time to become acquainted with each student, providing them with the special attention they need to excel in outdoor learning.

**Flexibility** You can select an experience which best suits your class, from an overnight visit to an entire week at the centre packed with field trips, adventure and exploration. (Most school visits are 2 1/2 days in duration.) Your stay here will be easy to plan and easy to manage.

## **Fostering Stewardship Today for Tomorrow**

**Our Vision of Community** We believe that the development of self-esteem and self-confidence in children and teens within a caring and supportive community is fundamental to their ability to learn. We actively encourage participants to live, learn and work co-operatively while valuing each other's strengths and differences. Our vision of community extends beyond human communities into an awareness and appreciation for natural communities. This ethic is incorporated into everything we do, from the programs we teach, the food we serve, to the way we maintain our grounds. Our overarching goal is to help young people become positive stewards of tomorrow's communities.



**Programs** All of our programs are grounded in the current Ontario curriculum with the expectations clearly outlined. Teachers can select from five broad areas of programming.

1. *Environment and Science*
2. *Adventure and Leadership*
3. *History*
4. *Arts*
5. *Outdoor Recreation*

**Evening Programs** Our traditional evening programs include a night hike and campfire. The night hike gives students an opportunity to explore a nocturnal environment and learn about the unique adaptations animals and birds have evolved to survive in low light. The hikes are full of games, stories and sensory awareness activities. Our campfire program involves interactive songs and games, often performed by trained musicians, around a crackling fire. Other evening programs are available by request.

**Our Commitment to Safety** We carefully examine all aspects of our programs on an ongoing basis to ensure they provide the highest standards of safety and care. Our ropes course, climbing wall and climbing equipment are inspected annually and our staff attend training courses to remain current in all aspects of risk management and safety.

**Great Food** Mealtimes are a special part of the day at the Camp Kawartha Outdoor Education Centre as we gather for fellowship and delicious food. Our Center's small size gives our cooks the time to prepare wholesome meals with fresh ingredients and local produce. Some of the herbs and vegetables come from our solar greenhouse and organic garden. Students and adults with special dietary needs are given individual attention and alternative meals. Nutritious snacks and fruit are available between meals and in the evenings.



## Our Location

The Camp Kawartha Outdoor Education Centre is located 26 km north of Peterborough on the south shore of Clear Lake (about an hour and a half northeast of Toronto and three and a half hours west of Ottawa). For the best in outdoor learning, we have an environment centre, a nature centre, a straw bale solar greenhouse, a large straw bale addition to our dining hall, an authentic trading post, two large teepees and a traditional encampment area. 15 sleeping cabins can accommodate up to 125 students.

Our fully equipped water-front and our 180 acres of fields, forest and wetlands offer wonderful opportunities for environment learning and exploration. Activity areas include archery range, basketball court, campfire circle, climbing wall, high ropes, low ropes, playing fields, and volleyball court.

Sleeping cabins are located close to the dining hall and central washroom building.

*Join us and help open a door to environmental learning!*

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