

The Tremelo



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Newsletter from Camp Kawartha

Environmental Education Today... A Sustainable Tomorrow!



Special touches inside the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre



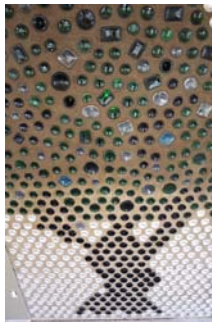
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As Henry David Thoreau once wrote: “*what is the good of having a nice house without a decent planet to put it on?*” The new **Camp Kawartha Environment Centre**, constructed by Fleming College’s Sustainable Building Program illustrates that if we all build with sustainability in mind we can have both a nice house, a decent planet and most importantly, hope for our children’s future.



If you stand inside the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre and gaze about, you’ll be amazed at what building sustainably can achieve! Look up and observe a gentle glow coming from an LED lighting system that lights the entire building using less than 120 watts in total (same power as 2 regular light bulbs). Look north, south, east and west and you’ll see examples of straw bale, hemp-crete and slip straw walls providing the



Our bottle wall, using reclaimed material

centre with over R-40 in insulation (more than two times the insulation of a regular house). Overhead you’ll notice a living roof seeded with local plants. Out back you’ll notice a rainwater collection system that stores all the building’s water needs. To the southeast you’ll soon see a bank of 44 solar panels providing power to the building. Extra power generated is fed directly back into the grid. A geothermal heating system

extracts heat from the ground, composting toilets turn human waste into fertile soil and a small wetland water treatment system, cleans water before it is released into the environment.

In everyway the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre showcases sustainable living in action.

Thanks to all our funders, partners and donors for making this ground-breaking project a reality. Special thanks to the Gainey Family for their generous gift and their faith in this vision.

Located at Trent University, this inspiring building will teach children, adults and future teachers all about environmental awareness and sustainability. Come and see for yourself! We’ll be hosting sustainable workshops over the next several months. And we’ll be providing tours and open houses for the public each Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., starting November 6th. You can check out upcoming workshops and special events by visiting www.campkawartha.ca



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Beyond Summer Camp

A message from the Head of Outdoor Education...

As the leaves change colour and fall, the voices of summer campers fade and are replaced by the excited sounds of students arriving at the Kawartha Outdoor Education Centre (KOEK) to learn and be inspired by the natural environment. The centre which operates fall, winter and spring, offers an incredible array of programs which teachers can choose from to help extend their classroom learning.



The fall season sees many teachers taking advantage of our amazing high ropes course and our creative initiative tasks in order to foster team building and leadership development within their classroom. The darkness falls earlier and evenings are a little crisper and clearer offering won-

derful stargazing moments during our night hikes. Winter brings the excitement of witnessing the story of animal's quest to survive as we follow its tracks over snow. Then it is the unique sights & sounds of the spring as animals and plants awaken from their long winter sleep.

Over the course of the 2008-09 season, the Kawartha Outdoor Education Center provided over 3,000 students from Peterborough, Toronto, Whitby, Niagara region, Hamilton and beyond with memorable outdoor and environmental programming.

Our instructors are a skilled blend of **qualified teachers**, outdoor educators and adventure facilitators who bring their rich personal experiences and extensive skills to the Outdoor Education team. Using music, drama, story telling, puppetry, dis-



covery learning, adventure and exploration, our instructors literally bring outdoor learning to life for students of all ages.

In addition to school groups, weekends bring a wide assortment of weekend rental groups who use the camp resources for their various meetings & retreats. Weddings are becoming an ever increasing event here at camp where the couple can make use of our spectacular water front for their ceremony .

From September until June, the KOEK is seldom dormant. Instead it takes on a different hue and colour than the summer much like the seasonal changes happening all around us now. It is a vibrant and interactive environment for students and adults alike to enjoy.

Come on by for a visit to see what's happening during our outdoor education season.

Neil Fortin
Head of Outdoor Education

Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do.

John Wooden,

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Upcoming Workshops at the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre:

Location: 2505 Pioneer Road, Peterborough
(All Workshops are offered at no charge to the public)

December 19- Simon Boone with Generation Solar Renewable Energy Systems. His company designed, supplied and installed the PV system at the Environment Centre. He will be speaking on Renewable Energy.

January 16- Stephen Collette with Your Healthy House, and indoor environmental testing and building consulting company. He will be speaking on how to make your home and building healthier.

February 20- Melanie Scott with Solares Design Build Inc., interior designer and past student of the SBCD program. She will be speaking on Passive Solar Design.

March 20- Jacob Rodenburg, Executive Director of Camp Kawartha, will be speaking on Environmental Education.

To register please contact Allison at Camp Kawartha 652-3860 or email: allison@campkawartha.ca

Message from Summer Camp Director

Hey everyone! It's great to work at a camp where it's easy to discuss the positives. In my opinion, summer camp 2009 has been my best summer ever; both personally and professionally. I attribute this to our highly experienced and larger senior staff as well as our expanded regular staff (over 50 in all!). We worked hard to provide comprehensive training for each member of our team. I was impressed by the range of fun and creative programming developed by our staff. I continue to be amazed by the quality of our sessions and the safety and health of the campers and staff. Thanks to continual investment in staffing, programming, grounds, and equipment, we run nothing short of an exceptional camp. Newly purchased and donated equipment has left us well supplied at the waterfront and on land. We are proud of our excel-

lent ropes courses, and the building that we utilize for camp programming around camp.

Our tripping programs, continues to offer campers unique wilderness experiences, and growth opportunities in some of Ontario's most pristine Provincial Parks. We constantly set protocols and hire staff to ensure the greatest safety during trip, and as a result our trippers instill great confidence as they take on primary responsibility once the campers are off-camp.

After a highly successful season, both the staff and myself are looking forward to Summer 2010, and are anticipating continued success in the years to come.

Adam Strasberg - Summer Camp Director



Adam "Wham" Strasberg
Summer Camp Director
& baby Strasberg



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THE "BUY-A-BALE" CAMPAIGN

TO DATE: \$2,535
OUR GOAL: \$15,000

We still need *your* help to reach our goal of \$15,000 to go towards this innovative new teaching space.

So buy a bale and be a part of this exciting Camp Kawartha project! Your contribution will be recognized in a special and unique way once the building is completed!

If you or your organization would like to contribute please contact 705-652-3860 or visit our website:

www.campkawartha.ca/environmentcentre/buy-a-bale.htm



Surf 'N' Turf Update!

Wow! Thanks to your generosity, our 2009 surf-n-turf was a resounding success! We raised over **\$42,000** to help Camp Kawartha deliver its award winning summer camp and outdoor education programs. This surpassed our previous best by an astonishing \$15,000!

Special thanks to **Dan McWilliams** for his amazing volunteer efforts. And hats off to the many donors and those of you who attended and contributed to this special event.



What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others

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Facility Rentals for Groups:

From **September until mid-June**, our centre can assist you in delivering a magical weekend retreat. We provide **groups of 25-150** with **exclusive use** of our site and facilities, at a surprisingly affordable price. **Check out our virtual tour at: <http://www.campkawartha.ca/facilities/index.htm>**

Our facilities are ideal for:

- environmental conferences
- leadership camps
- team building retreats
- adult and youth retreats
- Girl Guides and Boy Scouts
- weddings and family reunions



Team Building through Adventure & Challenge:

We have a **team of skilled facilitators** who are able to deliver dynamic programs and workshops on team-building, leadership, and communication. We utilize our high-ropes course, low-ropes course, and our climbing wall (all designed by Challenges Unlimited) as a way to teach participants about trust, goal-setting, problem solving and cooperation. We have developed programs that enhance self-esteem, build trust and communication skills, encourage risk-taking, problem solving, cooperation and teamwork for community groups.

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I would like to support Camp Kawartha with the following donation:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 Other _____

Please designate my gift to:

- Help subsidize underprivileged students for Outdoor Education
- Help subsidize a child to attend Summer Camp
- Equipment and property purchases and upkeep
- Greatest need (enables the Board to designate where Funds are directed)
- Other, I want my donation to go towards: _____

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Cheque enclosed - payable to: Camp Kawartha

MasterCard # _____ Expiry _____

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Thank you for your support!!

Please read some thank you letters from campers on our website at <http://www.campkawartha.ca/donations/thankyouletters.htm>

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