

The Tremelo



Summer 2008

Newsletter from Camp Kawartha & The Kawartha Outdoor Education Centre



Cool Captain Climate teaches about climate change



Our New 6 foot High Wooden Friend

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Reaching Ever Higher!



Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right...! *Henry Ford*

Stroll down Birchview Road and stare to the west, just before the main entrance to the camp and you'll see something amazing! There, nestled in the trees, is a brand new **two level, 10 element challenge course**.

Thanks to funding from the *Ontario Trillium Foundation, Community Futures, St. Joseph's Foundation and the Peterborough Foundation*, the last phase of our ropes course was completed in early May, 2008.

Specially designed for us by Challenges Unlimited, this newest ropes course boasts a series of unique challenges, some found only at Camp Kawartha. Try out our "log driver's waltz", or navigate the tippy "clatter bridge."

Because the course is in two layers, we are able to select the appropriate level of challenge for our participants.. The lower level can be navigated "on belay," our staff holding a sturdy climbing rope for each participant. The upper level, is designed for older children. Making their way to the top plat-

form, participants fan out via "lobster claws" over and under tires, through a series of "Burmese Loops" and along a Swing Bridge." The upper level is between 35 and 40 feet in the air!



Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up. *Jesse Jackson*



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A Touch of Wind and Sun—Alternative Energy in Action

“What crazy weather!” I’ve heard more than one person remark. And indeed, from floods to cold winters, sudden thaws and sweltering summer days, the weather seems to be anything but normal.

Scientists believe erratic weather is caused by the tons of carbon released into the atmosphere each year by human activity through the burning of fossil fuels (such as natural gas oil and coal), solid waste, trees and wood products, and also as a result of other chemical reactions (e.g., manufacture of cement). Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide has risen from around 300 ppm (parts per million) in 1960 to



Solar Glycol System

well over 385 ppm, by 2007. This is the highest level of atmospheric carbon ever recorded!

So the question becomes how can we reduce our own carbon footprint? The answer isn’t complicated but it does require commitment and a call to action from each of one of us. By switching to alternative forms of fuel and especially by conserving energy wherever possible, we can dramatically decrease our own carbon emissions and as a consequence our personal impact on global warming.

At Camp Kawartha we are showcasing different forms of alternative energy. Thanks to a grant from the **Ministry of Energy’s Community Conservation Initiatives Program**, we have recently purchased a solar oven, solar cooker and installed a unique glycol solar heating system on our office. Phase two involves fund-



Cooking with the Sun. New acquisitions. Above, a solar oven...below a solar BBQ

ing to purchase a variety of alternative energy equipment for our new Trent Nature and Environment Centre. We want to teach children to be responsible stewards of their communities. We need to give them the tools they need to make responsible choices in the future. Good environmental education, we believe, depends on this.



The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing. *Albert Einstein*

How about those volunteers...

Special thanks to **John Cockburn!** For at least two days a week and often for many more John organizes work parties, helps to clear brush or finds himself engaged in the most unusual of tasks (like finding buried internet cables). He has done so much for the camp over the years that we owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Hats off to **Ron Wilson** and his crew of volunteers. Thanks to a grant from the **Peterborough Rotary Club**, Ron and his friends

have been constructing a new climbing shed to house all our new climbing equipment.



A person never stands as tall as when she kneels to help a child
The Knights of Pythagoras

Summer Camp Update!

Message From The Summer Camp Director

It is with great anticipation that I'm looking forward to my fourth summer as Summer Camp Director. It's amazing how we've grown during this time. We have introduced our 3-week PLC program, a 4-week CSD program, and our Wilderness Leadership programs including the new WCSD program for 2008.



Not only have we grown, but we have **GROWN-UP**. Many of our staff continue to return year after year. Staff in their last years of high school have become university students, staff in university have graduated – we have 5 **QUALIFIED TEACHERS** on staff this year - others have left the 'nest' to work in other parts of Canada, pursue professions and study abroad. We have staff returning from programs in Africa and jobs in Europe. All this experience and growth makes our camp stronger as we prepare for the best summer yet in 2008.

And as our staff 'grows-up' so do our campers. At camp, we are the educators of real-world experi-

ences. We help campers to be successful, to feel good about themselves, respect others and the environment, and have **FUN!** Like our campers, we **CAN'T WAIT** to get to camp and return to the place that makes us feel wonderful. Whether for a week or four weeks, we grow as individuals, make enduring friendships, and watch the summer pass by too fast. I look forward to seeing you all on Opening Day!

Here's to the Summer of 2008!



If the world seems cold to you, kindle fires to warm it
- Lucy Larcom



Remembering Kate...

We were sad to hear of the loss of one of Camp Kawartha's long time employees, **Kate Tremblett**. Kate was our long time camp cook, renowned for her hard work, her commitment to kids and camping and also for her amazing cookies. Kate and her children, who also worked at camp, spent lots of extra volunteer hours helping with extra projects and fundraising events. We will plant a tree at Camp Kawartha in Kate's honour.



A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song. *Maya Angelou*



Kate Tremblett

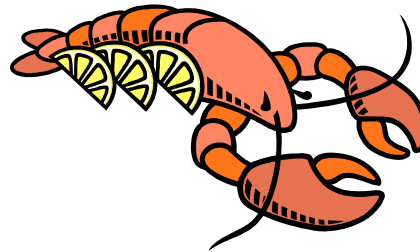
Events



On **Sunday May 25th**, move to be green for Camp Kawartha's annual **Green in Motion** event. With Tim the Juggling Fool, pizza, music, prizes and more, this a great outing for the whole family. You can run, bike, skip hop or move in any non-fossil powered way. All proceeds are allocated to a special subsidy fund, helping kids in financial need attend our environmentally based summer camp and outdoor education programs.

For more information about our Green in Motion Event and to access a pledge form please visit: www.campkawartha.ca/events/

One of the most talked about events on Stoney and Clear Lakes is Camp Kawartha's annual **Surf-n-turf** fundraiser held this year on **Saturday June 14th**. Treat yourself to lobster, steak, oysters and wine, all under the big top at Camp Kawartha. All proceeds help to support the camp's renowned outdoor and environmental programming. For ticket information call Camp Kawartha at 652-3860.



Far away in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead.

Louisa May Alcott



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