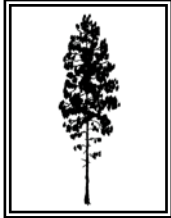


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Dreaming of a White Christmas – Cheryl Edwards

Like our summers at Red Pine, the holiday season is a time for family, friends and fun. It is also a time for reflection, as we remember another amazing summer at Red Pine.

This fall we saw two “retirements” from the Operating Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our departing members – Bob Orchard (Dining Hall / Tuck) and Sylvia Boggild (Junior Program). Each of these Red Piners have devoted countless hours and have contributed greatly in their respective roles. To each of them we say a sincere “thank you”.

With the camp put to bed for the winter and the snow (a lot of it!) beginning to fall, our thoughts have already turned to next summer. The Operating Committee is busy planning and

preparing for the season ahead. This fall we welcomed two new members to the Operating Committee – Patrick Hart has taken on the responsibilities for the Dining Hall and Tuck Shop while Rose McNiven has assumed the duties for the Junior Program.

Your feedback and comments are very important to us. Input from campers, and staff, is a very valuable component we use in planning each camp season. And we receive this input in a lot of different ways including camper comment sheets, informal chats around camp, call to our office, our Facebook page and in past years our annual Advisory Council meetings. Over the years though, the attendance at these meetings has greatly diminished, so we have decided that this year we will not be holding Advisory Council meetings in Ottawa and Toronto. In their place, we will be holding weekly “Meet and Greet” sessions with a Committee member(s) at camp which will allow campers the opportunity to provide input all summer long.

On behalf of the Operating Committee and Board of Directors, best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.





What's Under the Tree -

Paul Saker

As the sun set on another wonderful year on the waterfront we immediately set our sights on next

summer. There are a number of high priority items we are focused on during the off season including planning for some major repairs to A-Dock and some TLC for parts of the Voyageur Canoe fleet.

There are already a few new items under the Christmas tree for the waterfront this year and judging by the wrapping paper I think we have a new SUP and a replacement canoe for one of the aging Grummans.

Last year we invested in a number of items to support the training and development of the waterfront staff including diving weights and the lifesaving equivalent of "Buster" from the Mythbusters. Campers were not left out as we continued to replace lifejackets and bought a few new noodles and some other beachfront equipment. Next summer our focus will be on maintenance of our existing equipment and facilities.



Don't forget to ask for sunscreen for Christmas and we will see you on A-Dock in a few months.

Crafters Corner - Barbara Lukas

This holiday season we hope you enjoy the many gifts and decorations made at Camp: the leather guitar strap; wooden tree ornaments; and the personalized porcelain mugs, to name a few.



Last summer's crafts were a hit as talented volunteers and staff helped campers learn or refine techniques such as wood burning, leatherwork, painting, knitting, jewelry making, or felting. Next summer promises to offer many more options to inspired crafty campers.

Make a point of dropping by the Hearth House to see what we have available for adults and children. You won't be disappointed.

2014 Dates to Remember

January 31st: Deadline for Junior Staff applications

February 21 & 22nd: Jr. Staff Interviews - Ottawa & Toronto

April 26th: Red Pine Camp Shareholders Meeting - Ottawa

May 24 & 25th: Work Weekend #1

June 7 & 8th: Work Weekend #2

June 27th: Camp opens for the season

Before you book your 2014 vacation days, consult the weekly schedule posted on the Red Pine Camp website.



Keep Your Forks! - Patrick Hart

2013 was another very successful year in both the Dining Hall and Tuck Shop. Great staff in the dining hall, plus Chef Mike Poels and the talented team from G.B. Catering, made sure that campers were well served and well fed across the summer.

Camper comments were very positive and we've been working on ways to make the 2014 menu even better. We're also making plans to improve how we handle special diet requests - for medical conditions only - that will improve communications and planning with the kitchen team, and give campers faster service during meal times.

In the Tuck Shop we are starting the process of ordering stock for 2014 and



looking at a number of new and interesting clothing items, and maybe a few stocking stuffers too!

Junior Program Update -

Rose McNiven

All reports indicated that this past summer's programs were very successful. There was a great staff team that kept our younger Red Piners active and happy.

Thanks go to Sylvia Boggild, who is retiring from the Committee this year, for overseeing this past summer and I hope to be able to fill her shoes in the years to come. I look forward ensuring that our young campers enjoy their camp experience.

Making Our List & Checking it Twice - Paul McKenzie

While RPC is currently a beautiful winter wonderland, incredibly, it is only about 160 sleeps until the first work weekend of 2014!

Like Santa, we have been busy making a list, and checking it twice, and we know there are a number of planned projects for 2014 that are on the wish lists of many of our campers. Our camp flushies will receive a spruce up, with the Cabin 23 flushies receiving particular attention. New chapel seats, reinforced waterfront stairs and some raised cabins are also planned.

Our camp demographics are changing. Fewer families of six attend camp, in favour of many smaller families. Watch for the newly renovated "Honeymoon Suite" cabins in 6 and 7, which will contain two single movable beds that can be joined to make a double - close to the flushies too! If you are a smaller family, consider putting one of these cabins on your wish list for 2014.

Of course, these projects, and many more planned prop activities, cannot be accomplished by Santa's elves on the Committee alone. Task teams are planned for the winter months to tackle specific projects, and many hands will be needed during our spring work weekends. Watch for communications on this in the New Year.



LIT Wrap-Up – Mike Sinclair

With Sarah Allan-Wiseman leading them, the LIT's had a great summer. We had almost 300 kids take part this year and they helped out all over the camp. The leadership skills they learned will help them all through their lives. The LIT's are the future staff of Red Pine and a very important part of the camp. Thank you for all your hard work.

From Christine's Desk –

Christine Brown

As I sit down to write this the snow is gently swirling outside the office windows. I know that the camp is quietly settling under its winter blanket, being tucked in by the caring hands of our Property Managers, Rick Zieman and Tom Sauer. I also know that, as campers, you are eagerly looking forward to your 2014 vacations as indicated by the volume of requests for the upcoming camp season dates.



I would like to thank everyone who stopped by the office this summer to extend a warm welcome, to offer their assistance or pass along helpful suggestions. This summer was a wonderful experience, surrounded by welcoming campers, a very supportive staff, Committee and Board. I enjoyed my first year as Business Manager and look forward to future years in this position.

It is my pleasure to share with you some wonderful news. The YM-YWCA provides a special program called “Camperships”, which provides camping experiences, at Y Camps, for children and families that would otherwise not have the opportunity to participate in these activities. This summer, the Sunday chapel donations were collected on behalf of the YM-YWCA. It was decided to donate the collection to the “Camperships” program. Sincere thanks to all who helped us donate \$1000 to this program. We will continue to give our future chapel collections to this fund.

“Thank you and the team at Red Pine Camp for your recent contribution to our Y camps! We are honoured to be a recipient of your generosity, and thrilled to be supported by an organization who shares our mission!”

**– Margot Lefebvre, Manager
Annual Giving and Donor
Stewardship (YM/YWCA)**

Wishing you and your family the very best this holiday season!

**2014 Work Weekends –
Mark Your Calendars**

Attention all campers! Grab your tools and join us for

The dates for this year's Work Weekends will be May 24-25th and June 7-8th.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Christine at the Red Pine Camp office at 613-828-0700.

Family Program 2013 – Mike Sinclair

Another great year was had in the family program department thanks to all the volunteers that made each week special.

A big shout out to this year's volunteers Lisa and Mason Praine, Rick Lozoff and Jim Miller, Matt Hopkins, Roland Tenholder, Alison Read, Mark Hatfield, Allison Dixon, and Darlene & Monty McGillen. These dynamic personalities took us: back to the 80s, taught us to be spies in spy week, tuned us in to reality TV adventures, created some Red Pine Style. Campers in two weeks went on cruises around the world and met up with Pirates of the Caribbean and we ended the summer with a nice relaxing week in Greece.



I am looking forward to seeing where next year's adventures will take us.

We also need to thank Michael Neumann as each week he worked very hard to help all the volunteers implement their ideas. His energy is an inspiration to us all!

It is always a lot of fun to get involved in the theme weeks and if you have any ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you would like to volunteer to be a family programmer please contact me at mikesinclair@rogers.com or through the Red Pine Camp office.

Check us out on [Facebook!](#)

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Merry Christmas from your 2013-2014 Operating Committee (at right)

Back Row: Barbara Lukas, Rose McNiven, Paul Saker, Patrick Hart, Paul McKenzie, Christine Brown (Business Manager); *Front Row:* Mike Sinclair, Cheryl Edwards (Chair)

