

Red Pine Times

Winter 2014

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While another summer has come and gone and the camp is now blanketed in a fresh coat of snow, the Operating Committee (OC) reflects on the 2014 camping season as we start planning for the summer ahead.

The summer of 2014 brought with it the usual joy and excitement of camp, and introduced an exciting new program through the creation of the Red Pine Leadership Camp (RPLC).

The Task Teams completed a number of important projects including new Chapel seating, the Cabin 5 lift, repairs to the Waterfront stairs, new ping pong tables and the sewing of new curtains for all of the cabins.

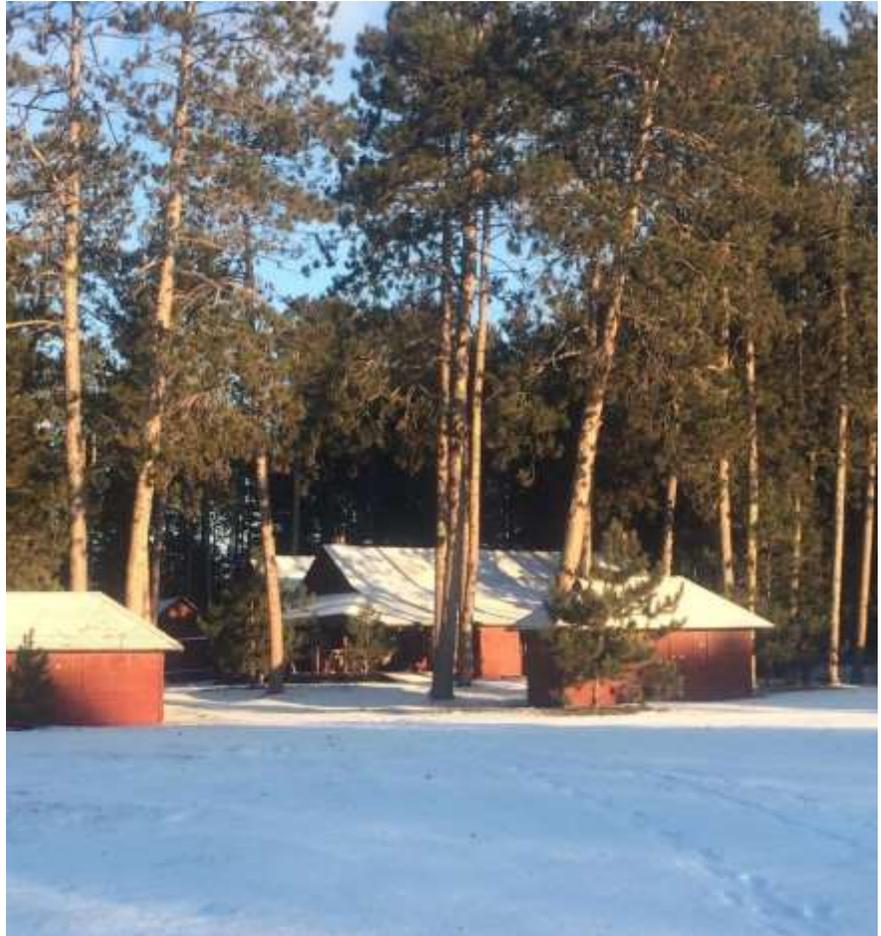
Over the past few months, the OC has been planning for the summer of 2015.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with new Task Team projects early in the New Year - so watch for an email from us.

The OC also continues to explore options for the replacement of A Dock, which will need to be completed in the next few years.

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

Cheryl Edwards, Operating Committee Chair



RPLC the Place to Be in 2015

-Cathy Campbell

Plans are in full gear for Red Pine Leadership Camp (RPLC) 2015, which will be held from August 30 to September 4.

Another top-notch session of programming is in the works. Leadership development, skills development, team building, sailing, canoeing, crafts, paddle tennis and horseshoe clinics, goal-setting, sports, games and evening programs are among planned activities.



This year, the camp will accommodate up to 100 youth ages 12 to 15 on a first-come, first-served basis. The camp will be divided into girls' and boys' sections and junior and senior cabins based on grade level.

Please help us spread the word about this exciting initiative, which is open to everyone.

For this year only, RPLC rates will remain unchanged as we continue to grow the program. The camping fee is \$500, which includes accommodation, meals and snacks, programming and busing to and from Ottawa, a t-shirt, badge and leadership certificate. (If registration warrants, we will look at transportation options from the Toronto area.)

Thanks to the success of RPLC 2014, two bursaries will be provided this year. RPLC Camp Director Janet Cottreau is managing the nomination process in collaboration with area school boards.

Hiring is now open for cabin counselors and section leaders. To receive information on applying for RPLC staff or registration, please contact registrar Barbara Fisher at bfisher@keynetz.net.

Feedback on the first RPLC in 2014 was extremely positive. **With your support, we hope to build our leadership camp into the premier program of its kind in Canada.**



Like our Camp Facebook page and set your notifications to keep in touch with news and special events. Be sure to continue to share your favorite Red Pine photos with us. We love to see you having fun at camp!

From the Prop Work Bench

- Paul McKenzie

Over the summer and fall of this year, RPC's Operating Committee and Board undertook an evaluation of the condition of every camp building at Red Pine Camp and developed a 25-year spending plan for property and infrastructure. This exercise quantified the scope and magnitude of work that needs to be done to keep camp functioning effectively. This long-term planning analysis identified key projects to undertake in 2015 and will guide the capital spending plan, maintenance plan and our next task teams.

Speaking of Task Teams, we have prioritized our list of projects for 2015. Watch for the following projects to be posted shortly: raising cabins 1 to 4, completing the curtain install, re-grading the craft area, digging out cabins, documenting building standards and information collection on our facilities at camp. Other teams and projects will be identified in the first quarter of 2015.

Junior Program Update

-Rose McNiven

This summer was a great summer at the JP Hut and Beehive.

Kudos to Erin and Julia who lead a super Junior staff team that lead the campers in fun games and activities. They kept our younger Red Piners active and happy.

This year the community garden was started, it was a big hit, from planting caring for the plants to eating the vegetables. The garden was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Julia for this initiative. Hope to see you back next summer for more fun.

L.I.T Program – Mike Sinclair

The LIT program is a very important part of our camp operations and is a great way for the 13-15 year old campers to learn about the various jobs and behind the scenes at Red Pine.

Chris Lamarre did a fantastic job leading the LIT's all summer long. This year our goal was to have as many overnights to Big Island as possible. We succeeded in having seven campouts. I would say our goal was achieved! The LIT's work all over camp and we truly appreciate their hard work.

During the summer of 2014, the LIT's supported a community service project to weave milk bag sleeping mats. It takes 300 milk bags to make one mat, and this summer the LIT's and their supporters, completed 3 mats. Thank you to everyone who donated their milk bags.

Keep your eyes open this summer as last year's level 3 L I T's just might be the staff of 2015!



Family Program – Mike Sinclair

We had another fantastic year in family programming thanks to all our volunteers that work to make your week special.

Our volunteers who programmed this summer were Lisa and Mason Praine, Rick Lozoff and Jim Miller, Matt Hopkins, Darlene McGillen, Mark Hatfield, Penny Cameron, and Allison Dixon.

These volunteers do a tremendous amount work before coming to camp, to ensure that you have a great week of programming.

A big thanks to our senior staff, Jonny Whittall who worked hard to help coordinate all of the programmer ideas and put them into action.

If you are interested in volunteering for the position of family program at camp please feel free to contact me. mikesinclair@rogers.com

I look forward to seeing what next year will bring...



Waterfront Poem

- Paul Saker

**T 'was a few weeks before Christmas,
when all across A-dock
Not a creature was stirring,
not even a duck.**

**The boats were all stacked
in the Rec Hall with care
In hopes that the work party
soon would be there.**

**The Lifejackets were nestled
all snug in the shed
while kayaks and paddles
hung overhead.**

**And Tom in his hip waders
and Rick in his cap
Had taken out the Runner Dock
for a long winters nap.**

**When out on the water
there arose such a clatter
I sprang to the bluff
to see what was the matter.**

**Away to the stairs
I flew like a flash
Tore open the gate
and to the water did dash...**

OK, my apologies to Clement Clarke who wrote the original. We are still working on our letter to Santa but I know we were good this year and I hope it's not too late to get some new items in for the Waterfront.

Until the spring brings in warm breezes and sunshine, have a safe and happy winter.

From the Office Desk – Christine Brown

The summer of 2014 was varied weather wise, seeing a few warm weeks as well as a few filled with rain showers and the annual “Big Storm”, but the wet days did nothing to dampen the spirits of the campers, and it was a fun filled summer for all.

In 2015 I am looking forward to another wonderful summer and hearing the pines and the rafters ring with the sound of families, laughter and fun, and also new advancements for registration. How would you like to pay your camp fees online through your bank as a “bill payment”? Watch for notices around booking season for this process!

Some of you may not realize that the entire office transfers locations twice yearly and my heartfelt thanks goes to Ted Edwards and Bob Orchard who volunteered their time to relocate the office to Golden Lake again this summer. In the fall, Rick and Tom the camp’s Property Managers return the office back to Ottawa, and I have the happy job of unpacking and re-organizing the office to wrap up the season and then begin preparing for another booking season.



Cabins under wraps until the spring...

My role in the office would be much more complex without the assistance of the members of the Operating Committee and the myriad of tasks they manage; the extra off season time your 2014 Coordinator, Julie Dickson, put into helping with bookings and prep work this spring; the ever smiling Lauren Paul who returned again this year to keep us organized in her role as Office Senior; and willing volunteers like John Petelka who pitch in in many ways from building numerous office chairs to collating papers and stuffing many many envelopes.

A big thank you goes to everyone who helped to make the summer of 2014 a success.

Have a very Crafty Christmas – Barbara Lukas



**Frank Sisson –
Week 8**

This holiday season, you may be celebrating with some of the memories you made at camp this past summer or in previous years.

The pine tree napkin holder or table topper, the pine tree cutout decoration, or a gift in leather or other materials you made for someone special are just a few of the craft reminders of camp.

A hint of things to come, this pine cone skier will brighten any holiday décor. This critter will be yours to make in the summer of 2015.



Thumper: JP Bunny & First Class Canadian Traveler

Red Pine Camper connections run deep and wide, just like the beloved song.



We are happy to announce that Thumper, the JP bunny has found a new home. After a camp-wide call for assistance to find a permanent home for Thumper, Wallis Giunta (*Alumni Staff 2002, '03 & '06*) stepped forward as his bunny rescuer.

Through Wallis' contacts and coordinating efforts, Thumper the JP bunny was safely delivered to board a very special flight with the Canadian Prime Minister and his wife this fall to travel to his new home near Calgary, Alberta.

Thumper is to live on a ranch with another bunny as company, a well-deserved vacation from entertaining our JP kiddies these past few years.

An update from Thumper's new family (November):

Thumper and his new friend have bonded. They didn't fight and in fact are very friendly. They have a little insulated rabbit house in a huge greenhouse and are happily ensconced there. When it gets cold they will move into the main house. But for now they are busy munching plants and fertilizing the ground.



Volunteer During Spring Work Weekends at Red Pine

Register on-line during booking season to sign up for Work Weekends.

If you can hold a broom, hold a mop, hold a rake, hold a paint brush, hold a ladder, clean, dust, sweep cobwebs, scrub, pitch in, pitch out, hammer, saw, assemble, pick up sticks ...

Mark your 2015 calendars now...

Work Weekend #1:

Operation "Clean Sweep" May 22 - 24

Work Weekend #2:

Operation "Impending Campers" June 5 - 7



WE WANT YOU!

2014 Task Teams

Red Pine Camp has a long history of volunteerism. This year campers rose to the challenge of various tasks set out this spring. The Operating Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated, and we look forward to seeing new and old faces as we roll out new Task Teams in 2015.

While we make every effort to list all of our wonderful volunteers mistakes do happen, should we have inadvertently missed your name please contact Christine in the office.

Curtain Project

Lisa Corr, Linda Short, Leah Smith, Teresa Lukawiecki, Pauline Kerr, Lana Matthews, Anne Jones, Cynthia Kipp, Angie Gill, Peggy Edwards, Susan Tucker, Pat Young, Melody Praine, Emily Bond

Cabin 5 Lifters

Peter Kuske, Dave Williams, Ron & Nancy Webb, and Richard Zay



Ping Pong Tables

Matt Hopkins, Mike Sinclair



Chapel Seating Team

Michael Anderson, Chris Best, Peter Cottreau, Paul Saker and Dave Williams



Waterfront Stair Masters

Peter Cottreau, Jason Dudar, Bob Fitz, Ken Hoffman, Matt Hopkins, Bryan Linkletter, Brian Seymour, Leah Smith & Dave Williams

