Red Pine Leadership Camp

Winter 2017 Newsletter





Preparing for Another Incredible Summer!

Looking out my window at our snow covered backyard I can just start to see hints of spring as the birds flock to the feeders, the sun gets higher in the sky and the ice on the driveway slowly begins to recede. It has been quite a winter in the Ottawa area but nevertheless, we have been busy preparing for our fourth season of RPLC.

The camp continues to grow and we already have half of our camper spots filled for RPLC 2017! We have a number of new campers registered due to wonderful recommendations from existing campers - Thank you! Posters and more are available on our website if you would like to share information about RPLC with your friends, schools, community groups etc.

Staff applications have been coming in and we are looking forward to meeting our new applicants as well as welcoming back our experienced counsellors and lifeguards. If you have missed the application deadline or know others who would be interested in joining our staff please email us as soon as possible as interviews will take place in early April.

Nature Program - Growth and Development



We are excited about developing an engaging nature program for

our campers this year. RPLC is located in a beautiful area surrounded by trees that have been around longer than the camp itself. We are excited to learn more about the stories of our natural surroundings by exploring and experimenting in nature in new and exciting ways with our campers.

If you have any Ontario nature resources that you are clearing out of your house please think of us and consider donating items to our program. We are looking for identification books and posters as well as field guides and nature programming ideas. Please email us if you have items to donate.

NEW Counsellor in Training Program

We are really excited about our new CIT program for 2017. We have had so many requests for a program that involves this age group and we are happy to be growing in ways that meet the needs of our campers.

The week will involve observation and discussion about effective counselling techniques and issues that arise when leading groups of people. CITs will be involved in planning cabin activities, tournaments and games for camper groups as well as having the opportunity to enjoy interest groups and free time as a camper. All of this on top of having a special week with other incredible leaders and forming friendships that will last for years.

There are a limited number of spaces available in the program this year and they are filling up so get online to find out more information today.

For registration information please visit our website

#ThanksToCamp

In January both the Leadership Director and myself attended the Ontario Camps Association Conference in Toronto. A woman who works with the Canadian Camping Association spoke about a national platform that she worked on with the organization to collect stories from people for the purpose of sharing the true impact of camp.

It was inspiring to read the stories and I would like to invite the RPLC community to share your #ThanksToCamp stories. The story can be about ANY camp in your life and might be inspired because of someone who had an impact on you, a connection with someone or a skill or experience that changed your life. Email us your stories or send them to us on Facebook. We will post your stories (anonymous if you prefer) over the next few months to keep us remembering those special camp moments and the impact we can make on people in the places where life can be so much simpler.

Additional Information

Private Rentals

Red Pine Camp is available for private rentals in September. It is a wonderful location for a yoga retreat, school leadership camp or intensive course study, corporate retreat family reunion, wedding and more.

Visit our website at www.redpinecamp.org for more information about Private Rentals.

Camper Registration Questions

Please let us know if you have any questions about our programs or about registration. We can be reached by email at leadership@redpinecamp.org and all of our registration information can be found online through the following link: Red Pine Leadership Camp Online Registration

Follow RPLC on Facebook

Keep in touch with what is happening with RPLC on Facebook. We regularly post articles and interesting and fun information about camp and, as we get closer to RPLC 2017, we will begin posting important details leading up to our week together.

RPLC is an accredited member of the OCA. <u>Visit the OCA website</u> to find out more about what this amazing organization does for Ontario camps!

Sincerely,

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