



Ketch-up Newsletter :: Winter 2007



Winter and the E.D.

The colder months bring a huge change in the work for the Executive Director at Camp Kwasind. The work by no means ends, but it does change. Toboggans replace canoes, snow blowers instead of lawn mowers, and we no longer have to worry about people wearing bathing suits in the dining hall. In fact about the only thing that doesn't change is the unreliability of the hydro supply in Muskoka.

This winter and spring will feature a whirlwind tour of Ontario as I take to the road and visit numerous churches to spread the word and promote the ministry of Camp Kwasind. Is your church on the list? If not, please contact the camp and we can arrange a visit.

In constant pursuit of excellence we are busy lining up and engaging our input speakers for the summer. We are also searching out the right staff to meet the needs of the camp and it's programs. I ask that you would pray for God's leading in these important areas.

Although this newsletter will come to you mail box at the time of the year when perhaps camp is the furthest thing from your mind, it is really important that we are able to stay in the forefront of your prayers. One very exciting development is the mission trip that is planned for a group of 40 to 50 people from the States this coming June. They are busily raising money to come to Canada, and specifically to Camp Kwasind to be able to build some new and repair many of the amenities at the camp. We have a responsibility to be able to provide them with the raw materials to do the work. Your financial support to make this happen right now is badly needed. We want to move this vital ministry ahead. And this opportunity is just the beginning of bigger and better things to come.

Thank you for supporting the ministry work at Camp Kwasind. We trust that 2007 will truly bless you and your family as well as this life changing work.

David Scott

New for 2007 - Boats, Bikes, and Bottles!

Never one to stand still, we have some brand new programs planned for 2007. Bikes will be taking to the trails in and around Kwasind this summer taking our campers to never before seen places and challenging them physically in the process. We will also unleash a new fleet of Kayaks on the waters of Skeleton Lake. Paddle sports will take on a whole new meaning. The brand new "Flight School" elective will feature kite making, airplane gliders, and bottle rockets that will have the fun blasting off sky high! To say nothing of the "Movie Making" elective where our campers will write, act, film and edit their own movie – as well as host the world premiere screening.

Over – the – top games are being planned for the summer with extreme challenges and crazy consequences. Our craft cabin will be moving into a new realm in custom paper making this summer as well. New themes for our summer camps include “*The Amazing Race*” and what promises to be a dynamic week – “*Deal, or No Deal?*”

That is to say nothing about the new cabins that will be in place for 2007 and the brand new sports surface! We’re not standing still – that is for sure!

Do you have friends with cottages on Skeleton Lake?

If so, can you ask them if they have seen any of our floating docks? Apparently, in one of the larger storms late this fall, the water level in the lake rose sufficiently and the wind blew strongly enough to take our beached dock sections and float them away to places unknown on the lake. Except for one large section of the dock with a sign that read “Camp Kwasind”, the floating sections have floated away somewhere out on the lake. We didn’t have a boat in the water in November, so the search for the missing sections will have to take place next spring. Or maybe this winter once the ice comes in...

Looking to get away?

Why not book the camp for your next youth group retreat or a deacons vision / planning meeting? Affordable rates and the most beautiful site in Ontario included at no extra charge!

Spring Clean-up!

Join us for our spring clean-up days! Mark May 11, 12 and 13, 2007 on your calendar and plan to attend at that time. Good fun, fellowship, food, and a lot of hard work!

Make an impact

\$15 can buy a new board for the dock
\$30 can buy a new life jacket to use for the next 5 years
\$45 can buy a gallon of paint for a cabin
\$90 can buy a new mattress for a camper’s bed
\$180 can buy a colour printer for the office
\$300 can buy a bike for our new biking program
\$375 can send a child to camp for one week
\$450 can buy a kayak for our paddle sports program
\$700 can replace a deck on one of our older cabins
\$1,800 can re-roof a cabin with steel roofing that will last 50 years

Where can **YOU** make an impact?

The wish list

Snowshoes
A snowmobile
A tractor
A band saw
A digital camera

A new computer for the office
Flooring tiles
Out-tripping tents
An ATV
A blender
A new multi-season lodge building
A hot tub

Contact the camp;

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