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Fall 2010



Anniversary Celebration



History Book Launch



Pine Crest Games



Celebrating 100 Years of Pine Crest



More than 600 alumni and donors attended our anniversary celebration on June 12, 2010. From official ceremonies to enjoying traditional Pine Crest activities such as canoeing, swimming and sitting around the campfire, attendees had a wonderful time reconnecting with old friends. For more photos, visit www.campinecrest.ca.



Pine Crest Games



Congratulations to the Lumbermen team, champions of the Pine Crest Games (August 31 to September 1). They were led by Ross Anderson to victory. Alexandra Danks and the Voyageurs put up a great challenge!



Our 100th Summer!

Camp was great and celebrations have continued all summer long with birthday parties each session and special t-shirts for each camper. We have had many alumni dropping by to visit the camp and tell wonderful stories of years past. We had over 1,100 campers with us this summer and enjoyed seeing more of the one-week campers experience Pine Crest for the first time.

Water levels have been quite low this year and with the help of our experienced staff were able to relocate and change routes on most trips to avoid disappointment. Thanks again to one of our fabulous donors, staff were able to gain first-hand knowledge of local weather on trip with our new weather radios!

Congratulations to all the participants of adventure trips this year that enjoyed once in a lifetime experiences on the Seal, Horton, Bloodvein, Missinaibi, Spanish, Noire, Coulonge Rivers and Lake Superior hiking. Family Camp was our biggest yet with just over 150 people. It was a great week for all ages participating in activities such as canoe trips, high ropes, painting classes, zumba, campfires and more.



Supporting Another 100 Years of Friendships and Memories

At the 100th anniversary celebration, we also recognized our magnificent donors who raised \$1.18 million for the \$1.4 million Friendships and Memories campaign. At a welcome breakfast in the newly renovated winter dining hall, Medhat Mahdy, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Toronto, lauded all donors for their continued support and thanked the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry, for the Infrastructure Stimulus Funding which supported the modernization the camp's aging facilities. Mr. Clement commemorated the celebration by unveiling the donor tree.



From L-R: Henry Labatte – Former President & CEO, YMCA GTA
Medhat Mahdy – President & CEO, YMCA GTA
Richard Bailey – Former President & CEO, YMCA GTA
Scott Haldane – President & CEO, YMCA Canada
The Honourable Tony Clement – Minister of Industry

We still have much to complete at camp, and we need your support to reach our \$1.4M goal by the end of the year. If you would like to support the Friendships and Memories campaign and have a leaf placed with either your or a loved one's name on the donor wall, please contact Richard Lefebvre, Senior Development Officer at 416-413-1020 ext. 2046 or richard.lefebvre@ymcagta.org.



Construction update

As summer is soon over, we're again preparing for more construction. We have already started renovating Birch Cove, Lakeside and the Annex cabins and will soon turn our focus to the staff cabins along "Cooks Row." Some will be renovated while others will be completely rebuilt. On top of that we will be working on our accessibility plan, starting construction on a new Directors Cabin and finalizing the plans for the rest of the buildings we haven't started on yet. A very busy and exciting autumn!



Construction continues on Dutchie's (left) and Sid's cabins.



Strong Kids Triathlon

Thanks to everyone who participated in the annual Strong Kids Triathlon! We had 39 participants and raised much-needed funds to help send kids to camp. Congratulations to Ironwoman Colleen Kinross, Ironman Ryan McNabb and the team of Mike Rowe, Alexandra Danks, Braden Clokie and Paul Martinsons. Next year's race is on August 6, 2011. Mark it on your calendar.



Moragh Jang finishes her paddle during the Strong Kids Triathlon.



Dates to Remember

- September 4** – Registration opens for winter camps (December 26-31 and March 13-18)
- October 1** – Financial assistance applications open
- October 15** – Leadership registration opens
- November 1** – Traditional camp registration opens
- Oct 15-17** – Volunteer Work Weekend
- December 3** – YMCA Camp Pine Crest book launch and social
- Dec 26-31** – Winter camp for kids ages 7-14
- Dec 31-Jan 2** – New Year's Family Camp
- February 18-21** – Family Camp
- March 13-18** – March Break camp for kids ages 7-14

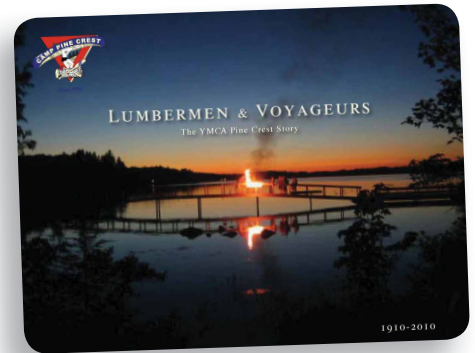


History Book Launch

The much-anticipated YMCA Camp Pine Crest history book is almost complete and will make a perfect gift this holiday season. The book is filled with stories, photos and archival information, and is a must read for Pine Crest campers and alumni!

Special pre-sale book cost: \$60 (\$75 after December 3)
To reserve your copy, please contact Leanne Morton at leanne.morton@ymcagta.org or call 905-943-9622 ext. 319.

On **December 3, 2010**, we will celebrate 100 years of Pine Crest and the launch of our history book at the Metro-Central YMCA in Toronto (20 Grosvenor Street). The event will start at 5 p.m., with cocktails followed by dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$25. To register, please contact Leanne or visit www.camppinecrest.ca and click on Anniversary Celebrations and History Book on the left-hand side.



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