



# CAMPFIRE

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WINTER 2012

CONNECTING YOU TO YMCA CAMP PINE CREST



## Registration for Upcoming Spring Camp

We had a successful Holiday Family Camp Weekend and an enthusiastic Holiday Camp Week. Campers and families enjoyed snowshoeing, skiing and snow tubing over the holiday break. If you missed out on these programs, there's still a chance to experience spring camp at Pine Crest! Join us for:

- **March Break Camp** (March 11-16, 2012) for children and youth ages 7-14.

2012 summer programs at YMCA Camp Pine Crest are now over 65% full. If you haven't registered yet please contact the office today to find out about available programs. You can also register online or download the registration form from our website.

For more information on programs and registration please contact Anne Coleman at 1-877-878-9622 or [anne.coleman@ymcagta.org](mailto:anne.coleman@ymcagta.org).



March 11-16, 2012	March Break Camp
March 24, 2012	Alumni Summit
April 20-22, 2012	Volunteer Work Weekend
May 25, 2012	Alumni Social
June 8-10, 2012	First Annual Alumni Weekend
June 16, 2012	Annual Open House
June 16, 2012	Annual Triathlon

## YMCA Camp Pine Crest Strong Kids Triathlon



**Date: Saturday, June 16, 2012**  
**Location: YMCA Camp Pine Crest**

Each year YMCA Camp Pine Crest holds a triathlon to raise money for the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. We've moved our triathlon from August to June and we're hoping that you will join us! Please run, swim or paddle as an individual or part of a team to raise money that will help send kids to camp. The entry fee for an individual is \$10 and a team is \$20. Pledge sheets are available at the camp office.

## Winter Alumni Drop-in Social

It was fantastic to see all the alumni who came out to join us at the Winter Alumni Drop-in on December 8, 2011.

There were more than 60 people in attendance and it was great to see alumni from many different eras sharing stories and getting to know each other. A special thanks to Sharif Mahdy and Simon Bennett, who helped to greet alumni; Andy Stark and Andy Seto, who ran an ice breaker; and to Bob Richards, who helped to put the event together.

We're looking forward to our next event on June 8, 2012, and hope to see you there!



## Pine Crest History Books are available.

Don't miss out on this beautiful 300 page hardcover book celebrating Pine Crest's first 100 years.



Please contact Anne Coleman at 1-877-878-9622 or [anne.coleman@ymcagta.org](mailto:anne.coleman@ymcagta.org) to buy your copy today!

## Alex Ashenhurst

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Alex Ashenhurst. Alex was an iconic Pine Crest staff member in the 1960s. Alex passed away on January 21, 2012. For more, please see the full obituary in the *Globe and Mail* on January 26, 2012.

## New Alumni Organization

In June of 2011 YMCA Camp Pine Crest started the process to form an alumni organization. With the help of Bob Richards, former camper and staff member, we're well on our way to creating a steering committee and have many event ideas in the works.

Bob started the process by interviewing a number of alumni as well as current full-time staff to help assess both the needs of the camp and of Pine Crest alumni. A number of alumni have come together for two focus groups to help create a mission and vision for this new organization. We've made great progress and will be looking for more input from the greater alumni community very soon.

We invite all alumni to join us for the Alumni Summit on March 24, 2012, in the auditorium at the Central YMCA at 20 Grosvenor St, Toronto. There will be coffee and a light lunch from 12 to 1 p.m. and the meeting will continue until 4 p.m. We will be voting on a steering committee for the organization, sharing information about upcoming events and asking for everyone to share ideas and input.

## Where Are You Now?

Welcome to the world Henry and Evelyn Rose. The Rose twins were born May 6 to Greg and Michelle Rose. Greg was a camper and seasonal staff member at Pine Crest in the late 1980s and 1990s.

Warm wishes to Kelly Seabrook, a former Pine Crest camper and staff member, and fiancé Theanh Tran, who welcomed baby James (Jamie) Tran into the world on May 31, 2011.

Janet and Jeff Miller, both previous YMCA Camp Pine Crest staff members, are proud grandparents to Maeve Evelyn Blyth who was born on June 3, 2011. The Miller family has a long history with Pine Crest and we are pleased that there is a new generation to continue the tradition.



Congratulations as well to Whitney Young and Steve Montfort. Whitney returned to Pine Crest this past summer as the assistant wellness coordinator, and brought Steve along to help drive campers to their out-trips. Whitney and Steve were married in Port Severn on September 17, 2011. We wish them all the best in their new life together.



Pine Crest would like to wish a warm welcome to two new members of the Crerar family. Peter Aidan McMorrow, son of Casey McMorrow (née Crerar) and Dermot McMorrow, was born on November 13, 2011. Oscar Crerar Miller, son of Samantha Crerar Miller and Frank Miller, was born January 6, 2012. The Crerar sisters were both Pine Crest campers and seasonal staff members. Casey was also the first Pine Crest Alumni Director.







# PINCREST Rocks!



Dear pine crest,



 Last year I was a Junior, and my experience at pinecrest was amazing. We went canoeing and swimming, and we did Kayaking and art I also got to jump of the tower and in to the wates. My favorite part was my outrip the camp fire and the activites. My cabin was the wolves and I enjoyed that cabin alot and made so many new freinds.
 



 The food was great and I had so much fun at pinecrest. We even got to make smaseoreas that taste great they are oreo with marshmallows inside.
 



 On are out trip we canouted alot and I got blisters on my hands, but canoeing was the best. The bad thing was that we had to cancel the portage, and when we got to camp we were so tired of canoeing. I had the best summer last year and I hope of coming back next year.
 
















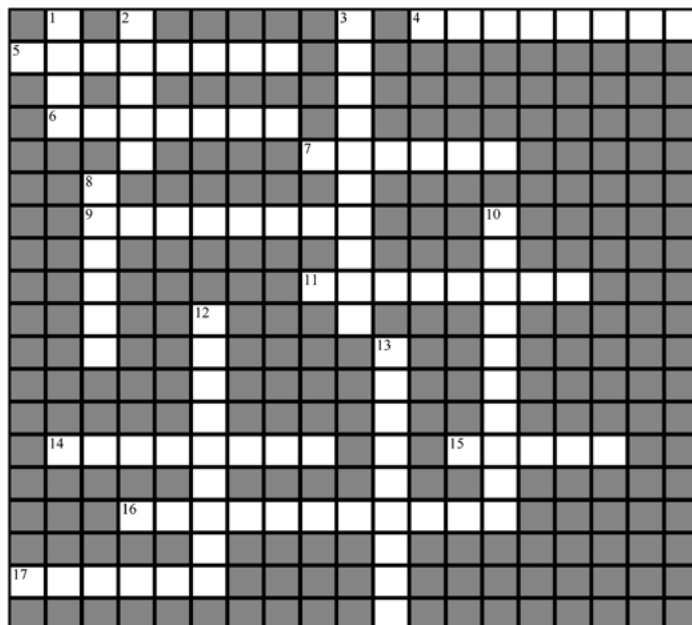



♡ Michelle Gontcharova



## ACROSS

4. place for the closing of the Pine Crest Games
5. nightly tepee visitors
6. "\_\_\_\_\_ berries only cost a penny!"
7. a bug, a landmark
9. the founder
11. home to the snorkels (2 words)
14. bantam girls
15. A massive CPC woodcraft tradition
16. the bantam "Crawl"
17. "Us girls are \_\_\_\_\_!" (2 words)

## DOWN

1. the \_\_\_ of life
2. "My back \_\_\_, my belt's too tight!"
3. 100 years cabin
8. "Don't sit around putting on our \_\_\_\_\_!"
10. plan a route, pack a meal, off you go!
12. trek, fires, log rolling, tug of war
13. the field

Letter from Michelle Gontcharova, 2011  
Pine Crest Camper

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