



THE HERON

320 Reasons to Say Thank You

- A Salute to our Donors -



This year we launched the “Scugog Challenge”, a challenge to individuals, groups and families to raise \$850 by spring 2011 – the cost of a session at camp for one child. We are excited to report that our first challenge was a huge success, with over \$50,000 raised! These funds will go straight to helping the 320 children who attend camp every summer. So on behalf of our campers, thank you to all who participated! Stay tuned for our fall newsletter and the kick-off of the

2011-12 Scugog Challenge, where we hope to raise even more with your help!

We are also excited to report that the Scugog Farmhouse Renovation campaign is well under way! So far, nearly \$300,000 has been raised to provide much needed renovations and expansion to the farmhouse dining hall, the heart of camp. For more information about this campaign, please contact Jim Lilly, Chair of the Board, at 905-842-8767.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We have many different partners in the Scugog community who make the summer possible for our campers. Without these partners, many of our campers would not get the opportunity to attend camp, learn new skills and make new friends.

A big thanks goes to our partner agencies who send kids to camp: Durham, Peel, Toronto, Halton, Catholic and Native Children’s Aid Societies; Peel District School Board; Jewish Family Services; Community of Social Services; Bloor Street, Maple Grove, Leaside, Eglinton St. Georges, Fairlawn and New Lowell United Churches; Rotary Club of Toronto and Oakville; Kids in Camp and various GTA Shelters.

Morning Coffee

As we approach our 80th camping season, I am more than ever excited about the progress that has been made! This May we hosted our Second Annual Spring Cleaning Day, and Rotary Camp Weekend where over 120 volunteers gave their time to Scugog. From cleaning, to painting, to general maintenance, camp is looking its best, and is ready to open its doors to those who need it most.

Of course, I cannot enter the summer without sharing what makes Scugog truly special, the people. From campers, to LITs, JCs and staff, it is the spirit of the people that brings this place its magic. I always look forward to drinking my morning coffee while listening to the laughter from behind my warm mug. It is in this moment that I gather my thoughts for the day, and am reminded of why I do what I do. It is the community, the care, the love and support that makes Scugog a magical place for those who call it home. Here’s to another great summer.

- Dana Leabey
Camp Director



- BY THE LIGHT OF THE FIRE: BECKY HERON -

Becky Heron is somebody to be admired. At age 13, two years after entering the care of Toronto Children's Aid Society, Becky was sponsored to attend Scugog's Teen Camp session. After only a few days at camp it was clear that she had fallen in love with the Scugog community and the feeling was mutual. The following summer Becky eagerly entered into the two year leadership program where she gained her Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Standard First Aid and for the first time ever, an unconditional network of support. Four years later and Becky is still a

force to be reckoned with. She proudly returns to Scugog this summer as a member of the Leadership Team in the role of Assistant Programmer, with previous roles as a Counsellor and Waterfront Director. This fall we're proud to announce that Becky will be returning to her second year at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology to pursue a degree in Nursing. In the 8 years that Becky has been in the care of the Children's Aid Society she has lived in 5 foster homes, 4 cities, attended 4 schools and has had one family, camp.



- ANNUAL ROTARY CLUB OF TORONTO CAMP WEEKEND -

The Rotary Club of Toronto held its fifth annual "camp weekend" at Lake Scugog Camp from Friday May 27th to Sunday May 29th. It was a successful weekend filled with laughter, fun, fellowship and of course a great deal of work! Approximately 60 Rotarians eagerly painted cabins, fixed screens, windows and porches, shingled one of our cabins and cooked up a storm. We are incredibly thankful for all of their hard work and dedication over the past five years. It is an exceedingly generous club with a great deal of heart.



Rotary Club of Toronto

- ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING DAY -

On Saturday May 14th over 55 Junior Counsellors, Staff, Board Members and Friends volunteered their time and energy opening camp for summer 2011! We spent the day mowing the lawn, cleaning, painting, collecting brush and doing small maintenance jobs.



All of our alumni found the day to be an excellent way to reconnect with old friends and revisit wonderful sights and sounds from days gone by. Next year we are hoping to have even more friends of Scugog join us for a wonderful day at camp, so mark your calendars: Spring Cleaning, May 12 2012, see you then!



- ALUMNI CORNER: COLE THIBAULT -

Many families call Scugog their home and my family is no exception. The legacy started well before I was born, and by the time I was six months old, I had experienced Moms and Kids camp too. I spent the next 16 summers as a camper and became a kitchen staff for an additional 4. I have always looked back on my time at Scugog with excitement. Recently I returned to Lake Scugog Camp and attended the Annual Spring Cleaning Day. It was a great way to reconnect with alumni and meet new staff, while contributing to the much needed cleaning and repairs. Since then I've been hooked!

I was up at camp recently and was talking to one of the staff members about how long ago I was staff. As I

spoke, he pointed directly beside us and there was my name painted on the wall! What a terrific feeling. This summer I am volunteering at Scugog doing general maintenance and acting as a mentor to the staff and campers. The staff and Board Members I've met so far are amazing and I look forward to a great summer and getting to know them more.

-Cole



- Figures in a Flash -

48 hours of grass mowing

41 doors unlocked

36 staff contracts

6 new staff

18 former campers on staff

4 dogs, **1** cat, **1** pot belly pig and a donkey

320 excited campers

= **1** fabulous start to summer 2011!



- Summer 2011 -

Session 1

July 1- July 10

Session 2

July 13 - July 19

Session 3

Jul 22 - July 31

Session 4

August 3 - August 9

Session 5

August 12 - August 21

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SAVE THE DATE: VISITORS DAY JUNE 26TH 1PM - 4PM

We invite you to join us in the magic of camp by visiting us this summer. Come and be swept away by the joy, the laughter and the love that is Scugog.

