

# The Heron

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Merry Christmas from  
Lake Scugog Camp

## Morning Coffee

Each morning this fall, I sat by my fireplace holding a warm cup of coffee and collected my thoughts for the day. During this time, my mind often drifted back to camp, I liked to plan, dream and reflect. The dining hall renovations have filled my mind with potential and possibility! It is so exciting to track the changes day by day; finally we will have a kitchen suitable for preparing meals for 100

people, and a safe space in the new basement to escape the sun. I am overwhelmed by the generosity of those who have made this build possible. Thank you.

As we approach the holiday season, and I surround myself with family and friends, the feeling of community and love found only at Scugog comes flooding back.

I hope you are able to take this time to remind yourself of what is most important. Share your love, laugh too much, and fill yourself with the endless joy of community.

Merry Christmas,  
*Dana Leahey*  
Camp Director



### Photo Contest

Congratulations to Leader in Training, Vicky Calvin whose photograph won best picture in the nature category of the *Our Kids Go To Camp* photo contest! This is Scugog's first year entering the contest and we are thrilled that we will be featured in the upcoming *Our Kids Go To Camp* 2012 magazine.

## Our Dining Hall Renovations Have Begun!



*We are thrilled to announce that the dining hall renovations are well underway, and that the new John Spragge kitchen will be ready for summer 2012! In October of this year, the former kitchen, and Leader In Training (LIT) dining porch were demolished, and construction began. The new kitchen will be significantly larger with state of the art equipment and a brand new walk-in fridge and freezer. The addition also has a new dining area as well as a larger LIT porch. We are also incredibly excited about the new basement! In addition to new accessible washrooms, there will be a large multi-purpose space that will provide cooling and shelter from the sun on hot summer days. We are very grateful for the Rotary Club of Toronto, individual Rotarians, and their connections, the Tippet Foundation, and Audrey S.Hellyer Foundation for making our dream a reality!*

*To see more pictures of the progress, please visit our website, [www.lakescugogcamp.org](http://www.lakescugogcamp.org).*



## Give the 'Gift of Scugog' this holiday season!

Give the 'Gift of Scugog' this holiday season! As you approach Christmas, consider adding Scugog to your wish list. At Scugog, we believe in the power of young people, the importance of camping, and the joy of community, we are certain you feel the same. With your support, we can continue to give children, youth and mothers life-changing experiences found only at camp. Through the support of our skilled staff, campers gain self-esteem, community, and a renewed sense of worth. Be it a first aid certification, life jacket or a whole week at Scugog, your gift will empower young people and their families to achieve their fullest potential.

To become a Scugog Donor, please visit our website, [www.lakescugogcamp.org](http://www.lakescugogcamp.org).

Thank you for sharing in the joys of community and camping this holiday season!





## **By the Light of the Fire: Nigel Storey**

Nigel Storey is feeling the joy this holiday season. Originally registered as a teen session camper for summer 2011, Nigel impressed Assistant Director, Gary with his kindness and maturity so much, that he was recruited to join Scugog's Leadership Program. Since becoming an LIT, Nigel's self confidence and leadership abilities have blossomed beyond his wildest expectations. This summer, he earned the bronze medallion swimming qualification, and successfully endured a week-long hike through Algonquin Park. Because of this, Nigel's concept of 'what's possible' has transformed. Alongside Scugog's Community Support Worker, Chloe, Nigel has embarked on a new endeavour of volunteerism this fall.

Each Sunday for the past three months, Nigel and Chloe have volunteered at Metropolitan United Church of Toronto, assisting with reception duties, socializing with members and participating in various congregation missions. The result of this experience has been tremendous! Prior to entering the Leadership Program, Nigel considered volunteering to be an unfamiliar, and unnerving concept. Now, he has learned that the only way to grow, is to jump in with both feet - and what a splash he's made! Both Scugog and Metropolitan are in awe of the commitment to service he has demonstrated. In the past six months, he has gained two loving communities, a countless amount of skills and a renewed sense of self-confidence.

### **Board Corner**

On behalf of the Lake Scugog Camp Board of Directors, we would like to thank you for making 2011 another successful year. We have been very fortunate (and busy!) this year, with an exciting building project, a full house of campers and moms, great camping weather and an expansion of our off-season Leader-in-Training program throughout the fall. As a director on the Board, I have the privilege of supporting the camp as it adapts and expands each year to meet the needs of our campers and staff. These changes present challenges and opportunities, and we couldn't do it without your support. In our current climate of restraint and uncertainty, it is incredibly heartening to participate in a community that has so much love, generosity and enthusiasm to give, and for such a great cause. We wish you all the best for the new year, and look forward to continuing our great work together in 2012.

*Kim Spence*  
Board of Directors

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