



# Wilvaken News



May / June 2010

## Open House June 5

We would like to remind both new and returning families that our Open House is on Saturday June 5th from 1:00pm – 5:00pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to see the camp and be introduced to us and some of the staff. A personal tour of the camp will be arranged on that day and refreshments are available at the Wilvaken lodge. If you have received this reminder too late or if that date is not suitable for you, please do not hesitate to call and make an appointment for another time. For those interested in purchasing camp clothing, there will be some available at the Open House. We have some 50th (2008) anniversary T-shirts left that we will be selling at \$5. No tax! The free shirts or clothing you ordered will be distributed upon your child's arrival at camp.

While visiting us, spend some time at our barn where our horses will be waiting to be petted by you. We also invite you on an exploration in our Voyageur canoes for those interested in seeing our island and wilderness across the lake. This will be available for the whole family!!

## Wilvaken Explorers a one week session, for young campers ages 6 - 8

The Wilvaken Explorers is designed for younger and/or first time campers. We have had a few people contact us about this program and some children registered. This is a work in progress and we will be offering this program for several weeks during the next summer.

## OUR STAFF

Enclosed is a staff list, giving you a brief introduction to our counselors for the summer. All our staff are fairly fluent in French and English and some have a third or fourth language as well. We are always proud to say that the majority of our staff have been with us before, whether as former staff members, 2009 CITs, or ex-campers. So even if some are with us for the first time on staff, it is not their first time at Wilvaken. For the newcomers, we look forward to their new ideas that will freshen up some of ours.

## REGISTRATION 2010

Camper registration continues. There are still some spaces open for various age groups through out the summer. If you know of anyone looking for a camp, then suggest *Wilvaken!* **Remember every new family you bring in gives you a referral discount!!!**

Please remember that reservations by e-mail, phone, or fax will be held for 10 working days while we wait for your signed original registration and full payment to arrive. (cheques should not be post-dated) Should your plans change regarding your child's stay with us, let us know as soon as possible..

**CHECK LIST** of things to do or send prior to camp - all forms are available from our web site. We can mail you copies should you have difficulty downloading them.

- ✓ **\*\*Complete and send 1 medical form per child**
- ✓ **Complete and send 1 Red Cross swim form per child**
- ✓ **Complete and send riding form – if signed up**
- ✓ **Complete and send language form – if needed**
- ✓ **Complete and send Bronze Medallion/Cross form**
- ✓ **Label all clothing and personal items**
- ✓ **Get excited doing it!!**

## Red Cross Swim Lessons 2010



**Except for non-swimmers and those who have signed up for lessons**, the Red Cross swim lessons will not be obligatory this summer. As has been done in the past, on arrival day, all campers will be assessed as to their swimming ability.

**Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross (a 2 week program)..**

*The Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross (a 2 week program) will be offered for campers ages 13 – 15 There is still time to sign up for this great opportunity to complete this course in a two week period. Pools usually take 10 weeks!! Check out our web site or call or e-mail for more information.*

## Coming Soon

*Our website is being worked on but we have run into some difficulties. Keep checking it out!*



### Please!!

We ask that parents support the camp experience by ensuring their child does not bring a cell phone with them. Please explain to your child, that if he or she has one then we will collect it and keep it till the end of their session. Cell phones are for the city not the country!! A cell phone which is used for music listening must be disabled for phone usage prior to coming to camp. Any electronic toys such as Game Boys are not appropriate either, and may be put in safe keeping if used outside of rest period or prior to bedtime. Personal Ipods/MP3/CD players may be used in the cabin only. For girls, hair blowers and straighteners are also not appropriate to bring to camp. Our electricity is not set up to handle many electric appliances at once as we are in the country! Wilvaken is not responsible for lost or damaged personal articles, nor for any money which is not left in safekeeping. All non-Canadians must leave their tickets, passports, cell phones and money with the directors upon arrival.



### Notes from the Trip Shed

Campers will be asked on their arrival day to tell the tripping staff if they are interested in going on a 4 day canoe trip or a one or two night hiking trip. So think about it and talk it over with your children ages 13 -15.

The tripping activity which teaches you how to pack, set up tents and basic wilderness living is a must for both hiking and canoe trips. We want all campers to get the most out of this experience.

### A few environmental notes:

- *Wilvaken* asks you NOT to send **disposable** water bottles with your child. Water bottles can be refilled at all times while at camp.
- *Wilvaken* recycles as much as possible at all times. There are blue recycling containers in front of the lodge.
- We also ask you to purchase environmentally friendly soaps and shampoos (**glycerin based and phosphate free**).
- *Wilvaken* is a member of the Lake Lovering Environment Association and is very aware of the consequences of not keeping our shores natural and not using environmentally friendly products.
- When downloading our two page forms, why not print on both sides of the paper??

### **E-mail Communication while your child is at Wilvaken**

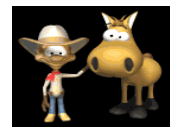
*We are reminding you that in order to communicate via e-mail with your child or your child with you, you must sign up with [www.Bunk1.com](http://www.Bunk1.com). Check our web site for further information.*

Returning families have to log on too but may use their same passwords.

*You may contact us for information at [wilvaken@wilvaken.com](mailto:wilvaken@wilvaken.com) during the summer or at any other time.*

### **Reminder!! GUITARS AT WILVAKEN 2010**

Guitars will be at camp this summer. Wilvaken is purchasing some and we welcome any donations. We shall offer some lessons during the summer and will hopefully have some jam sessions too! If your child owns one do bring it to camp!



### For our Wilvaken

**horse lovers** – our horses are doing well and have enjoyed their winter break. They have mostly wintered outdoors and some have had some training since the beginning of April. Our barn will be in action for Open House. So come for a visit!

### **Note from the directors:**

Your invoice is enclosed with the details of payments received and credits regarding family connections, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> child discounts and 2009 credits or balance. If you have not paid your balance due before May 1<sup>st</sup>, then please do so upon receipt of your invoice.

We would like to inform those who have a credit balance, that this will be reimbursed to you in the fall when we do our final accounts. Also please note that if your child is taking our chartered transport or being picked up at the airport, then this additional expense must be added to your payment if you have not notified us of your plans prior to receiving the invoice.

Please read the enclosed information sheet and keep it for reference, as it provides a quick review regarding arrival/departure days, transportation, visiting days, illness, camp photo etc.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon! Happy camping!

*Maya & Dave*