

## Staff 2010

**Sandra Alain** graduated from the Fine Arts program at Bishop's University this year and will be continuing on to do a Bachelors of Education in Ontario next year. She is a big asset to our arts and crafts facility and always has lots of ideas for wide games and evening programs. Welcome back Sandy!

**Charlotte Anderson** will be one of this year's Program Coordinators along with Ricky Watkins. She joins us for her fifth year on staff after having been a camper, CIT, counselor, and last year's CIT coordinator. Charlotte can be seen smiling all day long on *Wilvaken's* waterfront. Charlotte is currently a student at the University of Victoria in British Columbia.

**Mohammad Asfour** is with us for his first year and is looking forward to using his athletic skills with the campers such as tennis, soccer and other land sports that *Wilvaken* offers. He is at this time a student at Dawson College studying to be a Laboratory Technician.

**Laura Atienza** was a CIT in 2009 and is returning to us for this summer. She was a camper for 4 years. Laura is hoping to give back to our campers what she enjoyed and learned as a camper. Laura comes to us from Spain and is finishing her secondary school education.

**Kirsten Charron** is returning to us after having taken a couple of summers off to work in the city and travel. Kirsten was a camper for many years and completed our CIT program in 2006. She will be seen on the waterfront as she has her lifeguard qualifications and is a big water skiing fan. Kirsten is able to do almost all the activities that *Wilvaken* offers and we're excited to have her back with us this summer!

**Billy Cheung** will be coming to us as our main swim instructor. He has had several years experience teaching at a local swimming pool in Toronto and enjoyed it tremendously. He will be in charge of the Bronze Medallion/Cross program offered to campers age 13 – 15 as well as other swim levels. Billy is studying International Economics at U of Ottawa.

**Stuart Flinders** loves the outdoors. He is a great canoeist, loves hiking, outdoor camping, cooking and playing guitar! He will be involved in our new guitar activity being organized for this summer. Stuart spent the better part of last year with Katimavik working as a volunteer in several different areas in Canada.

**JJ Fridman** spent his youth at *Wilvaken* and we're glad to have him back as one of this year's CIT Coordinators. He will be working alongside Emma Preston this summer to encourage and guide our 16 year-old program participants. JJ can also be seen enjoying the beautiful environment *Wilvaken* has to offer by sharing his knowledge of nature and environmental issues. We cannot wait for JJ to start his fifth summer on staff.

**Alyssa Gervais** will be with us for her first summer being a strong assistant to Rose at the barn. Alyssa has grown up in the country on a small farm and tremendously enjoys the outdoors. Riding has been an important part of her life and although she does not own a horse she has spent a lot of time working at a riding centre. Alyssa is a student at McGill University.

**Kristina Huber** will be our first aid attendant this summer. She is a third year nursing student at St. François Xavier University in Nova Scotia and is looking forward to meeting all the campers and staff.

**Nadia Ickx** has completed her first year at McGill University and will be spending her summer with us teaching windsurfing, canoeing, and playing a large part in our language program. Nadia is returning for her second year on staff after having been a camper many years ago. Nadia is always enthusiastic wherever you find her on *Wilvaken's* grounds.

**Alana La Rosa Dancoste** is a student at Collège Jean de Brébeuf and will be joining us for her second year on staff after having completed the CIT program in 2008. She adores working with children and can often be found surrounded by *Wilvaken's* youngest campers no matter where she goes. Alana is full of ideas and has great input for evening programs, wide games and rainy day ideas.

**Katherine (Katie) Lamond** is back after a couple of summers away from *Wilvaken*. She spent her summers with us as a camper and we're glad she decided to return. Katie completed the CIT program in 2006 and is a graduate from the Arts and Culture program at Dawson College. She is full of new ideas for our Craft Shop this summer and we can't wait for Katie's enthusiasm in all aspects of *Wilvaken*.

**Aviva Lessard** was a camper for 8 years and completed our CIT program last summer. Aviva has her National Lifeguard certificate, is a good sailor, canoeist, kayak and water-skier. She has experienced all that *Wilvaken* has to offer and is now enthusiastic about sharing her knowledge with campers. Aviva is graduating from Royal West Academy.

**Cora Lipkowitzsch** was a camper for 4 years and completed our CIT program last year along with Aviva. Cora is an avid windsurfer, loves kayaking, archery and riflery as well as tripping. She comes to us from Germany where she is also completing her secondary school education.

**Anthea Morse** is also returning to us after a short break and will be helping with Tennis and other land sports. She is currently a student at University of Western Ontario studying to become a teacher. Anthea took last summer off to work at a day camp but she missed the family feel that *Wilvaken* offers and is looking forward to rediscovering her connections to our community. We're glad to have you with us again, Anthea!

**Daniel O'Brien** is studying at Marianopolis College. Danny has been with us since the age of 8 as a camper and hasn't missed a summer yet! He will be an asset to us as he is a very skilled water skier and can also do almost all of *Wilvaken's* activities. Danny joined us for his first year as a counselor last year after having completed the CIT program in 2008.

**Emma Preston** will be coordinating the CIT program alongside JJ this summer and she is full of new ideas for the leadership program. Emma is studying at McGill in Health Sciences and can't wait to spend her summer away from the city. This will be Emma's third year on staff and she was also a camper and completed the CIT program in 2006. She is always coming up with great themes for our theme days and has lots of tricks up her sleeve for new games.

**Jack Provencher** is coming to us for his first summer. He has spent his summers growing up in the Magog area and decided to try summer camp at *Wilvaken*. Jack is an excellent tennis player and coach and will also be seen teaching some canoeing, as well as other land sports. Jack is graduating from Selwyn House this year.

**Ariel Shapiro** spent last summer as a CIT and was a camper for 2 years previous to that. He will be seen around camp teaching canoeing, sailing, lifeguarding, riflery and being involved with planning theme days! Ariel is graduating from Royal West Academy this spring.

**Rose Schwinghamer** will be in charge of the riding program this summer. She has spent the past 2 years at *Wilvaken* and is excited to head one of *Wilvaken's* most important activities. Rose can always be seen with a smile on her face and knows what she is doing when it comes to campers with horses. Rose is a graduate from Dawson College in Health Science and will be going to Bishop's University in the fall.

**Katelyn (Kate) Spidle** is returning for her third year on staff and is always an asset to *Wilvaken*. She is extremely musical and can be seen playing guitar or singing with a group of campers surrounding her. Kate is studying Anthropology at Concordia University but is very artistic and spends much of her time in the Craft Shop. Kate also enjoys canoe trips and can't wait to explore the wilderness.

**Matthew Visser** is with us for his first summer and is an avid hiker and canoe tripper. He has experience with windsurfing and water-skiing and volunteered for Katimavik during the past year. Matthew comes to us from Port Coquitlam, BC and is a student at Douglas College.

**Ricky Watkins** is studying in Boston, Massachusetts but is from Venezuela and therefore is a big hit with many of our Spanish-speaking campers. He is enthusiastic at all times and we're excited for him to be one of our Program Coordinators with Charlotte. Last year, they teamed up as CIT coordinators so we know that they work well together. Ricky is also a sailor, windsurfer and water skier. We can't wait to see what else Ricky has to offer in his fourth year on staff!

**Lara Willis** is joining us for her second year on staff. She spends most of her day on the waterfront as she has her lifeguard qualifications and can do most of *Wilvaken's* activities. Lara will be going to Bishop's University in the fall to start her Bachelor of Education and therefore *Wilvaken* is a great place to start her teaching. We're glad to have Lara with us this summer!

## The Support Staff

**Suzy Lachapelle** will be our head cook this summer for her second year after having been an assistant for 6 summers. Suzy has had previous experience working at the Queen Elizabeth Elementary School in Magog. (A certified dietician approves the camp menus.)

**Pat Lachapelle** (Suzy's sister) will be assisting Suzy in the kitchen for her second summer. Pat has had experience in some local hotel kitchens, so has a good idea what kind of cooking we are looking for.

**Jim Meigs** will be our "**Mr. Fix-it**" around camp for his second year and will be in charge of our grounds-keepers. He has already started work on set-up for the summer.

The **Cuiz Crew** are there to assist Suzy and Pat, and will consist of **Brenden Davis** and **Samantha Fluet** coming back for a third summer along with **Stéphanie Lavoie** who was a camper, **Valentina Tyurina** and **Cynthia Whipple-Chown**.

Our **Grounds-keeper** is **Craig Banks** for his first summer! He will help **Jim** keep *Wilvaken* clean and functional.