



## Wilvaken Celebrates Half-Christmas With Fun Activities and Decorations

By Anna

I woke up this morning expecting a normal breakfast: fruit cups. When I entered the lodge, I saw a snowman taped to the front door, which made me curious. When I first stepped in, I was amazed with the decorations. There was Christmas hats and mistletoe hanging from the walls and ceiling. While eating, the Wilvy Christmikkah blew us all away. We made candles in Craft Shop, which was super fun. My candle was red and white.

By Claire

On July 25, it was half-Christmas for the campers at Wilvaken. We made cookies for Santa, and there were lots of different Christmas-related activities throughout the day. For example, Voyageur cut down a Christmas tree, Craft Shop made tree decorations, and campers decorated the Christmas tree at 4 p.m. The lodge was decorated with paper snowflakes, as well as green and red streamers.



**Camp celebrated Christmikkah on Thursday, July 25. There were many holiday-themed activities, and we even got a special visit from Santa! Illustration by Sweden**

## L.I.T.s meet 'Phillip the 2<sup>nd</sup>' While on Dinner Outing at Beaver Island



By The L.I.T.s

On Thursday night, all the L.I.T.s, as well as the coordinators - Janna and Eric - went on an outing to Beaver

Island. We were 10 L.I.T.s. total. We canoed there in the big voyageur.

As our extravagant adventure began we tried making bannock

pizza.

For dessert, we had banana boats with marshmallows and chocolates. We kept singing the song "Apple-Bottom Jeans" during the entire outing.

While canoeing back, Eric had an idea. With all us paddling hard, he thought that we could pull a water skier from the back of the canoe.

We saw a deer and named it Phillip the 2<sup>nd</sup>. After meeting Phillip, we safely made it back to camp in time to write this article.

## Cohen's Corner



### Camp Says Bye to Four Horses

By Joshua Cohen

**Skie** was an amazing beginner horse. He was a favourite among most riders and a great horse to start riding on. "I'll miss him," said Kyle. "He's a really nice horse. The reason why we must say goodbye to Skie is that he went blind.

**Orbitz** was a small, old horse that retired because of his lungs. "Orbitz has a lovely canter," said Poppy. Rose, a old staff member that worked in the barn for four years, claimed that Orbitz was her favourite.

**Biff and Jack** had very similar personalities, and spent all their time together. The pair was quite despicable. "Jack was usually a nice horse," said Anna.

### Facts about Cat

By Becky

Cat's favourite thing about Camp Wilvaken is all the campers, and the feeling of the family-like community. Her least favourite thing is the Super Tramp, because it ruins the beautiful view and interrupts Free Swim. She thinks the newspaper is a great way to find out about all the cool things at camp.

## Momo is the Man with the Iron Will

By Mackenzy Cooper

We are all very fortunate at Camp Wilvaken to have three squares meals per day, cooked by the lovely kitchen staff that work from sun-up to sundown. Now, imagine you weren't allowed to eat after a set time, until another set time where you must start again.

This is how it has been for counselor Mohammed Asfour (also known as Momo) for almost a month. Momo fasts from sun-up to sundown as part of his religion. It is part of a special time, called Ramadan.

When asked how he manages it, he said, "You have to believe in it. It's about faith and the motive to be able to do it."

The faith must be strong for Momo. Not only does he partake in Ramadan, but he also manages to keep a smile on his face for us during the day.

If you have any questions about Ramadan, ask the man with the iron will himself.

## A Typical Day at Wilvaken



By Bryanna

This morning at 9 a.m., I went to the Craft Shop and made three candles. My next instructional was archery, where Beatrice surprised us by bringing apples and balloons as targets. At 11 a.m., Emilie and I went on a scavenger hunt with Ruby. It was very fun. Many people asked us where we got the mini-freezies, which were the prizes we won at the scavenger hunt. Then, I won a game of Kube. After lunch, I went to the Voyageur Forest and built a shelter using a tarp. It was a pretty good shelter!

## Highlanders Perform for Camp



Above: The Highlanders paid a visit to Wilvaken Wednesday afternoon. The entire camp gathered to watch their performance, which included an historical reenactment, traditional bagpipe music and Scottish dance. Campers even had the chance to try firing muskets, which are the very old firearms pictured above.

## Russia's Daily Adventures

On the 22 of July, we wanted to see if we could find a snake. Therefore, counselor Quentin decided to take us on a snake hunt.

This is how Reagan, Haiden, Simon, Alexis, Guillaume and Mika arrived in the forest. During our hunt, we saw a salamander, a small frog, a toad, and rabbit poo.

The best part of our adventure was when we saw a snake. Unfortunately, it got away from us.

Reagan found a snake home that was in a hollow tree. Haiden saw a snake that ran away. Simon found the rabbit poo. Alexis loved finding frogs. Guillaume and Mika ont adore le moment ou on a vue le serpent.

We had a lot of fun and it was really exciting. This will be one of the best memories of camp for everyone in the cabin, and we can't wait until our next



*Fruit cups, oh fruit cups  
Without you I'd go nuts  
Your juice is so juicy  
It makes me loo-see-goosey.*

*I love you with all my heart  
I'd never hog you to my cart  
So much fruit and so much flavour  
It's a treat that anyone can savour.*

*When I'm feeling sad, you pick me up  
How can I thank you, my dearest fruit  
cup.*

- Simon B. and Josh. D.

