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The official newsletter of the John Island Camp Alumni and Friends of John Island



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2024



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(and you do not want to miss reading anything!)

Here are a few suggestions

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- don't attempt to read it when you are opening a batch of e-mail. Open it when you have an opportunity to at least preview the entire newsletter.
- print a copy of the newsletter. That way you can read it anywhere at any time.
- open a file just to keep the alumni newsletters. That way you can refer to any one of them at any time.
- if at any time you want to refer to or read any part of any newsletter from past years, they are a on the John Island Website under "Alumni Newsletters". Here is a link:
www.ymca neo.ca/john-island-camp

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A Special Message from Lorrie Turnbull

Hello!

I am honored to be joining the team of the YMCA of Northeastern Ontario as President & CEO. Although it is still early days, I am very quickly noticing what an incredible group of people are involved in our YMCA throughout the Northeast! Of particular mention is the dedication of all those involved in John Island YMCA Camp. Their enthusiasm and passion for camp is contagious. I cannot wait to visit when the spring weather arrives!



I have a lengthy history with the YMCA, spending nearly 30 years with the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth. There, in Nova Scotia, Big Cove YMCA Camp has a beloved place in the hearts of many alumni, campers and staff. I always enjoyed my visits to Big Cove YMCA Camp as a staff as well as a parent! I have seen first-hand the life-changing experience that camp provides.

And we are on a mission here at the YMCA of Northeastern Ontario...

A mission to enhance the well-being of those who live here.

A mission to find meaningful ways to help people connect.

A mission to foster healthy relationships.

YMCA Camp is one way we accomplish that mission.

This summer, we want to connect more kids - to have more fun - and spend more time in nature - at John Island Camp. No family is ever denied the opportunity to send their child to camp and through YMCA financial assistance, we can ensure that everyone who wants to, can be a part of our mission!

I look forward to the beginning of camp season, visiting John Island, and seeing our future young leaders in action.

Lorrie

Lorrie Turnbull, MCPM, MA, BPE

President & Chief Executive Officer



YMCA John Island Camp

70th Anniversary Auction

An Anniversary Auction will be held at the
70th Anniversary Gala on May 24, 2024

We are looking for donations that
Camp Alumni and Friends of JIC
would like to contribute
to the Auction.
Interested?



Contact Gary at gary.gray@ymcaneo.ca

**70 YEARS
WORTH
CELEBRATING**



YMCA John Island Camp 70th Anniversary Celebration

What a time it will be. While planning is happening as this is being written, here is what we can tell you.

**70th Anniversary Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 25th
at the Steelworker's Banquet Hall in Sudbury**

**For early arrivers, a social event is being planned for Friday evening
and a trip to the camp earlier in the day if conditions allow.**

**A block of rooms has been set aside at the Travelway Inn in Sudbury
For those needing overnight accommodation Friday and/or Saturday**

**Tickets are now being sold on the John Island Camp website
www.ymcaneo.ca/john-island-camp/**

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Congratulations

Tessa Tremblay

Winner of the JIC 70th Anniversary Logo design contest

Watch for the design when it is released soon

Celebrating 70 Years of Adventure and Memories

... And the Year Ahead!



As the spring season blooms, we are thrilled to share with you exciting updates from John Island Camp. This year marks a significant milestone as we celebrate the camp's 70th anniversary! Seven decades of memories, friendships, and adventures have shaped John Island into the cherished place it is today.

70th Anniversary Celebration

We invite all past and present campers, staff, volunteers, and supporters to join us in commemorating this remarkable milestone. Tickets are on sale now for a weekend of celebrations, including an opening night reception for those arriving in Sudbury on Friday, May 24th, a trip to John Island on Saturday, May 25th (weather dependant) ending with a gala event on the evening of the 25th. Together, let's celebrate the past, present, and future of John Island Camp.

Capital Investments

In our commitment to continually enhance the camp experience, we're thrilled to announce significant capital investments. These investments include:

New Low Water Dock System: Providing safe access to the island for all campers with the ever changing water levels.

Bridge Repairs: Ensuring safe passage and accessibility to the island, for all campers and supplies.

New Roof on Fox and Fisher: Preserving the integrity of our beloved cabin and ensuring comfort and protection for campers and staff.

These much-needed investments are thanks in large part to our amazing donors and supporters. Your generosity enables us to maintain and improve our facilities, ensuring that John Island Camp remains a place of joy, learning, and connection for generations to come.

Ontario Trillium Fund Grant Application

We are excited to share that we have applied for an Ontario Trillium Fund grant to support further renovations over the next 12-18 months. This grant will allow us to continue enhancing our facilities and infrastructure, providing an even more enriching experience for our camp community. We eagerly await the outcome and will know in early May if we are successful!

Welcoming Our New General Manager of Camp and Youth Leadership

We're delighted to re-introduce Scott Thomas to our camp team, who has joined the John Island Camp family as our new General Manager of Camp and Youth Leadership. Scott's portfolio includes daycamp (8 locations across the region), Camp Tillicum outdoor education centre, youth leadership and John Island. With his extensive experience in camp management and youth development, he brings a wealth of knowledge, passion, and leadership to our team. Please join us in welcoming Scott into this new role for our association as we embark on this new chapter together.

Enhancing Equipment and Supplies

Ensuring an amazing camp experience for all remains our top priority. To that end, we have invested in enhancing our equipment and supplies to support a wide range of activities and programs. From outdoor gear to arts and crafts supplies, these enhancements will empower campers to explore, learn, and create memories that last a lifetime.

As we look forward to another unforgettable summer at John Island Camp, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated community of campers, families, staff, and supporters. Your continued enthusiasm and support are the driving force behind everything we do.

Wishing you a spring season filled with joy, growth, and adventure! See you at the 70th!

Yours in Camping
Kendra

Work Weekend - May 10 - 12

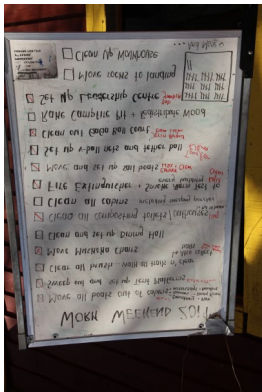
What has become an annual gathering of alumni of all ages (including some pre-alumni youngsters) is scheduled to get underway on the weekend of May 10 -12. This weekend is a special occasion when volunteers gather to help get the camp in shape for the upcoming camping season.

Tasks that need to be done include a general clean-up of the camp grounds and buildings, painting, minor repairs, setting up tent platforms and program areas, clean up of areas such as the dining hall and kitchen and a number of tasks required to get the camp up and operating again.

The camp provides the transportation from Walkhouse Bay in Serpent River to the camp and back, tools, materials required as well as meals for the weekend and a bed to sleep in. Volunteers are required to bring their own sleeping bag or blankets, warm work clothes and whatever skills they possess.

The John Island Camp Work Weekend is a great way to help the camp, meet other camp alumni and friends of the camp and have a lot of fun with good friends.

If interested in joining this eclectic group of dedicated camp enthusiasts, contact Camp Director Cashel Moss at : cashel.moss@ymcaneo.ca



Photos from some previous JIC Work Weekends



Meet Emily McIlroy - JIC Camp Registrar

Please welcome Emily McIlroy, the newest addition to the Health & Wellness team. Emily is our new Camping Services Administrative Coordinator, she has joined our team this February from the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario. She has experience in working with youth and families across a variety of settings and is excited to help provide amazing camp experiences for our families and youth. Emily will be the primary contact for camp registrations and payments moving forward. In addition to providing administrative support to all of our camp locations and staff, she will also be responsible for managing financial assistance applications and camp subsidy for the region. You can reach Emily at (705) 923-7541 or via email at emily.mcilroy@ymcaneo.ca.



A letter from our JIC Director

Hello John Island Friends & Family!

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Director of our beloved camp. It is truly an honour to join this community, especially one that is steeped in tradition and fond memories. In my short time since starting at the YMCA of Northeastern Ontario, I have learned that the love and care for John Island Camp is unparalleled.

Having spent numerous years working in various camp settings, I feel as though I bring a wealth of knowledge and passion to this role. My journey includes a Bachelor of Physical & Health Education with a specialty in Outdoor Adventure Leadership from Laurentian University, which is where I first learned about the magic of John Island Camp. This background has helped foster my deep understanding of the importance of a wholesome camp experience. My commitment is to preserve the essence of our camp while ushering in positive changes to elevate the overall experience of our campers.

Your feedback has not gone unnoticed, and we are actively addressing concerns to make meaningful improvements. These changes include enhancing our food budget to ensure nutritious and satisfying meals for our campers. Our goal is to cater to diverse tastes and dietary preferences, ensuring everyone leaves the Dining Hall satisfied. Additionally, infrastructure repairs are underway to maintain a secure and comfortable environment for everyone. Our commitment to your safety and comfort has led us to upgrade our facilities, including low water docks and bridge improvements. Furthermore, we've expanded our team to ensure there's always someone available to assist you. From Camp Counsellors to a friendly Camp Administrator who supports registration, our dedicated staff are here to make your campers' stay as enjoyable as possible.

I am genuinely excited about the upcoming Summer and the opportunity to weave my experience into the rich tapestry of our camps legacy. Through shared memories and strong bonds, you make this community exceptional, and I am committed to nurturing these connections. I look forward to enhancing these connections more and creating shared memories together at our 70th Anniversary this May.

I want to extend my gratitude for your support, and I am eager to embark on this journey with all of you! Together, let's make this summer an unforgettable chapter in the story of our beloved John Island Camp!

Warmly,

Cashel Moss

(She/Her)

Director, YMCA John Island Camp



Our Asst. JIC Director says "Hi"



Hi there! My name is Bridget Spoel and I am thrilled to be returning to John Island Camp as the new Assistant Director. After many years as a camper, 2024 will be my seventh summer on the John Island staff team. When not at John Island, I have worked at the YMCA in Sudbury in numerous roles and most recently as an outdoor educator at YMCA Wanakita. I am passionate about out-trips, camp-wide games, and nature programming. I am excited to work with the staff team to facilitate great programs for the campers and to introduce new campers to camp magic.

Bridget

HOW WELL DO YOU THINK YOU KNOW CAMP?

With 70 years of history behind it, John Island Camp has a cornucopia of fascinating facts and occurrences to think about as we talk about the past that has been the foundation of our present...and future. How many of the following questions do you know the response to?

Where is Lost Lake?

What cabin in camp was built with the support of the Rotary Club of Sudbury?

There have been many lengths of the John Island Beach used in promotions over the years. Which do you think is the closest to being correct?

- A) 1 kilometre
- B) 50 kilometres
- C) 1.25 kilometres
- D) 500 metres

What is the name of the current John Island Camp Director?

Is the main camp facility built on "Little John" or "Big John"?

Who was the owner of the John Island Camp property before it was bought by the Y for the camp?

What is the name of the person after whom the back harbour is named? What was his association with the island?

How many acres constitute the camp property (as per the land title)?

Over the years, which current buildings have been used as the Health Centre/Hospital?

What plant around the camp area is often confused with sarsaparilla in appearance?

What adventurer that paddled a kayak through the Northwest Passage has taught the art of kayaking at John Island?

What are the names of the 14 cabins currently used as camper cabins?

More questions throughout this newsletter

Answers will be shared at the 70th Anniversary

What's Up Dock?

Nothing has its ups and downs quite like the main dock at John Island Camp. Since the beginning of camp time in the 1940's and 50's, the exact location of the main camp dock has been a moving target. When the Y's Men's Club built the original dock (well over 200 ft) as they were building the camp back in the late 1940's, they thought the dock they were building would be the permanent structure, so it had to be built right. But as water levels in Lake Huron changed from decade to decade, so did the location of the dock. From an ideal and close location where it was first built, the dock moved from Little John to Big John and down past the site of the old lumber mill. The dock was built parallel to the shore line and on top of old pilings (first cuts) from the old mill. In order to get there, however, the Y's Men's Club had to build a bridge to span the water between Little John and Big John. And a proper pathway for the tractor had to be cleared to get to the new dock.

Then when the water level rose again, everything was moved back to the original location and the original dock was upgraded. When the water went down again several years later, it was back across the bridge but the original dock that had been built to accommodate low water had been washed away by the high water levels. A new low water bridge was built perpendicular to the shoreline and still built on old pilings from the mill. Again, water levels rose several years later and the location of the original camp dock was used and a dew dock built, including the cribs.

Today is a new day. The water level has fallen again and a new dock has to be built in the same area as the original low water dock—on the north side of the lumber mill and east of the old sawdust burner. An engineering company has been engaged to plan and construct a new low water dock capable of holding the three camp Stanley boats while having access to a trail capable of allowing camp ATV's with trailers. As the original bridge to get to that location has been rebuilt and repaired several times over the decades, a new bridge built to current standards will also be designed and built by a construction company.

As alumni, ensuring that safe and appropriate structures are built is a matter of concern. The cost of having both the bridge and the dock built as safe structures and up to current building code is estimated at roughly \$115,000. The Camp currently has alumni capital funds raised that are now available to total \$70,000, leaving a camp financial need of \$45,000.



The Bridge as it is today, before reconstruction



Rebuilding the original (high water) dock in 2018 & 2019



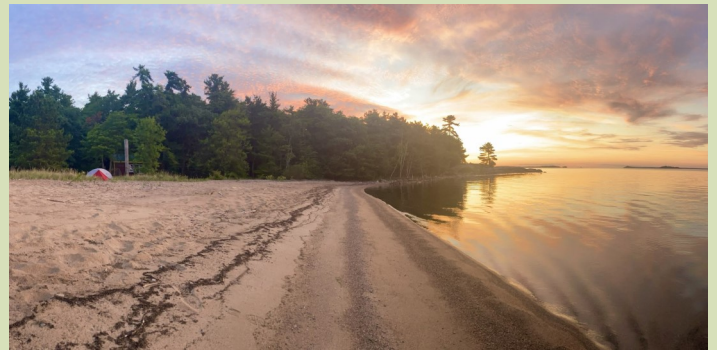
The low water dock used until 2018

Photo Contest

We are excited to announce the winners of the JIC 70th Anniversary Photo Contest. With close to 100 entries, the selection committee had a difficult time. These photos will all be highlighted in the Anniversary Calendar (June 2024 to Dec. 2025). Many other photos submitted will also be displayed in the calendar



ACTION - Maddie Ludlow



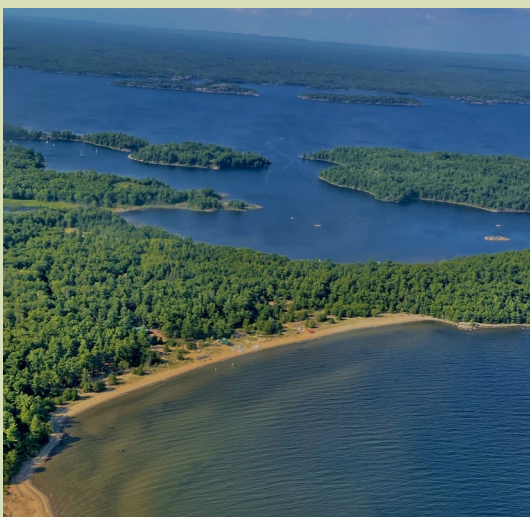
NATURE - Jacob Metzger



HISTORICAL - Daphne Loukidelis (Tie)



HISTORICAL - Derrick Brydges (Tie)



SPECIAL MENTION - Norah Cavalin



FRIENDSHIP - Maddie Ludlow



I spent several years volunteering and working for the YMCA-YWCA while in high school and university in Brockville, Sudbury, Ottawa and Victoria B.C. Without a doubt, my experience with the Y certainly provided a solid foundation for what would lead me toward a teaching career (and part-time magician).

While attending Laurentian University (1992-1996), I also led youth programs at the Sudbury Y. That was when I first heard about John Island Camp and by the summer of 1994, I was working there. Hard to believe

I'm sure that experience prepared me for parenthood.

that was 30 years ago!

John Island's incredible site, buffet of activities, and talented staff sure is the trifecta for a fantastic summer camp experience and wonderful memories- as a reader, you already know that, though.

I remember the excitement of the boat ride to the Island - what a unique experience. I remember all the sand and how it continued to appear in clothing and gear months after camp ended. I remember the dogs that ran free around camp and how they made everyone feel at home. I remember Gary Gray capturing incredible moments of courage and friendship on his camera - it would have been on film back in those days. I remember trying to pour some milk from a jug and when I looked inside, I saw a powdered milk blob creeping down the inside - eeks! I also remember everyone's excitement when real milk was added to the camp menu.

The eye patch was a nice accessory for the pirate

I remember one of my campers had a loose tooth fall out. He naturally wanted to pass it along to the Tooth Fairy. Assisting the Tooth Fairy was a

stealth-like operation. On some level, I'm sure that experience prepared me for parenthood.

I remember some wild Great Lake storms. One time, I was running from my cabin to the dining hall during a dark and stormy night (with a deck of cards). Smack!! I ran into a giant pine tree...

where did that come from?! The camp nurse bandaged up my wounds and the night carried on with some magic and card games. The eye patch was a nice accessory for the pirate theme later in the week.



I remember the energizing campfires. They became quite theatrical at times which raised the fun factor! And, the musical talents of many staff members were impressive to hear. What a fantastic way to open and close a camp session!

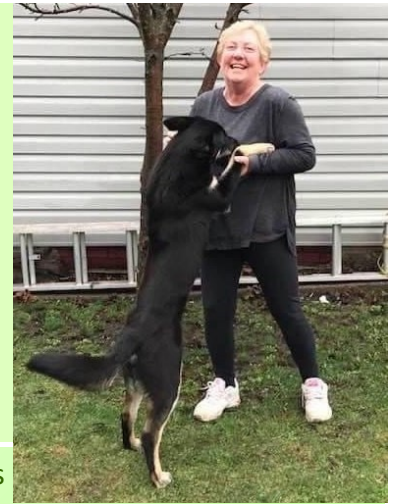
John Island sure is a special place - a magical place. I have incredibly rich memories of working there and am grateful for the opportunity.





50 years later

*we're campers
through and through
... by Diane Steele*



I attended John Island Camp for three summers of my adolescent life and the experiences left a huge

impact on me as a little girl that lasted a lifetime. Fifty odd years later the memories are vivid and bring a smile to my face. I consider myself very fortunate to have been able to attend this beautiful camp near Spanish Ontario. Situated on the shores of Lake Huron and accessed by a boat we called the old Ironside, it was truly a remarkable island.

The first summer I attended was my first time being apart from my family of six siblings and my parents. I was homesick for one night of my planned two week stay. That stay ended up being a month. The same held true for the following two summers. I couldn't get enough of the place and my parents were subjected to endless stories upon my return to my hometown of Sudbury.

We stayed in cabins with a counsellor according to age groups. We ate our meals at the community dining hall and used outhouses. The wash station allowed for washing with soap and water each night. It was also where we brushed our teeth. The lake served as our bathtub. We learned how to be proper campers with none of the luxuries of home. It truly was a learning experience.

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Morning oopik dips, arts and crafts, archery, swimming, canoeing and overnight hikes with nothing between the ground we slept on and the stars above except the cool summer night breezes. We learned to build and light a campfire to cook our beans and wieners on. Everything tasted better when cooked over the fire. Never a dull moment.

Back at camp my favourite memory is of the nightly bonfires. The whole camp attended and we sang, laughed and joked until taps prompted our tired little legs to our cabins and bed. All so we could awaken and do it again the next day. When the end of our stay drew near it was bittersweet. We celebrated with an awards night and special meal. Saying goodbye to our new found friends was the hardest of all. Those weeks allowed time to establish strong bonds not easily broken. I could go on and on just as I did as a child with my parents. We arrived as young inexperienced kids and left as seasoned ca

The summer I turned sixteen I returned to John Island as a C.I.T. which stood for counsellor in training. Once again surrounded by white, soft sand, huge evergreens and the sound of waves lapping upon the shore, my mission was to pass on the skills I had learned as an adolescent to the eager children in attendance. It was a wonderful experience for myself and my fellow C.I.T. participants. We were put to the test on a one hundred mile canoe trip which took us from Lake Huron to Long Lake in Sudbury. The true definition of "roughing it in the bush." The portages long and difficult in places, along with paddling for three days straight, led to the magical opportunity of once again sleeping under the magnificent sight of the starlit sky each night.

John Island played a monumental roll in the development of the young adult I eventually became. To this day I love to spend as much time as I can surrounded by the beauty of nature. Ingrained in me as a young inexperienced adolescent was a respect for all that nature provided for me. John Island Camp was what I considered the opportunity of a lifetime and left me with memories that will live on and on.

Scott Thomas New General Manager of Camping



If you had asked me prior to the summer of 2003 where I saw myself in 20 years, I'd likely have said "teaching" or "I don't really know yet". Little did I know that 9 short weeks at YMCA Camp Falcona would have such an incredible impact on the rest of my life and career and would lead me to Direct John Island for 4 years (a place I never imagined myself falling in love with).

Reading this means you likely already know the impact that camp can have on a person, after all, it is likely what kept you coming back year over year as a kid and then as a staff, wanting to share that love of camp with the next generation of campers.

It may have taken a little longer for me to reach that conclusion, having never attended overnight camp as a camper, but that first summer (and countless stories from family over the years) brought that same love of camp and desire to share it with future generations of campers and staff.

Throughout the last 21 years I have had the incredible opportunity to work at 4 different YMCA associations and 5 YMCA overnight camps. From a shy first year counsellor who didn't want to get up on stage or sing a song back in 2003 to Camp Director for over 10 years at multiple YMCA Camps across Canada (Elphinstone, John Island, Big Cove) and most recently as General Manager at YMCA Camp Pine Crest, there is little I would change about the last 21 years. The skills I have learned, the friends I have made, the people I have met and places I have seen are all because of camp.

This past summer I had the opportunity to share that love of John Island with participants here at Pine Crest who took part in an exchange in July and got to experience the beauty of the Island and the North Channel. It brought back so many memories hearing their stories and favourite parts of their trip (sand was not one of them – "it gets in everything and everywhere").

Although my camp journey has taken me far from those Island shores over the years, it has never been far from mind. As I begin my 22nd year working in YMCA Overnight Camping, I am excited to take on a new opportunity that will bring me back to those Island shores for the first time since 2015. After completing a year as GM at YMCA Camp Pine Crest, I am excited to be returning to Sudbury to take on a new challenge with the YMCA of NEO as the General Manager of Camping and Youth Development!

I look forward to re-connecting with campers, staff and alumni on this magical island so many of us call home.

Scott

70th Anniversary Contest Winners

Congratulations to our winners of our Anniversary Logo Design Contest and our Photo Contest!

70th Anniversary Logo Design Contest Winner - Tessa Tremblay

Photo Contest - Friendship Category: Maddie Ludlow

- Nature Category: Jacob Metzger

- Historical Category: Derrick Brydges and Daphne Loukidelis

- Action Category: Maddie Ludlow

John Island Camp

...A Fond Recollection

*By Jeannine Zadow
(nee: Beech)*

Camper (1954), CIT, Counsellor,
Arts and Crafts Director



John Island beach activities in 1957

As I clean off the snow from my deck for the fourth time in the past two days, thoughts of warmer days with beautiful sun , swimming, boating and sand ...oh yes the sand; what comes to mind but John Island .

Even though it's been seventy years since I first arrived as a camper on this far away island, I can still recall

many exciting events that occurred. The Kismet chugged through the waves of a channel in Lake Huron from Spanish for almost 40 minutes. The campers aboard were the first ones to arrive at the newly opened facility and as a first time camper (age 12) I feared we would never arrive safely. The rickety old dock was an inviting scene and even the sandy path up to the main lodge was exiting as well as a bit frightening.

However, it wasn't long before the eight girls assigned to cabin # 3 were finding our beds, unpacking and getting to know one another. Soon our counsellor, Melinda Cassio hurried us off to the lodge for lunch. To my surprise we were assigned a long wooden table and had to sing Johnny Apple Seed before we were fed. Each of us had to take turns serving for which I feared that I would drop the big trays laden with mouth-watering food. Only did it once over the four weeks!

Camp had its routines that inspired us to be well organised. How well I recall returning from breakfast to make beds, sweep the floor of that constant sand and make our cabin as neat and as pretty as possible. We even searched the surrounding area for wild flowers to liven up the place in hopes of winning a trophy for that day.

Of the many activities provided for us; swimming was perhaps my favourite. The lake was always cold upon entry but once you swam out to the life buoys – commonly known as the “ice bergs” one never noticed the chilliness. The sandy beach as I recall seemed endless – very picturesque but the sand stuck to your body, entered your bathing suit which created quite the problem wiping it off with a towel that filled with sand as well. Sand, sand every where!

The following year most of my cabin mates returned as CIT's . By then we thought we knew all about camping but our egos were soon put into perspective as we were instructed on how to respect the younger campers, assist in teaching swimming, canoeing, archery and arts and crafts. We also had to learn how to recognize and avoid poison ivy - that lovely wild plant that inhabited much of John Island.

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John Island Camp: A Fond Recollection (cont'd from previous page)

One of the out trips that the CIT's took was a canoe trip from John Island to Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island. Our 4 canoes were filled with overnight and food supplies and once everything was secured (including the paddlers) we headed out under sunny skies and calm waters. By noon the conditions changed quite dramatically to wind, waves and rain. Our supervisor had us dock at the nearest small island to wait out the storm. It didn't let up; thus, once it became too dark to leave we had to pitch tent to spend the night on a rocky wind swept shore. This was a real survival test for us. The next morning as we prepared to leave the Kismet arrived to tow us back to John Island. In those early days we did not have cell phones and access to the media. Little did we know that there had been a hurricane in the area. The directors at the camp set out a search party at day break the following morning. Everyone was relieved to see us safe and sound, including us especially when we learned of the huge danger. The positive situation of this escapade was that we were hailed as heroes and we never let on how frightening it had been.

John Island even in its first few years provided the campers and staff with experiences in life in the outdoors that you would not likely have elsewhere. I returned to this paradise as a counsellor for the next 2 years then later as a "grown up" I enjoyed being the Arts and Crafts director. How fortunate are we that John Island has grown, includes many more activities for its campers and still offers leadership qualities which one can implement for the rest of their lives...even me now a healthy, happy octogenarian. !!

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WANT TO HELP CAMP? HERE'S HOW!

On the back cover we list several ways to help. We are fortunate that we have a very dedicated alumni at YMCA John Island Camp and they want to help camp continue for years ahead.

FINANCIAL HELP - the three primary areas of financial need supported most by alumni are:

- A) The John Island Camp Capital Fund (for details see Page 11)
- B) The Alumni Bursary Fund (for Leadership candidate bursaries) - (see page 5)
- B) The John Island Campership Fund which provides for financial assistance to parents needing assistance to send their children to John Island

Donations can be made to YMCA John Island Camp (charitable receipts available)

Visit the website to make donations: ymcaneo.ca@john-island-camp

VOLUNTEER HELP - There are **Work Weekends** - contact kendra.macisaac@ymcaneo.ca

- There are **Newsletter stories** to be written -contact gary.gray@ymcaneo.ca

And most important, be a **Camp Ambassador** by telling your family members and friends about the great opportunities at an outstanding YMCA overnight camp for youth. Information will be on line at ymcaneo.ca@john-island-camp/

YMCA John Island Camp—an important part of growing up



JIC ALUMNI

Alumni and friends of the camp are the life blood of John Island Camp. Our goal is to provide support to the ongoing life of the camp and to provide a means for alumni to keep engaged with the camp.

There are several ways alumni can support the camp and keep it part of their lives.

- **Annual Spring and Fall Work Weekends (no special skills required)**
 - **Write for the Alumni Newsletter (Your story will be read)**
 - **Bring your family to Family Camp (Many already do)**
- **Contribute to the JIC Capital Fund (Help keep OUR camp in great shape)**
 - **Sponsor a camper (Any amount helps)**
- **Contribute to the Alumni and Friends of JIC Bursary Fund**
 - **Be a John Island Camp Ambassador**

It is easy to donate on line - see page 15 for details

The YMCA John Island Camp Alumni Newsletter is published 2 times a year with semi occasional Special Editions.

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