

ALUMNI PRE-SUMMER NEWS UPDATE

Like Many Overnight Summer Camps, the success of John Island Camp is due largely to the support of the camp alumni. In order to keep our alumni informed and up to date on the many ways they are supporting JIC, we are presenting a few highlights.

BELOW ARE EXAMPLES OF WAYS OUR ALUMNI ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR CAMPERS!

1. JIC Alumni Leadership Bursary

\$6,750 was awarded amongst 9 different campers registered for the camp leadership training programs. This is the third year we have awarded bursaries to campers registered in leadership programs. Donations are accepted on the John Island Camp website specifically for the alumni leadership bursary program.

Thank you to the many alumni who have been supporting this program.

2. Capital Equipment for the camp. Alumni donation made the following improvements possible this year:



High Ropes Element. A “Snakes and Ladders” element was added to our high ropes course, replacing the aging bosun chairs element. Thank you alumni!

New Washing Machine. Our Maytag clothes washer withstood 10 years of washing camp laundry, soiled sleeping bags and bedding, and an assortment of other articles but we said “goodbye” to it last fall and “hello” to a new clothes washer this year. Long may it clean! Thank you alumni!



Stand-up Freezers. While most of the freezers in our kitchen have been used (but excellent) freezers, the camp was finally able to add 2 new freezers to its food storage equipment. Thank you alumni!

Tripping Canoes. Six new tripping canoes were purchased to add to our aging fleet, thanks to our alumni. These canoes will be a critical part of the camp’s extensive tripping program. Thank you alumni!



Building Paint. In an effort to keep our cabins in top shape, major painting has been undertaken this year. Again, this is made possible thanks to the support of donations by the alumni. Thank you alumni!



Snakes and ladders course



How To Make A Donation

Alumni are the lifeblood of the camp. It is through your financial support that the camp continues to have a positive influence on the lives of youth.

*To make a donation specific to John Island Camp, go to
And specify John Island Alumni Bursary OR John Island Capital when presented with choices.*

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Alumni Volunteer Time and Skill

Every year our alumni provide hours of time and skill to help keep the camp in good operating condition. Painting, cleaning and carpentry work has helped our staff get camp ready for another excellent year.

By volunteering, our John Island Camp alumni have put thousands of dollars worth of skilled work into the camp, including:

- Assisting with the installation of a new camp generator (thanks Jody Waddell)
- Painting cabins
- Setting up canoes, kayaks and windsurfers for this year's use
- Preparing the site for the new museum (old initiatives tent and then bug hut)
- Opening up and cleaning camp buildings and facilities for spring use
- Cutting down and removing trees that were in various stages of decay
- Overall cleaning and preparing facilities for use

THANK YOU ALUMNI ! BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT WE HAVE AN AMAZING CAMP



Alumni and Friends volunteer during Work Weekend in May, 2026

OTHER NEWS WE WANT TO SHARE WITH JIC ALUMNI

- **Camp sessions this summer are full** with only two sessions having a couple of openings each. This is the best registration since the beginning of Covid,
- **The students from Lasalle Secondary School built a new building** for the camp museum. A photo of this building appears on page one as volunteers assisted with the final coat of paint.
- **“Walking Forward - Niigan Mosewak”** is an overnight camp at JIC this year for indigenous youth 13 - 17 years facilitated by the Ontario Provincial Police in partnership with the camp.

To access all past copies of the YMCA John Island Camp Alumni Newsletter, links can be found on the John Island Camp Website.