PRESQU'ILE POINT

THE LONG AWAITED CAMP UPDATE

Oscar gets his Level 4 in canoeing.
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Introdution

At camp, we are dedicated to building a safe, caring, and healthy community where every child has the opportunity to grow in spirit, mind, and body, while developing an appreciation for the natural environment. Through outdoor experiences, meaningful friendships, and new challenges, Camp Presqu'ile gives young people a place to belong, build confidence, and discover what they are capable of.

This newsletter will celebrate the campers, families, alumni, staff, volunteers, Rotarians, donors, and community members who help make that mission possible. We are excited to share camp stories, upcoming opportunities, and the impact of our community, on camp and beyond.

From the Director



Welcome to the Presqu'ile Point! We are excited to share with you all that has been happening at Camp Presqu'ile over the past five years, along with some highlights from our most recent summer at camp. Presqu'ile is a truly special place, and we want to celebrate and share with our community all the things that make it that way.

Over the past five years, countless hours of time, care and hard work have gone into reopening camp to a new generation of campers while preserving the traditions and memories that have shaped Presqu'ile for more than 90 years. From campfires and waterfront adventures to friendships that last a lifetime, the spirit of Presqu'ile continues to grow with each new generation.

With our 100th summer fast approaching in 2028, we hope this magazine gives you an opportunity to look back at how far we have come, celebrate what we have accomplished together, and look ahead to the future of Camp Presqu'ile.

Most importantly, we hope you see yourself somewhere in these pages. Whether you spent one summer at camp decades ago, have returned year after year, or are just beginning your Presqu'ile story, you are part of the community that makes this place what it is.

Thank you for being part of the Presqu'ile community and for helping us build a camp that can be enjoyed for generations to come.

"You are part of the community that makes this place what it is"

Scotia Hutton

CAMP DIRECTOR



Celebrating Camper Achievements

At Camp Presqu'ile, campers get to choose the activities they participate in each day, other than swimming lessons, giving them the freedom to try new things, follow their interests, and challenge themselves. Within select activities, campers can also choose to work toward a higher skill level with support from our staff.

Our activity-level programs in canoeing, kayaking, archery, and Eco Wow help campers build confidence, develop new skills, and recognize their own growth. Whether they are mastering a new paddling stroke, improving their aim, or deepening their understanding of the natural world, each level is an achievement worth celebrating.

At meals every day, we recognize campers who have reached an activity level and celebrate the hard work, determination, and courage it took to get there. We are excited to share a few special achievements from the summer of 2026.

OSCAR



Oscar joined us for both Explorers sessions this summer and showed incredible commitment to developing his canoeing skills. Throughout the program, he built confidence on the water while strengthening his leadership, teamwork, and technical skills.

Oscar chose to take on the challenge of earning his Level 4 and became the first camper since Camp Presqu'ile reopened to achieve this level. He taught another camper Level 1 skills, solo paddled on Georgian Bay in windy weather, mastered canoe flips and portages, and demonstrated both tandem and solo strokes.

To celebrate completing his Level 4, Oscar performed a canoe dance in front of the whole camp. We are so proud of his courage, dedication, and enthusiasm for canoeing!

Joseph



This summer, Camp Presqu'ile was proud to present Joseph with the Extra Mile Award, a special recognition for a camper who goes above and beyond to make camp a better place for everyone.

The award celebrates campers who lend a hand, include others, and make a positive contribution to the Camp Presqu'ile community. Through his kindness, leadership, and willingness to help, Joseph made a meaningful difference throughout his session.

The Extra Mile Award had not been presented since 2022, making this year's recognition especially meaningful. A huge shout-out goes to Spades for nominating Joseph and shining a light on the positive impact he had on those around him. Congratulations, Joseph! We are so proud to celebrate the care, effort, and camp spirit you brought to Presqu'ile.



Tegan & Noah

This summer, Camp Presqu'ile proudly presented the Junior Tripper Award to Noah in Explorers Session A and Tegan in Explorers Session B. The award recognizes campers in our leadership program who take initiative, lead by example, and positively impact their peers.



Noah brought charisma, enthusiasm, and a willingness to help to every part of camp. During his archery placements, he encouraged others to try their best, and on canoe trip he stepped up to gather firewood and build the fire.

Teagan led with care and confidence on a canoe trip, helping prepare meals and supporting her peers. She also played Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz and mentored younger campers in cabins and at meals.

Staff Awards are one of our favourite camp traditions!

At Camp Presqu'ile, we believe it is important to recognize the growth, leadership, care, and hard work our staff bring to camp each day. These awards celebrate the people who go the extra mile to create meaningful, safe, and memorable experiences for campers.

We are so proud of this incredible team and grateful for everything they bring to our camp community.

STAFF AWARDS



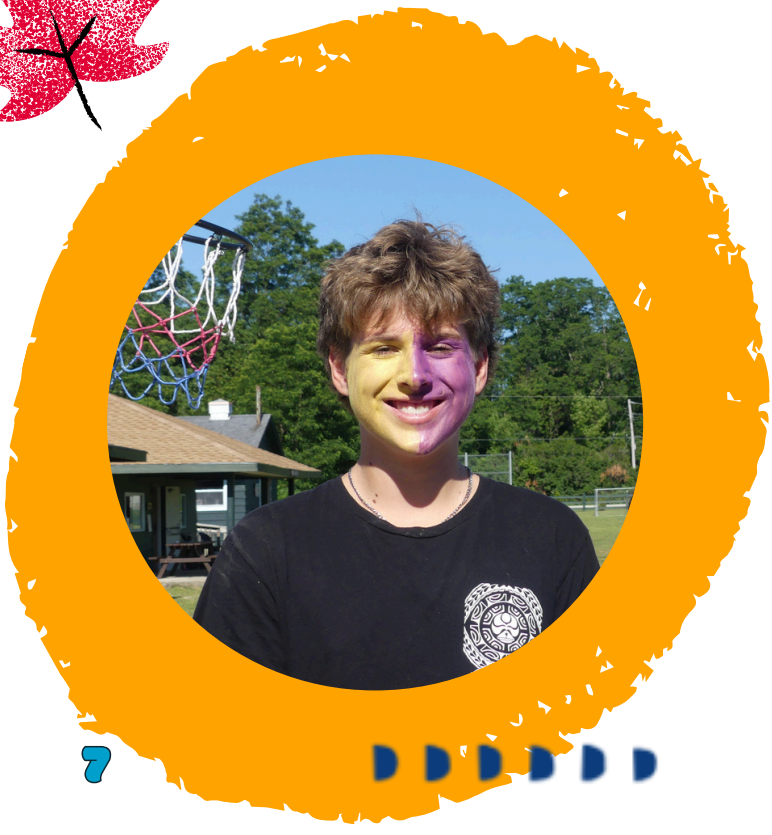
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FIZZ

MVP, Most Valuable Programmer:
Creating a truly memorable camp experience takes more than a great activity, it takes creativity, preparation, flexibility, and the ability to make every camper feel excited to join in. This summer's MVP, Fizz, brought all of that and more to Camp Presqu'ile. Whether leading drama and dance, arts and crafts, or archery, Fizz approached every program with enthusiasm and thoughtful planning. Their activities were engaging, imaginative, and full of fun, giving campers opportunities to try new things, build confidence, and make lasting memories. Fizz also embodied what it means to be an exceptional programmer: always prepared, ready with a backup plan, and continually finding new ways to make each lesson special.



Congratulations, Fizz, and thank you for helping make Camp Presqu'ile such a joyful and memorable place for every camper.



BRONCO

Rookie of the Year:
After years as a Camp Presqu'ile camper, Bronco joined the staff team this summer and quickly showed the heart of camp. He built connections with campers and staff alike, supported meaningful friendships, and brought care and energy to every day.
Bronco also shone during swimming lessons, helping campers build confidence in the water through fun, encouraging programming.
Congratulations, Bronco, on an incredible first summer on staff!

PILLAR OF PRESQU'ILE



ALOE

Some people help shape Camp Presqu'ile not only through what they do, but through the care, leadership, and dedication they bring to our community each day. The Pillar of Presqu'ile Award recognizes a staff member who truly embodies the values of camp: putting campers first, supporting their fellow staff, and helping Camp Presqu'ile continue to grow.

We are thrilled to celebrate Aloe as the 2026 Pillar of Presqu'ile. Aloe's passion for camp, steady leadership, and commitment to creating a welcoming and meaningful experience for everyone have made a lasting difference. Through their care for campers, support for the staff team, and belief in what Camp Presqu'ile can be, Aloe has helped strengthen our community.

2027 Dates and Rates



Week 1: July 4 to 9 (ages 6 to 14)
Week 2: July 11 to 16 (ages 6 to 12)
Week 3: August 16 to 21 (ages 6 to 12)
Week 4: August 23 to 28 (ages 6 to 14)

2027 Fee $1,060

Session A: July 18 to 30 (ages 6 to 14)
Session B: August 2 to 14 (ages 6 to 14)

2027 Fee $2,040

Explorers A: July 18 to 30 (age 15)
Explorers B: August 2 to 14 (age 15)

2027 Fee $2,550



REGISTER DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER TO RECEIVE EARLY BIRD PRICING!

Link to registration

OUR SESSIONS



ONE WEEK

CLASSIC OVERNIGHT CAMP EXPERIENCE FILLED WITH ADVENTURE, FRIENDSHIPS, CREATIVITY, AND TIME OUTDOORS.



TWO WEEK

AN EXTENDED CAMP EXPERIENCE WITH MORE TIME TO BUILD CONFIDENCE, TRY NEW ACTIVITIES, AND CREATE LASTING MEMORIES.



EXPLORERS

A LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR 15-YEAR-OLDS FEATURING SKILL-BUILDING, TEAMWORK, AND A THREE-DAY CANOE TRIP.

Building for Generations Fund



Help us build a more accessible, inclusive, and welcoming Camp Presqu'ile for generations to come.

For nearly a century, Camp Presqu'ile has given children a place to grow in confidence, build friendships, explore the outdoors, and create lifelong memories. To ensure camp can continue welcoming young people for generations to come, we invite you to support our new Building for Generations Fund.

Our first project is the replacement of Camp Presqu'ile's washroom and shower facility. The current building was constructed in the 1960s and, while it has served camp well for many years, it no longer meets the needs of today's campers and families.

The new facility will include private, accessible washroom and shower spaces designed to improve comfort, dignity, privacy, and inclusion.

It will better support campers who use mobility aids, create a more welcoming environment for people of all gender identities, and give every camper a comfortable place to care for themselves during their time away from home.

This project is about much more than a new building. It is an investment in a camp experience where every child feels safe, respected, and included. A modern, efficient facility will also help Camp Presqu'ile continue serving campers, schools, community groups, and families for years to come.

Our goal is to raise $450,000 to make this important project possible. When you scan the QR above, you will be taken directly to our Building for Generations Fund page, where you can choose a gift amount and receive an instant CRA-compliant charitable receipt.

Together, we can build a stronger, more accessible Camp Presqu'ile for the next generation.

THE GREAT CAMP UPDATE

2020 & 2021

Camp Presqu'ile was closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



2022

New director, Scotia Hutton, reopens camp.

Camp reopens with a staff of 14, offering 8 one-week sessions and 4 two-week sessions, with a total of 179 campers.



2023

Camp continued to grow, welcoming 252 campers and employing 20 staff members. Family surveys returned an average satisfaction rating of 9.4/10 for the first time.

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Owen Sound built new drawers for campers' belongings, and program levels were introduced in Canoeing, Kayaking, Archery, and Eco Wow.





2024

Our staff team grew alongside our camper community. Camp Presqu'ile received the highest overall satisfaction rating among YMCA Camps in Canada.

Highlights included:

- Launching a new biking program with bikes donated by the Eva Leflar Foundation.
- Renovating original camper cabins into overflow staff housing, including new windows and doors.
- Renovating the kitchen with Allen Hastings Contracting.
- Planting new trees along the camp driveway.
- Saying goodbye to the Presqu'ile Gardens outdoor ball hockey rink.
- Welcoming 268 campers with a team of 23 staff.









2025



Radley joined the full-time staff team while Scotia was on maternity leave.

The Rotary Club of Owen Sound built a new stage at Shady Tree, and Camp introduced the Bondar Program, a nature-based photography program founded by astronaut Dr. Roberta Bondar that helps young people appreciate the natural world through photography.



Camp also introduced National Lifeguarding Certification as a staff qualification to strengthen waterfront safety. That summer, Camp welcomed 274 campers with a team of 21 staff.















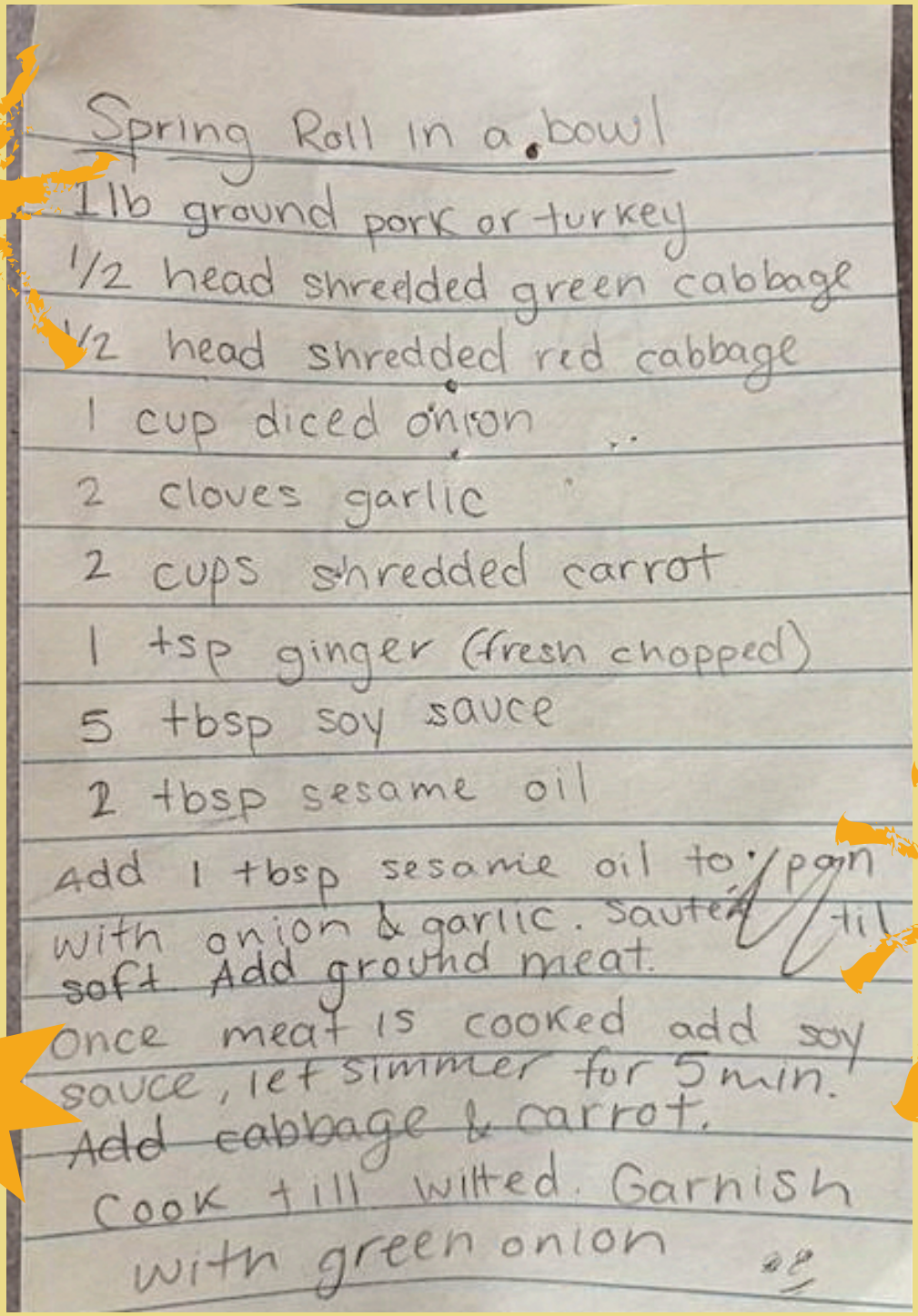


2026

Our most successful summer yet! Scotia and Radley worked together as the first time camp has ever had 2 full-time staff, and Camp began receiving successful grants again for the first time in many years.

Highlights included:

- Canada Summer Jobs funding supported the wages of five staff members. Thank you to MP Alex Ruff!
- Possum Lodge, the Directors' Cabin, received much-needed repairs to address mould and roof leaks.
- Camp hosted its first Open House in May.
- Swimming lessons were introduced: one-week campers completed the Lifesaving Society's Swim to Survive program, while two-week campers worked through YMCA swim levels.
- 273 campers enrolled in summer programs.
- The Rotary Club of Owen Sound contributed $21,000 to help send children to camp.
- The Rotary Clubs of Meaford, Tara, and Southampton sponsored campers to attend.
- Camp Presqu'ile hosted its first-ever Family Camp, welcoming seven families for two nights.
- In September, JP Contracting began renovations on the camp washrooms.



Spring Roll in a bowl

1 lb ground pork or turkey
1/2 head shredded green cabbage
1/2 head shredded red cabbage
1 cup diced onion
2 cloves garlic
2 cups shredded carrot
1 tsp ginger (fresh chopped)
5 tbsp soy sauce
2 tbsp sesame oil

Add 1 tbsp sesame oil to pan with onion & garlic. Sauté till soft. Add ground meat. Once meat is cooked add soy sauce, let simmer for 5 min. Add cabbage & carrot. Cook till wilted. Garnish with green onion

A little taste of camp to enjoy at home. Try this favourite recipe and share it with your family!

MEET OUR DIRECTORS

SCOTIA



Scotia grew up in Pickering and first attended summer camp at just six years old. She always dreamed of becoming a Summer Camp Director, and she has been fortunate to turn that dream into a career, spending the past 20 years working in the camping industry.

Scotia began her camping journey as a counsellor and went on to lead the waterfront, take on the role of Program Director, and ultimately join a director team, where she has spent the past 10 years supporting the overall operation and development of camp.

With a diploma in Child and Youth Work, Scotia is passionate about creating an inclusive camp environment that meets the needs of a diverse range of children and young people. She believes Camp Presqu'ile can be a community where campers feel comfortable being themselves, trying new things, building confidence, and developing skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

With a focus on community living, personal growth, and, most importantly, having fun, Scotia has served as Director of Camp Presqu'ile for the past five years. She now lives in Toronto with her partner, Dylan, and their daughter, James. They are also excited to welcome their second child this February.

Ellie - Supervising Camp Dog



RADLEY



Radley grew up in the Ottawa area and didn't attend camp until she was 14. After a difficult year socially at school, she was looking for a place to make friends, try new things, and feel like she belonged. She found that at camp and quickly knew it was the only job she ever wanted to do.

Since then, Radley has worked at several camps as a counsellor, Waterfront Director, whitewater canoe trip guide, and Canoe Tripping Director. She went on to attend Lakehead University, where she earned degrees in Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism and Geography, and later returned to instruct outdoor skills courses for university students.

Before pursuing outdoor recreation, Radley attended a performing arts high school, where she studied vocal performance, an experience that still brings creativity, confidence, and campfire spirit to her work.

Radley also spent several years as the General Manager of a restaurant in Thunder Bay, strengthening her skills in leadership, teamwork, and creating welcoming spaces. Today, as a Camp Director at Rotary YMCA Camp Presqu'ile, she brings all of these experiences together. Camp is deeply important to Radley because she knows firsthand how powerful it can be to give young people a place where they can be themselves, feel accepted, build friendships, and take a break from the pressures of life at school.

Revy - Camp Dog



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