Serving Camp White Pine Since 1956

Winter 2016



# NEW FOR SUMMER 2016!

### **TRIP SHED**

Does anything this gorgeous really qualify as a shed? Probably not, but we're sure everyone, from the trippers to the campers, will be thrilled with our rustic and beautiful building.



### "A LETTER HOME"

White Pine alumnus Jon Corbin directed the short film, "A Letter Home." It's a lovely little tribute to the wonderful ways camp changes us, and the perfect way to explain to the world just what makes White Pine so special. Watch it now on our website.



## **INFIRMARY**

The final destination of sick parade is going to look a lot nicer this summer. After over fifty years as a home to doctors, nurses, and recovering campers, the infirmary has been demolished. Construction on the new building has begun and the Health Centre will be ready for summer 2016.

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## FLOID

Dream big, White Pine. Our beloved waterpark FLOID (Floating Land of Inflatable Dreams) is getting a serious makeover. The new and improved activity will host a bigger, brand-new trampoline, and elements that are all connected and closer to the dock.



## **QUICK JUMP**

Introducing our newest, exciting and safe high ropes element that will be a thrill and a challenge for all campers! Get ready for your stomach to drop in 2016; you are not going to want to miss this one!





## Our Newest Activity...

Tie your laces tight and get ready to get dirty because Tough Mudder, the international obstacle course sensation, is coming to Camp White Pine. The course, built and designed by White Pine staff and TV campers, is a great fitness challenge for campers of any age group that requires everyone to work together to succeed. Bring clothes to throw away and prepare to get muddy.



## A Message from Tough Mudder Expert: George Smith

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you're all looking as forward to Summer 2016 as I am and with it the unveiling of our brand new Tough Mudder Course! This woodland assault course boasts monkey bars, balance beams, rope swings and tunnels, all situated above or in A LOT of mud! Oh and I forgot to mention this mucky run finishes with a 6 foot or 12 foot high 'Ninja Warrior' style ramp wall that will require all your last bits of strength and determination to top. Who will be fastest 'Tough Mudderer' of the summer? Will your cabin make it onto our cabin leaderboard? Will you be muddy enough to make the camp slide show? I don't know about you guys but I can't wait to find out, because remember, the more memorable days usually end with the dirtiest clothes.



## PRE-WEE AND KIWI PROGRAMS 2016



## PRE-WEE PROGRAMS (campers age 6-9)

<u>Our Pre-Wee programs</u> are the ideal way to introduce your child to the magic of Camp White Pine.

Your child's experience at camp will be warm, welcoming, and full of fun. This will ensure the foundation for successful camp experiences for many years to come. Our mature and caring staff, under the supervision of Head Counsellor Steph Levy, create a well-rounded, jam-packed camp adventure. Campers participate in a wide variety of camp activities that capture the White Pine spirit.

At the end of the trip, your child will arrive home with exciting stories to share of their first experience at camp.

Pre-Wee Day: Sunday, July 17th - \$90

Pre-Wee Weekend #1: Friday, July 8th - Sunday, July 10th - [SOLD OUT]

Pre-Wee Weekend #2: Friday, Aug. 12th - Sunday, Aug. 14th - \$295

## 2-WEEK KIWI SESSION

At White Pine we take pride in creating a unique, nurturing program tailored specifically to our youngest campers. Kiwi counsellors know how important the adjustment to camp is at this age, and very quickly the Kiwi section becomes a family.

This program is varied and exciting and exposes the campers to everything camp has to offer. The Kiwi summer brings new friends, unforgettable experiences and personal growth. When your child returns home you will notice a difference.

There are still a few spots open for this summer's session, so don't miss out on a chance to book now.



Visit our website for more information and our application!

# The Program Directors of 2016!

Tyler Gmyrek Josh Bailey



From Kiwis to Pinetages to the office, Shilo and I are thrilled to announce that we will be moving into the position of Program Director along with the incredibly talented Josh Bailey this summer. We promise you that this summer is going to be the best yet! From the Midnight Special to the All Day, Josh and

I will ensure that Camp White Pine is be the place to be this summer.

If you have any ideas for us regarding a possible theme for the All Day, songs to be played at music lunches, or any other ideas for camp-wide programs, send us an email at <u>cwp.program.ideas@gmail.com</u>. We also want to know if you would rather have two or four teams for the All Day. We look forward to hearing all of your ideas.

We cannot wait for this summer to arrive and for us all to be back together at our home away from home.

#### #CWPsummer2016thebestsummeryet

Tyler and Shilo

This week, like millions of others, I went to see the new Star Wars film. Naturally, I arrived armed with my light sabre. The cinema was filled with hundreds of people glammed up in their Star Wars attire. As I scanned the



cinema I couldn't help but consider how strange this all was. How bizarre to see so many people in one place, behaving so perfectly childlike, being weird and fun together. This feeling of course reminded me of one wonderfully strange place indeed: the gloriously bizarre and brilliantly fun Camp White Pine.

No place I have ever worked at is filled with more amazing imaginations and creative programs as White Pine. During my time I have found myself alone in the woods, dressed as The Joker from Batman, cackling maniacally at some Gnus during the Halloween program. There really is no other place like it. This is why I love camp so much - the creativity and wackiness. It gives everyone who goes there an opportunity to be downright silly in the pursuit of fun. To forget about everything else and do what makes you happy. There is something very special about that.

This year, along with Tyler, I will take on the role of Program Director. As I sit here in December, an Englishman in Australia, I am constantly thinking of new, weird, entertaining and imaginative programs for this coming summer. I do this because being slightly absurd, letting go and having fun is one of the great traditions of camp and I intend to keep that going. Get excited for this summer! - Josh

## Sammy's Top Five Meal Countdown

Between the greatest duos in the world is an unbreakable bond uniting them through an unwavering shared passion. Batman and Robin share the passion of protection. Salt and Pepper share the passion to enhance flavour. Brad and Angelina share the passion of being extremely attractive. But, the most fearless duo of all time shares the most important passion:

## Sammy Kronick and Joseph Iannantuono - a Passion For Food

Thanks to White Pine's Gourmet Head Chef of over 20 years, I have never had to settle for anything less than "a party for my palate". Being at camp for so long, my favourite meals have never wavered, so here they are....

## 5. Friday Night Roasted Chicken

Nothing says Friday Night Dinner like a little white t-shirt action and some delicious smelling chicken from Joseph's master-chef kitchen. How Joseph prepares the most tender chicken in all of Haliburton, Ontario we will never know. What we do know is nothing pairs with it better than saltine crackers layered with butter in between. Mmmmm...

## 4. Outdoor lunch - Hot Dogs

After a strenuous second morning either glazing in pottery or shuffle boarding at shuffleboard, I love to eat lunch outside in the fresh air. It may be the little things in life that make me happy, but nothing is better than the outdoor hot dogs, cup of juice that is half spilled getting to your destination, and if we're lucky...CURLY FRIES!

## 3. Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

I'm not sure if you have been to Italy, but I have. And let me tell you that the real Italy is wherever Joseph's famous spaghetti and meat sauce is. Sprinkle some parmesan, close your eyes, and you're in Rome.

## 2. Chicken Snack Wrags

There is no better feeling then smelling the overwhelming scent of chicken fingers while seeing the condiments set up on the tables. Top those wraps with some chipotle mayo and you are basically in heaven.

## 1. Pizza Bagels

Once a favourite meal, always a favourite meal. The oozing cheese is perfect. If you're not careful you will eat around ten before you've even noticed.

## A Message From Swim Co-Heads Hailey and Kailey!

After being on swim together for 4 summers, we are both ready and excited to lead the swim program for the upcoming 2016 summer. We can't wait to make a splash and dive head first into what will be our best summer yet! Get ready for unforgettable programs, extraordinary second mornings, and of course, fun-filled instructional swim periods. We are both extremely dedicated and passionate about the swim program and promise that 2016 will exceed all of your expectations. See you on the docks!



### Sky Project: A New Dawn at Pottery by Thomas Haskell

To begin to describe the new pottery barn you have to start with the old one, and start, therefore, with history. My first glimpse into the old

barn is still etched into my memory. Pulling back the big double doors already flaking off years of layered paint, I knew it was a space rich with the past. Dust was everywhere. It crowded in corners and lived in between floorboards. A heavy step in the crooked barn could unleash a little shower of motes. And yet, I was hooked. I spent three wonderful years in that building, giving her a fresh face with paint and filling her with projects borne from a boundless reservoir of inspiration.

In 2015 we were given a new pottery barn, a glistening palace that could demand no less than creativity and passion. A summer came and went within her walls. Projects bloomed into life, each one a camper's dream made tangible.

During the fall I began the herculean task of creating what that old, tilted barn had deep within its walls: atmosphere. The old pottery barn had a charm that was impossible to deny, and the new barn would have to, in some way, rekindle that old creative energy. Bit by bit, I began to craft an environment for the building, streamline the studio space to accommodate any range of potter, but, most importantly, fashion an area of wonder. My dream for 2016 is that every camper, staff member, parent, or guardian that walks through those beautiful red barn doors is inspired to create. From murals to



help remind campers of techniques, to new characters and projects, the impetus behind each one is to inspire creativity. Mushu was a pet project that began in my first year as Head of Pottery. Now he flies in the air of the barn: a guardian, a character, a creation.

My favourite contribution to the new pottery barn has the most of my heart in it: a grand mural depicting the various stages of the ceramic process. Water and earth combine to create clay, which our blue 'everyman' character moulds into a pot, fires in a blazing fire between his hands, then paints it with colour and soul, only to be fired again until finally the fruits of his labour is revealed: a pot, a glorious pot.

Pottery is one of the oldest art forms in practice. Each pot links us to history, reaching back to early humans who created pots tens of thousands of years ago. The subtle grandeur of pottery is wonderful, but at the end of the day what's most magical is the creation of memories. In pottery, we can make our dreams real. At



camp, we turn our dreams and memories into the light that shines through our days and forges the greatest bonds of friendship.