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"To enhance people's enjoyment of Buck Lake now and for future generations"

Buck Lake News – 2013 June

9TH ANNUAL BUCK LAKE BOATILLA

THIS YEAR'S EVENT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE THE BIGGEST AND BEST YET AND AS THE EVENT GROWS, MORE EASTER SEALS CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES WISH TO ATTEND.

WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF BOAT SPACE SO IF ANYONE HAS A SPOT OR TWO ON THEIR BOAT AND WISH TO TAKE ON A PASSENGER, SWING BY HIDDEN VALLEY CAMPGROUND A LITTLE BEFORE ONE O'CLOCK.

ASSISTANTS WILL BE STANDING BY TO HELP THE BOARDING.

THE OFFICIAL DEPARTURE IS STILL AT THE CULVERT AT 2PM JUNE 29, 2013. JUST FOLLOW THE LEAD BOAT (SANDY AND DALE PAYNE) AND WE'LL SEE YOU AT HIDDEN VALLEY CAMPGROUND FOR THE COMPLIMENTARY BAR B QUE AND CHEQUE PRESENTATION.

ANYONE MANNING A CANOE, KAYAK, OR SAILBOAT CAN DEPART FROM THE CULVERT AND GO DIRECTLY TO THE OSPREY NEST (IF THEY CHOOSE) AND HOOK UP WITH THE REST OF THE BOATILLA FOR THE GRAND ARRIVAL AT HIDDEN VALLEY.

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Perth Road SSH Activities:

Family Movie Nights

Movies will be shown throughout the summer on Friday nights, starting June 14th, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Perth Road Sunday School Hall (5622 Perth Road Crescent). Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Get the family together and stop by to enjoy a movie.

20 July - Giant Pie Sale - at the Hall from 9 am until the last pie is sold

16 August - Fish Fry - at the Hall from 5 to 7 pm

14 September - Concert - Jack Leeman and friends, at the Hall from 7 pm (light lunch to follow concert)

BLA Coming Events:

AGM will be held July 6

Education Night July 18

Annual Picnic/BBQ August 17

More details of these events will be forthcoming in future newsletters or email



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A lake's big heart sends kids to camp

On a sunny Saturday in late June 2012, 30 boats, many decked with colourful flags and bunting, set out on a leisurely tour of Buck Lake, just north of Kingston, Ontario.

It was a glorious day for joining neighbours and friends for a fun afternoon on the water followed by a barbecue, but for these cottagers and full time residents, there was a more serious goal in mind than just cruising in the sun.

For the past eight years, Buck Lake has hosted a fundraising event called "The Boatilla". Since its inception, more than \$86,000 has been raised to help send children with physical disabilities to Camp Merrywood, run by Easter Seals Ontario. This year, the Buck Lake community raised an impressive \$20,012.

“The Boatilla came about when the Buck Lake Community Watch held their usual monthly meeting and found there was nothing to discuss because our lake is so peaceful,” said Crawford MacIntyre, one of the Boatilla’s committee members. “Instead of disbanding talk focused on what we could do for the community. We thought about our wonderful lake and how fortunate we were to swim, canoe, waterski, fish and sail whenever we felt like it. Coincidentally, Easter Seals were gearing up for their annual telethon. It seemed like a natural fit.”

Camp Merrywood, founded in 1948, sits on 30 acres of a beautiful peninsula stretching out into Big Rideau Lake in Eastern Ontario. Campers experience all the pleasures of cottage life including sailing, kayaking, canoeing and fishing. Welcoming up to 72 guests per session, Camp Merrywood features a health hut, dining room and lodge, music and theatre building, a nature building, a specially adapted swimming pool, and an accessible playground. The kids also enjoy three to four-day canoeing trips and one-night trips through the Rideau Canal system.

But this experience doesn’t come cheap. It costs approximately \$2,000 to send one child to camp for 10 days. To date, the Buck Lake Boatilla has paid for 43 children to experience the joys of marshmallow roasts and campfire sing-alongs.

“The Buck Lake Boatilla surprises me each and every year,” said Krista LeClair, Development Officer for Easter Seals, South Eastern Ontario. “This event is about community – bringing people together to share in laughter, memories and the spirit of giving while supporting children and youth with physical disabilities. It really makes a difference for the kids. It gives them the opportunity to build their independence, meet friends and experience the best of cottage life.”

Chad Lees, 16, one of the Easter Seals Ambassadors of the Kingston region, has attended the Buck Lake Boatilla since 2008. In 2011, he attended Camp Merrywood for the first time and thanks to the Boatilla’s fundraising efforts packed his suitcase in 2012.

Over the course of his vacation, Chad caught five fish, four on one pontoon fishing boat trip alone. He also learned to canoe. “The meals were great, the staff and nurses were really nice and I met lots of new friends,” he said. “I was looking forward to next summer the day camp was over.”

Every single penny raised in Boatilla donations goes straight into the Camp Merrywood fund’s bank account, said Bruce Archibald, a Boatilla committee member. “Nothing is taken out for expenses, administration or anything else,” he said. “It’s truly a volunteer effort.”

Over the past eight years, Archibald estimates more than 200 water craft have joined the Boatilla -- from kayaks, canoes, sailboats, runabouts and pontoon boats. “One year we had an escort of Cheetahs – women on personal watercraft who claimed they were too old to be called Cougars. It was great!”

MacIntyre says that not only Camp Merrywood has benefited from the Boatilla, but Buck Lake itself. “We started off with a very good community but this has made it even stronger. Cottagers, residents and campers are getting to know each other better by working together for a great cause. It’s all about the kids – that’s our goal – to put a smile on their faces and give them an

experience they'll never forget. We're sending kids to Camp Merrywood so they can enjoy for 10 days what we take for granted all year long."

Leslie Fulton (Buck Lake Cottager)

NEWSFLASH

Start planning your Christmas shopping with the Buck Lake Calendar!

But first, we need photos from around our beautiful Lake to make this happen

Submit your favourite photos of ALL seasons

12 will be selected for our first Buck Lake Calendar

All other pictures submitted will be kept for future calendars

1. Submit your pictures with your name and approximate location of the shot to Donna Neumann dneumann@kingston.net
2. All pictures should be submitted by August 31, 2013

We hope to have our Buck Lake Calendars available for sale in the early fall.

6 tips for dealing with mold at your cottage

<http://cottagelife.com/70112/diy/6-tips-for-dealing-with-mold-at-your-cottage>

OK, all cottages get a little musty. They're shut up for long periods, leaks don't always get fixed right away—but it's nothing a little fresh air can't cure, right? Well, maybe. But there's a difference between a little stale air and a really big problem: mold.

Mold is everywhere. It's a natural part of life, both inside and out. When mold gets out of hand inside, though, it can be a serious health hazard, causing allergic reactions and potentially severe respiratory symptoms. With a few careful steps, you can make sure mold doesn't become a blooming problem.

Mold grows in areas that are damp or leaky, like underneath carpets, around windows, or in drywall that's gotten wet. Even furniture can sprout mold if it's allowed to get wet and not dried properly. The mold that may be growing in your cottage doesn't look much different from the mold that grows on your old bread or expired yogurt: look for brown, black or greenish "blooms" on walls, floors, around windows, or any damp areas. If you can't see any obvious blooms, smell the air. Does it smell musty and earthy, even if you air the space out? Mold may be the cause. As well, mold in the walls may cause cracked, peeling paint or bulges in wallpaper.

If you're not sensitive, many types of mold won't cause serious health problems, you are better to be safe than sorry. Always wear gloves, goggles, long sleeves, and a painter's mask or respirator when dealing with mold.

Control your humidity. Mold is quick-growing—it can take hold within 48 hours—but it can't grow unless the environment is damp, so take steps to control the humidity in your cottage. Run a dehumidifier, turn on the exhaust fan, or open a window when taking a shower or running water, and fix any leaks right away. Make sure kerosene and other heaters are vented outside. Dry your bathing suits and towels outside if you can. If you're building a cottage, make sure the ground slopes away from your cottage's foundation, so water can't collect. And finally, clean and repair your gutters regularly. Dead mold can still cause symptoms, so it's important to completely remove all traces of stains.

Birth Announcement---Arrival of Twins!!! (Courtesy of Ralph and Kathy Wirsig)



Ms (Mr?) sitting on eggs 2013 Jun 18 2002h

with great fanfare and vocalization by the parents at 2pm on 2013 June 19 (while we were at lunch in the gazebo) at a location east of the osprey nest north of the south branch narrows on a floating platform I built and installed with 4 grandkids 3 years ago. Minutes later mom, dad and the twins (don't know the sexes), while tremoloing, yodeling, hooting and cooing, were heading north past our place.



*Mom, Dad & Twins
2013 Jun 19 1437h*



*Empty nest---note egg shells
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