

Fraser Lake Newsletter



Session 2



Backwards Day Turns Camp Inside Out

“This is madness,” said one mystified camper, as he trudged down to campfire at 8:00 in the morning.

Groggy eyed children began to grapple with the idea of a backwards day, where Fraser Lake Camp’s regular schedule was scuttled in favour of a flurry of chaotic activity.

While the backwards

schedule had campers and staff scratching their heads, it helped infuse new energy as Session 2 approached its final days.

From the 11 a.m. supper, to a wide game of camper hunt instead of counsellor hunt, to singing grace at the end of meals, to morning dip right before bed, which consisted of milk and cookies, campers got a chance to have a lot of different experiences.

“It was just weird,” said Alex from the Otters cabin. “I really liked camper hunt because I got thrown into the lake so high.”

Emma from the

Sunshine Villa cabin also said the day was quite surreal.

“When we were told that we had campfire first thing in the morning and I

thought about how there was no way I could sing,” she said.

“It was a fun day, but I think I could only handle doing it once,” she said.



Campers getting tossed in on backwards day.

Waterfront receives major face lift

If you managed to make your way to Fraser Lake Camp’s waterfront this year, you probably noticed a couple new items lining the shore.

First, there is the new water trampoline, which has sent both campers’ spirits and bodies flying this year.

“You go so high. It’s so much fun,” said Emily

from the Raccoons Cabin. When asked how high she was sent in the air, Emily smiled and said, “really high.”

The trampoline comes with a “blob” that launches campers high into the air before they descend into the depths of Fraser Lake.

As well, the new floating dock has made good friends with those who enjoy sun soaking in their free time.

“It’s just a nice place to relax,” said Paulina, Pine Lodge’s counsellor

Finally, a fresh shipment

of sand has made playing on the terraces so much more comfortable.

“We want to make our

waterfront as fun as possible for campers,” said camp director Eric Musselman.



The new trampoline (above) has sent campers soaring to huge heights.

Robbins Flocks Back to Fraser

Chef returns after 5 year absence

Half-way through June, Candace Robbins was working a dead-end job that was providing little enjoyment.

She had always said that she wanted to come back to camp.

A shot-in-the-dark email to Fraser Lake Camp Director Eric Musselman paved the way for her arrival during Session 2.

“I love camp because you can see how much impact it

has on campers,” she said.

“And you can see how much impact it has on the staff who work here.

Robbins, 24, is going to school for Mechanical Engineering at the University of New Brunswick. She said that camp has not changed all that much in her time away.

“Over five years, the staff change, but the basic idea of camp remains the same.”

For the rest of the summer Robbins will be found in the hot and sweaty kitchen.

She said that doesn't bother her too much because if she ever gets too hot, she will jump in the lake in full garb.



Candace Robbins (above) couldn't go without a little Fraser Lake Camp in her diet.

Recipes from the Camp Kitchen

Fraser Lake Camp's comfort food

B.O. is the common reference to the stench that emanates from one's body. But at Fraser Lake Camp, the appearance of B.O. is cause for wild cheers. It stands for Baked Oatmeal of course. The soothing breakfast cake has become a camp favourite over the years.

And surprisingly enough kids lap-up the oatmeal based dish. Ryan Drudge, the Ridge Riders cabin counsellor said the

meal is so well-loved because it is tasty and filling.

Instructions

1. Combine oil, sugar and eggs in a large bowl and beat well.
2. Slowly mix in oatmeal.
3. Mix in salt, BP, milk and cinnamon
4. Pour batter into lightly greased 9 x 13 pan.
5. Bake at 350 for 25 to

Baked Oatmeal

- 1^{1/8} Cups Oil
- 1^{1/2} Cups Brown Sugar
- 7 eggs
- 9 cups oatmeal
- half tablespoon salt
- 2^{1/2} tablespoons baking powder
- 3^{1/4} cups milk
- 1 tsp Cinnamon

Serve with Syrup, Fruit or Yogurt



Camper Corner

Every year there are several siblings who come to Fraser Lake Camp. But none have been coming quite as long as Daniel and Adela.

Both came for their seventh year during Session 2 at Fraser Lake. "I can't imagine a summer without camp," said Adela.

Her brother, Daniel, has Down Syndrome. She said he talks about coming to camp all year long. "A week before we came to camp, he brought up his sleeping bag from the basement," she said.

Dan helps staff lead grace at meal times and announcements afterwards.

But usually you can find him tossing a frisbee in the sports field, taking a dip in Fraser Lake or strum-

ming on the guitar.

Campers love stopping by and saying hello to Daniel.

He always knows what the next meal is and gets really excited when sloppy joes are on the menu. One of Daniel's special gifts is his ability to swim powerfully.

Adela said that he taught himself how to swim and has always been like a fish in the water.

Adela really enjoyed the new dance program that was started by Shadrack.

"I like dancing, but Shadrack is just an awesome teacher," she said.

The camaraderie of the cabins, Adela said, is the best part about camp.

"You make so many good friends," she said.

Trail Blazers set for Fraser

A new program called Trail Blazers was started at Fraser Lake Camp three years ago. The camp is run in affiliation with Glenbrook Day Camp in Stouffville. Designed for younger children, the camp

runs for a week at Glenbrook and five days at Fraser Lake. It helps campers have the best first time camp experience possible. We are very happy to say that Trailblazers is sold out this year.

Wide Game Standings

	Wins	Losses
Chinook	4	6
Riptide	3	7
Tremor	3	7
Inferno	1	9

Registration for 2009

Opens November 1st

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Leaders Tame Wilderness

LITs enjoy 9 days in the bush

The Leaders In Training (LITs) returned to Fraser Lake Camp tired, smelly and hungry.

Greeted by warm hugs, the group began to regale the camp with tales from their epic journey.

“A moose stole my Croc,” said Andrew. “He just picked it up and left.”

That was just one of the three moose the group saw on their voyage. In total, the LITs traveled 120 kilometers in 9 days.

The LITs kept a journal throughout the trip. At the



The LITs (above) had an epic time on their nine day out trip into Algonquin Park. They Paddled 120 kilometers.

end, it showed that the biceps of each and every member of the group had grown.

Angelina impressed leaders Ted and Kyle when she soloed a canoe on a four

kilometer portage.

“I don’t think people realize how unbelievable that is,” said Ted.

On average the LITs would paddle about 16 kilometers a day before setting

up tents for the night.

According to Andreas and Andrew the food was better than camp. “You appreciate meals so much more when you work hard for them,” said Andreas.

Andrew said that it was completely different than going to camp.

“You have to work a lot harder than you would at camp,” he said. “But you become so much better friends with the people you are with because you are with them a lot more.”

Both Andreas and Andrew said they would do the trip again in a heartbeat.

The LIT trip runs three times each summer at Fraser Lake Camp. It is designed to help build leadership skills for 15-year-old campers.

Yellow Fever Strikes Fraser

What’s with the Chinook dominance?

For years and years it has been widely agreed that Chinook was the sorry sister of the Fraser Lake wide game league. But the team clad in mustard yellow has shaken the negative stereotype Session 2 with a dominant performance. “We really just have more spirit than any other team out there,” said Darryl Good. It showed in bucketball when Chinook scored a whopping 377

buckets.

“We really showed our true power,” said Chinook star Ebenezer.

Camp Director and Riptide captain Eric Musselman, happens to have a different theory. “It’s bittersweet. I’m very bitter that Chinook would have such a run of dominance,” he said. “But it’s also somewhat sweet that after several years of futility and incompetence that they would actually put together a streak.” When asked to reveal the key to Chinook’s success, Good said, “It’s all heart and soul baby. It’s all heart and soul.”



What an unfamiliar sight! The Chinook flag (above) was atop the flag pole for the vast majority of Session 2, marking some unprecedented wide game dominance.