



CAMP AWAKENING

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## MEET OUR NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Sarah Facey joins Camp Awakening in the brand new Assistant Director role. She brings with her 19 summers of camp experience - 10 of those as a staff member. In those 10 years she has held a variety of leadership positions, most recently as a Day Camp Director. She could not be more excited for her new role as Assistant Director of Awakening!

For Sarah, summer camp played a monumental role in her childhood so naturally she believes that all children deserve the chance for the same experience. This philosophy drives her passion to work within the non-profit sector as well as communities serving children and youth with different abilities.

Sarah happily volunteers with the Ontario Camps Association where she sits on and chairs several OCA committees.

Feel free to welcome Sarah at 416.487.8400 or [info@campawakening.com](mailto:info@campawakening.com).



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The summer of 2014 saw the expansion of in-camp leadership programming with the growth of the M.I.L.E.S session in July. M.I.L.E.S stands for: Motivation, Independence, Leadership, Empowerment and Skills and is a unique session for our 16-18 year old campers to help them further develop their life, social and wilderness skills.
- Family Camp Weekend is moving to the winter! With too many competing events in June, and more importantly as part of our strategic plan to offer year-round programs, we have made the decision to move our newest initiative to February over the Family Day holiday weekend. Get ready for skating, snow-shoeing, snowballs and hot chocolate from February 16th-18th, 2015!

### MEET SARAH



# BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR TODAY!

If you love camp as much as we do, then giving monthly is an easy, cost-effective way to capture that warm, fuzzy feeling twelve times a year.

For just \$15 per month (that's just 50¢ a day!) you could help:

- Purchase 5 daily camping permits for Algonquin Park. Did you know we canoe trip in Provincial Parks an average of 25 days a summer?
- Contribute 7 bags of marshmallows for s'mores or 4 bottles of Sriracha sauce to spice up campfire stir-fry.
- Buy 600 sheets of construction paper for arts & crafts projects
- Combine 3 months together to purchase a new life jacket or 6 months together for a new paddle!



THANK YOU JOHN!

## Let John Tell You!

Toronto journalist John Lorinc is a Kilcoo alumni who fell in love with camp five minutes after getting on the bus headed up to Gull Lake, back in early July, 1973. His two sons were campers at Kilcoo for many years and are both now staff. With Cabin 25 situated in the heart of the camp, Jacob and Sammy have both had the opportunity to regularly connect and interact with Awakening campers and staff. They value the daily interaction and integration between able-bodied campers from Kilcoo and campers with physical disabilities from Awakening, as well as the friendships and understanding generated through shared activities, meals and special camp traditions.

John and his wife, Victoria Foote, choose to support Camp Awakening in order to provide the incredible summer camp experience he and his sons love to a whole new generation of kids. He chooses to give monthly because it's easy and convenient for him while providing a stable and reliable source of funding for Awakening.

Please consider becoming a monthly donor today! Register online at [www.campawakening.com](http://www.campawakening.com)



Friendship



Belonging



Independence



Inclusion



Adventure

## Does Your Workplace Participate in an Annual United Way Campaign? You Can Support Camp!

While Camp Awakening is not a United Way funded agency, you can still designate all or part of your donation to Camp Awakening Inc. and include our charitable registration number – 11882 6577 RR0001 – on the pledge card.

Katharine, camper Max's mom, donates through her workplace campaign. She thinks this is an easy and convenient way to support Awakening and encourages you to join her to help send more kids to camp!



THANK YOU KATHARINE & MAX!

# COMPLETE THE CAMP SURVEY

There are camp activities happening year-round. We need your help to determine the news & information that's most interesting to you. Please share:

Which topics interest you the most (check all that apply)?

- Camper stories  
  Camp Program Updates  
  Alumni News  
  Upcoming Events

Which social media sites do you visit most often?

- Facebook  
  Twitter  
  Pinterest  
  Instagram  
  YouTube  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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# S'MORE NEWS...

Many thanks to everyone participating in the **2014 Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon, Half & 5K**. Together we raised over \$2,600 to help send kids to camp! We have grand plans to compete for the costume contest title next year.



## EDITORS NOTE

You're important to us and camp couldn't happen without you. This is our 5th annual newsletter providing a glimpse into camp life and the kids you support. We encourage you to send us your comments and suggestions to make future issues as compelling a read as possible. On behalf of everyone at Camp Awakening, Season's Greetings and Thank You for an incredible 2014.



**Family Hockey Challenge 2015!** What better way to spend a Sunday than playing ice hockey with your kids... on the same team!

Hosted by The Jordana Lokash Foundation with all proceeds donated to Camp Awakening, the 3rd Annual Family Hockey Challenge is scheduled for Sunday, April 26, 2015 at the UCC rink.



After Black Friday and Cyber Monday comes **Giving Tuesday**, a global movement to encourage everyone to join in, give and volunteer for their favourite charities. Check out Camp

Awakening's social media and website on **Tuesday, December 2nd** for updates and ways to get involved on this the "opening day of the giving season". Follow our camp community posts at #PaddleItForward

If you wish to make a secure online donation please visit [www.campawakening.com](http://www.campawakening.com)

## DONATION CARD

**YES, I want to invest in Camp Awakening's innovative and integrated outdoor recreation programs for youth with physical disabilities!**

Enclosed, please find my cheque (payable to Camp Awakening) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$500

\$200

\$100

Other

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I consent for Camp Awakening to contact me by email for the purposes of fundraising and sharing camp news, invitations to special events & volunteer opportunities.

