



CAMP AWAKENING

THE PORTRAGER

news to carry with you

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MEET CAMPER SOFIA!

Sofia is 12 years old and attended Camp Awakening for the very first time in 2015.

This past summer was my first week away at camp and it was an awesome experience.

What do you love most about camp?

The thing I like most about camp is the activities we get to do because there were so many things I got to try that I never did before {like kayaking!} and it feels really good that I got to try something new.

What is your favourite camp song?

My favourite camp song would have to be Fish because it had a very catchy tune and we sung it so much, it wasn't just a song, it became a memory of camp.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

When I grow up, I would like to be a teacher because there is just a wonderful feeling about teaching people things they may not know.



Sofia

2015 CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

Each summer, both campers and parents are asked to provide feedback, complete evaluations and share their thoughts on Camp Awakening programs.

After a session at camp:

- 90% of campers believe that being active makes them happier
- 82% of campers tried something new
- 78% of campers believe they have enough skills to participate in all the sports and activities they want
- 60% of campers no longer feel nervous about trying something new

What are some new skills you learned at camp?

- How to make my bed & fold clothes
- How to build a fire
- Learnt a lot at chapel about growing up
- How to do a backhand and forehand in tennis
- Crash surfing (Windsurfing Awakening-style!)
- Canoeing
- How to clear tables
- How to collaborate with others in a group environment
- Self-confidence
- I learned how to wash my hands properly

WHY DO PARENTS CHOOSE CAMP AWAKENING?



"She needs to avoid feeling sorry for herself and having complete dependence on us. She needs to see opportunity despite her disability."

"I send my son to Camp Awakening because I know he is safe. I can have a break and I know he will have an amazing week!"



"Socialization - to learn how to make friends and to figure out what he might like outside of video games."



"We want our son to see what other children with physical disabilities are capable of achieving. To encourage him to try and believe in himself."



"I want him to experience life away from us. I want him to make new friends with kids that also have physical challenges. I want him to gain confidence. I want him to be proud of himself for his accomplishments. I want him to feel accepted."



"My daughter so enjoyed herself last year and gained so much more confidence in herself."



"My daughter loves the atmosphere and the growing independence she feels at Awakening. It gives her the opportunity to be "one of the girls" and not worry about her CP."

S'MORE NEWS...

Our future's so bright, we gotta wear shades!
We recently completed a 6-month pro bono engagement with Endeavour Volunteer Consultants for Non-Profits who provided recommendations for an improved outreach and marketing strategy. Many thanks to these incredible volunteers. One priority for 2016... a new website!!



Save the Date! Big Night IN:
Thursday, February 25, 2016.
Stay at home fundraiser. Details
will be shared soon.

JOIN THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE!

Camp Awakening celebrates 35 camping seasons in 2017. We need volunteers to help us plan our 35th Anniversary celebrations.

If you are interested in learning more about the committee or are ready to join, please complete the form below and return it to the camp office.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____



www.GivingTuesday.ca
December 1, 2015

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 1st for updates and ways to get involved on this the "opening day of the giving season".

Follow our camp community posts at #CoffeeForCamp as we encourage everyone to donate the cost of their morning coffee to camp instead!



Many thanks to everyone participating in the 2015 Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon, Half & 5K. Together we raised over \$6,170 to help send kids to camp!

WE'RE MOVING!

Camp Awakening and our office-mates Amici Camping Charity and Kilcoo Camp are moving on up. We're staying in the same building at 150 Eglinton Avenue East, but moving up to the 4th floor and **SUITE 403** on February 1, 2016.



Friendship



Fun

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If you wish to make a secure online donation please visit www.campawakening.com



Turn over to
volunteer for our
35th Anniversary
Committee

DONATION CARD

YES, I want to encourage a child with a physical disability to discover the wonders of nature, make new friends and try something new at Camp Awakening next summer.

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

\$500

\$200

\$100

Other



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

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