



CAMP AWAKENING

THE PORTRAGER

news to carry with you

NEWSLETTER

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2016 CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

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

CAMPERS SAY THEIR FAVOURITE THINGS ABOUT CAMP ARE...

"My friends! The chats I have with them are ones that I could only have at Camp Awakening."

"It's a place to be myself. A chance to try activities not otherwise available. People are non-judgemental."

"Everything because it's the outdoors and I can have a break from the city. I love nature."

"Making a new friend with spina bifida just like me."

"I get to try new & fun activities that I have never tried before."

"Being away from technology is awesome."

WHAT OUR PARENTS HAVE TO SAY...

“My son has developed a sense of self confidence and willingness to accept responsibility through his years of camp. We have seen him grow from a timid, homesick camper to a full-on cowabunga kind of camper who is much better at dealing with uncertainty and the unknown. Thanks Camp Awakening!”

“Camp Awakening has offered a safe and positive environment for my daughter, to be welcomed in with open arms and heart.”

“Camp Awakening was such a powerful experience for Shay. It provided an opportunity for our son to be challenged physically, mentally and emotionally. After a week at Camp Awakening, Shay came home with more confidence and a stronger sense of self. We really could not have asked for more from this experience. Shay can't wait to return next year to reconnect with his new friends and take on more of life's adventures!”

“Malika had an incredible experience and developed some great life skills, like wearing her AFO shoes by herself. Also, with no experience knowing how to paddle a canoe she was able to do it with guidance from the staff. She felt so refreshed and we feel proud that she could stay on her own, with of course the wonderful support from Camp Awakening staff and team members, and is looking forward to next summer already.”

“Great experience for anyone. A chance to grow your wings, try new things, and just explore life. Has been a positive for our son each year.”



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NEW SKILLS I LEARNED AT CAMP!

To make new friends

I am super close to achieving my kayak roll

To be myself

How to get back in a canoe when it tips

Always have fun

How to fold clothes

How to shoot a bow and arrow

Taking risks

To test my limitations

I tried rock climbing for the first time and I loved it! Especially when I'm afraid of heights.

Embrace my personality and strengths

I achieved my goal of putting on my own shoes

To never give up



PLEASE GIVE...

GIVING TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 29TH, 2016

After Black Friday and Cyber Monday comes Giving Tuesday, a global movement to encourage everyone to give and volunteer for their favourite charities.

Check out Camp Awakening's social media and website on Tuesday, November 29th for updates and ways to get involved on this "opening day of the giving season."



S'MORE NEWS...

Thank you runners, nordic pole walkers from InsideOut Physiotherapy & Wellness Group, and fabulous water station volunteers for your awesome support of the 2016 Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon Charity Challenge. **Together we raised over \$3,400 to send kids to camp!**



SAVE THE DATE!
35TH ANNIVERSARY
EVENTS IN
2017!

To celebrate **Camp Awakening's 35th Anniversary**, we're going back in time to the original pub night parties of the 1980's. Live music, dancing, and a fun night out to raise money to send kids to camp. **Thursday, June 1, 2017 at Steam Whistle Brewing in Toronto.**



You're invited to **Camp Awakening's 35th Anniversary Reunion on Sunday, September 17, 2017**. Gather your camp friends together and come spend the day at Kilcoo Camp with us! Enjoy a variety of camp activities, lunch in the Lodge, and a few campy surprises.

Additional camp news and information about upcoming events can be found on our website and social media channels:

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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.

Charitable Registration BN 11882 6577 RR0001. Official income tax receipts will be issued for all donations of \$20 or more.

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