

# THE TRIANGLE IS GREENER!!!



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### CHIEF'S CORNER

There is nothing the matter with the green triangle in summer 2007...

In all my 15 summers at YMCA Kanawana, this is looking like the most exciting summer I will have ever spent at Kanawana. This summer, tradition will meet innovativeness...where more than ever we will walk our talk. This summer we will have 2 new sanitary facilities that are environmentally sustainable. And this is just the beginning - the beginning of a greener path, a greener camp, a greener way of life - in spirit, mind and body. We will be complementing our fantastic nature programming with concrete action by using less energy, producing less waste (composting), using less water, eating better (fair trade chocolate tuck) and buying in a more socially responsible manner.

But, in the wise words of Kermit the Frog, 'it's not (always) easy being green'. There will be some challenges and some new ways of thinking and being that will be important in allowing our new facilities to function optimally. However, I can assure you, it will be worth it. As members of the Kanawana community we can be proud that together we are at the forefront of the green movement of camping in Quebec. With everyone joining together, not only will we be laughing and singing, making new friends and renewing old friendships...this summer we can sing a special 2007 version of the camp YMCA Kanawana cheer 'ringo rango jingo jango there's nothing the matter with the green triangle....' See you all VERY SOON!!

Non Nobis solum (Not for Ourselves Alone),

*Sean Day*

Summer Camp Director (AKA Chief)

# ALUMNI: KEEPING IN TOUCH

I spent my summers as a teenager at Kanawana and spent the rest of the year talking and thinking about it. I'm a mother of a beautiful 7 year-old named Éléonore, and the representative of a great painter, Francois Samson (fsamson.com). Constantly occupied!  
Pénélope Lachapelle (1989-1993)

I got all emotional reading the last newsletter! The memories and emotions it brought up, about a time and place so far from my day to day life right now, have so clearly affected and shaped who I am today in many ways. I am sorry to have lost touch with some really terrific people... I wish them all tremendous happiness wherever they are. Thanks for keeping the enterprise alive.

Corina Crawley (1987-1990)

## EXPANDING OUR REACH

### Community Groups visit YMCA Kanawana

Throughout the years Kanawana has been and continues to be a home away from home for many. During summer 2006, we the Kanawana staff, were given the opportunity to share the magic of Kanawana while hosting various community groups on our site. Some groups came for a day trip, others stayed the weekend and the more adventurous groups chose to come up and spend their night at one of our overnight sites, Farewell Rock.

During these experiences it became apparent that the majority of our community groups were experiencing the outdoors for the first time! Among the many groups we hosted throughout the summer were, a family camp for low-income families through the CLSC, the YMCA program for newly immigrant families to Canada – Covered Gardens, a youth group from Japan, and an Islamic group.

During the family camp with the CLSC, I was walking with a young girl of about 5 years old and asking her about what she thought of camp. She told me excitedly that the night before she had heard a beaver slapping his tail against the water, she had seen fireflies for the first time along the low road, and she loved making arts and crafts for her family. Although for some the excitement never dies – watching people experience camp life & the outdoors for the first time is truly amazing.

It is the simple pleasures and simple life that creates the magical place that Kanawana continues to be for many. It truly is a home away from home and we are happy to have shared that with our community organizations in 2006 and we are excited to share it with new groups and more people during summer 2007!!

I'm a Dentist in my 40th year and a grad of McGill where I teach partime. Still play the 5 string banjo and work with 2 old time folk groups. Run with the Wolf Pack 3 times a week, ski and bike. Will be a grandad soon and hope he/she goes to Kanawana!

Andrew Toeman (1956-1959)

## Top 10

### Things to get excited about for Summer 2007

- ✂ NEW BATHROOMS & SHOWERS!!!
- 📖 1<sup>st</sup> session Opening Campfire & the reading of the 2006 records & the Kanawana Legend
- 🌙 Overnights with your cabin
- 🎧 Fun and adventure during Eco-Games week
- 🎸 Kanawoodstock Concert in the Archery field during 4<sup>th</sup> session
- 🌍 Meeting new people from around the world
- 🎭 CABARET!!
- 🏹 Amazing Interest Groups like - rock climbing, ropes course, archery and much more!
- 🍷 Cheers in the Dining Hall
- 🌲 Being surrounded by friends & Nature



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# DO YOU LIKE TO GARDEN? Advance Guard 2007

Gear up for an amazing work day at Kanawana  
Saturday June 2, 2007!

Help us get our new organic garden ready for planting! We are looking for people who like to get their hands dirty from 10:00-3:00 to prep the garden. Many hands make light work.

Lunch, dinner, snacks & tools are included.  
Get ready to get dirty & have fun!!  
Hope to see you there!



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## KANAWANA WISH LIST

Reuse – one of the three important 'R's

- ☞ Stereo Systems for Dances - new speakers, amps, console and microphone
- ☞ Used pick-up truck (for maintenance)
- ☞ 2 canoes for tripping program
- ☞ 4 kayakis (jr. kayaks) for Interest group
- ☞ 2 used golf carts
- ☞ Board games and/or indoor games
- ☞ Kanawoodstock concert equipment - board, monitor, compressor, 5 mikes and stands
- ☞ 2 complete sets of pots and pans for trip water purifier
- ☞ 6 tents for tripping program
- ☞ Archery bows and arrows
- ☞ Recyclable materials for arts & crafts (dropped off before June 7<sup>th</sup> 2007)
- ☞ 8 bikes for 8- 12 year olds

To donate an item, please contact:  
Sean Day at (514)849-5331 ext. 224

# KANAPALOOZA

## Great Music. Great People. A Great Cause.

Kanawana, as we all know, is a camp rich in tradition. However, what's exciting about Kanawana is that new traditions are always being created. And although sometimes it's difficult to turn something from a new idea into a lasting tradition, when it does happen it's magical. This year Kanapalooza was revived.

Kanapalooza is an event put together by staff & alumni to raise money for camperships –helping provide underprivileged children with the opportunity to go to Kanawana. This year Randall Blom (1990-98, 2005, 2006) wanted to give back to the Kanawana community and find a way to bring people together. Kanapalooza, an event that hasn't happened since 2002, was the perfect fit.

This year Kanapalooza took place at the Main Hall a cool upstairs venue on St. Laurent. The evening was filled with wonderful performances by Sean Day, Vanessa Blais-Tremblay, Matt Wiviott with WhiteRoom and Daniel Tierney with Wolfchild. The crowd, of about 80 people, was abuzz with chatter all night long – catching up on the past year, discussing how nice it was to be together again, and enjoying the talent that has come out of Kanawana.

People were dancing. People we're chatting. People we're having a great time – all in the name of a good cause. \$730 (in net benefits) was raised and donated to the Sam Lazarus Fund. Hopefully, with the efforts of staff and alumni, this tradition will find a place on the annual calendar of events!





# There's still space!! Eco-Games & Rangers

Teambuilding

Adventure

Nature

The Rangers program represents the time of greatest learning and development in my life. Aside from the fact that living in the woods shifts you into a 'Zen' state, the principals and ideals I picked up from my time in the program have built the foundation for who I am today. Besides the hard skills that it teaches you, you walk away with a whole boatload of life experiences and soft skills such as a better understanding of group dynamics, planning and logistics.

All serious stuff aside though, it was the most fun I have ever had in my life, bar none. I came out of it with an appreciation for the natural world that I never would have imagined, and an even greater appreciation for who I am and what my personal limits are. I still, and will always, find myself daydreaming about becoming a Ranger all over again.

If there's one piece of advice I can impart on anyone, it's that the Rangers program is a once in a life time opportunity. Don't miss it!!

IAN BRAIDE (RANGER 2002)

Challenge

Fun

Leadership

## Register TODAY!!!

For more details or to register, visit our website at [www.ymcakanawana.ca](http://www.ymcakanawana.ca)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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MAY	CONFIRMATION KITS for registered campers – check your e-mails or mailboxes for helpful details about the upcoming summer.
June 2	KANAWANA OPEN HOUSE – tell your friends to come check us out or show your family & siblings around camp. ADVANCE GUARD (see page 3 for details)
June 14	Alumni Reunion @ L'Ambroisie – Details to follow via e-mail! SAVE THE DATE!!!
June 25	YMCA KANAWANA SUMMER CAMP 2007 BEGINS!!!
Sept 7-9	4 <sup>th</sup> annual Kanawana Alumni and Friends Weekend. Come experience the magic of Kanawana as a parent, alumni, friend or camper of Kanawana.
Sept. 15	4 <sup>th</sup> annual Five-Hole-Sam Street Hockey Jamboree to help sponsor less privileged children to come to YMCA Kanawana

