



KANAWANA HERON

Kamper Kabaret/Reunion THE HAND IS UP!!! We have an announcement...

String up your Guitar, warm up your voices, track down some cabin mates... we are having a **KABARET / REUNION** on...

Saturday, November 22, 3:30 to 6:00pm, at the Westmount YMCA – 4585 Sherbrooke West.

Hopefully, with a little bug juice, some cookout-style donuts, and a slide show of the summer, we'll feel like we're back in the dining hall. Bring some friends along too!! There is a cover charge (donation) of \$ 3.00 per person, and any additional donations (even Canadian Tire money) would be greatly appreciated. No Kabaret is complete without acts, so if you have one call Kath @ (514) 849-5331 ext 224.

From the Executive Director's Desk

Dear Kampers and parents,

November is here, and another summer of friendships, learning, and memories is behind us ~ and what a summer it was! David Leduc did an incredible job as Chief this past Summer, sharing his love of Kamp with all those he touched, and ensuring that the Kanawana spirit was as strong as ever.

Kamp enrolment was up once again in 2003, for a total increase of 40% in the past three years! Our staff and Kamper return rates were also sky high ~ and it looks as though the summer of 2004 will see even more growth. Although it is great news that Kanawana continues to grow in popularity, it also means that parents and kampers need to plan further in advance in order to assure their space for the coming summer. There were a number of disappointed parents last spring who were used to registering for Kanawana in April and May, only to find that the sessions they wanted had already filled.

It is important to us that parents of returning kampers not be disappointed, and that we do everything we can to ensure that kampers who have been touched by Kanawana's magic are kept within the fold. One way that we are trying to do this is by offering an early bird discount for parents who register for Kamp before January 31st, 2004. Those who register before this date will receive a refund of \$50 per child, and will have their space guaranteed for the summer of 2004. We hope that this will help us to register the majority of returning kampers before new kamper registrations start pouring in, so as to avoid disappointed parents.

There are a few changes in prices and sessions which should be noted for the coming summer ~ but there has been *no increase* in the price of a regular 12-day session. We have made Kanawana more affordable for those wanting to stay at Kamp longer by offering two 26-day sessions in the *first* month and *second* month. The 26-day sessions will take place between June 28 and July 23, and between July 26 and August 20, 2004, and will cost

considerably less than two individual sessions. Parents can still register for the *middle* month of Kamp (July 12 to August 6, 2004), but this month will not be sold as a 26-day session, and will be offered at the same price as last summer.

The only other significant change with respect to pricing is the removal of the sibling discount. This discount is being replaced with the early bird discount and reduced 26-day session price. The new discounts are aimed at rewarding returning parents by providing an opportunity to save on *both* children, rather than just the second child; and will make it more affordable to send children to Kanawana for a longer stay.

There are two new programs which will be offered for 2004 ~ an introductory 6-day session for Junior kampers aged 7 to 9, and a 26-day Voyageurs (II) Canoe Trip program for Senior kampers aged 13 to 17. We will be offering two 6-day sessions in the beginning of the summer, from June 28 to July 3 and from July 4 to July 9, 2004. The 26-day Voyageurs Trip will take place between July 11 and August 6, 2004 (during the second and third sessions of the regular Kamp).

Registration packages with session dates and prices should arrive by early December, so keep the January 31st deadline in mind if you want to take advantage of the early bird discount!

Finally, I want to share my appreciation with all of our parents and kampers who made the summer of 2003 such a memorable one. I always find it hard to watch the kampers leave on the last day of the summer, but now that we are planning another summer of spirit, leadership, and outdoor fun I feel the excitement coming back. Thank you to all of our Kanawanian parents for lending us your children for the summer, and thank you to our kampers for reminding us why we do it each and every day. Feel free to stop by our office or phone us up if you have questions or just want to say hello. Until we meet again,

Non Nobis Solum,

Morgan

KANAWANA WINTER & SPRING BREAK KAMPS

We are looking forward to another season of frosty fun at Kamp Kanawana. Kampers will stay in a cozy, heated lodge and have delicious meals each day. Come join us for some tobogganing, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, snow fort building, drama, games, and more! This year's dates will be:

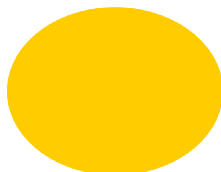
Saturday, December 20 to Tuesday, December 23

Tuesday, March 2 to Friday, March 5

Tuesday, March 16 to Friday, March 19

The cost for these programs, including all meals and transportation, is \$ 190 per kamper. To register, fill in the enclosed registration form or call us at:(514) 849-5331 ext: 224

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The summer of 2003 was indeed filled with lots of laughter, many Kanawana hugs, and a whole host of wonderful memories which all of us will use to help carry us through the long Canadian winter.

This summer was also one of firsts, as it saw Morgan Carter replace Gary White as Kamp Kanawana's Executive Director, leaving the cozy "Chief's Cabin" open for a new Summer Kamp Director. So into this summer of firsts I was thrust, and with the help of a wonderful and caring staff, and some unbelievable campers, I was able to embrace this challenge wholeheartedly.

Having been both a camper and staff at Kanawana for many years, this summer provided me with an opportunity to give back to a place that has afforded me so many unforgettable experiences, helped me to grow as an individual, taught me to appreciate and admire the beauty of our natural surroundings, and introduced me to the wonderfully caring and supportive Kanawana community.

Despite all the new faces at Kanawana this summer, that same old Kanawana spirit shined through from start to finish. Unfortunately for us, somewhere around the end of 1st Session, the Sun God lost an argument with the Rain God, and went on holiday for a few weeks, leaving us with lots of rain for our 2nd and 3rd sessions. Nothing that a bunch Kanawadians couldn't handle though! Rain or shine, the fun and excitement continued, with lots of Kabarets, Koco-houses, Koffee Houses, Cook-outs, and of course, the end of session dances.

First session saw all Kanawadians rally to save me from the black magic of evil bug juice X, which threatened to cast a dark shadow of evil over all of Kanawana. Thanks to all the kampers, the mystery antidote was discovered and all the counsellors and staff, who had turned to the dark side, were changed back to their good and happy selves.

At the end of 2nd Session, Kanawana was suddenly divided, as Captain Hook and his team of pirates tried as they would to take over Kamp forever. They were,

nevertheless, no match for Tinkerbelle, Peter Pan and the rest of Neverwana-land, as they came together to put an end to Captain Hook and his devious entourage.

We all thought we were in the clear after that, but then late in our 3rd session, Dr. Evil and his team of cruel cronies seemed poised to overrun Kanawana, with a plan to boil the lake so that nobody could swim again, forever putting an end to fun and happiness at Kanawana. Little did Dr Evil know, he would have to face the likes of Austin Powers, our most infamous of secret agents, along with the rest of Kanawana, who all underwent secret service training. After many long battles, Dr. Evil eventually realized that he was no match for Kanawana, and decided to go and boil Lake Marois instead.

Speaking of Lake Marois, the summer of 2003 marked the return of the Marois / Kanawana swim meet, which took place during our second session. Despite having many tremendously talented swimmers, and a terrific amount of team spirit, Marois and their summer-long swimming program got the best of us in the end. On the other hand, I have no reservations in declaring us the all-time winner in the "cheering and making noise" category. On the whole it was a fantastic day, and good times were had by all.

One of the longest standing traditions in Kanawana's epic 109 years of history, is that of the Lumberman and Voyageur Games, which permeated the camp with indescribable action and excitement for the 57th time this summer. There are very few ways to describe the energy and spirit that embraces our camp during these three days of competition. Win or lose, there is nothing that matches the history, the intensity, the sportsmanship, and the overall thrill of the L & V games. This summer, after three long days of competition, the L & V trophy was hoisted high above the head of Sam Lazarus (this year's Bossman) and all of his Lumberman, as they went down in history as the 2003 winners. Tom Clark (this year's Captain) and all of his Voyageurs, could not have been greater challengers, bringing pride, enthusiasm, and camaraderie to every event. Congratulations to both the Lumberman and the Voyageurs for one of the best L & V Games ever!

Finally, I would like to thank all of my staff, but most of all, all of my wonderful Kanawana kampers for making the summer of 2003 a truly fantastic one for everybody. Here's one Chief that will never forget it!

Hope to see you all next summer!!

Non Nobis Solum,

David Leduc

Kamp 2003 Photos

Check them out on our website:

www.ymcamontreal.qc.ca

Look for the link to
Kamp Kanawana!

Summer Kamp 2004

Mark your calendars for next summer! Here are our session dates:

- 1st session: June 28 to July 9
- 2nd session: July 12 to July 23
- 3rd session: July 26 to August 6
- 4th session: August 9 to August 20

Coming in August 2004, **Family Kamp!**
Stay tuned for details.

Lost and Found

At the end of summer camp, several bags of lost-and-found clothing items were collected, washed and brought back to the downtown YMCA. For items that were clearly labeled, parents were contacted to pick these things up. Thanks to those who dropped by!

On October 14th, all *unmarked* items from our lost and found were donated **Dans la rue**, an organization requesting clothing for youth in need. Several clearly labelled items are still awaiting owners. *Please call Kath before the end of November to claim your items:*
(514) 849-5331 ext. 224.

Note: At the end of November, all remaining items will be donated to **Jardin Couvert**, a YMCA program providing support to families who have recently immigrated to Canada.