



FALL 2005

# SURVIVOR

## Camp BUCKO 4ever!

Camp just keeps getting better and better! . Every year our camp spirit gets stronger and our sense of camp family grows. This edition of the newsletter is full of pictures from camp that will remind us of the great time we had and how truly special **Camp BUCKO** is! We are all lucky to be apart of it.

*Nancy*

## Camp BUCKO Spirit!

This was my first year as a cabin leader at Camp BUCKO. I was very impressed by the incredible spirit of the campers and the dedication from all the leaders and support staff. The campers were respectful to their cabin leaders and cabin mates- it was truly amazing. I am extremely fortunate to have had this experience. The campers are an inspiration to all. They are definitely my heroes. I am really looking forward to next year.

*Tina*



## Caption Contest Winners

The caption entries were very funny and campers sure showed their creativity! Congratulations to Maggie & Jason! As voted on by the campers, their captions were chosen as the best for the contest pictures. Thanks to all campers who entered and voted and especially to Jeff, Andrew & Josh for being good sports!



*"I caught a fish this big!"*



*"If this is all I have to choose from I guess it will do!"*



## WHO IS THIS?



Unscramble the picture and send your entry to SURVIVOR - Who is this?

107 Greybeaver Trail Toronto, ON M1C 4V4  
 Or email your guess to [nancycampbucko@rogers.com](mailto:nancycampbucko@rogers.com)  
 Contest closes Nov. 30th. Watch for the winners and answer in the next edition of SURVIVOR!

## BUCKO Challenge Cup

Well, another year at Camp BUCKO has passed, and that means that we have a new BUCKO Challenge Cup Champion! This year, I was delighted to fill the boots as the "Keeper of The Cup" and oversee all the Challenge Cup challenges and points. This was the third year the Challenge Cup has been up at Camp BUCKO, and I'm sure we set a record for challenges! I had well over 200 challenges handed to me in only 5 full days of challenge activities. Wow, now that's camp spirit! Not only did everyone get involved in challenges this year, but we also saw the closest points race yet. First and second place were only separated by 4 points! All through camp, the Dukes of BUCKO and the Wolf Lair were neck and neck each day right up to the last lunch on Friday afternoon when we had to put an end to the challenges to tally up the points and decided a winner. I remember when I went to count all the points, I had to count and re-count several times to make sure all the points were there and that there wasn't a tie because these two cabins were so close. After all the points were added up, and then checked over and over again, I was please to announce that not only did we have a new Challenge Cup champion, but we also had the first girls cabin as the winners! Way to go Wolf Lair!!

As some of you may remember, I made a small speech about the challenge cup at opening camp fire and I'd like to touch on that once again here. The Challenge Cup is compared by many as our equivalent to the Stanley Cup, however I think it means so much more. You see, in most sports, the trophy is awarded at the end of the season to the team who beats out the 2nd place team. A winning team goes forward as 'defending champions', while everyone forgets about who 2nd place was. The whole idea surrounding these trophies is that one team is 'better' than all the others and 'beat' everyone else. The BUCKO Challenge Cup is so different in many ways. During Camp, we all get involved in challenges that have us doing some pretty strange and unusual, and most times funny, things. We are all excited to do these challenges even if it means getting up before the sun to swim in a freezing cold lake, or guys dressing in women's clothing, or feeding each other dinner and making a mess of ourselves. Have you ever stopped to think why we do this? I don't think it has as much to do as getting points and winning as it does having fun and making new friends. We do these challenges because we all love camp so much and are so excited to laugh with our friends and make new friends along the way. At times when we are doing these challenges, the competition factor is almost forgotten because we are having so much fun! That's what makes the BUCKO Challenge Cup so special. Although at the end of camp the cup is awarded to a winning cabin and they get to write their names on the cup, everyone goes home a winner. 2nd place is never forgotten. Why? Because we all have amazing memories of the challenges we did and the fun we had. All of our memories, laughs, and good times are now a part of that cup and a part of the cabin who won the points. Over the year, we will all think back to the Challenge Cup and smile at the fun we had, even though we may not have been in the cabin who got to hoist it up at the end of camp. Next year when we return to camp, the memories of the Challenge Cup will fill our hearts, our minds, and most importantly, our camp spirit. That's what makes this BUCKO Challenge Cup worth more than any trophy in professional sports! We should all be proud of ourselves for making the Camp BUCKO Challenge Cup what it is. Way to go everyone!

*Chris*

### Congratulations Wolf Lair



**Chris - 2005 Keeper of the Cup!**



## Camp BUCKO 2005



## The 1st Canadian Burn Survivors Conference

We have been involved with Camp BUCKO for some time now, both as campers and as volunteers. We have always enjoyed being a part of the Camp BUCKO family and have never expected anything back from Camp BUCKO, except for maybe a lot of fun and some life-long friendships. Nevertheless, the Camp BUCKO Board of Directors decided to surprise us by sponsoring us to go to the first-ever Canadian Burn Survivor Conference held in Winnipeg, MB from May 4 to May 7, 2005. Excited by this wonderful opportunity, we headed to Manitoba and couldn't have enjoyed ourselves any more than we did. The conference was awesome! Not sure of what to expect, we were greeted with open arms right from the beginning. We had the chance to meet burn survivors from all over Canada, including British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Nova Scotia, all while spending some time with great people from Camp BUCKO -- Nancy & Dennis. In addition to meeting some pretty amazing people, we took part in several seminars, support groups, and social gatherings. The seminars allowed us to learn a lot about what it means to be a burn survivor and how we can use what has happened to us to provide support to those who have been through similar experiences. It was quite an eye-opening experience. Best of all, it was a lot of fun! We would like to thank the Camp BUCKO Board of Directors for making it possible for us to attend the conference. We look forward to the next Canadian Burn Survivor Conference!



*Lots of love, Kim & Kimie*

## Camper's Corner



"Camp was fun  
and I really  
enjoyed it!"  
*Chris K*



"Camp was the best ever this year! Bucko was awesome and I love everything about it from the cook's, the people, the food and all the support you get from everyone you meet! P.S. I loved my birthday. Everyone made it the funnest and the best birthday I ever received. I can't wait until next year! Thanks."

*Kara*



"I liked everything!"  
*Val*

"What I like about  
Camp BUCKO is that  
we have new cabins  
every year"

*Jordan*



"I like camp and I think  
George is Kool."

*George*

"I have been to alot of  
camps but truly this camp,  
Camp BUCKO it the best.  
People are nice and friendly  
to one and others."

*Kristina*



"This was my first year  
at Camp BUCKO and  
it was awesome!"

*Bryan*



"I liked rock climbing  
and making the dream  
catchers the best!"  
*Alexis*



"This year I liked camp. It was fun. I hope to become a VIT soon. I liked the dance and I made good friends with all my cabin mates. I really enjoyed camp.

*Gage*



"I love Camp BUCKO. I look  
forward to next year."

*Casey*

"Every year at camp is great!  
Each and everyone of the  
campers are nice and friendly.  
I will come every year until  
I am old like Beezer! The  
cabin leaders and volunteers  
are really nice and kind!  
I LOVE CAMP BUCKO!

*Maggie*



Camp BUCKO rocks! This year was better than ever. I got to see my old friends and meet new ones which was cool. The separate campfires were a good idea too. Camp this year was awesome and I expect it to be even better next year.

*Will*