



SPRING 2005

SURVIVOR

Enjoy!

This edition of **SURVIVOR** is full of great stories and lots of pictures. Thanks to everyone who contributed. Plans are well underway for camp this year, and as always, it will be an exciting, fun-filled week. I am already looking forward to it! Enjoy this edition of the newsletter, and I will see you at camp!

Nancy

What I LOVE About Camp BUCKO!

This has been the most popular newsletter contest yet! We received 16 contest entries from campers who wanted to share what they loved about Camp BUCKO. No question, you all love the Camp BUCKO spirit: friends, fun, support, and having a great time! **Congratulations to all the campers who entered!**

These campers have already received their prizes:



Alex & Richard chose fishing rods. Here they are together at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga.



Here is Sandy with Chief Armstrong and Nancy at the Fire Station in Cambridge. Sandy chose soft, fuzzy slippers



Cindy received a cuddly white teddy bear. Here she is with Heather at the dance last year.



Chris selected a fishing rod. Here he is practicing his canoe-paddle strokes at camp last year.

The following campers will be able to select a prize from our **PRIZE TABLE** up at camp this year! Some of the items will be: fishing rods, sports equipment, make-up collection, art supplies, beads & hemp, and many other fun things.

Rebeca B
Allison K
Holt M
George W

Paul C
Colin K
Mike S
Branden W

Molly F
Andrew L
Tausha S

So Much Fun!



A Fish Tale

Wow, here we are in the middle of winter and I am still reminded of the good times had at camp this year! We had a vast crew of fishermen and women all sharing tall tales of the "one that got away" as well as the odd secret on how to catch the big one! One skilled angler rises above them all though. At the Camp BUCKO Road Show, in Lakeshore, I was proud and honoured to present Chris with the first ever Camp BUCKO **Best Fish Caught** Trophy. He caught this prize winning fish in the first 10 minutes of casting out! If that was not enough, it was his first catch as an angler, **good job Chris!!!** Hope to see you all this coming year down at the BUCKO Fishing Lodge (better known as the dock) to enjoy the thrill of the catch, and the great fishing tales!

Congratulations again Chris and hope to see you all this summer!!

The Fishing Guru
Jeremy, the Reel Man



Here is Jeremy presenting Chris
the Best Fish Caught trophy

Dear BUCKO



I've been going to this camp for 4 years so far. It's the best camp I've been to because the people there have taught me that burn or no burn I'm still special. Camp BUCKO has given me so much; my family and I thought we would give something back. So we had a labour Day party and we raised a total of \$340.00 for camp

See ya next year,
Holt

Camp BUCKO Challenge Cup

As we all know, the BUCKO Challenge Cup is one of the most exciting activities at camp each year, with more and more campers and volunteers getting involved each summer. The challenge cup offers both campers and volunteers to show their BUCKO spirit, which is to have fun, include others and make friends, by challenging other cabins and campers to fun and exciting challenges in a fun, non-competitive environment.

Chris and I, the Drummond Brothers, have come up with a list of fun challenges that haven't yet been done at camp. Here are a few and we will share the rest with you at camp this year. Looking forward to a great week of camp, see you soon!



Keith, Keeper of the Cup

1. A cabin challenge where one person from each cabin must carry an egg on a spoon all day without breaking it, and the egg must be passed to another camper in your cabin each hour, so as to get everyone involved. The winner is the cabin with the unbroken egg at dinner time.
2. A moon-walk race across the field.
3. "Chubby Bunny" Challenge another camper to see who can put the most marshmallows into their mouth and still be able to say "Chubby Bunny"!



Keith & Chris at the dance

Caption Contest

We have chosen 2 of the funniest pictures from camp last year and would like you, our campers, to write a caption for them. You can only submit one caption for each picture. The winner will be chosen by our VIT2's, Shannel & Bobbie, and will be announced at camp. All campers who enter will receive a prize. Send your entry to:

SURVIVOR, c/o Nancy, 107 Greybeaver Trail, Toronto, ON M1C 4V4 or email them to nancycampbucko@rogers.com

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Happy Birthday Beezer!



Nancy, Gwen, Beezer & Melissa

Beezer's family threw him a terrific party for his 75th birthday! It was a very special day, many people came out to wish Beezer well and celebrate his special day. A few of us were there to wish Beezer a very happy birthday from all of his friends at Camp BUCKO! We presented Beezer with a framed 10th anniversary camp t-shirt signed by all the campers. It was a fun celebration!

2004 IAFF National Camp

Hi everyone. Wow! I can't believe it's been almost a year since I've seen you all! In some ways, the time has gone by really quickly, but in other ways, I've missed the camp, the counselors and most of all, the campers, so it's gone by really slowly.

Last September, Mike and I were fortunate enough to spend a week at the National Burn Camp in Washington D.C. It was the adventure of a lifetime! Washington is an amazing city! We had breakfast at the Senate, dinner at a Japanese restaurant (Mike learned how to use chopsticks!), got to walk through the "hall of echoes" at the Capitol, had a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington Cemetery and learned about the tens of thousands of brave men and women who died in World Wars 1 and 2, not just for American freedom, but for the freedom of all people, all over the world.

Even more amazing than Washington itself were the people we met, and became friends with, at the IAFF Burn Camp. Right from the start, campers and counselors alike were talking to us and joking with us as if we already knew them. As the week progressed, we all got closer, and had a better and better time with each passing day. On our way to Washington, Mike and I had both admitted we were a little apprehensive. We didn't know anybody there, and had no real idea what we were in for. Within 20 minutes of arriving at the 4H Club, I think we both realized what kind of a week we were in for. There was a volleyball game, snack table and games already in progress when we got there. All we had to do was join in. By the end of the first night, we all felt so comfortable with each other that we were already teasing each other with funny nicknames. I still miss the campers and counselors I became friends with. I miss Roz from California, Tyler from Winnipeg, Sheryl (our bus driver extraordinaire) and my roommate, Kim, from St. Louis.

Going to the National Burn Camp is definitely an experience that will stay with me for the rest of my life. I am grateful to the I.A.F.F. for so generously making this experience possible for over 100 campers and counselors from across Canada and the United States every year. I am especially grateful to Camp BUCKO, and not only for selecting me to go to Washington. I firmly believe that this camp, and all burn camps like it, are an integral factor in the lifelong successes our campers will, and do achieve on a daily basis.

Stephanie

Here's Stephanie and Mike, looking very happy, after enjoying the day at the Washington Zoo



Mike and Stephanie, paying respect to many heroes at the Arlington Cemetery in Washington

Great Opportunities

We are proud of our first VIT Grads, Kim and Kimie, who volunteered at camp last year. Camp BUCKO is sending the girls to the first Canadian Burn Conference in Winnipeg this May. The conference is sure to be an incredible experience.

Have a great trip girls!



Here is Kim with her cabin group, the Herons Nest



Here is Kimie with Maggie and Rob