



SPRING 2006 SURVIVOR

Camp BUCKO 4ever!

Wow! The Camp BUCKO Program is expanding and getting better every year. This edition of **SURVIVOR** is packed with lots of information and fantastic pictures. The Camp BUCKO Family Skating Party was awesome and it was so nice to see lots of people turn out. If you didn't make you can read all about it and hopefully you can join us next time.

Nancy

IAFF National Camp

Hey, Washington was a blast and I recommend it to anyone who gets the chance to go, it was amazing!! I don't know what my favorite part was but I loved it all. Not only do you get to go places but you have the chance to make new friends, some that have similar burns, and it's neat to talk to everyone. they were all really nice. It was sad when we had to go leaving all our friends behind but it was fun while it lasted. Well I would like to say a **BIG** thank you to all that voted me in to go on the amazing trip that I did, it was worth while Thanks so much again and can't wait to see you all at camp this year!!



Kara



Thanks to Kevin Ashfield with the Toronto Firefighters and Jim Lee with IAFF Canada I was invited to attend the IAFF National Camp with Kara and Heather. The trip was awesome, we toured all over Washington and met some terrific people. I am lucky to have had this opportunity and want to thank the IAFF for their efforts and for inviting Camp BUCKO campers to National Camp every year.

Nancy

**Who
is
this
hottie?**



It's all about camp spirit!

It's Cory!

Congratulations to:

Cindy H.
Richard L.
Tausha S.

Valerie J.
Andrew-Paul R.
Sandy T.

Prizes will be awarded at camp!

Camp Exchange

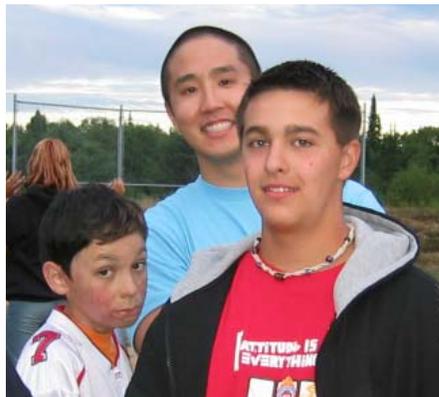
Last year, Camp BUCKO initiated a camp exchange program to give our campers a chance to travel, to experience another burn camp, and to meet & make new friends. The exchange program will expand our support network and let our campers see what an incredible and caring group of people are a part of the burn community. The program was made possible by memorial donations from the family and friends of Chief Scott Robinson, who sadly passed away in 2004. Chief Robinson was with the Bewedly Fire Department and dedicated his life to his family and community. In his honour our program is named:

Camp BUCKO Chief Scott Robinson Memorial Camp Exchange

In June of 2005 Camp BUCKO sent 2 campers, Alesha & Mary, along with Nancy, to the BC Professional Firefighters' Burn Camp in British Columbia. It was an incredible experience! The camp program was very different from BUCKO but the camp spirit was the same and the BC campers & volunteers welcomed Alesha, Mary & Nancy into their camp family and made sure the girls enjoyed themselves.



At Camp BUCKO 2005 we were lucky to have 2 BC campers join us, Brandon and Jade, along with their chaperone, Jason. All 3 enjoyed their camp experience at BUCKO, made some new friends and shared stories of their camp back home. As camp drew to a close on Friday night, Jason spoke at closing campfire about how incredible it is that our camp programs are different, our camp sites are in different provinces but that he felt the same camp spirit and family bond that happens at their camp. Camp BUCKO was lucky to have the boys from BC join us and make our camp family a little bigger and much stronger!



CAMP BUCKO

FAMILY SKATING PARTY

The first Camp BUCKO skating party was held this February and it turned out to be fantastic! It was a great chance for campers to reconnect and introduce their family members to their camp friends. Twenty-two campers attended the event along with their families, BUCKO volunteers and Firefighters from Mississauga making the total number of attendees almost 100! What an awesome turnout! In addition to skating, campers & their guests could win prizes at the Camp BUCKO Snowball Fight carnival game, make a hemp necklace with shiny beads and try to win some goodies, such as Hershey Kissables or Sour Keys, by guessing the number in different containers. The campers then had the chance to show their families what is so special about Camp BUCKO..... our camp spirit! Everyone got the opportunity to take part in Ice Go Cart Relay Races. It was fun to watch and cheer the teams on as they raced and slid along the ice. A big thank you to the Hershey Centre for donating the ice, the Mississauga Firefighters Benevolent Fund for sponsoring our pizza lunch and everyone who helped out with the event. A good time was had by all!



Thank you Mississauga Firefighters



.BUCKO campers Val and Indhu were **SURVIVOR** reporters at the skating party and interviewed the crowds to see what people thought about the event.

"It's a good idea to include winter activities in the BUCKO off season," said Lindsey
"Awesome! Where else do you get to skate where the professionals play?" exclaimed Travis.

Shea commented, "It's a great family outing!"

"The ice go carts are fantastic!" shouted Alex.

Remember last year?!

Just Try It!

All of the other years at Camp BUCKO I haven't rock climbed on the second one, with the bump near the top. But this year I decided to rock climb on that side and I made it to the top!

YAY! I had fun climbing and Camp BUCKO is FUN!

Natalie



Yo! This year rocked!

Like the best! My cabin rocked and I am so looking forward to next year! This camp helps me go crazy with camp spirit and I love it, everyone and everything about it! Camp BUCKO rocks!

Lisa



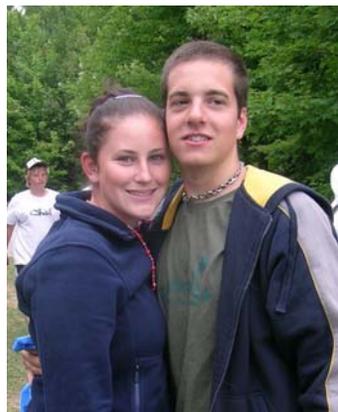
Great!

Camp was the best this year. The cabin leaders were great...everything was great!

We're Family!

I have been to Camp BUCKO for 10 years now and I love it. This camp teaches me so many wonderful things and I would encourage young burn survivors to come to camp. At camp we are all like one big family!

Mitch



See you all next year!

Camp was a lot of fun this year and I hope it is fun next year too! It went by too fast! We had so much fun that I want to be a VIT in 3 years. I will be coming to camp for many years to come!

Harry Josh



Camp BUCKO 2006

Camp is booked for August 13th to the 19th. Hope you will be able to join us. The summer edition of **SURVIVOR** and info about this year's camp will be included in your camp confirmation packages and mailed out in June. If you have anything you would like to submit for the newsletter please email it to nancycampbucko@rogers.com. See you soon!