



SUMMER 2006 SURVIVOR

Camp BUCKO 2006 - Can't Wait!

I am excited to share with you the first summer edition of **SURVIVOR**. I hope you are all looking forward to camp. There is a special activity planned for our first day, the Camp BUCKO Regatta, and it will be lots of fun. The theme for camp this year is *At the Movies*, check out page 3 for some of the ideas! Enjoy the summer and we will see you soon!

Nancy

Camp Exchange

Triple H: Hot, Humid and Hospitality

Ooo-eee, it's warm in Hot-lanta, I'll tell ya what!

What a great week! And boy did it go quick. It was jam-packed full of fun and activities. Bill, Branden, and I were honoured to attend Camp Oo-U-La in Atlanta, Georgia, running from May 28th to June 3rd. I've never felt so welcome in a new place, in all my life. It is definitely true what they say about 'Southern Hospitality'. I don't think there was one person who did not approach us to say hello, introduce themselves and try to find something out about us. The surroundings are beautiful, tall Georgian Pines, interesting ancient Native American landmarks and a variety of wild life (turtles, deer, armadillos, etc).

Events during the week were many. Favourites of ours included a Carnival, complete with games, snow cones and cotton candy. The large pool was also very refreshing on a hot afternoon, along with your favourite 'fluid'. Then there was the "Goo Games", a little hard to describe but picture 700 buckets of various pie filling in a big open field, then throw in 150 campers and staff. Can you say 'goo-ey'? Other activities included the Lim Parade through town, Prom, the Snake Master, the Talent Show, Karaoke Night, and an awesome fireworks display on the last evening.

This was definitely a trip to remember. We all made great new friends and were able to experience a different part of the world with the people who live there. It is nice to know that we are all not that different and that their camp has a similar spirit and positive energy like ours. I can't wait until August for Camp BUCKO when Camp Oo-U-La sends their representatives to visit our camp. I know that we'll show them just as good of time, as they showed the three of us. Until then, "Y'all" take care now...

Shannon, Bill and Branden



VITs - A Special Part of BUCKO

Well, Camp BUCKO 2005 has gone by and it was totally different than all the others for me personally. I was a VIT2 and was a leader in a cabin for the first time. I was such a different experience than being a camper, but I still loved every minute. The cabin I was with was the Porcupine Cave, although I just called them "My Boys!" I learned so much from them and had such a great time getting to know each of them. I can't wait for this year and I look forward to being a full cabin leader and wither seeing "My Boys" again or getting to know a new group. Until camp, keep rocking everyone. I salute you!

Cory



2005 was by far the most different camp week from any other year I've spent at BUCKO. As fun as being a camper is, I think I'm ready to move to the next level of leadership at camp. I cannot wait until this year and taking part in the VIT program!

Allison



Nail in the Fence

Every time we say or do something nasty or negative to someone, whether that person is able bodied or not, it is like pounding a nail into a fence. Later, if we realize our mistake and apologize, that would be comparable to pulling out the nail. But a hole still remains in the fence. No matter how we try to right the wrong, the hole is still there. It does not go away. Our thoughtless words and our actions leave scars forever.

Author Unknown

This analogy of the fence is an excellent illustration of why it is so important that we keep the Camp BUCKO spirit supportive, encouraging and comfortable for everyone, campers and volunteers. Camp BUCKO is a place that we can all be ourselves, a safe environment for us to express ourselves, try something new, be crazy and celebrate our individual uniqueness!

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Camp BUCKO 2006 - At the Movies

Can you believe that it's already summertime and camp is just around the corner? There are lots of terrific things planned for camp this year and here are a few of the highlights. Come to camp prepared to have fun! See you soon!

- Monday - Camp BUCKO Regatta
Beach Lunch*
- Tuesday - Twin Lunch
Camp BUCKO Celebrity Fashion Show*
- Wednesday - Backwards Lunch
Movie Star Dinner
Camp BUCKO World Premiere*
- Thursday - BUCKO Sponsor Appreciation Lunch (Wear your favourite BUCKO T)
1950's Sock Hop Dance (Grease theme)*
- Friday - VIT planned Camp Activity!*

All About Camp BUCKO

Gimme a C A M P B U C K O! What does that spell? Camp BUCKO! Camp BUCKO! Oh that's right you don't know about Camp BUCKO. I guess I'll have to tell you about the burn camp for kids in Ontario. There are 80 - 85 campers 7-17 years of age. Four VIT's, aka volunteers in training, 18-19 years in age. There are five people who sort of run the camp ie Camp director, two volunteer nurses and therapists and 30-35 volunteer cabin leaders. And I say they have quite a crew. Camp BUCKO only runs for one week each summer. It is usually the second or third week of August. The camp is held at Kinark Outdoor Centre. There is no cost to the families. There is a criteria you have to meet to go to camp. You have to be selected by a camp committee.

There are two Greyhound buses that transport kids to and from camp. The first day we met our cabin mates and cabin leaders then did a swim test in Grey Lake. There were a lot of other activities too. A dance, a 911 carnival, archery, high ropes course, climbing wall, and crafts just to name a few

I like Camp BUCKO because I can meet other people with burns like me. I don't get teased about it. I can just be a kid.

Valerie



Camp BUCKO Spirit Pledge

Our camp family is terrific and each of you is an important part of it. Over the years we have adopted camp traditions, like opening and closing campfire, the talking stick, and our BUCKO Challenge Cup. Let's come up with a Camp BUCKO Spirit Pledge that we will all say together at camp. If you have any ideas please send them to nancycampbucko@rogers.com. We will put the ideas together and post it at camp so everyone can make suggestions or add their ideas. The goal will be to have a Camp BUCKO Spirit Pledge, that we all worked on together, by the end of camp. It's up to you campers and volunteers ... What do you think the Camp BUCKO Spirit is all about?

Remember these Crazy Camp Moments?

While I was reading a terrific book called *How to be a Camp Counsellor...the best job in the world!*, the following quote from a camper made me stop and think of all the crazy things that we have done at Camp BUCKO. As one camper puts it "Camp rocks because no matter how crazy you are, you know that someone will be crazy with you!" These moments at camp make it fun and memorable! Here are pictures of some past crazy moments at Camp BUCKO.

Nancy

