



Spring 2016

# SURVIVOR

## BUCKO CAMPER GIVES BACK TO BUCKO!!!!!!

It is no secret that our BUCKO Campers are awe-inspiring and wonderful. Well in case you need more proof of that....along comes Taylor Lynn!!!!!!

In late 2015 Taylor and 2 school friends entered a school competition and worked on a project/presentation on Camp BUCKO as part of the *Youth and Philanthropy Initiative of Canada* competition.

Taylor and her group did an outstanding job introducing Camp BUCKO to her peers and as a result, won **FIRST PLACE!** Congratulations to Taylor and her group who won \$5,000.00 for Camp BUCKO!!!!!!

Camp BUCKO would like to extend a warm and sincere **THANK YOU** to Taylor and her group for their hard work on their project resulting in the fantastic donation of \$5,000.00 for Camp BUCKO!!!!

Camp BUCKO Campers are truly **AMAZING!!!!**



Cameron

Taylor

Skye

# World Burn



I just want to say thank you for this amazing experience. I had lots of fun and I met lots of new people, people who were very inspiring and funny and at the end of the week I found a way to keep in contact with them on social media. OMG!!

How can I forget the best part, I went to the museum with my group for the first time and I had a wonderful time there. I got the chance to learn about people who I never knew about and their sad but cool stories.

My family and I stayed at the Marriot Hotel and it was a great experience because my family and I got the chance to bond. One night we went to a restaurant called Dick's. Dick's is a well-known restaurant that expresses sarcasm so their job was to be mean to us yet make sure that we had an amazing time. The food there was delicious, when we returned to the hotel we took lots of #selfies and #snapchats I mean what teen wouldn't want to have memories saved on their phones even if it was just for a short period of time.

Last but not least: three of my favorite memories that will always be in my heart no matter what. First up the talent show it was amazing - there were a lot of talented people such as jugglers, comedians, actors, rappers/singers and dancers etc. lol! I sat there wishing I was a part of the talent show hopefully next time I'll participate. Secondly the Banquet was very classy but my favorite part was the dance it was good to see Patrick getting out of his comfort zone having a blast by singing and dancing. Finally 'The Walk Of Remembrance' was heart-rending. As I was walking I was thinking of Nancy. I have heard she was an amazing person who did so much for our camp. I just wish I had the chance to meet her.

Thank You BUCKO for this amazing opportunity, I had such a wonderful time there and I hope to see everyone again soon.



## **Hello BUCKO Family!!!!**

Way back in 2015, we tried something different with our FAMILY CAMP.

Camp Oochigeas (Ooch in the City) provided us the opportunity to host our Family Camp at their facility in downtown Toronto. It was a day filled with Stanley Cup calibre ball hockey games, tie dye t-shirt making, rock wall climbing, arts and crafts , talent shows and great food!!!!

Did we forget to mention "Swag"??? BUCKO t-shirts, BUCKO toques, BUCKO coffee mugs!!!! What a day!!! We had almost 100 participants which included new campers, return campers and potential new campers as well as their families!!!!

Thank you to ALL who made it such a great day!!!!

We are very pleased to announce that Family Camp 2016 will be at our new Host Camp, Cedar Ridge in the fall of 2016!!!!!! Details will be available on our website as the year progresses.

As always, we look forward to see you all!!!!!!



## **Greetings All BUCKO Campers!!!**

Alllllll Aboard!!!!!!

We are looking for submissions from all of you to tell us what the greatest thing about having a Train Set would be and what it would mean to you.

If you like trains and can put it into words; you might be one lucky person!!!!

Be creative, be fun, tell your story however you want....you just never know what could come of it!!!!



## THANK YOU.....

Each year Camp BUCKO provides an amazing time for all of our campers, that is no secret!!!! You might be asking yourselves..."How do they do it each and every year???" Well, we will let you in on the secret to our success. ...we have the world's most incredible "VOLUNTEERS!!!"

Each year our Volunteers give up approximately 168 hours of their own time. Somehow they figure out a way to take time off of work, say goodbye to their family and friends, cut their own vacations short, cancel personal plans etc. All this is done so they can spend a week mentoring campers, sleeping in bunk beds, cracking jokes, witnessing campers do things for their first time, listening, supervising, giving encouragement, being a friend, being a role model, jumping in lakes, finding lost clothes, laughing, crying, laughing more, waking up early, attending meetings, planning activities, etc. The list goes on forever. Our Volunteers do all of these things while they are away from their work, their loved ones and their friends...all the while without ever asking anything for their time.

Our Volunteers are AMAZING in every sense of the word.

From all of Camp BUCKO's Directors and on behalf of our Campers and parents/guardians/caregivers, we would like to offer a heartfelt and sincere THANK YOU to all of our Volunteers!!! Your time and efforts do not go unnoticed. You are, in a word, The BEST!!!!!!!



## BUCKO at the Blue Jays Game

The Fire Marshall Fire Safety Council has once again invited BUCKO campers (and one guest) to attend the Toronto Blue Jays game to celebrate *Swing into Summer Safety Day*. On Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> - at 12:37 pm, the Toronto Blue Jays will host the Philadelphia Phillies. The private box will be available for our BUCKO campers - this includes free admission to the game along with some food. The Blue Jays mascot may visit, and possibly a member of the Toronto Blue Jays' team. The game will be held at the Rogers Centre - Toronto, Ontario.

Please let us know if you would like 2 tickets (one for you, our BUCKO camper and the second for an accompanying adult). We are holding a random draw on Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> to confirm who will go to the game - so please let us know by that date.



Please do not request tickets unless you are sure you can attend - You may have to take time off from school/work.

Tickets are limited, so please let us know as soon as possible -if you are interested.

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