

2019/20 WINTER VIEWS

Seasonal news and stories
from Camp Outlook

Fifty Years of Outlook

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KINGSTON, ONTARIO

This summer, join us in celebrating 50 years of Outlook magic! Bring your loved ones, tell your friends - we want to fill the room with laughter and love, and recreate what Outlook has been for all of us through the years. For more information, or to get involved, email reunion@campoutlook.ca!



So Long Sweet Summer

This summer at Camp Outlook was a very atypical one. The summer started off by hiring our thirteen staff that all made Outlook possible for the forty-ninth year. Kirstin and I would once again like to say thank you to our staff for the amazing job they did this summer and for their dedication to Outlook.

Once our hiring was finalized it was a short few months until training started. Once we moved into the Nelson house we held many in house training sessions, specifically catered to our unique staff base and our no experience necessary when hiring policy. We also held many out of house training sessions where we brought in many people from outside organizations including Steve Tripp from the Canadian Red Cross for our Emergency First Aid course and also our Advanced Wilderness First Aid training. Other training sessions included

Mental Health First Aid, Bronze Med and Cross, MEND Conflict Resolution, and many others. The training portion of our summer was very successful and set our staff up well to provide an excellent experience for our youth that went on trip with us this summer.

The tripping season this year was one that had some very high highs, but was also plagued by some low lows. It was, however, ultimately able to reach our goal, and every years goal, of sending youth on trips that will help them to see that no matter their circumstance, they are capable of greatness and overcoming serious challenges. Sticking mostly to the high notes, we were able to send out more than fifteen trips with more than sixty kids in attendance. A large amount of those youth being new campers, and young campers making the future for Outlook seem very bright. Of those fifteen plus trips we unfortunately had to end four of them early due to a wide variety of issues within the trips themselves, which is a large number from a historical standpoint. However, we only had to take one camper off trip by themselves which was a large improvement from previous years.

The trips that we had run the full five, nine, or fourteen days were all extremely excellent, and some ran so smoothly that not a single incident was recorded and in a few cases not even a single bandaid was needed. This is a true testament to our staff that when dealt a clean deck of cards, they were able to perform at an extremely high level as far as risk management and many other aspects of tripping are concerned. On another note, we would also like to extend another thank you to all of our Pastlookers that stepped in to make this summer possible. Without them, this summer may not have been as good as it was.

Lastly, we would like to say a quick thank you to the city of Kingston for their continued support of Camp Outlook, as well as everyone in the Outlook community whether you are a past staff, camper, or just a supporter, all of you have a part in making Outlook as special as it is year in and year out. So thank you for all you do!

Kirstin Mercer and Peyton Mooney, your 2019 Summer Directors.



Fall/Winter Program Update



Our final fundraising event was largely possible thanks to Trailhead [Outdoor Sports], for their kind support, and gracious hosting. We owe additional thanks for the hard work completed by our recruitment committee, and 2019-20 recruitment exec Ryan Nicholson.

Our Winter season was brought to life by our camper trips, and adventures we embarked on this semester, which was largely made possible by the work of our recruitment counsellors. In 2020, our winter activities will include a wide variety of outdoor and indoor excursions from skating, to snow shoeing . With an optimistic group of counsellors, we are excited to move forward with our fundraising, and recruitment teams. We are optimistic about our relationships within the community, and towards our mission to raise awareness for our programs. We hope to continue working hard, in homage to the grass roots efforts that have made Outlook the organization it is today.

In anticipation of Camp Outlook's 50th anniversary, we are excited for an eventful 2020 season. In closing, we would like to offer thanks to Professor Barbara Martin, and Cathy Yeates, of the Queen's Experiential Learning Center for their valuable contributions towards increasing awareness for the work Camp Outlook does, and for helping to provide opportunity within our organization. As a staff, we are look forward positively to the adventure , and hard work that lies ahead. As we approach our winter staff training weekend this January, our goals are starting to take shape, marking a strong start to Winter 2020 at Camp Outlook.

Autumn 2019 marked the start of a productive season at Camp Outlook. Beginning in September, Outlook had a strong presence on campus at the sidewalk sale, and Queen's in the Park, and hired a committed group of 20 staff members, and two execs to help lead our recruitment and fundraising committees. After a successful training weekend hosted at the Queen's Biology Station, we hosted our first weekly counsellor meeting sessions. Following our first meeting, we set out to accomplish two missions: strengthen Camp Outlook's roots in the Kingston community, and on campus at Queen's University; and increase awareness for Camp Outlook's Winter/Summer programs. With the help of our staff, and campers, we were able to lead several successful trips to Frontenac Park, and a co-ed hiking trip into Frontenac in the early weeks of November! We finished off our season with final visit to the Queen's Biology Station in the final weeks of November.

Thanks to the kind contributions of our fundraising team, and Winter Outlook's 2019-20 fundraising exec, Kiley McGowan, Outlook was able to host a wide variety of fundraising initiatives. Starting in October, with a bottle drive, in addition to our one of our annual Princess Street portage events, in November. We finished our season in December, with a homemade bracelet & bake sale.



A Note from the Board of Directors

Hello Outlook friends and community members!

We hope that this edition of the Views has found you well, and in good spirits post-holiday celebration. We've had a busy summer and fall, and are excited as our Winter Program unfolds, and our 2020 summer program picks up steam.

At our AGM in October, we bid a farewell to a long-standing member of the Board of Directors, John Hissink. After 9 years serving on the BOD, John stepped away from his role, to notably (and characteristically) prepare for a canoe trip across Canada, to raise money and awareness surrounding clean water in Indigenous communities. We are so grateful for all of the time and wisdom John has dedicated to this organization. If you want to check out what he's doing next, check out @canoeformcleanwater on Instagram.

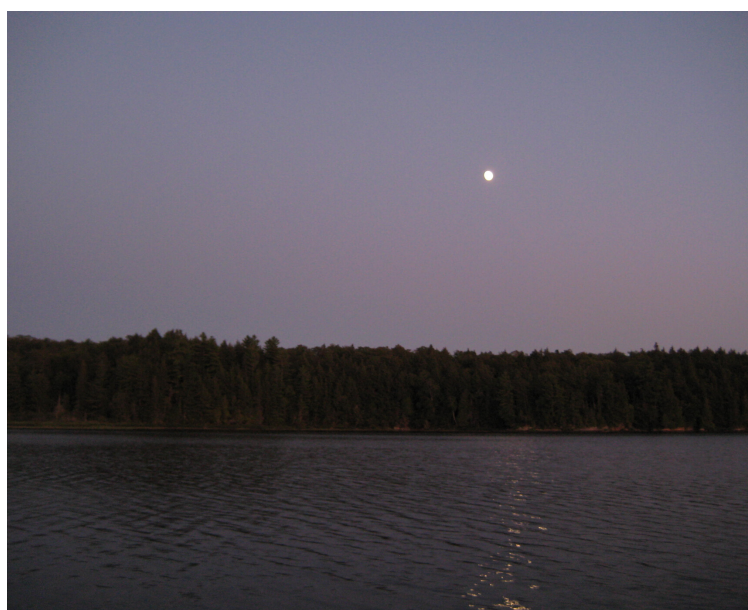
Finally, a deep thank you to you, our community, for the support you've consistently given us. As always, we could not do this without you. A particular thank you to the Community Foundation for Kingston and Area for their generous grant of \$7,000, allowing us to run our leadership initiative program this past summer. We greatly appreciate any and all donations, big and small. As we wrap up 2019, you have a final chance to donate this tax season! If you are looking to make a donation, or considering becoming a monthly donor, please visit campoutlook.ca/donate.

To a happy and adventurous New Year!

Mariana, Marc, Greg, Laura S. Laura K., Jesse & Ben

Remember all those stories Outlook paid you? We want them back!

In honour of our 50 year anniversary, the Board of Directors in partnership with our Reunion Committee is working on an Oral History Project - a compilation of video and written interviews with Outlook alumni through the decades.



We're looking for funny stories and memorable moments.: a one-liner from a youth that cracked you up, that time a moose ate your mac n' cheese, or the moment you figured out that canoe tripping would someday become a great love of yours. Anything goes.

If you, a friend or loved one have a story to share, or are willing to sit down with us for a chat, please drop us a line! Email bod@campoutlook.ca or reunion@campoutlook.ca - we're incredibly excited to hear from you.

