

THE SUMMER VIEWS

2020 EDITION



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Black lives matter. We stand in solidarity with our Black and Indigenous community members to confront systemic racism in our communities and our society. We also want to acknowledge that we have much to learn. Over the past few weeks, we have listened to our community and are reflecting on how we as an organization can increase equitable access to the outdoors.

We recognize that the outdoors, and outdoor education, are privileged spaces, and that these communities are predominantly white. Camp Outlook is no exception, and we acknowledge a lack of diversity in our governance, staff, and youth. As an organization, we are committed to increasing the accessibility of outdoor programming and the outdoor industry. This requires us to continually educate ourselves about our privilege, while identifying concrete ways to recognize and combat racism and oppression in our community.

We are working on fostering a culture of reflection within the organization to ensure that we can continually make meaningful changes in our actions and attitudes. A newly established committee is reviewing and updating our policies and practices regarding recruitment, hiring, and training. By spending the time to make well-researched changes in these areas, we aim to become a more diverse organization, while ensuring that we are engaging in anti-racist and anti-oppressive work and conversations throughout the organization.

We aim to uphold and practice transparency and accountability in our work. We will communicate updates on the specific changes we implement, and we encourage our members to hold us accountable to our activity and progress. Please email us at bod@campoutlook.ca with any comments or suggestions on how Camp Outlook can do better.



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Summer Program Update

As we're sure many of you are now aware, we have had to make the difficult decision to suspend our summer programming for the 2020 season, due to COVID-19. Our incredible Summer Camp Directors, Vlad and Kyle, have done excellent work navigating this unprecedented time, and we are so grateful for their diligence and hard work. As we know, the people at the heart of Outlook make it what it is, and this experience has certainly reminded us that we've got some good ones on our team.

Winter Program Update

As our Winter Camp Directors from the '19/'20 season, Bailey and Cheyenne, have wrapped up their program, we welcome Joanna and Cole to pick up where they left off! Though the Winter Program is bound to take some creativity this season, we are hopeful that we'll be able to do some meaningful and fun work with our year-round youth. The program is in capable hands, and we're looking forward to the launch of cool new projects to make Winter Outlook even better than it already is!



Horton's Bay, Jan 1989



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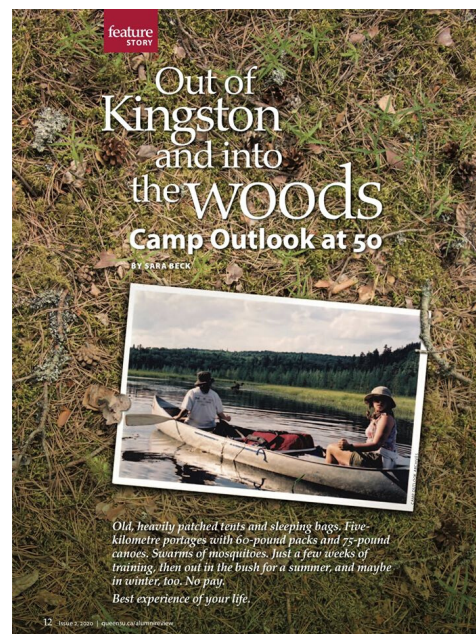
2020 Reunion Update

A final, COVID-related regret, we have made the difficult decision to postpone our 50th Anniversary Reunion until next summer, when we are sure we'll be able to gather and celebrate in the way that this milestone deserves! If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to receive updates about the reunion planning, please email reunion@campoutlook.ca!

CHECK OUT OUR ARTICLE IN THE ALUMNI REVIEW

We recently published an article in the Queens Alumni Review, outlining the long and beautiful history of Outlook, and reminding all who read it, what Outlook means and has meant to us for so long. If you haven't yet had a chance to give it a read, we strongly encourage you to check it out on our Facebook page. In a strange summer - Outlook's first ever summer away from the lakes and the wilds - the piece was a much-needed window back into the world of long sunsets, gentle waters, and big skies.

We've had an unexpected uptick in donations since the article's publication, and for that we are so grateful. It warms our hearts to read your heartfelt messages, and to be reminded once again of the love that drives this work. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



WE STILL WANT YOUR STORIES

In winter we asked for any stories or memorable moments that you'd like to share with us, and have been getting some really fantastic responses. Now that the 50th reunion has been pushed back to next year, we have even more time to gather these moments to finish up our Oral History Project. Photos, stories, moments, videos... anything goes!

Drop us a line at bod@campoutlook.ca or reunion@campoutlook.ca if you or a loved one has a story to share, or are willing to chat.

