



EOORC Camp News

Monday, May 27, 2024

A Special Edition Camping Newsletter of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council

EOORC Camps

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Other Resources

- Camp Sunday is traditionally in April, but it could also be celebrated in the spring of summer. There are some great resources available [here](#).
- Growth Animator Rev. Tori Mullin has some ideas for churches who want to offer other children's ministry opportunities over the summer. Check out the previous and next EOORC newsletters for details!

Welcome to Camp!

This is a special edition of the EOORC newsletter. Today, we are catching up with the camps in our region. Summer camp, whether day camp or overnight, is a great way for children to make friends and grow in their faith. For the youth and young adults who make up a large part of the staff, camps give an opportunity to grow in leadership, empathy and creativity, as well as to gain work experience. Camp is also a lot of fun!

There are three overnight camps in EOORC: Golden Lake Camp, Rideau Hill Camp, and Camp Lau-Ren. We also have Camp Awesome, a leadership development program for youth which brings a truly awesome day camp to kids across the region. These are important ministries, and we invite you to read their news.



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Camp Lau-Ren is Ready for 2024

By Bruce Patterson

Last summer 472 campers attended one of Camp Lau-Ren's eight week-long camps and the two-night Tadpole Camp. So far this year, registrations are outpacing last year. After being closed for two years due to the pandemic, Camp Lau-Ren re-opened in 2022. Camper numbers have been increasing each year. Camp Lau-Ren has come back strong since the pandemic.

What attracts campers to Camp Lau-Ren in ever increasing numbers? In 2022, a survey was sent to camper families of the youngest campers who attend the Tadpole Camp. In no particular order, here are some of the top things that attract and keep campers coming back to Camp Lau-Ren.

One hundred percent of respondents felt that their child's summer camp experience was positive and felt that Camp Lau-Ren was good value for the money. The most memorable camper experiences included; campfires, beach day, backwards meal, counsellors, learning to climb the big Camp Lau-Ren Rock, being a jumper (serving food and washing dishes), canoeing, the food, and crafts. Responses to the question, "What did your camper not like at camp?" included; nothing, how short camp was and how cold the water in the Ottawa River was.

The vast majority of campers plan to return next summer. Final comments included thanking the volunteers, counsellors, summer staff and all who had a hand in providing the experience of a lifetime to campers. Some young campers already expressed an interest in becoming counsellors when they get older.

Anyone who is interested in becoming involved with Camp Lau-Ren as a volunteer, leader, Board member, fundraiser or property volunteer is encouraged to contact Executive Director Steve McCulloch at ExecutiveDirector@camplau-ren.rocks. Bring a friend to our Saturday, June 8 Open House from 11-2. There will be tours, crafts, a free BBQ and more. Visit www.camplau-ren.com for more information.



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Summer 2024 Camp Lau-Ren Schedule

(Age as of December 31, 2024.)



Tadpole Camp (6-8 years) July 4-6
Jr./Int. A Camp (8-13 years) July 7-12
Int. A Camp (11-13 years) July 14-19
Jr. Camp (8-11 years) July 21-26
Girls' Camp (8-12 years) July 28-Aug. 2
Jr./Int. B Camp (8-13 years) Aug. 4-9
Int. B (11-13 years) Aug. 11-16
Sr. Camp (14-15 years) Aug. 18-23



Leader-In-Training (LIT) Camp (15 years as of July 1, 2024) Aug. 18-23

Register online at www.camplau-ren.com



ACCREDITED MEMBER
ONTARIO CAMPS ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY
JUNE 8 2024



**CAMP LAU-REN
OPEN HOUSE**

210 Lau-Ren Rd.
Laurentian Hills ON
11am - 2pm

Welcome to Camp Lau-Ren! Walk the beach, see a camper's cabin, the campfire area, climb the famous Rock. Have your questions answered. Camp Lau-Ren is 10 km West of Deep River ON on the Ottawa River.

WWW.CAMPLAU-REN.COM

FRIENDS OF CAMP LAU-REN NO BAKE BAKE SALE

Help raise funds for camper showers.



Everyone loves a bake sale!

What: Contribute the cost of making a bake sale item or what you would spend to buy baked goods.

When: Now until the end of August 2024.

How: Donate online with Visa or MasterCard at: <https://campl Lauren.campbraingiving.com/> After entering an amount, direct your donation to "No bake bake sale Camper Showers". Thank you!



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Welcome to Rideau Hill Camp!

Camp is a wonderful place that helps children, of all ages, grow by providing a positive, supervised, and safe environment. Research shows that camping is good for children's mental and physical well being. Within faith-based camps there is the encouragement of personal growth, discovering values and purpose in life, as well self reflection, and making positive relationships.

Rideau Hill Camp shares the love of nature and God's amazing work through individual exploration with campers and staff. With the support of summer staff, campers get to move through daily rotations of canoe, swimming, arts & crafts and rec & nature. Daily morning watch, discovery time, and vespers are led by our volunteer chaplains.

Rideau Hill Camp has created memories for campers and staff since 1948 where lifelong connections have been made. Both campers and staff return year after year for a little more of the RHC magic.



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RIDEAU HILL CAMP

LIVE, SHARE, GROW



Our United Church overnight camp is located on the the Rideau River. We take pride in our diversity and support campers in all faiths. We offer canoeing, swimming, Arts & Crafts, and Rec & Nature, daily Vespers, campfires, and delicious meals.

Join us for an unforgettable summer!

Leader in training 15-16yrs July 2-5 \$450

Intermediate 12-14yrs July 7-12 \$600

Junior A 8-12yrs July 14-19 \$600

Family all ages July 21-24 price varies

PeeWee 6-10yrs July 24-26 \$250

Junior B 8-12yrs July 28-Aug 2 \$600

PeeWee Plus 7-11yrs Aug 6-9 \$350

Senior 13-15yrs Aug 11-16 \$600

REGISTER NOW



Contact Us

613-826-2046



Visit Our Website

rideauhillcamp.com

Registration



Website



Rideau Hill Camp
3560 River Road, P.O. Box 1876



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Golden Lake Camp

Golden Lake Camp is a fun and affordable overnight camp for boys and girls ages 6-18.

Golden Lake Camp is one of two children's camps operated by the United Church of Canada in the upper Ottawa Valley. The camp is located on Hwy 60, twenty minutes west of Eganville on the lovely shores of Golden Lake. Our friendly staff includes a dedicated directing team, trained counsellors, qualified lifeguards and creative program staff. Our staff-to-camper ratio is better than 1:3. We operate as a Christian camp where everyone is encouraged to explore ideas of faith through singing, stories, skits and open dialogue. All beliefs and perspectives are respected.

Our summer camp mission statement is "To provide a fun and safe Christian camp experience that campers will love!"



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2024 Summer Schedule

We're excited to offer four weeks of Golden Lake Camp this summer! Space is limited so we recommend registering as soon as possible!

We can't wait to register your camper for their fantastic summer camp experience!

July 3 to 6	Scamper Camp	Ages 4 - 7
July 7 to 13	1 Junior Camp	Ages 7 - 11 (Both Junior camps are now full. Please email registergoldenlake@gmail.com to be added to the waiting list.)
July 14 to 20	Intermediate Camp	Ages 12 - 15
July 21 to 27	2 Junior Camp	Ages 7 - 11 (Both Junior camps are now full. Please email registergoldenlake@gmail.com to be added to the waiting list.)

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Camp Awesome

Camp Awesome is a leadership opportunity for youth and young adults, who create an “Awesome” day camp for kids! Each week, this camp travels to two congregations.

Hey United church friends,

Summer is on its way, and Camp Awesome as well! With fun, friends, and fantastic memories Camp Awesome has it all! We're thrilled to announce that registration is now open for our exciting summer camp program, and we want YOU to help us spread the word.

On top of the regular day camp for campers, Camp Awesome is offering a new program this Summer. Our LIT (Leader In Training) week will strive to teach leadership to the youth within our community in a fun and exciting way.

We're reaching out to ask you to share this about Camp Awesome with your congregation, friends and family and even your neighbourhood social media.

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Sincerely,

Your Super Awesome and Super Cool Coordinators



Water day is even a fun way to keep cool!



Sometimes it's nice to cool off in the shade!

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Camp Awesome Summer 2024



CAMP Awesome

**\$175
Week**
*August 6-9
\$140

Fun ♥ Faith ♥ Friendship



**Leaders in Training Camp
July 8-12 @ Kitchissippi United**

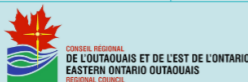
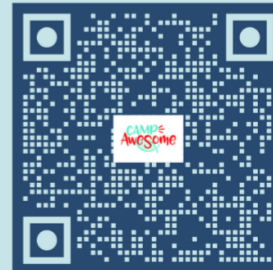
This summer we are hosting a 1 week Leaders in Training Camp filled with fun team building, leadership development and faith formation activities for your teens aged 12-15.

Kids Camps camp-awesome.ca

July 8-12	Emmanuel United
July 15-19	Orleans United
July 15-19	Grace United-Chelsea QB
July 22-26	Barrhaven United
July 22-26	Knox United
July 22-26	St. Paul's United-Perth
July 29-August 2	Bells Corners United
July 29-August 2	First United
August 6-9*	Mackay United \$140
August 6-9*	Bells Corners United \$140
August 12-16	Rideau Park United
August 12-16	Julian of Norwich Anglican



Register Here



**Full & Partial Bursaries available.
For information email:
campawesomeottawa@gmail.com**