



# The Views



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*The Camp Outlook Newsletter — Spring 2017*

## Summer Update

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Yet another Outlook summer is in the making, and we are beyond excited to get it launched! As we fondly look forward to countless adventures in Algonquin and Frontenac Parks this summer, we reflect on the past few months since we shut the door of our Nelson street home.

We have been very fortunate to utilize the St. James Anglican Church as our office and storage space over the last months. As always, we are incredibly grateful to all the wonderful people who graciously support the foundation of Outlook. With this support, we have been able to paddle along as usual and pull some of our big dreams into fruition.

Some updates are that the number of staff has been slightly reduced as this allows us to increase the quality of our program. We have hired a total of 17 passionate and dedicated staff who will be arriving at the Nelson street house shortly to begin training.

We have been blessed with a record number of enthusiastic campers applying earlier than ever before. This has acted as a reminder of why we do the work we do and seems a testament to how much our program has developed. It is thanks to our returning and ever-growing number of campers that Outlook is continuing to thrive.

In terms of developments for the summer, we have been building upon the training schedule for staff which past directors have laid a solid foundation

for. Some significant additions are finding facilitators who will be providing us with more in-depth training on how to foster social and emotional well-being of youth in group dynamics.

This year we are continuing our 5-day introductory trips to Frontenac Park which were introduced last year and proved to work out well as many of the campers from last year's introductory trips will be returning this year. We will also be running Internship trips again to maintain relationships with long-term Outlook campers who are now over 18.



This year we have been working to sustain our connections with local organizations such as the Kingston Community Health Centre with whom we will be running newcomer youth partnership trips again. Partnership trips allow us to reach out to marginalized populations in the Kingston community and create specialized trips for youth who often know each other prior to trip.

Another important update is that Outlook's image has changed! This year's trips will be rolling out of Kingston in a sky blue bus, so keep a look out for that!

We have continued to make connections with Algonquin Elders to teach about Algonquin Park History and train our staff on First Nations, Metis, and Inuit cultures so that we can better support the significant amount of youth on our trips with First Nations, Metis and Inuit background. We look forward to continuing these community connections over years to come and are very thankful to all of our amazing trainers who generously volunteer their time each year.

That's all for now as we load up the boats and float closer toward a summer filled with starry nights, muddy portages and a whole lot of joyful adventures. We are so unbelievably excited to see where this adventure takes us and can't wait to see the campers again this year!

Happy paddling to you all. ☀

**Winter Update**  
**Steph Benoit and**  
**Taera McGauley,**  
**Winter Directors 2016/2017**

Dear Outlook friends,

As our winter season comes to an end, we find ourselves reflecting on yet another fun and exciting semester with Outlook.

Overall, this year has seen a lot of changes - transitioning into another office space, reaching out to a larger camper database, doubling the number of overnight camping trips in the fall semester, and hosting regular weekend events for the first time in the winter semester. At the end of it all, we find ourselves both exhausted and incredibly proud of what our staff has been able to accomplish this year.

In the winter semester alone, we've managed to fill over 70 camper spots, and have hosted a number of new activities including skating and board games at Market Square, cheering on the Kingston Frontenacs at the K-Rock Centre, tie-dyng t-shirts and other crafts, wagon rides to the Sugar Bush at Little Cataraqui, cooking pancakes and feeding the birds at Lemoine Point, overnight winter camping at Queen's University Biology Station, and hiking and relishing in the view at Rock Dunder.

As the winter activities come to an end, we find campers beginning to become more and more excited about summer, a sentiment that we share.

Reflecting on the fun we've had this year with our campers, we owe an overwhelming thank you to both our donors and our staff. To our donors, we get to see first-hand what a huge difference your support makes.

Because of you, we have the means to help our campers become their own leaders, we have the opportunity to establish meaningful relationships within our community, and we have the ability to sustain a strong connection with the outdoors. We are grateful to have had these opportunities, and we owe the progress of our program to you.

To our staff, we couldn't be more proud. Your dedication to the program, consideration for others, hard work, patience and understanding does not go unnoticed. We've asked so much from you, and yet you continue to give us more. You are truly the heart of our winter program. Thank you for all that you've done, and that you continue to do.

Bring on Summer! ☀

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