

THE VIEWS

2024 EDITION



Photo by James Jin

"Keep close to Nature's heart... and break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean."

-John Muir

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Dear Outlookers,

After our AGM in October, we want to take a moment to thank two members of the 2023-2024 board, James Seery and Gord Deans, who have now completed their time with us. Their invaluable contributions and dedication to Camp Outlook have helped shape our success, and we're deeply grateful for their years of service.

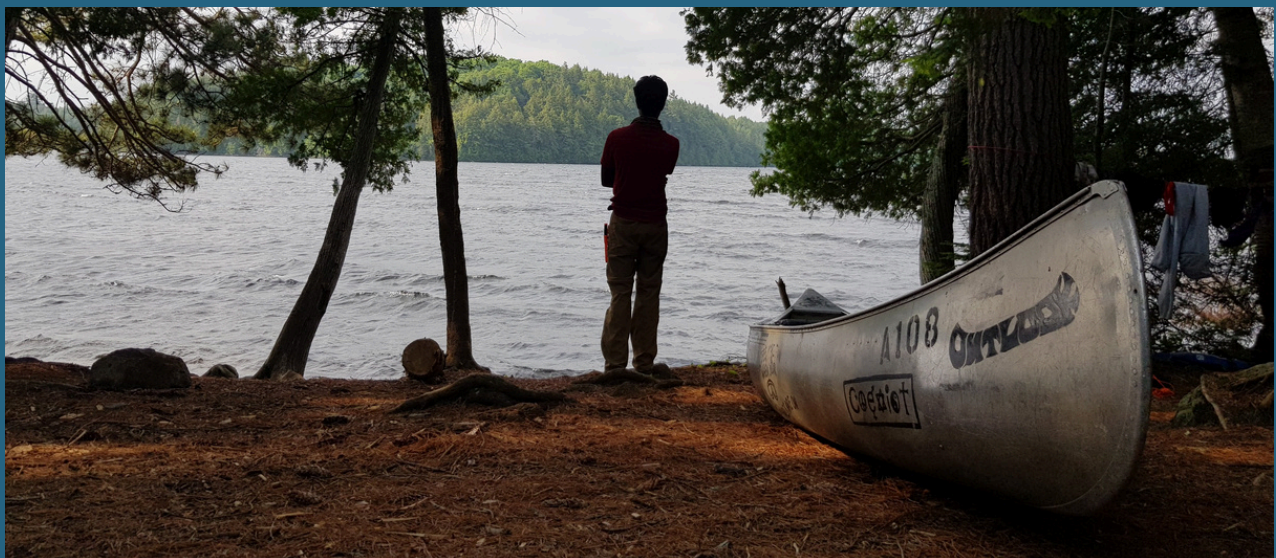
We're also excited to welcome Manan Devpurkar (Summer '22, SCD '23, WCD '23/24), Asher Lisus (Summer '18), and Robert Patterson (Summer '05, Winter '05/06) to the board. We look forward to their insights and leadership as we continue to grow and serve our community.

As always, this time of year is crucial for Camp Outlook, as we receive the majority of donations that support our programs. If you're able, we encourage you to contribute to one of our funds. The Operating Fund helps cover essential costs like food, equipment, and housing, while the Stability Fund is used for unexpected challenges and larger purchases, such as our bus.

Donations made through CanadaHelps provide an immediate charitable receipt. Please include a note indicating which fund you'd like your donation to go towards.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful 2025,

The Camp Outlook Board of Directors



2025 SUMMER CAMP DIRECTORS

The search has begun for the 2025 Summer Camp Directors! This is a unique position that requires creativity and resourcefulness to shape the summer program for up to 23 trip leaders and 144 campers. This volunteer position lasts from the time they are appointed in December until the fall of the following year when everything gets wrapped up. The directors are required to be in Kingston from May-August, the rest of the time the role can be completed remotely.

If you're interested in taking on the Summer Camp Director role or know someone who'd be great at it, please get in touch with us at bod@campoutlook.ca soon and we can chat about the role!

2025 SUMMER CANOE TRIP LEADERS

It's nearly time to begin recruiting for our 2025 summer volunteers! If you know anyone who would make an excellent trip leader for our amazing campers, please encourage them to apply! Alumni referrals have proven to be the most effective way to bring in new volunteers.

You can find more information about the role and the application form on our website at campoutlook.ca/summervolunteers.

We'd also appreciate any testimonials or suggestions you might have to help us attract new volunteers.



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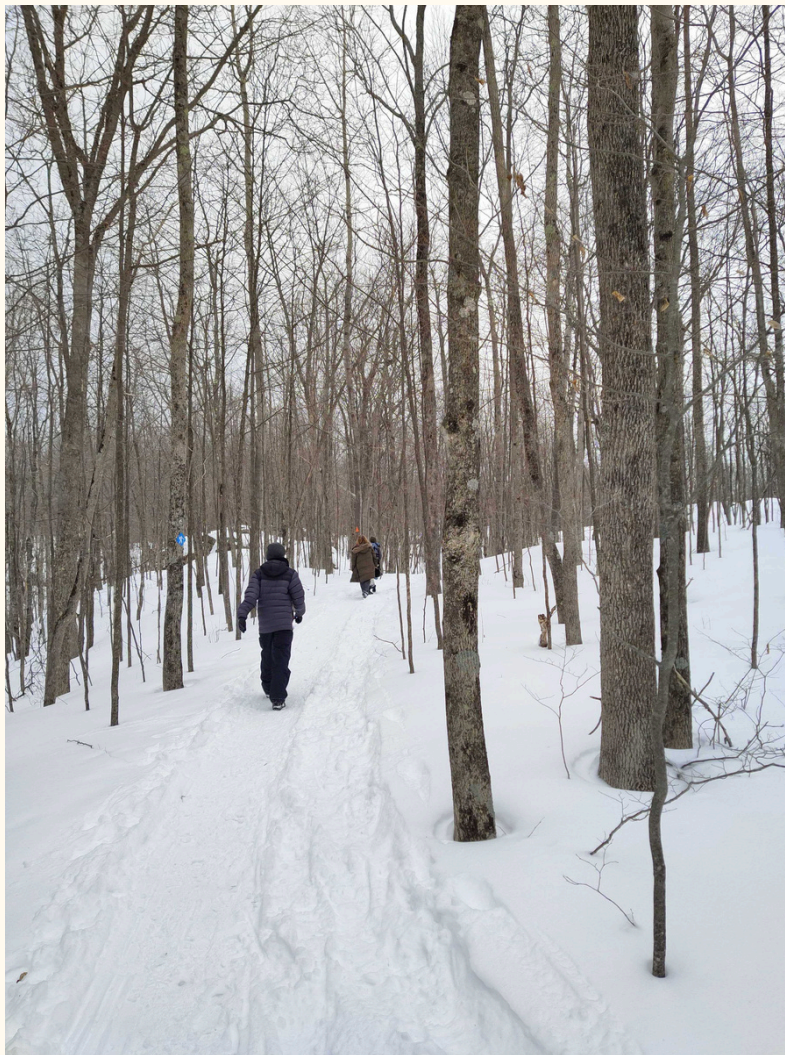


PREPARING FOR FALL/WINTER PROGRAMS

Heidi, the 2024/2025 winter director, was very busy in September preparing for the fall and winter programs. Camp Outlook attended Tricolour Open House and the Queen's Sidewalk Sale to recruit new volunteers. Following that Heidi interviewed and hired 8 new volunteers. We also have 1 returning volunteer! In total we have 10 volunteers for the fall and winter Camp Outlook.

Staff attended an overnight training weekend in early October and have just completed their first camper trip - backpacking in Frontenac Provincial Park!

We are very excited to see all the cool things the winter crew will get up to this year!



A past Winter Outlook trip. Let's hope for more snowy hikes this winter!



LOOKING BACK AT OUR AMAZING SUMMER PROGRAM

Camp Outlook's summer journey begins in December with the hiring of the summer director. The early tasks include hiring volunteers, looking for new camper referrals, collecting forms, and preparing for staff training. As is tradition, on the May long weekend we moved back into our summer home and jumped right into training. Staff training lasts until the end of June, culminating in a staff training trip where the new volunteers get to practice their new skills.

This year we had a solo director, Raven, which brings all sorts of additional challenges to the role. Raven ran a very successful summer program and we are extremely grateful to her for her incredible work, as Outlook was able to successfully send forty-four campers to experience the Canadian wilderness this year.

As Outlook continues to grow and evolve, the Board is always looking to improve and modernize Outlook's policies. We are grateful for the feedback Raven and the other summer staff have provided and continue to provide which we look forward to applying. The practical insights gathered help us to improve and enhance the camp experience for the summers to come.



The 2024 summer staff before heading out on staff trip
Photo by Lucy Mackrell





A calm morning
Photo by James Jin



Paddling in the rain
Photo by Sage Pottier





An indestructible tarp setup
Photo by Harry Stone



Back at the Canoe Lake access point! Time for icecream?
Photo by Sage Pottier





***UNTIL NEXT
TIME...***