

QUALITY OUTDOOR CAMP PROGRAMS ...



...CLOSE TO HOME

KETTLEBY VALLEY - A *RICHILDACA* TRADITION



In the late 1950's, under the leadership of Jean and Bill Babcock, Richildaca was established in Kettleby. For decades Richildaca provided local children with quality day camp programming. Kettleby Valley continues the Richildaca tradition on the same site, providing both day and residential programs for children ages 4 to 14.

OUR COMMITMENT

TO OUR CAMPERS - We provide Campers with a safe environment to build the self-esteem necessary to take on unique challenges, and to develop new skills - both physical and social - in a natural outdoor setting.



TO OUR PARENTS - We offer our services with and emphasis on flexibility and convenience. This commitment is present in our transportation options, the availability of our one week sessions, and the variety of camp programs we offer.

TO OUR STAFF - We provide the chance to develop into leaders while being presented with the opportunity to take on new responsibilities each year they return.



QUALITY CARE WITH AN OUTSTANDING RATIO

Experience, reliability, a love for children and a willingness to put all their energy into their work are a few of the qualities that describe our staff. Many of our staff are former campers, so they understand and appreciate Kettleby Valley from a child's perspective. Each staff member takes part in our pre-camp training week. In addition to pre-camp, our activity staff hold the necessary certifications to safely run each program area.



The result is a hard working team that provides quality care with a ratio that better than 1 staff to every 4 campers.



SAFE AND EXCITING CAMP ACTIVITIES

Safety at each activity is paramount. That's why we ensure that our staff are trained and certified to conduct a safe and exciting program.



We offer something for everyone. Activities include Swimming twice each day in our heated pool (instructional and recreational), Canoeing, Ropes Course, Nature, Archery, Climbing Wall, Bouldering, Arts and Crafts, Drama and More! Special events such as the Highland Games are always a favourite.



OUR FOOD



Eating properly is an important part of Camp life. At Kettleby Valley, we serve meals that are popular with our Campers without sacrificing health and nutrition. Camp staples such as pizza, hamburgers and grilled cheese are a hit with the Campers, while fresh veggies and salad are always available. We can always accommodate campers with allergies and dietary restrictions. Vegetarian options are available.

Meal time is not just a time to eat. It is also an opportunity to develop togetherness. Everyone eats lunch at the same time. This creates a common ground among the Campers that leads to a real sense of community.

DAY CAMP PROGRAM

Our Day Camp program offers Campers more than just a fun day of activities. They also have the chance to develop new friendships and learn to interact positively with their peers.



Campers can look forward to an exciting time of discovery, where skills are developed and strengths are reinforced.



DAY CAMP TRANSPORTATION

Getting to and from Camp is easy! From many communities, our buses pick up and drop off our Campers at their own front door. For those who work for our corporate partners, bus transportation is available from many workplaces. Our Staff supervise the buses and provide activities throughout the trip. For parents who prefer to provide their own transportation, we offer a 'before and after hours' program at the Camp. Campers can be dropped off as early as 7:30 am and picked up as late as 5:30 pm.



RESIDENTIAL CAMP PROGRAM

During our Residential Camp Program, friendships are deepened and a greater level of independence is developed within the Camper. From Sunday to Friday, Campers are housed in our cabins with their Counsellors in the next room.



Great meals are served in the Dining Hall which also houses our centrally located washrooms and showers. Our small Camp population ensures that each child will receive individual care and attention. This six day and five night program is also a great introduction (for both campers and parents) to the concept of being away from home for an extended period of time.



In addition to the daily schedule, Campers will take part in their choice of activities before dinner. After dinner, there is a quick dip in the pool before evening program. With campfires, night hikes, skits, stories and many other traditional events, the Camper's experience is one they will remember for many years to come.



R.I.S.E. PROGRAM

Kettleby Valley is excited to be launching a new program in 2012 called R.I.S.E. This program, for our Senior Residential Campers (those completing grades 6, 7 & 8 in 2012), has been developed to provide Campers with a greater sense of responsibility and independence. With our new program, Campers select a large portion of their daily schedule. The R.I.S.E. program will give Campers the chance to gain a greater level of expertise in activities by focusing on individual skill development.



Each day consists of seven periods. For five of the seven periods, our R.I.S.E. Campers will select the activity in which they will participate. Campers in the R.I.S.E. program will continue to enjoy camp traditions like Highland Games and Red Cross Swim Instruction. There are also new activities such as Wilderness Skills, Paddle Making, Paintball and Night Watch that are exclusive to our R.I.S.E. program.



With added responsibility and independence, the opportunity to select activities and a chance to develop expertise, this program is sure to be popular with our Senior Residential Campers.

LEADER-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM

A strong tradition begins with the development of strong leaders. This development starts with our youngest



Campers and extends to our “LIT’s”. Our “LIT” Program is designed to provide participants with the first stepping stones to the responsibilities of employment.

Individuals who are 15 years of age as of December may apply for a position within the program. Applicants take part in an interview with the Director. Much like our Staff, participants are chosen based on merit.

As “LIT’S” individuals have the chance to learn the skills necessary to lead games, instruct activities, and become effective Counsellors. The participants work directly with the Campers under the supervision of the Counsellors, the Section Directors and the ‘LIT’ Director. This allows our “LIT’s” to gain the guidance necessary to become positive role models. To apply for this program, please contact our office.

CANOE TRIPPING THROUGH ALGONQUIN PARK



Our Canoe Tripping Program provides an enriched experience for our oldest Campers (age 12 to 14). It also furthers their skills in group problem-solving and decision-making.

The 'Explorers' begin their experience at the Camp, where they spend two days learning skills such as packing, cooking, menu planning, canoeing, portaging and navigation. Then, on the morning of the third day, the group departs for Round Lake - the north west corner of Algonquin Park. Through their 5-day trip, the participants will develop an understanding and appreciation for their group-mates, themselves and the natural environment.

ONE TO ONE INTEGRATION

Kettleby Valley offers an integrated program for children who may benefit from having a personal counsellor. We offer this for children with Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, Down Syndrome, or other special needs. The program offers the added assistance and support of having the full attention of a counsellor at all times, while enjoying the same activities and services normally offered at camp.



Please contact us for more information.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION AT KETTLEBY VALLEY

Kettleby Valley is not only a Summer Camp. Our facility is fully winterized and we provide day and residential programs throughout the year. Educational programs for schools, corporations and other organized groups keep us busy from September to June. Please call us to inquire.



Kettleby Valley is located near Aurora, just north of Toronto. The rolling landscape includes mixed woodlands, cedar forests, open fields, streams and waterfront. This beautiful location combined with a variety of activities and outstanding leadership, provides the formula for a great summer experience. For more information please contact us.



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