



A CAMPING TRADITION SINCE 1936 IN ALGONQUIN PARK, ONTARIO

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Dear Fellow Staff Members of 2017:

We're into the final stages of the big countdown to our 82nd summer and we're excited for a wonderful, warm and action-packed summer in Algonquin Park. There is great anticipation for the first time we are together as a staff family on South Tea Lake as we begin to prepare for camper arrival day. Please remember that Activity Leaders and Trip Staff arrive on **Monday, June 19th** and most other staff arrive on **Thursday, June 22nd**.

Pre-camp training will be filled with important sessions with the three of us, other members of Head Staff and Activity Leaders. There will also be plenty of time to have fun getting to know each other. In addition, you will learn how important the issue of safety is to us and will be for each of you. Taking care of other people's children is a huge responsibility that no one should take lightly and injury prevention is crucial. You should all be prepared for your important role this summer in ensuring a safe, creative and nurturing environment for all of our campers.

The 2017 staff group includes a fantastic mix of energetic first-time Tamakwans who are excited to see camp for the first time as well as a great number of returning Tamakwa veterans from recent summers. You will individually and collectively make this summer a truly unique one for all of us. Our new staff members are eager to meet our veterans and will get the opportunity to learn from them all of Tamakwa's history, traditions and spirited songs. Returning staff members should be excited to meet our new staff members, joining us from across Canada and the USA, as well as England, Spain, Costa Rica, Germany, Australia and Ireland. Once pre-camp training week is over, we will all be ready to give the campers of Tamakwa the times of their lives, filled with water sports, land sports, creative arts, new adventures, friendships, canoe trips, cookouts, campfires and, of course, many special surprises.

We know how great it will feel for each of you to be without school work, cell phones and computers upon your arrival at camp. Living in Algonquin Park is such a wonderful privilege for all of us and we hope you enjoy every minute.

Looking forward to a fantastic summer on South Tea,

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