

Adventure in Understanding
A program of the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha

The “Adventure in Understanding” program is an annual six day (five night) cultural canoe experience for young First Nation and non-native youth ages sixteen to eighteen years old. It is a co-ed canoe voyage along the Trent Severn Waterway from Beavermead Park in Peterborough to Curve Lake First Nation.

The program was developed by the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha with the assistance of the Curve Lake First Nation Youth Committee and is offered with the co-operation of Camp Kawartha and the Canadian Canoe Museum.

Program

1. Sunday

Lunch provided 1PM as Paddlers (plus family, guests, Rotarians) and equipment arrive at “Camping Area” of Beavermead Park

Opening ceremony/introductions Leaders

Family, guests, Rotarians leave Beavermead

Eskimo blanket toss.

Paddlers move to Ecology Park for a private time to begin the experience and choose a tree to take to Curve Lake for final event

Paddlers leave Beavermead, travel over Peterborough Liftlock and up canal to Trent university

Evening “Water Teaching” in Trent teepee

2. Monday

Morning spent at Trent with First Peoples’ House of Learning

Paddle up the Otonabee river to Lakefield

Evening spent on Lakefield College School grounds

3. Tuesday

Cross Katchewanooka and Clear Lakes as well as Young’s Point lock before arrival at Camp Kawartha

Climbing wall and First Nation games and activities

4. Wednesday

First Nation sports at Camp Kawartha before departure for Burleigh Falls and bus to Petroglyphs for teaching

Return to Burleigh Falls and paddle Lovesick Lake to Wolf Island Provincial Park for overnight

5. Thursday

Paddle Lower and Upper Buckhorn Lakes to Curve Lake Pow wow grounds for overnight

Arrival greeted by hand drumming

Drumming with Curve Lake youth during the evening

Wild Rice teaching by James Whetung of Black Duck Wild Rice

6. Friday

Pack up camp

Traditional games around morning campfire

Celebration feast provided by Curve Lake First Nation and closing remarks

Ceremonial tree planting

Event ends approx. 1:30PM

Application forms and further information are available at www.KawarthaRotary.com and pkaiu.wordpress.com

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