



Alumni Newsletter

John Island Camp - Fresh, Clean & Exciting

On October 17th the final group of staff and volunteers left John Island for the last time in 2008. Usually this is a semi-sad time as everyone reflects on a great summer after a week of hard work closing and cleaning the camp for the winter. But this year it had a different feel as we looked over the work that has been done over the past three years. As we left John Island for the last time, we were more than pleased as we looked out over cabin row. Six new cabins on the east side of camp, a new shower house, new composting toilets, and a feeling that camp was now a fresh, clean and exciting place to be. Campers, parents, staff and visitors have all echoed these sentiments as the John Island Redevelopment Program has reached the halfway point.

A guiding principle since the renewal program began was that adequate funding would have to have been received before each

new cabin or other facility was built. With just over \$700,000 of our \$895,000 campaign goal reached to date from alumni and friends of the camp, we have been able to keep the overall program on schedule.

We are not where we have to be, however, with the campaign. We must reach our goal if we are to see all of the improvements completed. If you have not yet taken advantage of the opportunity to contribute to this exciting project, now is the time we need your support. Now is the time to ensure that the magic of John Island that you experienced is passed on to the campers of tomorrow.

We ask that you consider what you may be able to contribute to the continued impact that John Island Camp will have on the lives of thousands of youth today and tomorrow - just as it added to your life in years past.



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**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS TO ALL
JOHN ISLAND
CAMPERS, STAFF,
PARENTS,
FAMILIES AND
ALUMNI,
AND ALL THE
BEST IN 2009 !**



AN INCREDIBLE IMPACT - HALF A GLOBE AWAY

"I DID IT."

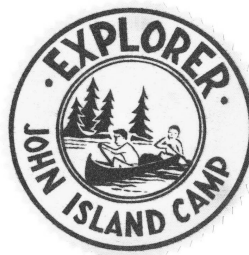
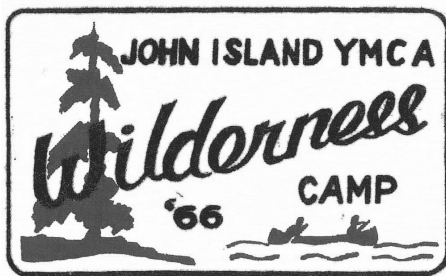
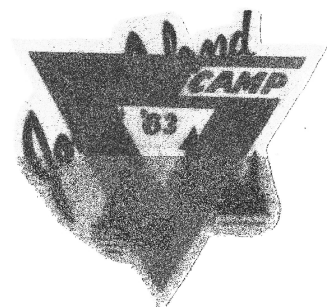
By Gary Gray (Camper, Staff, YMCA Sudbury CEO, Volunteer 1954—Present)

We all have stories that we can tell about a significant impact that John Island Camp has had on the life of a camper - many of us have hundreds of such memories. I ran into Taizo Miake in the supermarket this summer and within minutes we started talking about the same remarkable incident from two decades ago that had a significant impact on both of us.

Taizo was the designer of the original program of both the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto and Science North in Sudbury. He has also played a significant role in the design of Children's Museums and Science Centres around the world. He lives in Sudbury. In 1988, Taizo arranged for 20 children from Japan to attend John Island Camp through the auspices of the National Space and Aeronautics Association of Japan. They believed that children should learn that science is more than technology and John Island Camp was the ideal venue. For two years campers were flown to John Island from Japan for the camping experience. In 1990, it was decided that it would make sense to establish a camp in Japan where more youth could learn, but it had to resemble John Island as much as possible. Don Waddell, Grant Pilkey and Gary Gray were part of a team of local Sudburians that were flown to Osaka, Japan to work with the group from Ogaki in putting together their "John Island" camp.

The first campers came and all was in place. The first day all the campers gathered in their central hall for an opening program. A storyteller from the Japanese public television station stood up and started telling a story about the environment. The children were captivated. Every few minutes the story-teller would call out the name of one of the campers and ask a question. The camper would respond and on went the story. The storyteller called out the name of one young girl and posed a question to her. The girl stood up but said nothing. The question was repeated and again the girl said nothing. Tension mounted as children always responded to adults when asked. After a few more attempts to get the girl to respond, the storyteller reprimanded the girl and went on with the story. Following the event, the organizers of the camp contacted the girl's parents and explained the problem and suggested the girl should go home. The parents begged them to let the girl stay as the little girl had stopped talking a couple of years previous and they thought the camp experience would help her. After allowing the girl to stay, many attempts were made to get the girl to talk, but with no luck. Then the day to use their high ropes course arrived. They had erected a cat walk patterned on the cat walk at John Island with all the possible safety features. One after another, the campers climbed up the ladder to the log across two poles and walked across the log to the other side. All the other campers and staff cheered and yelled support as each camper walked slowly across.

Then it was the turn of the girl who had not talked. The staff suggested she should not be allowed to attempt the catwalk, but our Sudbury team urged them to let her have her turn. She was attached to the safety lines and climbed very slowly up the ladder to the log she was to walk across. She stood very scared on the log as she started her long walk, step by step, across to the other side. The campers and staff cheered her on and shouted words of encouragement as she took longer than the others to reach the far side. Cheers went up as she touched the pole at the end and a smile started to appear on her tense face. She crawled down the finish ladder, turned around to look at all the cheering group at the bottom, smiled broadly and said in Japanese, "I did it!". Her months of silence had miraculously ended with all the cheers and support.



Crests From the 60's

*Left: an early crest designed by Harry Kleinhuis for 1963
Centre: crest for 1966 extended adventure trip from John Island - designed by Gary Gray
Right: the Explorer badge - one of the four camper achievement levels that could be earned by campers in the 1960's - designed by Harry Kleinhuis*

WE WANT YOUR HELP!

After every issue of the Alumni Newsletter, it is exciting to hear that old friends from camp have been in touch with one another.....thanks to reading about someone that they had long since lost touch with. We want your help in letting others that you may not have seen or talked to since camp know where you are. It is simple and only takes a few minutes. Please send an e-mail to us at gary.gray@sudbury.ymca.ca with a bit of information about yourself, including when you were at John Island Camp and what you did when you were there. If you would like to write an article for the newsletter, just let us know and we will work it in. Currently our alumni newsletter mailing list exceeds 700 people so there is sure to be someone who would love to hear about YOU.

WHY DON'T YOU GET A REAL JOB?

BEING A CAMP COUNSELLOR IS THE GREATEST JOB

Political leaders got their start there. Major corporations are led by people who started there. Outstanding professionals claim that it is where they got their start. Our artistic communities are full of individuals who spent years of their youth doing it. **Camp counselling** - the job of our youth that none of us would have sacrificed and that all of us can still look back on with fondness and a sense of pride. But throughout the years a camp counselling job did not pay well and often begged the question from friends and family, "Why don't you get a real job?"

In reality, what could be more of a real job. What other job combines management skills, childcare skills, scheduling skills, human relations skills, outdoor skills, first aid skills and leadership skills while providing an experience rich in fun and friendships and developing new skills - all in a safe environment.

But what attracts today's youth to work during their summer vacation as a camp counsellor? Back in the 50's and 60's counsellors at John Island were often leaders at the "Y" in Sudbury and it seemed only natural to continue their leadership roles at summer camp. Back then, working at John Island did not mean committing an entire summer away from home and city friends. Boys went to camp in July and girls in August. It was a one month commitment. Today, working at John Island for the summer means virtually every day of your summer vacation for high school students, and most of the 4 month summer semester for university students who can begin work in May of each spring. It is a demanding schedule and while the pay is substantially more than during the early years of the camp, it still lacks in comparison with other summer jobs. So why is there such a high demand for these jobs?

We put the question to a number of our 2008 John Island staff and received some fascinating responses. There are a few common threads amongst them. Camp is a "family" and provides an atmosphere that many do not get at home. Camp is the one consistent place or influence in their lives in a world that is changing rapidly around them. Many have personally been positively influenced by camp and want to pass on this positive influence to others.

Here are some quotes from the responses we received:

"...camp is the only really constant place in my life..."

"This island is so special to me because it has been a constant in my life when everything else has been toppled upside down."

"...the staff seemed like one giant family..."

"There is something about camp that makes me feel like I am a better person than I am anywhere else."

"The skills you get working as a counsellor/role model for so many kids for the whole summer are the ones you simply aren't going to get in any other setting. It makes you confident, responsible, patient, kind, trustworthy, organized, creative....the list goes on forever."

"The main reason I wanted to be on staff is simply because of all the fond memories I have of the counsellors over the years and how they've impacted my life."

"Being on staff gave me a new outlook on life, and has made me an even greater person of responsibility and understanding."

"It has become a home, and the friends I have made there are like my family."

"Becoming a counsellor at John Island was the greatest moment of my life."

"JIC has opened my eyes to many new things and it showed me that I can be a great counsellor."

We could go on and on, but these few quotes from the staff of 2008 tell the tale. We hope some of the experiences they describe bring back a few fond memories of your years at John Island.....back in the days when you had a "real job"! The reasons for being there may have changed over the years, but much has remained constant.

SPRING WORK WEEKEND 2009 - MAY 8th to MAY 10th

EVERYONE WELCOME TO VOLUNTEER!

May 8th to 10th are the dates YOU want to remember in 2009. This is the weekend when John Island Camp gets a good kick-start for the season with an "All Are Welcome Work Party". Alumni are especially welcome as the weekend gives you (and your family) an opportunity to get back to the Island and spend a weekend reminiscing while helping to get the camp in top shape for the camping season ahead. There will be a variety of jobs to be done - something appropriate for all ages. There will be painting, cleaning, brushing, log cutting, carpentry, and a variety of other jobs at all levels of skill. We will provide the tools, but if you have a favorite hammer, saw, or other tools you feel comfortable using, bring them along. It will also be a chance to meet the new John Island Camp Director Pete Kerigan. If you are interested in coming along this May - rain or shine, send an e-mail to pete.kerigan@sudbury.ymca.ca and we will make sure you get all the information.

THE EXCITEMENT OF CAMP NEVER DIES

A 20 YEAR PARTNERSHIP WITH "REACH FOR THE RAINBOW"

By: Julian Stein (Camper 1990 - 1998, Staff 1999 - 2001)

When asked to write something for this newsletter I started to think back on my time at JIC and how it has affected my life. My first year at JIC was in 1990 when I was only 8 years old. I remember each cabin going one by one to meet the Director in his office. After being a camper for 10 years, I then became a staff member for another three. I still think that my years of leadership training through the Greenway and Norquay program were some of my best. When I first started at JIC I went through a program called Reach for the Rainbow that helped the camp integrate disabled campers into all of their regular activities. It was great to see this program grow at JIC over time and how the camp made changes to accommodate me whenever possible. Not that getting around an island made out of sand in a wheelchair is ever easy.

As I read through older newsletters I started to realize that a few of the things I remember from JIC are no longer part of the camp; memories such as crossing the channel in "Earl M" in a big storm or riding the tractor from the low water docks into the camp when I first arrived each summer. Even though some of these things may be gone what I look back on most fondly are things that will always be a part of JIC. The campers and staff are really what makes JIC the amazing place that it still is after all these years. I always looked forward to going to camp all year and always hated when it was finally time to go home again. I can't imagine how things might have been different for me without JIC being a part of my life all those summers. I often think about what it would be like to go back and how it might be different now. I'm sure I would be surprised at some of the changes to buildings or equipment around the island. However I also think that the feeling I would get just being there would not have changed at all.

I currently live and work in downtown Toronto and am no longer involved in camping. Despite this I feel that the lessons and friendship that I got from JIC will be with me always. To this day I still feel excited to tell new friends stories from my time there.



Julian Stein (top) and counsellor Anthony Grotoli - 1990

Editor's Note: In 2008 John Island Camp celebrated the 20th anniversary of its association with Reach for the Rainbow, a partnership which started in 1989. John Island Camp was the second camp in Ontario to partner with Reach for the Rainbow. Julian joined us in our first year when he was 8 years old and became an important part of our John Island family for 12 years.

Reach for the Rainbow
Seeing beyond disabilities since 1983

Request From "Reach for the Rainbow"

Reach for the Rainbow is extremely excited to announce the formation of the Reach for the Rainbow Sudbury Regional Council! Our goal is to increase opportunities for children and youth with disabilities in Ontario, as well as shape a new future for the children of Reach for the Rainbow in our integrated programs and camps. We are looking for past 1:1 support workers who might have worked with one of our Reach for the Rainbow participants at YMCA John Island Camp to join our Sudbury Regional Council. If this sounds like something you are interested in, please feel free to contact Reach for the Rainbow at 416-503-0088 and ask for Brett Rutledge (Ext 150) or Jamieson Scott (ext 140) and they will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.



Left: The Old Milk Wagon

Jack Soule driving the old milk wagon used during the initial construction years - circa 1953.

Right: The First Tractor

The tractor got stuck in the sand on the beach often - here Director Cec Woods tries to get it moving again during the first year of John Island operations in 1954.



ROCK GROUP WITH JIC BEGINNINGS

WATCH FOR "THE FIRST AID KIT" IN YOUR TOWN

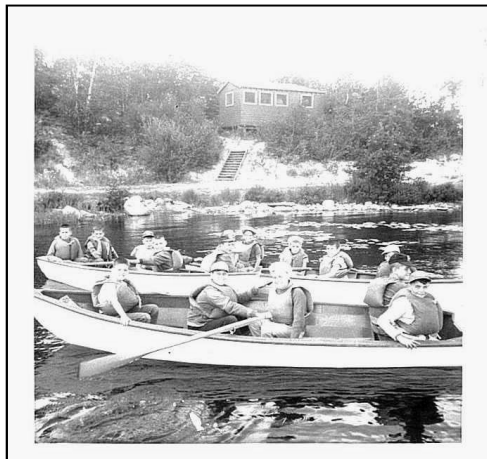
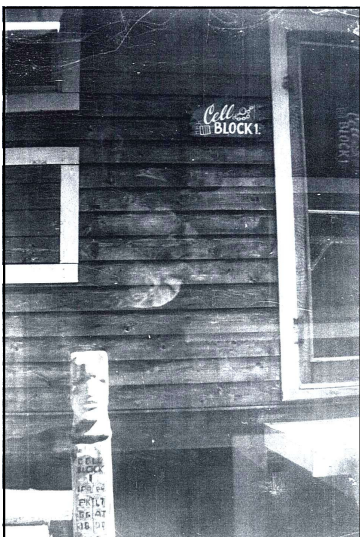
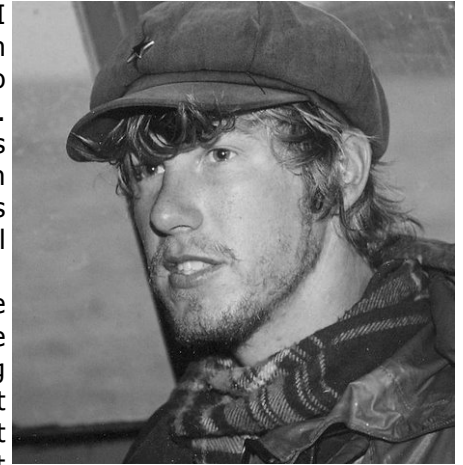
By: Darryl Smith (Camper 1989 - 1998, Staff 1999 - 2006)

My first year on staff was 1999. I came to camp with a pile of goofy stuff that I had picked up at Value Village in the three day run up to camp after hanging out with Matt Davidson (Matty) in North Bay and then in Sudbury. He had a guitar. We got to camp. Tony Higgins had a guitar. Matt Perpick had a guitar. They could all play. Girls liked them. I was immediately jealous. So I spent the summer swiping guitars when I could and getting someone to teach me chords. I was that guy on the porch of cabins trying to hammer out the ugliest versions of songs with the long pauses between chord changes as I forced my fingers to adjust to new and unnatural positions.

I convinced my mom to buy me a guitar for Christmas. I practiced up over the course of my senior year in high school. Of course I had missed that large formative period that every guitar playing teenager has, coming home after school and playing along to records until dinner time. Instead I had eight months and no inherent musical ability. I showed up in the summer of 2000. I thought I had it somewhat together. I had been practicing; I was ready for the small modicum of fame that could be garnered at a campfire playing backing chords to the more talented heroes of my year. But we were all shocked when some little red haired kid arrived from Halifax and showed us all up. Conor Hancey is the closest thing that John Island has ever had to its own rock star. He could play and could sing like he'd smoked since he was born and he knew the songs to play: all of Bob Dylan's catalogue, all of Neil Young's catalogue, other odd secret contenders, and a consistently expanding repertoire of contemporary yet critically viable (by camp standards) winners to keep his audience happy. So there I was back at square one. Still outdone by my friends, and all of us standing in the shadow of this newcomer. I practiced a little bit, tried to get better, but eventually figured out I was better off hitching my wagon to the new kid. And by my third and fourth year on staff, I was now Conor's wing man, playing and singing along. I also decided that if I couldn't sing or play guitar it was time to up the showmanship and I consequently developed a flair for bigger and more elaborate campfire productions.

Eventually I went to Glasgow, Scotland to play in a band that I had been playing in while at University. We failed. But in that failure was born the foundations of The First Aid Kit. Conor had taken a year off school and had come out to visit in Scotland. We started writing some songs while he was visiting. I was headed to Law School in the fall out in Halifax; Conor needed to finish up at Dalhousie. Matty was going to be done school. We knew he could write songs and had piles of them stored up since high school. We convinced him to come along. The summer of 2006 was the last summer for all of us at camp. We had a plan. It was called Halifax in September. A wrench was thrown in when Matty was denied graduation at first, but a new plan was born and it was called Halifax in November, and that one went through. We spent the winter in a tiny apartment in the north end of Halifax with plastic on everything and no heat and weekend long fights over five second parts of songs that were being recorded. But we made a record and we made a band. We've played shows now in Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and played the Halifax Pop Explosion two years in a row. We just finished a new record and it should be out in January and we'll be coming through Ontario in March.

Our name came from camp too; we almost called the band The Dining Hall (actually), but figured it was too ridiculous. After several aborted name changes we just settled into The First Aid Kit and we're pretty happy with the name and we're pretty happy with the band.



Left: Mississagi Cabin in 1954 - originally called "Cell Block 1", totem carved by Ivan Frazer with all camper's initials **Centre: JIC's sister camp "Y-Land"** on Lake Ramsey in Sudbury, closed in 1972 **Right: the back harbour sawmill at John Island in 1910, wood stacked ready for spring transport**

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Ian and Fraser Gray - sons of early YMCA Program Director **John Gray** (1948-58) joined the spring work party at John Island this year. They were lending their carpentry skills to the major renovation of Papineau cabin which was ready for use this past summer. Ian, who is currently living in London Ontario is a professional boat model maker and has many Great Lakes vessels amongst his commissioned models. Fraser is living in Florida. Both brothers recall their early visits to the camp with their father in the early 1950's when the Y's Men's Club built the camp. Ian is currently working on a model of the Kismet, the boat which was used to transport campers from Spanish to the camp from 1954 into the 1970's. The Kismet model will be prominently displayed at the camp.

Amr Abdelhady - one of our first exchange staff with the YMCA of Egypt in 1980 and 1981, recently was married in Cairo to his fiancé Noha. Amr has been continuing his support to John Island by getting involved with our John Island and Falcona staff when they go to Egypt as part of the exchange. Amr has graduated from university in Cairo and is now employed by Microsoft Egypt.

Erika Lougheed - former John Island Director (2006 - 2008) has decided to become a full-time 'mommy' to her one year old son River. Erika will be staying involved with the YMCA and John Island and we hope to hear from her about her new role as a stay-at-home mother. Meanwhile River has set his sights on becoming a counsellor in 2024 when he is 17.

Don Waddell - former John Island Director (1977 - 1979) has been working with the camp to make the camper cabins and other buildings solar powered. The new Gowan cabin has already been equipped with solar panels and solar powered lights. The majority of cabins should be switched over to solar power as a part of the John Island renewal project.

The Grottoli Family - Close to two decades of John Island camping has had an impact on the Grottoli's who, according to their father, are all singing John Island songs to their children. When they get together they love to talk about the wonderful summers they had on that magic island. All vow to send their children there. Here is where the four Grottoli's are now:

Andrea Grottoli (1975-1989: camper and staff) Andrea has a PhD in Marine Biology. She just got married to Jim Bauer this past May 2008 and had a baby girl (Marcella Suzanne Bauer Grottoli) on Nov 6th. She is a professor in the School of Earth Sciences at The Ohio State University and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure this past fall. Andrea teaches Oceanography, as well as Introduction to Earth Sciences at the undergraduate level, and teaches Stable Isotope Biogeochemistry at the graduate level. Her research on coral reefs is going very well. She has studied corals in Hawaii, Panama, Palau, Puerto Rico, Guam, and Saipan and will be conducting research on the effects of climate change on coral health this summer in Little Cayman in the Caribbean. You can visit Andrea's website at www.earthsciences.osu.edu/~grottoli.1 and you can reach Andrea at grottoli.1@osu.edu

Lisa Kulenkamp (1975-2003: camper, staff and volunteer) is a speech pathologist with the Brampton School Board. She lives in Etobicoke with her husband and 20 month old boy, Nathaniel (Nate). Lisa is expecting her second boy in April. Lisa can be reached at pocaloge@hotmail.com

Anthony Grottoli (1979-1993: camper and staff) graduated from Waterloo in Mechanical Engineering and after working at Whistler for seven years went to Western for his teaching degree and taught at De Lasalle College in Toronto. Anthony is married to Lana, another speech pathologist and they are the parents of a son, Kolya. They currently live in Whitehorse. Anthony can be reached at bchomp@hotmail.com.

Carla Grottoli (1986-2003: camper and staff) graduated from Lakehead University in Environmental Science, spending summers as a forest fire fighter. She decided to go back to her first love of music and received an Honours Degree in Music at Laurentian University. She also received her teaching certificate in Christchurch, New Zealand. She now teaches at Marymount Academy in Sudbury. She is the proud mother of a three year old daughter Simone Yolanda. Carla can be reached at grottolic@hotmail.com

Suzy Wilde (2001-2005: camper & staff) has written a beautiful song for John Island and has recently recorded it in Toronto. Suzy wrote an article for the John Island Alumni Newsletter last spring. As part of her contribution to our John Island Renewal program, CD's of this song will soon be available. Suzy is currently taking music in college in Toronto and is a member of the group "Stonefox" which performs regularly in Toronto venues. Suzy has also been heard often on CBC national radio performing by herself and with her mother, Nancy White. You can check out some of Suzy's work at <http://www.myspace.com/suzywildemusic> More news about Suzy's John Island CD in the next newsletter – worth watching for!

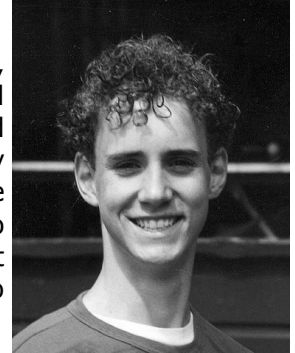
LEADERSHIP TRAINING WITH AN IMPACT

DON'T SAY BOO, SAY WOW !!!

By: Robbie Reid (Camper & Counsellor 1988 - 1993)

I still remember quite clearly my experience as a young "Leader In Training", and the challenges I faced at JIC. Veronica and Vinnie (our fearless leaders) informed us that we would be challenged with a 12 hour solo, where we would be boated off to a small rocky island all our own, to be left behind with nary a watch to tell the time. And that we would have to orienteer to Lost Lake, again dropped off with only a compass and a direction in which to head. On top of that, we would practice being a camp counselor by actually watching over campers. And we would have to teach an activity session of archery to the campers. AARRRRRRGh, what did I get myself into?

And then the big whopper was announced, a 4 day river canoe trip carrying all of our gear, paddling UPSTREAM the entire way, along a part of some ferocious river called "Aux Sable". And there would be 57 portages on our journey. And I would have to carry 2 canoes at once. And obviously we were going to eat only olives because we were bringing 24 olive jars. I was pretty sure that "Aux Sable" was Spanish for you are going to die at the bottom of a river bed (Aux Sable is actually French for "with sand"). Our leader Vinnie was obsessed with Michael Jackson songs so I feared I would be forced to sing songs at an unbearable high pitched tenor (and as a pubescent lad I can only tell you that my crackling voice was screechy enough that house cats would try to mate with me). Turns out they exaggerated a little. There were only 55 portages.



Well we faced that river and each of the challenges set upon us. One by one we conquered each of them. The 12 hour solo? It is still one of the best things I have ever done (right up there with the junior counsellor 24 hour solo a year later). And the Aux Sable river? Well, we paddled downstream after all. And it was one of the best adventures I have ever had. That summer at JIC taught me to laugh at misfortune and to smile even when things go wrong. To this day when I deal with challenges that are too foreboding, too overwhelming, or altogether too yucky icky sticky pooh, I remember the advice given to me by Veronica and Vince and I have taken it to heart: **"Don't say boo, say WOW"!!!**

Map showing location of John Island. Shaded portion described below

ON JOHN ISLAND

In the North Channel of Lake Huron
6 1/2 Miles from Cutler, Ontario

272 Acres of Land within 45 minutes of Cutler, Ontario, by gasoline launch. Two trains through Cutler each way daily. Mail steamer between Gore Bay and Cutler passes close by camp. Arrangements could be made to have this boat call at camp when desired. Ideal for summer Camp or Home.

There are three large houses on this property in excellent condition, also stables, ice house, wharves, and two additional cottages which can be let for summer.

Property is well sheltered on one side with inland bays and lake. Safe boating and fishing regardless of outside weather conditions. On the south side of the property facing a wide expanse of Lake Huron is an excellent sandy beach with clean bottom. Excellent bathing.

Price \$10,000

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LEFT: a copy of the real estate listing for the John Island Camp property from July of 1923. The sawmill had burnt down 5 years before, and the logging operation was no longer viable. The 272 acre property was available for \$10,000 and was subsequently purchased by the Bell Family of Sudbury. In 1950 the property was given to the YMCA in Sudbury by the Bell Family and construction began on John Island Camp which opened in 1954.

OWN A PIECE OF JIC HISTORY OLD SAILBOATS FOR SALE

The venerable CL14's that have been the core of the John Island sailing program for more than 25 years have been retired, and replaced by new catamarans. We have 4 fiberglass CL14's that we would like to get rid of. If you would like to own a usable piece of history for \$250.00, we can arrange to have the boat ready for pickup at camp or in Sudbury. All four boats are usable with full sails, but need minor repairs and tender loving care. Parts are still available through marine outfitters and boat dealers. Absolutely no warranty or guarantees.



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS & NEW EQUIPMENT

THE RENEWAL WORK WILL CONTINUE IN 2009



Four Building Pictures - clockwise from top left: the new Dewdney cabin built in 2008 is the fifth new cabin replacement on the boys side of camp, the final new cabin on the east side of camp is Mississagi which will be completed in the spring of 2009, the exterior of the new kitchen added to the west end of the Dining Hall is complete, the interior of the new kitchen will be finished in the spring of 2009 and will be ready for summer use. **Work in 2009:** the kitchen and Mississagi will be completed in 2009, and construction will begin on the first replacement cabins on the girls side of camp - Rainboth and Ivy, the new Rub-A-Dub on the girls side will be started in the spring of 2009 replacing the "P" Tower.



Five Activity Pictures - clockwise from top left: **NEW PROGRAM EQUIPMENT ADDED IN 2008** - new catamaran sailboats, more new canoes for use in camp and on trips, 2 new high ropes course elements, new smaller sailboards for younger campers, and a water trampoline. which is anchored off the beach - an extremely popular addition. **COMING IN 2009** - new climbing wall and replacement equipment for the out-tripping program including tents, packs, paddles, cooking implements and accessories



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