



# The Rock

Camp Lau-Ren's Newsletter



## Camper's Corner

Nine-year-old Drew's first time away from home was at Junior Co-Ed last summer. There was no family around but he felt safe and there was always lots to do. Drew said he liked to start his day in the Jubby Dining Hall with waffles and bacon for breakfast. He learned about archery for the first time and enjoyed art activities in the craft hall. Beach time was something to look forward to, even though the water was a bit cold some days. One of the best parts of the day was tuck time. Drew says he really enjoyed a game where the campers had to find all of the counsellors, "kind of like hide and seek". After a busy day and campfire, he would head back to Calvin-Routliffe cabin for bed with his new friends. He said the mattress was a little too hard for his liking but it won't keep him from returning to Camp Lau-Ren in 2019. Drew hopes to see some friends he made last summer and to make some new ones too!



In 2018, Drew posed for a photo by the iconic Camp Lau-Ren sign just inside the front gate on the road into the camp.

## Registration is open!

A number of registrations for 2019 have already been received. Executive Director Ron Hartnett said that when early registration opened in mid-November, many families had already made the decision to register a camper. By mid-January, 65 were registered. It looks like another great year at Camp Lau-Ren. Families can check out the camp at the Saturday, June 15 Open House from 11 AM - 2 PM. Free BBQ lunch, tours, crafts, a campfire, songs, skits and s'mores! Tour a cabin and see the sandy beach on the Ottawa River. The camp is 10 km West of Deep River at 210 Lau-Ren Road, Laurentian Hills, just off Highway 17.

## Help Send a Kid To Camp

Camp Lau-Ren's fees do not cover the full cost. We rely on the donations of individuals and groups to keep camper fees low. Please donate online at [www.camplau-ren.com](http://www.camplau-ren.com).

## Alumni Spotlight - Evans Harrison



If you have been to Lau-Ren in the past few years, you will recognize the huge Camp Lau-Ren sign featured in the photo on the front page of this issue of The Rock. The man behind this innovative sign is no stranger to Lau-Ren. Evans Harrison is a longtime volunteer at the camp but he was never a camper, counsellor or camp director. In fact, he has never attended a summer camp, his contributions have been behind the scenes. Evans says that former Camp Lau-Ren coordinator Len Norlock, first asked him to volunteer to work on camp renovations and repair. Evans' contributions have included many hours spent on plumbing, including

three bathrooms, installing tire swings and many more hours spent on a variety of jobs over the years. He attributes his motivation to Renton Patterson, with whom he worked on camp projects for many years, as well as served on the property committee with. Evans has also served on the camp board and made substantial financial contributions to the camp. Evans' late wife Ruth, was a camp director in the late 1960s. His son and son-in-law have helped with property jobs and his three children have attended Camp Lau-Ren. His daughter, Cindy, was on summer staff in the 1980s and has helped to train counsellors over the years. She just joined the Camp Lau-Ren Board. The sign was Evans' idea. It is made out of white drainage pipe. He has since retired from the property committee and board. His many contributions to the camp were recognized at the 2017 Alumni Event with the naming of "Harrison" cabin. "I was shocked when a building was named "Harrison" since I never spent a night at camp nor led a group!", says Evans. Through the years, thousands of campers have Evans to thank for the many improvements he has made to the camp's facilities.



### Camp Lau-Ren's 2019 Camp Schedule

- Tadpole Co-Ed (6-8 years) July 4-6
- Jr. Co-Ed A (8-12 years) July 7-13
- Int. Co-Ed A (11-13 years) July 14-20
- Sr. Co-Ed (14-15 years) July 21-27
- Counsellor-In-Training Co-Ed  
(15 years) July 21-27
- Girls' Camp (8-12 years) July 28-Aug. 3
- Jr./Int. Co-Ed (9-13 years) Aug. 4-10
- Int. Co-Ed B (11-13 years) Aug. 11-17
- Jr. Co-Ed B (8-12 years) Aug. 18-24



Evans (second from left) is presented with his sign at the naming of Harrison cabin at the July 2017 Alumni Event with (left to right) Jay McLaren (former camp director), Christina Van Drunen (chair), Ron Hartnett (Executive Director) and Renton Patterson (former property chair).