



An International, Co-Ed,
Residential Camp for
Youth ages 6 to 17

www.wabikon.com

Temagami
(an Ojibway word for
"deep blue water") is
a district rich with
Canadian history.



Location

Camp Wabikon is recognized as one of Ontario's leading summer opportunities for youth. Since 1944, campers from 6 - 17 years of age have been travelling to Temagami to enjoy their summers in this unique part of Ontario. The camp is situated on Temagami Island on Lake Temagami - about 250 miles north of Toronto and is without a doubt one of the finest camp locations in the province of Ontario. With over 3600 miles of Lake Temagami shoreline, 1200 islands and some of the most beautiful wilderness in the world, Wabikon campers share adventure and solitude as they explore the area's majesty.





Margaret and Marcello Bernardo with daughters Mari-Beth Crysler, Megan Milchalski, and son Matthew Bernardo.

Ownership

Owned and operated by Margaret and Marcello Bernardo, with their children, Mari-Beth Crysler, Megan Milchalski and Matthew Bernardo, Wabikon hosts 150 campers in each of 3 camp sessions, offering a secure and relaxed summer break to youth from around the world.

Under the leadership of the Bernardo family since 1980, Camp Wabikon has grown to include a wide range of programs and some of the finest facilities and activities coveted in a well-equipped summer camp. Accredited by both the national and provincial camping associations, Wabikon families are assured of their children's security and comfort in a professional, caring, and well-managed environment.

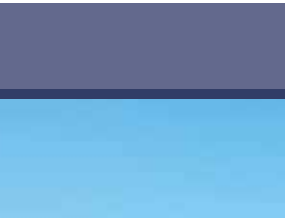
Facilities

- SPACIOUS DINING HALL OVERLOOKING LAKE TEMAGAMI (shown below)
- MEDICAL LODGE FULLY STAFFED
- 22 SPACIOUS CAMPER CABINS
- SHOWERS AND FLUSH TOILETS
- INDOOR THEATRE
- ARTS AND CRAFTS BUILDING
- TRIPPING CABIN
- "OUTPOST" Platform Wilderness Tents
- SPORTS FIELDS
- TENNIS COURTS
- DIVING TOWER
- NATURE CENTRE
- 36' VOYAGEUR CANOE
- MOUNTAIN BIKING & HIKING TRAILS
- BEACH & VOLLEYBALL COURT



Activities

- SWIMMING & SNORKELING
- CANOEING, SAILING, WINDSURFING, KAYAKING, STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING
- SOCCER, LACROSSE, BASEBALL, TENNIS, BASKETBALL, SPEED STACKING, BADMINTON, WATERPOLO, ARCHERY, ULTIMATE FRISBEE & BEACH VOLLEYBALL
- TRIPPING
- DANCES
- MUSIC & DRAMA
- NATURE PROGRAM
- HIKING, FISHING & GEOCACHING
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- PADDLEMAKING & WOODBURNING
- CAMP-CRAFT
- COOK-OUTS
- MOUNTAIN BIKING





Wabikon Staff

A mature and responsible staff is Wabikon's greatest asset. All staff, many of whom were Wabikon campers, are carefully interviewed and screened by the Directors and all are highly qualified and trained in water safety and emergency procedures. All Wabikon staff are required to have their Bronze Cross and/or Instructor Level of swim qualification.



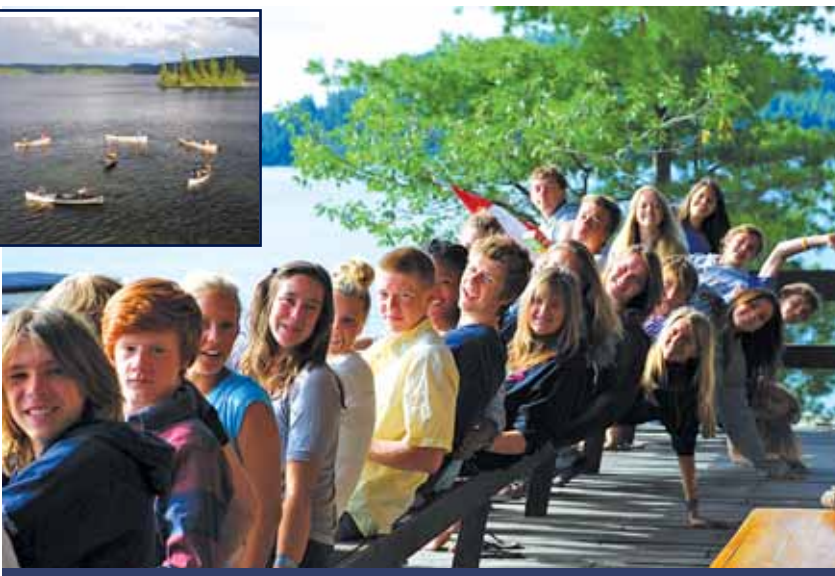
Counsellors in Training

Each year, thirty to forty 16 and 17 year olds, from many countries, seek out Wabikon for its excellent 6-week Counsellor-In-Training (Leadership) Program. A number of Wabikon C.I.T.s qualify as Staff at Wabikon in subsequent years and many are employed by camps and summer programs throughout Canada. The six-weeks are carefully planned to lead applicants sequentially from the status of Camper to that of Staff Member.

The C.I.T. Director is a senior, experienced Staff member, whose wish is to work with an enthusiastic group of leaders. Usually, this person has been at Wabikon for a number of years; has held a number of key staff positions; has full aquatic qualifications, and possesses a high level of leadership qualification along with extensive camping experience. He or she is assisted by two other highly qualified staff members.

Highlights of the C.I.T. summer include the Outpost Experience and the 5-7 day canoe trip. Both involve pre-planning and organization of the routes and meal plans. The purpose of these trips is to develop knowledge of wilderness survival, first aid and canoeing skills.





These opportunities provide the C.I.T. with extreme group solidarity as well as some sincere self-appreciation.

Included in the C.I.T. Program, are opportunities to upgrade qualifications in important areas, such as Ontario Recreational Canoeing and Kayaking Association (O.R.C.K.A.) and the Canadian Yachting Association (C.Y.A.). All Wabikon Staff are required to have their Bronze Cross (L.S.S.) swim certification, thus C.I.T.'s are encouraged to attain these nationally recognized qualifications. By the final week of their program the C.I.T.'s along with their Director, have a clear understanding of their strengths and weaknesses. At this time, they are invited to the status of junior staff with all the accompanying privileges and responsibilities.

A Lifetime of Memories

Above all, a summer as a Wabikon C.I.T. is a lifetime experience of growing, learning and making new friends that will never be forgotten!

Pre-camp training for counsellors focuses on leadership skills and program preparation to ensure that the individual needs and interests of all campers are met. The ratio of campers to staff is 3:1

Medical Staff

A medical doctor or qualified nurse is always in attendance at the Medical Lodge and Wabikon staff are highly trained in first aid procedures. Wabikon has easy access to fully equipped medical centres in both New Liskeard and North Bay.



The Medical Lodge, with 24-hour nursing supervision, is a comfortable retreat for campers who may need time away from the regular program.

Another Country, Another Flag

The Dining Hall at Wabikon boasts flags from over 40 countries, representing the campers who have travelled from afar to enjoy the unrivaled experience of summer camp in Temagami.



Arrival Day

An organized, happy welcome! Campers are greeted at the landing (see "Directions to Camp") and transported safely to Wabikon. While they are discovering their cabins and new friends, their luggage is transported to camp.

Accommodation

The camp is divided into sections with the girls' cabins on one side of the camp and the boys' on the other. Cabins for younger campers are in the centre of the camp near shower and toilet facilities, as well as the large Dining and Recreation Hall and the Medical Lodge.

Each section has shower facilities and flush toilets close by. All campers have Counsellors' accommodation within the cabin.



The Tuck Shop is open on alternate evenings for campers who wish to purchase snacks and such items as batteries, stamps, camp clothing and toiletries. Tuck Shop purchases are carefully monitored.





Wabikon Days

Each day at Wabikon begins with Morning Gathering followed by a good breakfast where the day's announcements are made. Campers enjoy plenty of program selections in three morning periods and two afternoon program periods, as well as free

time for additional personal choices twice a day. The entire camp rests for one hour after lunch.

While Wabikon enjoys an atmosphere of cooperation, there is no sense of regimentation, and every child has opportunity to discover the many facilities at camp.

The camp is divided into a senior and intermediate section. All campers have close personal interaction with caring counsellors.

The teenagers at Wabikon enjoy balanced social activities which include well-supervised dances, theatre productions and musical events.





Excellent Activity Choices

Wabikon's excellent facilities include double tennis courts, an archery range and a beach volleyball court. The Wabikon Theatre, a spacious Recreation Hall located centrally in camp, offers opportunities for campers to enjoy Arts and Crafts activities, talent shows and music, dance and drama productions. The island's beautiful forest and expansive trail network makes our Mountain Biking, Nature, Geocaching and Camp Skills programs popular activity choices while the crystal clear waters of Lake Temagami enhance all water activity.

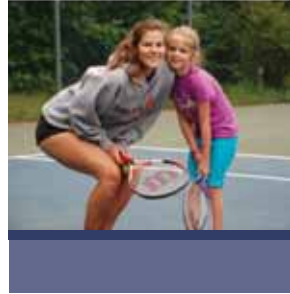


Camp Wabikon's excellent range of facilities and activity choices means that rain or shine, there are lots of options for fun and learning to be shared.



Excellent Sports Facilities

Wabikon includes 2 sports fields for lacrosse, baseball, badminton and soccer. Beach volleyball played on our sand-filled court is one of Wabikon's most popular activities.



Paddlemaking at Camp

A number of campers choose to carve their own paddle while at camp. Carving a special piece of wood is both relaxing and gratifying; requiring commitment and desire to spend time at an independent and productive activity. A qualified staff member supervises Wabikon's paddle-making. It requires approximately 10 hours of concentrated work to complete a paddle, possibly longer for some of the carefully thought out personal touches that make a paddle special! Most campers will keep their paddle as a valued memento for years to come.





Canoe Trips

OUR TRIPPERS: All Wabikon trips are staffed with qualified and experienced adult trippers and are programmed to be FUN, CHALLENGING AND EDUCATIONAL. Wabikon has a large number of modern and well-maintained canoes.



THE "IN-CAMP" TRIPPING PROGRAM:

All campers are encouraged to participate in a short trip with their cabin-mates. The length of trip is governed by the campers' age and ability.



O.R.C.K.A. COURSES AT WABIKON:

Our Counsellors-In-Training have the opportunity of enrolling in the Junior Instructor's Program conducted at Wabikon by certified instructors from the Ontario Recreational Canoeing and Kayaking Association.



A Magnificent Sandy Beach

The beach is the centre of many camp activities. Here campers learn and perfect skills in many water-sports including swimming, synchro, snorkeling, sailing, wind-surfing, kayaking and canoeing. Surrounded by the wonders of nature, campers see abundant wild-life and quickly appreciate the unspoiled beauty of Ontario's north.

Swimming lessons are offered in a safely supervised swimming area with a clear, visible and sandy bottom. Wabikon offers opportunity for awards and achievements in Life Saving Society and Red Cross Swimming Levels. Lessons are compulsory every other day and are supervised by highly skilled and qualified swimming instructors.



Introductory Week(s)

There are a limited number of Introductory 1 and 2-week spaces in each of our 3-week sessions for first-time campers who are comfortable with a shorter camp stay. Introductory campers are welcomed to Wabikon on arrival day alongside their full session cabin mates and participate in regular programming.



Most often, as first-time campers become familiar with camp routines, they choose to extend their stay by a week or two, provided this option was agreed upon with their parents prior to arrival at camp. A camp director facilitates communication between Introductory campers and their families in order to convey the camper's wishes.

Should one or two weeks be long enough for your camper's initial camp experience, parents are asked to arrive at camp on the Sunday morning of the week of departure. Campers and their families join the rest of camp for our Sunday morning campfire program. Campers may then choose to take their guests on a tour of their new home away from home before leaving camp.



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