



Federation of North-American  
**EXPLORERS**

## **FNE Timber Wolves National Summer Camp**

### **Camp Endobanah 2016**

***An Adventure for all FNE Timber Wolves  
Friday evening, July 8th to Sunday afternoon, July 17th***

Dear FNE Timber Wolves from North America and interested boys or leaders from our brother groups in Europe:

We are pleased to announce our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Timber Wolf Summer Camp at Camp Endobanah. Last year's program was a great success, and we are working hard to make this year's program even more special!

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#### **LOCATION**

Camp Endobanah is located near Norland Ontario some 135 km northeast of Thornhill, near the intersection of Monck country road 45 and 35, at the north end of Shadow Lake.

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#### **THE PROGRAM**

Camp Endobanah is a great place to run a summer program focusing on the safe enjoyment of the outdoors. We spend a large amount of time in and on the water, swimming, canoeing, or fishing. We have the facilities, and we have found that the boys like it that way.

We emphasize safety on land and near the water. Safety procedures start with the Buddy System; no boy can go anywhere near the water alone. Everyone must wear life jackets while in a boat, in a canoe, or even if he is standing on the shoreline fishing. Leaders, along with a qualified team of lifeguards, supervise water activities at all times.

We test all boys for swimming proficiency on the first day. Weak swimmers must stay in the shallow end of our swimming area. We offer swimming lessons for non-swimmers or beginners. Your son does not need to be a swimmer to attend camp.

We structure part of the program to encourage the boys to cooperate in teams, to achieve certain goals, whether in a game or sports activity, washing of dishes, or keeping their sleeping quarters clean. We measure success based on individual efforts and not as compared to another boy.

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#### **APPLICATION TARGET DATES**

Please do not miss this opportunity. Turn in your application form as soon as possible as this will assist the leadership team with program planning. The deadline for the early registration discount is March 1<sup>st</sup>.



## ACTIVITIES

Although we are in the early stages of program planning, here are a few highlights as to what Summer Camp is all about for our Timber Wolves:

- Mud wrestling
- Tuck day
- Crafts
- Hot dog cookouts
- Fireworks display
- A special banquet for the boys
- Camp fire programs
- Environmental awareness programs
- Playing in and building a fort
- Camp outings
- Community service project
- Great meals and snacks
- Board games
- Animal tracking
- Building shelters, building projects
- Exploring
- Guest speakers
- Sing songs
- Team building activities
- Theme events such as Warrior Day
- “Who Wants to be a Millionaire” contest
- Leader “truth” or “consequences”
- Treasure hunt
- Sandcastle building contest
- Overnight hike on crown land (for older boys)
- Overnight canoe trip (for older boys)
- Table top games (ping pong, foosball, etc.)
- Move-up ceremony from Timber Wolves to Explorers
- Messy Day / body painting (Yes, the paint comes off!)
- Skits, Saturday night live (a collection of skits by the boys and leaders)
- Sport activities, including swimming, canoeing, and fishing
- Wide games such as Capture the Flags or Capture the Banderlogs
- Daily mass, confession, and prayers
- Fun, fun, and more fun!



## WHY TIMBER WOLVES LIKE TO GO TO SUMMER CAMP

They love it mainly because it's a lot of FUN! Safe enjoyment of the water and the outdoors is a large part of our Timber Wolf program. In that sense, summer camp at Endobanah is the ultimate Timber Wolf program experience. Even today we find that many a father has come back with his son to show him that he went to Endobanah as a boy some 20 odd years or more ago! If, after all that time, they still hold fond memories of their Timber Wolf Summer Camp at Endobanah, then so will your son some 20 or more years from now!

First Year Timber Wolves want to come because they have seen and heard how much fun their Timber Wolf friends had the year before at camp. They like the pictures showing canoeing, swimming, crafts, games, treasure hunts, outings, and adventure games of all sorts. Second and third year Timber Wolves come because they want to do it again as well as go on the special overnight second and third year outings.

Part of the attraction is being away from home. Proving to themselves that you can get things done, trying to solve life's little problems on their own, knowing that caring leaders and fathers are also close by to help, support, and encourage.

Many parents have remarked on the positive effect of camp on their son's self-confidence and how much he has grown while away at camp.

We run our camp as one big family. We try to treat and care for each boy as we would for our own son. We try to show that, as in our family, we care about each boy as an individual. And, as in our own family, anyone can come to the adults for help on any issue at any time.

By living at camp, our Timber Wolves learn to get along, in limited quarters, with boys from different backgrounds, with different strengths, weaknesses, and aspirations.

From a faith perspective we offer daily Mass along with regular prayers, confession, and our one Eucharistic Adoration session at the mid-point of camp.



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## FACILITIES AT CAMP ENDOBANAH



Youth groups have used Camp Endobanah since 1921. FNE groups use Endobanah on a regular basis, during all four seasons. Situated on a peninsula of about 4 hectares (10 acres), Endobanah is bordered by the Monk Road, Gull River, and Shadow Lake. The privacy and size of the camp makes it the best camp for FNE youth of all ages.

The physical layout of the camp consists of a group of cabins used for sleeping and small group activities, a main lodge that serves as a meeting place and dining hall, and a fully equipped kitchen, capable of serving varied, high quality meals in quantities that our camp requires. We have our own baseball, soccer, and playing field and water front, complete with adequate

trees to explore around while at camp. Endobanah has running water, showers, a sauna, and a hot tub along with the standard (newly renovated) sanitary facilities. The boys sleep in their own sleeping bags on bunk beds furnished with mattresses. Adults sleep in similar type cabins.

Endobanah's location on a beautiful lake makes it an ideal base for water activities. The camp has a sandy beach and separate well-marked swimming areas for beginners and proficient swimmers. A diving board is mounted on a low-rise diving platform.

From the camp's location it is easy to supervise canoeing on the narrow, northern end of the lake. There are lots of fish and some good spots to catch them. Under direct supervision of leaders and professional lifeguards, we have the use of canoes, paddle boats, rowboats, and a motor boat.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT CAMP

### What kind of supervision will there be?

At any given time we have as many as 22 adults (leaders, fathers, and full-time life guards) in camp. About 16 will be directly involved in the program; the remainder run the kitchen and take care of camp administrative matters. Fathers are especially encouraged to join us at camp (for all or some of the days) to help us with the cooking and other logistical support activities.

With the exception of our professional lifeguards, our entire staff consists of volunteers. A team of leaders from various FNE groups, along with friends of the group, form the overall leadership team. In addition, we have a group of fathers who look after meal preparation and other related support activities.

### How do we arrange for transportation?

Families will car pool to and from camp. Families are encouraged to join us for lunch and closing ceremonies on the last day of camp, Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

### How do you handle dietary or medical restrictions?

A leader will be assigned to monitor campers with allergies, dietary restrictions, medication requirements or medical challenges. Please ensure that your son's vaccinations are up-to-date.



### **Why does camp last as long as it does?**

Experience has shown us that this time period is just right, both for our boys and leaders. There are so many things to do, so it takes all of the available time to undertake the many varied activities that we have scheduled for our Timber Wolves while at summer camp.

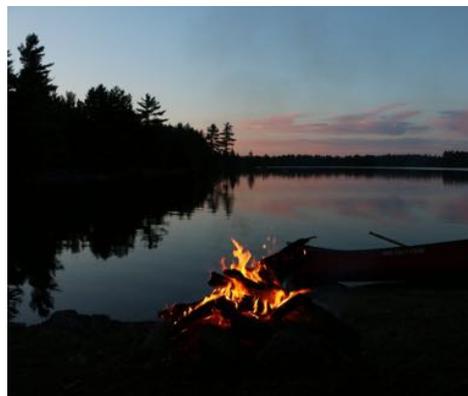
### **Is my son too young for this camp?**

For many years now, our experience has shown that our Timber Wolves of all ages are more than ready to enjoy and benefit from the summer camp experience! We take special care to anticipate the needs unique to each age range to ensure that your son, along with all of the other boys, enjoy their summer camp experience to the fullest degree possible.



### **Will you supervise health and personal hygiene?**

We stress general health by serving nutritious meals and making sure that everyone gets enough rest. The boys will shower every evening before bed in our modern facilities. We will see to it that they even use soap and shampoo too! Boys will brush their teeth daily and change their clothing – at least on a regular basis. Some boys would wear the same clothes for 10 days if we let them! We don't. Please label all clothes; it makes it much easier to get belongings back to their rightful owner.



### **What about bed wetting?**

This is not an uncommon challenge amongst boys of Timber Wolf age. No one makes a big deal over it. We check sleeping bags daily, and leave them out to dry, if necessary. If we know that there is a problem, we will restrict fluids, encourage the boy to use the facilities before going to bed, and if need be send some boys for a last minute bathroom visit after lights out.

### **Will you provide first aid and medical care?**

We assign one leader to be responsible for dispensing medication as instructed by parents or a physician. A medical doctor is only a 15-minute drive away. We have never had a serious injury at camp, and we intend to keep it that way. Various leaders are fully trained in First Aid.

### **Can we visit our son at camp?**

We ask parents not to visit. If you do, your son will start to feel homesick, and some poor leader must convince him that life is still enjoyable and that he should continue to have a good time. Other boys may feel bad that their parent(s) did not come. It's only a relatively short period of time to be at camp. He will be fine. We encourage you to join us for lunch on the last day of camp. That's a great time for your son to show you his gathered treasures (some have been known to include live frogs), the cabin that he stayed in, who his best friend is and more!

### **What do we pack or bring to camp?**

You will receive a detailed checklist of what to bring and how to pack it well before camp departure date arrives.

### **Do fathers have to pay a fee to attend camp?**

Fathers giving their time to help at camp do not pay.

### **Are discounts or financial assistance available?**

No boy should have to miss summer camp for financial reasons. Your son's adult leader, if you wish, can arrange for whatever financial assistance may be required. The camp fee for a second member from the same family is reduced by \$60.00. A discount is offered for applications submitted and paid before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.





**Father/Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother/Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Prov:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FNE Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father can come to camp and help from** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_.

**We have contacts for food discounts. Contact us for additional details.**

**Son #1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Son #2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Son #3:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Son #4:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Fees</b> <i>(in Canadian Dollars)</i>	<b>\$CAD</b>	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Timber Wolf</b> – July 8 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup>	\$429		
<b>Discounts</b> <i>(in Canadian Dollars)</i>			
<b>Sibling Discount</b> – per additional son attending summer camp	-\$60		
<b>Early Registration</b> – per camper if fees are paid before March 1st, 2016	-\$15		
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>			

Please make a check payable to “Sahi Wolves” and give it to your group leader along with the completed form or mail them to:

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