

Coasters Association Inc.



Kids Summer Camp 2008

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Introduction

The KIDS Summer Camp has been in operation since 2006 and has provided a summer retreat for over 200 youth in five (5) communities, (Blanc Sablon, St. Paul's River, St. Augustine, La Tabatiere as well as the Eau-Naturelle Discovery Camp in Chevery) thus, accommodating the youth and parents in the five (5) municipalities across the Lower North Shore. Furthermore it provides a vital service to the parents who have no other option but leave the coast for 3 to 4 months out of a year to seek employment elsewhere.

The mission of the KIDS Summer Camp is "To nurture and develop a safe and healthy environment in which youth can improve their health and obtain skills that will assist them in their future lives, through physical activities (baseball, track-n-field, soccer, etc.), mental development (leadership training, mentoring, etc...), artistic growth (music, art, dance, etc...), environment awareness (greenhouse, composting, nature watching, etc...,) and community/family participation (volunteers, family/community events, etc...)."

The residents of the Lower North of Quebec are constantly looking for ways to improve the quality of life for our youth. We live in a relatively clean and safe environment; unfortunately, there is a lack in programs and services during the summer months to promote physical well being, mental development, artistic growth, environmental awareness and community participation. These activities are vital to the healthy development of the mind and bodies of youth and without these actions our youth may choose a path which is detrimental to their health (i.e. using drugs, alcohol). This is a major problem in our communities, and it is the responsibility of the community members to find a way to combat this problem, to create a fun environment in which our youth interact with other youth and provide access to these activities.

The KIDS Summer Camp is one option for the youth of the Lower North Shore. These camps provides a safe and happy environment, a unique learning experience for all those involved, as well as assist the camp counselors with leadership skills that will help them in their future endeavors. It is a place where youth can interact with other youth in an adventurous, natural and spiritual environment. The variety of new opportunities provided to the youth helps the camper become more confident in oneself. Therefore, the continuation and expansion of the KIDS Summer Camp is an important service to the population of the Lower North Shore of Quebec.

Overview of Project

Vanessa Newcombe was rehired as the Youth Camp Coordinator to work under the project entitled “Feasibility of Implementing Youth Camps on the Lower North Shore” and began work on April 28th, 2008 through to October 10th, 2008 (24 weeks). Some of the duties were:

- Research the possibility of maintaining the KIDS Summer camp establish in La Tabatiere, St. Augustine, St. Paul’s River and Blanc Sablon
- Research financial feasibility for expansion to one (1) or two (2) communities along the Lower North Shore (i.e. Kegaska, Tête-à-la-Baleine. Harrington Harbour and Old Fort Bay)
- Oversee the overall working administration for the 2008 camps

This position was made possible through the generosity of funding received from the Centre Locaux de Developpement, Anglican Church Diocese, Caisse Populaire de Blanc Sablon, Caisse Populaire de La Tabatiere, Caisse Populaire de Tête-à-la-Baleine and the Coasters Association Inc.

This year (2008), the four (4) Camps established in 2007 were maintained and partnership with the Eau-Naturelle Discovery Camp in Chevery continued. In the event of attempting to expand the KIDS Summer Camp, a student job application was submitted to Services Canada for one (1) student position for the community of Harrington Harbour, unfortunately, the Sports & Leisure Committee decided to decline the position due to the fact that they were not in position to implement a camp this year.

Committees

In 2007, each camp site established a KIDS Summer Camp Committee consisting of community members to operate the Camp. The committee’s were responsible for obtaining snacks, assist in developing the course outline, and available for any issues that may occur throughout the summer. The 2008 committee’s consisted of the following members:

La Tabatiere	St. Augustine	St. Paul’s River	Blanc Sablon
Jamie Robertson	Laurette Gallibois	Kimberly Buffitt	Melissa Lawless
Monica Robertson	Judy Rowsell	Shelley Fequet	Gwennola Lawless
Susie Martin	Jolene Beaudoin	Shannon Keats	Isidore Lawless
Cindy Gallichon	Marsha Chubbs	Angela Spingle	Telva Earl
		Vanessa Newcombe	

The steering committee was formed in 2007, consisting of one (1) person from each KIDS Summer Camp Committee, as well as Vanessa Newcombe, Youth Camp Coordinator. The following is a list of the 2008 steering committee members:

Name	Camp Site
Ana Osborne	Chevery
Jamie Robertson	La Tabatiere
Laurette Gallibois	St. Augustine
Kimberly Buffitt	St. Paul's River
Melissa Lawless	Blanc Sablon
Vanessa Newcombe (non-voting member)	St. Paul's River

Each year a list of resource persons is established consisting of representatives from various organizations along the Lower North Shore to be a member of the steering committee. The following is the list of the 2008 resource members:

Name	Organization
Cornella Maurice	Coasters Association Inc.
Carolyn Mullin	Quebec Anglican Church
Lorilee Muller	Quebec 4-H
Patrisha Nash	Quebec Labrador Foundation
Juanita Jones	Community Learning Center

Partnerships

In 2007, partnerships were formed with local municipalities, sports committee's and governing boards to use their facilities (free of charge) to operate the program. We are proud to say that these partnerships were continued in 2008, and without the generous support from the following organizations the KIDS Summer Camp would not have been possible.

Camp Site	Organization
La Tabatiere	Mecatina School
St. Augustine	Sports & Leisure Committee (Arena)
St. Paul's River	St. Paul's School
Blanc Sablon	Corporation of Development of Blanc Sablon (arena)

A partnership was formed with the Eau-Naturelle Discover Camp in Chevery. Through this partnership the camp in Chevery was provided with a student position that was funded by Young Canada Works and another position funded by Quebec Labrador Foundation. The Eau-Naturelle Discovery Camp was also awarded another position by Services Canada; this position was declined due to the fact that they already had a sufficient number of counselors hired for the 2008 camp year. Therefore, this position was awarded to Old Fort Bay as they have made contact on numerous occasions requesting a KIDS Summer Camp in their community. Unfortunately, due to the lack of students available in Old Fort Bay to work in the camp, the Services Canada position was awarded to the St. Augustine camp. The Eau-Naturelle Discover Camp provided the KIDS Summer Camp access to their camp theme, counselor manual and provided the students hired by Young Canada Works and the Quebec Labrador Foundation with material, facility and supervision. The Eau-Naturelle Discovery camp played a major role in the development of the counselor training course that was conducted June 25 to 27th, 2008.

A partnership was also formed with the Commission Scolaire du Littoral through the Community Learning Centers (i.e. La Tabatiere, Chevery, and St. Paul's River) and with the Centre de Santé et des Services Sociaux de la Basse-Côte-Nord through the St. Augustine Health Center to provide the required training to the student camp counselors by video conferencing.

In 2006, a partnership was formed between the Coasters Association and the 4H Club of Quebec to offer insurance for a flat fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for the seven week program for the youth attending camp, We are pleased to announce that this partnership was continued in 2007 and 2008 and we look forward to continuing our working relationship with this organization again next year.

Reports/Documentation

In order to ensure the continuation of the camps already established in 2007 (La Tabatiere, St. Augustine, St. Paul's River, and Blanc Sablon) and continue supporting the Eau Naturelle Discovery Camp in Chevery, project applications were submitted to various organizations on and off the coast. The following is a description of all projects that were submitted throughout the 2008 camp year:

A project application was submitted to Services Canada for five (5) student camp counselor positions (one per camp site) for eight (8) weeks and one (1) student position as animator to research the possibility of establishing a French Immersion Teen Camp for ten (10) weeks. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts and the huge amount of funding applications received, Services Canada approved four (4) out of the requested five (5) for only six (6) weeks and the animator position for eight (8) weeks. Since the camps operate for eight weeks (one week for training and seven weeks of camp) additional funding was required in order to hire the counselors for eight weeks. The Anglican Church Diocese was approached and they generously to fund the remaining salary for the four (4) student camp counselors for eight (8) weeks.

A project application was submitted to Young Canada Works for five (5) student camp counselor positions (one per camp site) and one (1) student animator position to research the possibility of

establishing a French Immersion Teen Camp for ten (10) weeks. We are pleased to say that Young Canada Works approved all six positions and provided additional weeks for the animator position (up to 13 weeks). Young Canada Works covered 70% of salary and the remaining 30% was covered by the inscriptions fees from each camp site. They also provided a housing allowance of \$1.35 per hour which brought the total salary per hour up to \$9.85, and the travel expenses to and from the camp site (to their place of study) was also covered.

A funding request was submitted to the Quebec Anglican Church to fund the following: three training facilitators for one (1) week to monitor the training sessions, travel for the coordinator to visit the camps, training snack budget, one (1) month salary for the coordinator and office supplies/equipment, and was approved.

Quebec Labrador Foundation approved our funding request for five (5) interns (one per camp site) for eight (8) weeks. They also assisted with funds for crafts supplies for the Promo Science Activity Booklet and travel expenses to obtain crafts.

A project application was approved by Centre Locaux de Developpement (CLD) to assist with the coordinators salary and overhead cost.

For a more detailed look at the funding received and expenses incurred please refer to page 9, Contributions of Partners.

In 2007 a policy for the KIDS Summer Camp Committee was requested. In 2008, this policy was drafted which will include the roles and responsibilities of the committee, a hiring criteria, for all the KIDS Summer Camp Committee's to follow when selecting the student camp counselors, and an employee guideline to clearly define the rules and regulations which govern the camp. This policy will be forwarded to the steering committee for their comments, suggestions and changes, and will be completed and included in the 2009 report.

Meetings

On May 5th, a conference call was held with the members of the steering committee to review resumes and select the students for camp counselor's positions for the 2008 camp year. An update to the Feasibility of Implementing a French Immersion Teen Camp project and the selection process was also discussed.

A conference call was held with Juantia Jones (Mecatina Community Learning Center), John Weideman (Mecatina School Principal) and Kimberly Buffitt (HSSNPI Development agent) to discuss the formation of a partnership with the Mecatina Community Learning Center and the KIDS Summer Camp. A brief description of the KIDS Summer Camp was provided and the role of the Mecatina Community Learning Center was discussed. Also work sessions were ongoing throughout the summer to ensure the objectives of the camp were met.

Throughout the summer work sessions were held on a regular basis with the KIDS Summer Camp Committees in each camp site to ensure that the camps are operating efficiently. Also, work sessions were ongoing through the summer to ensure that the camp objectives were met.

Contributions of Partners

The KIDS Summer Camp requires funding from a variety of sources. Through the commitment and support from organizations and business on and off the coast the necessary funding was secured to maintain the four (4) camps established in 2007 along the Lower North Shore (La Tabatiere, St. Augustine, St. Paul's River, Blanc Sablon), as well as continue supporting the Eau Natural Discovery Camp in Chevery. The following is a list of the funding partners:

Organization	Category	Funding Received
2007 KIDS Summer Camp	Assist with operating of the 2008 camps	954
Young Canada Works	6 student positions	15,776
Services Canada	5 students positions	9,853
Caisse Populaire de Blanc Sablon ,de Tete-a-la-Baleine and de la Tabatiere	Assist with Coordinator salary	6,274
North Shore Deanery	Crafts and post administration work	5,000
Anglican Church Diocese	Assist with coordinator and counselor's salary, training, bible camp, travel.	9,831
Quebec Labrador Foundation	Travel	300
Bob Bryan	Travel	200
Centre Locaux de Developpement	Assist with coordinators and counselors salary and administration fees	8,470
Underground Services Limited	Coordinators salary	3,000

On behalf of the KIDS Summer Camp, we would like to thank the above mentioned organizations and individuals for their generous financial support. Their contribution is essential to fulfilling our mission of nurturing youth, to building strong values and an environmental awareness base for tomorrow.

The chart below outlines the expenses incurred during the 2008 camp year:

Expenses	Amount
Project Coordinator	14,482
Camp Counselors/Animators	34,356
Administration	9,525
Overhead	5,064
Travel	1,329
Snacks	2,624
Camp Materials	2,238
Training	747
Insurance	1,800
Total	72,165

Many organizations on and off the coast have contributed (services in kind) to the 2008 camp year, without the support from these organizations the KIDS Summer Camp would not have been possible. The chart below indicates the actual monetary value of their contributions:

Organization	Category	Contribution (services in kind)
Coasters Association Inc.	Administration	5000
St. Paul's School	Facility	1,750
Corporation of Development Blanc Sablon Region	Facility	5,250
St. Augustine Sports & Leisure	Facility	5,250
Netagamiou Community Learning Center	Materials, supplies, facility and supervision	5,380
Mecatina Community Learning Center	Video Conference Equipment	3,150
St. Paul's Community Learning Center	Video Conference Equipment	3,150
St. Augustine Clinic	Video Conference Equipment	3,150
Melissa Lawless	Translation of documents	1,500
Mecatina School	Facility	1,750

Outcome of 2008 Camp

The 2008 camp year began on June 30th until August 15th, 2007 (7 weeks). The theme “Ocean Odyssey” was a perfect blend of nature and adventure for youth ages six (6) to twelve (12). The Ocean Odyssey camp provided the youth in our communities with a chance to be a part of a fun filled educational, observational and hands on experience. The goal of the 2008 camp was to generate awareness and sensitivity among our youth towards their surrounding and to protect their environment. Below is a list of some of the activities that were a part of the Ocean Odyssey experience;

- Boat Tours
- Nature Studies
- Land Exploration
- Promo Science Activities

Along with great ocean based activities, youth participated in different types of arts and crafts, as well as enjoyed traditional camp activities.

The concept of the 2008 theme “Ocean Odyssey” was developed in partnership with the Netagamou Community Learning Center and the Quebec Labrador Foundation.

At the end of every camp year each camp site conducted an open house for their families to showcase the crafts created throughout the summer and to perform a talent show/play. This year as part of the open house the kids conducted a dinner theatre titled “Who Stole the Lobster?” Snacks and refreshment were provided and was enjoyed by all.

At the end of the 2008 camp year an evaluation questionnaire was dispersed to the families who participated in this year’s camp. The questionnaire will be utilized to improve the quality of the services offered and determine the feasibility of the continuation and expansion of the camps in the years to come. The results of the questionnaire has been compiled and disseminated, and the results are included this report.

As part of the Coast Fest celebration the Quebec Labrador Foundation a CoastFest Kids Camp which is a traveling summer camp that took place during CoastFest. Since the theme of CoastFest 2008 was Following in the Footsteps of the Explorers, the summer camp used a variety of activities to celebrate the incredible history and heritage of the Coast. During the camp, the kids not only had lots of fun, but they also learned and celebrate their unique culture.

Youth/Counselors

The number of counselors hired each year is determined by the number of youth who are pre-registered. Camp rules stipulate that there must be one (1) student camp counselor per seven (7) youth. The table below indicates the number of youth registered for the 2008 camp and states who were hired in each campsite:

Camp Site	Number of Enrolled Youth		Number of Student Camp Counselors		Student Camp Counselors (2008)
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
La Tabatiere	11	17	2	2	Mia Gallichon & Danielle Roberston
St. Augustine	23	19	3	3	Katharine Kennedy, Tina Ann Driscoll & Paige Driscoll
St. Paul's River	30	24	3	3	Mitchell Mason, Danielle Letto Keats & David Fequet
Blanc Sablon	29	30	2	3	Jenny Jones, Carla Thomas Fequet and Crystal Buckle
Chevery	N/A	N/A	1	1	Melissa Jones
Total	93	90	11	12	

A total of ninety (90) youth attended the 2008 KIDS Summer Camps in four (4) camps along the Lower North Shore and eleven (12) student jobs were created.

As you will note from the above table that the number of youth has slightly declined from the 2007 camp year, this is due to the fact that the ten (10) to twelve (12) age group are no longer interested in this type of camp. They would like to have a more diverse camp implemented one that has two (2) or more components (i.e. small engine repair or sports), in which they can choose the component of interest.

Training

On June 23 to 25, training was held through video conference for the fourteen (14) student camp counselors. The curriculum included information about learning styles; child development; Christian formation for children; managing challenges and stress; games; curriculum specific material; legal responsibilities and several other interesting topics. The training was carried out by the following resource persons:

Name	Organization
Patricia Nash	Quebec Labrador Foundation
Ana Osborne	Netagamiou Community Learning Center
Deborah Cox	Chevery Teacher
Kimberly Buffit	HSSNPI Agent
Vanessa Newcombe	Youth Camp Coordinator
Linton Garner	Sports
Patricia Nash	Promo Science Booklet

This training provided the counselors with the resources needed in order to successfully complete their task as student camp counselors. It also provided them with valuable skills that will assist them in their future endeavors.

2009 Theme

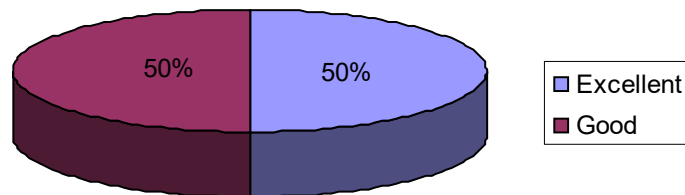
The 2009 camp theme has not been decided yet; due to the fact that the ten (10) to twelve (12) age group are no longer interested in attending the camp as they feel the course outline do not meet their expectations, therefore, research is currently being conducted on the possibility of creating a two (2) stream camp. This new camp would consist of the same seven (7) week program but with two different components, a sports component and an arts/drama component. Each child would have the opportunity to choose which component they would like to participate in or they could schedule weeks to participate in both. This would give the youth a chance to participate in the component which meets their interest and to challenge them to their fullest capacity.

Evaluation

The following is a result of the questionnaire that was distributed to the families who participated in the 2008 camp year. In La Tabatiere there were fifteen (15) questionnaires sent and ten (10) responses received. In St. Augustine there were fifteen (15) questionnaires sent and eight (8) responses received. In St. Paul's River there were twenty five (25) questionnaires sent and seventeen (17) responses received. In Blanc Sablon there were twenty-five (25) questionnaires sent and twelve (12) received. Out of the eighty (80) surveys distributed, 58 % of those were returned. Due to the insufficient number of surveys completed, it is recommended that the participation in the survey be mandatory for the 2009 camp year. Please note that the results listed below are entirely based on the responses collected via questionnaire.

La Tabatiere

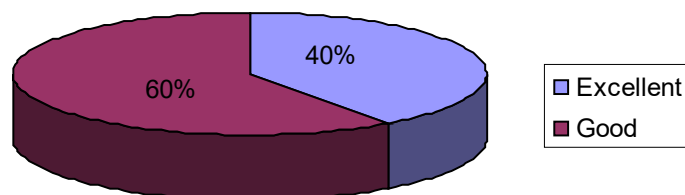
Question #1: Rate your overall satisfaction with KIDS Summer Camp.



Comments:

- Students this year were great, but spent too much time inside.
- My child loved camp

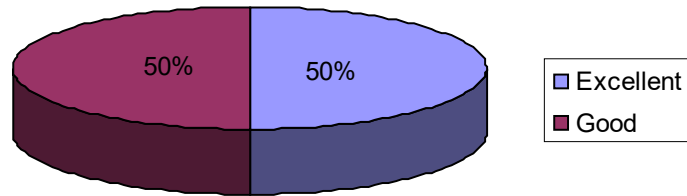
Question # 2: Rate your child's overall satisfaction with the KIDS Summer Camp.



Comments:

- My child enjoyed the snacks and most of the activities; however, at times it was very noisy/loud.
- My child felt that there was no discipline.

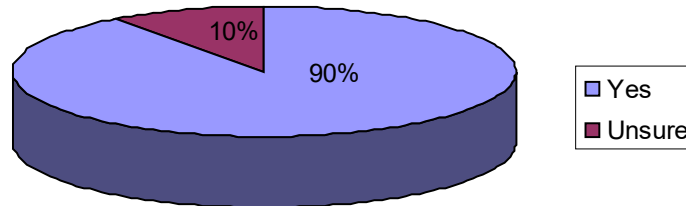
Question # 3: Rate your overall satisfaction with the student camp counselors.



Comments:

- One counselor seemed more interested and involved than the others.
- More communication with parents as to what activities are being planned.
- The counselors were very good with the kids.

Question # 4: Would your child consider attending the KIDS Summer Camp again next year (if available)?



Comments:

- Yes, but only if there's more outside activities.
- My child did not enjoy this year as much as last year.

Question # 5: What changes, if any, would you like to see implemented for the upcoming year?

Comments:

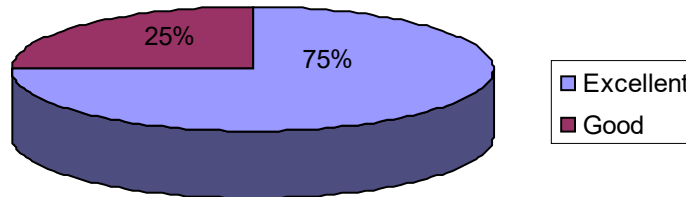
- More outdoor activities, too much time spent in the school. My child really enjoyed camp but wanted to be outdoors more.
- More organized activities, as per 2007 camp. The summer camp did not seem as interesting or dynamic as camp 2007 (The Amazing Race).
- More outdoor activities, kids became bored of being inside so much.

Other Suggestions and/or comments.

- My child really enjoyed the summer camp, but would have liked spend more outside time on nice days.
- My child indicated that more field trips would be fun, and sometimes separating the older kids from the younger kids to do different activities.

St. Augustine

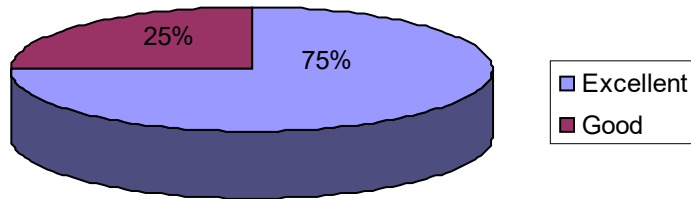
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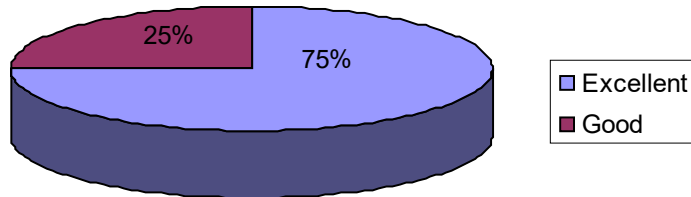
Comments:

- My child really enjoyed going to camp. They did a lot of great things, from art work to sports.
- The counselors did a lot of great activities, from art work to sports.
- My child really enjoyed camp this year.

Question # 2: Rate your child's overall satisfaction with the KIDS Summer Camp.



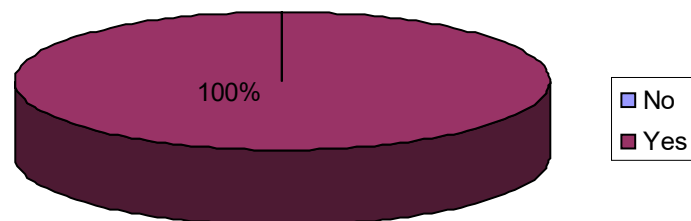
Question # 3: Rate your overall satisfaction with the student camp counselors.



Comments:

- The counselors were excellent with my child and made it fun for them. I think they were fair.

Question #4: Would your child consider attending the KIDS Summer Camp again next year (if available)?



Comments:

- My child really looks forward to going next year.

Question # 5: What changes, if any, would you like to see implemented for the upcoming year?

Comments:

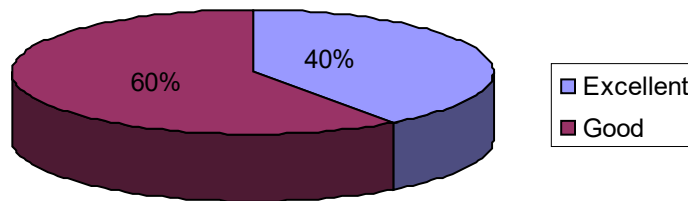
- A more suitable location for the camp.
- Hire a lifeguard.

Other Suggestions and/or comments.

- My daughter appreciated that she could go to camp in a different village. Thanks for the opportunity
- Maybe trying new/different activities.

St. Paul's River

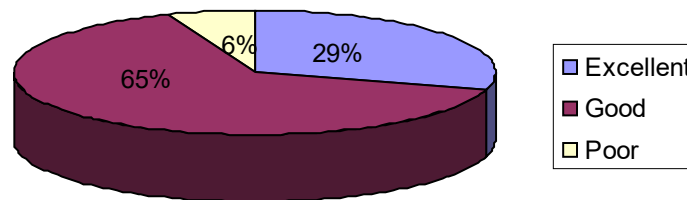
Question # 1: Rate your overall satisfaction with the KIDS Summer Camp.



Comments:

- My child loved camp.
- Would not be able to rate the camp as my child only attended a few days.

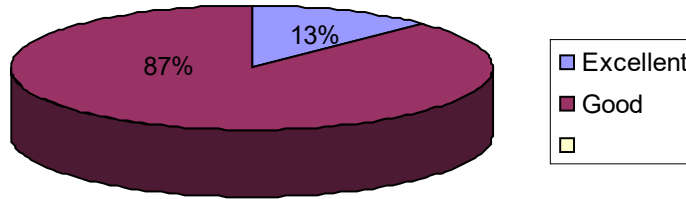
Question # 2: Rate your child's overall satisfaction with the KIDS Summer Camp.



Comments:

- The boys loved all the sports.
- The games were more geared towards the younger age group.
- My child loved camp.

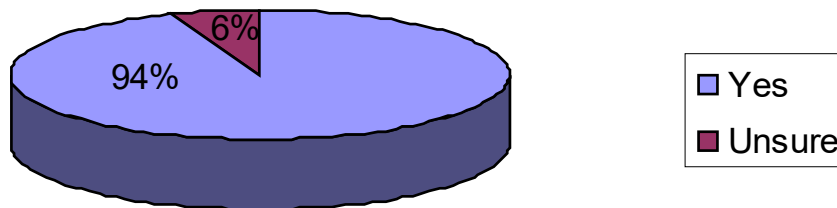
Question # 3: Rate your overall satisfaction with the student camp counselors.



Comments:

- It is important that when the counselors receive messages for our children that they relay them.
- My child did not feel at ease at camp.

Question # 4: Would your child consider attending the KIDS Summer Camp again next year (if available)?



Comments:

- Only if there were better games geared towards an older age group.

Question # 5: What changes, if any, would you like to see implemented for the upcoming year?

Comments:

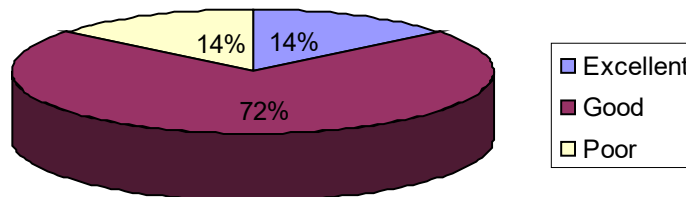
- A more challenging course outline.
- More activities for the older age group. Doing so will probable bring back the older age group.
- More floor hockey.
- Please find more age appropriate activities for the kids.
- More varied activities/events.
- An adult present at the camp.
- Follow the camp schedule.

Other Suggestions and/or comments.

- My only suggestion is to separate the groups by age. A 12 year old will not feel comfortable playing a game with a 6 year old, especially in competition.

Blanc Sablon

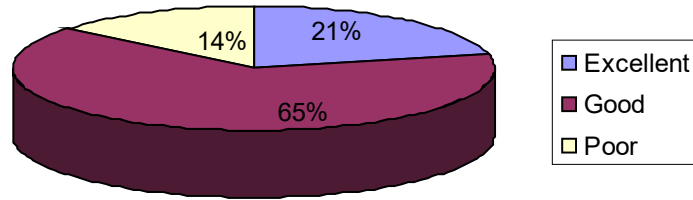
Question # 1: Rate your overall satisfaction with the KIDS Summer Camp.



Comments:

- Need more outdoor activities.
- Kids seem to enjoy it more this year.
- Would prefer a more structured day.

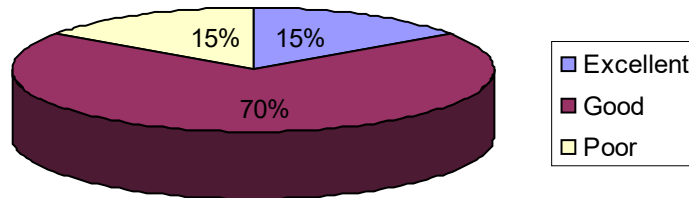
Question # 2: Rate your child's overall satisfaction with the KIDS Summer Camp.



Comments:

- My child said that camp was fun.
- My child enjoyed the camp more last year.
- Too much time spent indoors.

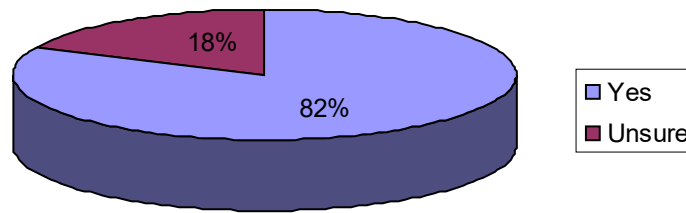
Question # 3: Rate your overall satisfaction with the student camp counselors.



Comments:

- The counselors were all very good and my child enjoyed being around them.
- More organized and control needed in the building and with the kids.
- The kids were disciplined too often.
- The counselors were not good with the kids.

Question #4: *Would your child consider attending the KIDS Summer Camp again next year (if available)?*



Comments:

- *Only if the camp is restructured and more challenging activities.*

Question # 5: *What changes, if any, would you like to see implemented for the upcoming year?*

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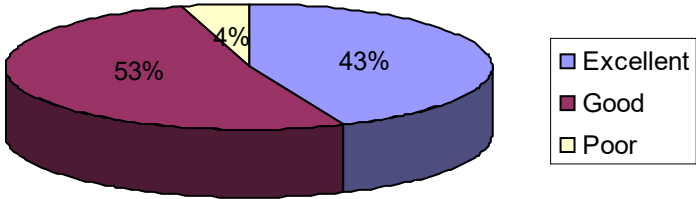
- Separate into two age groups.
- More outdoor activities.
- It was overall a good experience.
- More creative activities on rainy days.

Other Suggestions and/or comments.

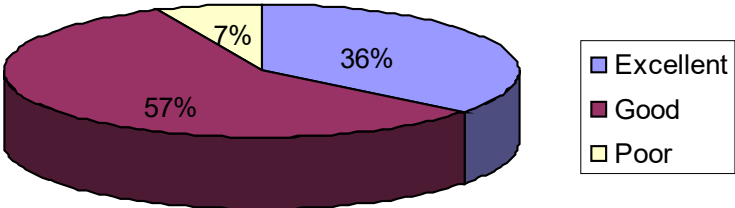
- Young children shouldn't be mixed with the older children; there is a big difference with a 6 year old interacting with a 12 year old.
- Create a different KIDS Summer Camp Committee.

Four camp sites combined

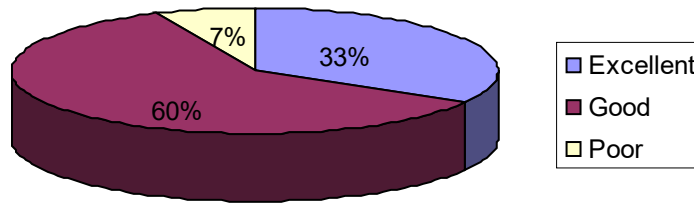
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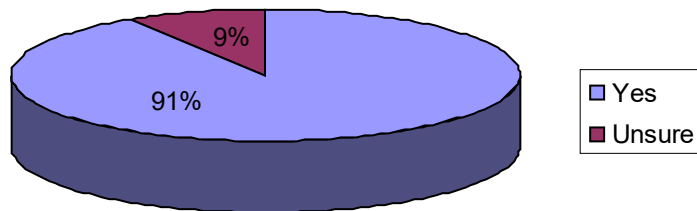
Question # 2: Childs overall satisfaction with the KIDS Summer Camp.



Question # 3: Overall satisfaction with the student camp counselors.



Question # 4: Would your child consider attending the KIDS Summer Camp again next year (if available)?



Summary of Findings

Below is a summary of the improvements to be implemented in the 2009 KIDS Summer Camp, recommended by the parents:

- Youth to be divided by age groups.
- More Outdoor activities.
- More diverse course outline.
- Children start at an earlier age group (5 instead of 6)

Conclusion

In 2006, the KIDS Summer Camp was established in the communities of St. Augustine and St. Paul's River. In 2007, the KIDS Summer Camp expanded to two (2) additional communities (La Tabatiere and Blanc Sablon) as well as the continuation of the two (2) camps already established in 2006. In 2008 the four (4) camps (La Tabatiere, St. Augustine, St. Paul's River and Blanc Sablon) already established were maintained and the partnership with the Eau-Naturelle Discovery Camp in Chevery was continued. Our goal now is to ensure the continuation and expansion of these camps. In order to attain this goal, additional funding is required. Therefore, we are currently seeking information on funding programs available for the continuation and expansion of the 2009 KIDS Summer camp.

A study will be completed on the feasibility for expansion of the KIDS Summer Camp in one (1) community in the eastern section on the Lower North Shore of Quebec (i.e. Old Fort Bay) and one (1) in the western section (i.e. Kegaska, Harrington Harbour or Tête-à-la-Baliene)

The continuation and expansion of Kids Summer Camp to all communities along the Lower North Shore is vital to the youth on the Lower North Shore and it is a worthwhile initiative, one that I am proud to be a part of.

The Kids Summer Camp is a special place where the youth are set apart from the pace of everyday life and the student camp counselors nurture the potential in them through their abundant curiosity and capacity for learning.

On behalf of the KIDS Summer Camp, The Coasters Association would like to thank everyone for assisting in achieving our goal of maintaining the four (4) camps along the Lower North Shore and support the Eau-Naturelle Discovery Camp in Chevery. Without your contributions the 2008 KIDS Summer Camp would not have been possible.

Our hats are off to you ALL!

THANK YOU

Recommendations

The 2008 camp year has been a very rewarding experience and the majority of the youth enjoyed their camping experience but as with every endeavor each year is an opportunity to learn new ways to improve the quality of the KIDS Summer camp and ways to operate more efficiently. Listed below are recommendations for the upcoming 2009 camp year:

The following are the recommendations:

- Hire a full time coordinator to work on the KIDS Summer initiative (all year).
- Continue the four (4) camps already established, support the Eau-Naturelle Discovery Camp in Chevery and expand to two (2) additional communities in 2009
- Maintain partnerships and establish new partnerships for the continuation and expansion of the KIDS Summer Camp
- Hire one (1) adult counselor to be head counselor in each camp site instead hiring all student counselors in each camp site.
- Submit project application to Services Canada and Young Canada works for two (2) student camp counselors per camp site instead of one (1) for forty hours per week instead of 35 hours per week
- The KIDS Summer Camp Committee must be composed of individuals who have children registered in the camp.
- The Kids Summer Camp Steering Committee will be comprised of one (1) parent from each KIDS Summer Camp Committee (one per camp site) plus the Youth Camp Coordinator and Executive Director of the Coasters Association.
- Eliminate the pre-registration process, just hold registration one (1) month prior to the opening of camp
- Create a more diversified course outline, one that meets the needs of the target age groups (6-12)
- The completion of the parent evaluation survey must be mandatory
- An evaluation developed and completed by the student camp counselors at the ends of the seven (7) week program
- Establish a camp for the younger age group (4-5 year olds), in each municipality

Acknowledgements

A special recognition must be given to the Caisse Populaire de La Tabatiere, Caisse Populaire de Tête-à-la-Baleine, Caisse Populaire de Blanc Sablon, Anglican Church Diocese and the Centre Locaux de Developpement, for providing the necessary funding to hire a coordinator to undertake the KIDS Summer Camp initiative.

Our appreciation is also extended to the following:

- The steering committee for their guidance throughout the project, the four (4) KIDS Summer Camp Committee's for assisting in the development of the course outline, and the day to day operating of the camps and to the Resource Persons, Training and Community Partners for their continued support.
- The St. Augustine Sports & Leisure, Mecatina Governing Board, St. Paul's River Governing Board, and the Corporation de Development de Blanc Sablon for permitting us to utilize their facilities free of charge to house the camps, and the Eau-Naturelle Discovery Camp/Netagamiou Community Learning Center for providing facility, material, supervision for our students and the development of the training outline and the 2008 theme, the Quebec Labrador Foundation for their assistance in the development of the 2008 theme "Ocean Odyssey" and access to the Promo Science Activity Booklet.
- The Funding partners, the parents/youth who participated in the 2008 camp year and took the time to complete the evaluation, without their financial assistance and support the KIDS Summer Camp would not have been possible.

Last, but not least, a huge thank you goes out to the Coasters Association and its Staff whose help was invaluable to this project. I am extremely proud to have been a part of this important initiative and working in such an enjoyable environment.

Vanessa Newcombe
Youth Camp Coordinator

Annexes

Feasibility of implementing Youth Summer Camps on the Lower North Shore

Goal: Maintain the five (5) KIDS Summer Camps along the Lower North Shore, in the five (5) municipalities

Action Plan – May 2007 to September 2008

Objectives	Planned Activities	Performance Measurements	People Responsible	Timeframe
Re-establish operations of the KIDS Summer Camps in La Tabatiere, St. Augustine, St. Paul's River and Blanc Sablon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact 2007 steering committee to confirm continued participation • Contact 2007 KIDS Summer Camp Committees to determine their continued participation • Conduct inventory of supplies • Contact initial partners to secure funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One steering committee confirmed • Four parents committees (La Tabatiere, St. Augustine, St. Paul's and one Blanc Sablon) confirmed • Inventory achieved • Funding secured 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinator • Coasters Association Inc. • Steering Committee • KIDS Summer Camp Committee (4) 	May - July 2008
Oversee the overall working administration of the camps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm partnerships (i.e. Quebec 4-H) • Develop overall budget • Develop Summer Camp outline • Find available space for camps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships confirmed • Budget developed • Course developed and available for implementation • Youth Summer Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinator • Coasters Association Inc. • Steering Committee • Kids Summer Camp Committees (5) • Quebec Anglican 	July - August 2008

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct pre-enrollment • Hire student camp counselors (15 to 20) • Arrange student camp counselors training • Advertise the opening of the KIDS Summer Camp • Prepare, plan set up summer camps • Ensure animator evaluation reports completed • Monitor Youth Summer Camps • Develop an evaluation form (one for KIDS Summer Camp Committee, one for parents committee) • Prepare final report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • locations found • List of potential students established for the 2007 camping year • Animators hired • Animators trained • The population is informed of the opening of the KIDS Summer Camps • KIDS Summer Camps opened in La Tabatiere, St. Augustine, St. Paul's River, and Blanc Sablon • Animator evaluation reports completed • Coordinator informed of all KIDS Summer Camp activities • Received feedback from parents, and KIDS Summer Camp Committees • Final report developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Diocese • Quebec 4-H Club 	
Research the possibility of continuation of the youth camps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research funding opportunities • Develop partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding obtained for next year • New partnerships developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinator • Coasters Association Inc. • Steering Committee 	August – September 2008

**Coasters Association
KIDS Summer Camp
(April. 28/08 – September 26/08)**

Schedule of Activities

May 2007

- Set up office & become familiar with all dossiers
- Work session with the Executive Director, Cornella Maurice, to prepare & plan for the two initiatives (ie: co-op & camp), and regarding all of the activities pertaining to the projects
- Contacted members of the Steering Committee and the KIDS Summer Camp Committee's from each camp site to determine their interest in continuing to be a member of the committee, and the future co-op
- Prepared for the selection of the Young Canada Works students (6)
- Established a steering committee (French Immersion Teen Camp)
- Produced a contact list (i.e. members of steering committee, potential partners, resource persons, etc...)
- Established partnerships with various organizations to assist in the development of a youth co-op
- Researched information on other youth co-op's already established
- Follow-up on the Cenraide Duplessis application for the development of a co-op and the continuation of the KIDS Summer Camp
- Produced youth co-op budget, and research funding opportunities for the development of a co-op
- Work session with Coasters Association's Consultant, Hugh Maynard (Qu'anglo Communications) concerning the development of a youth co-op
- Contacted Services Canada to determine status of project applications (KIDS Summer Camp)
- Drafted hiring criteria and camp committee policies and procedures
- Finalized youth co-op budget
- Training/work session with the candidate selected as the French Immersion Teen Camp researcher (Young Canada Works)
- Continued research on potential funding opportunities and submit required funding applications (if applicable)
- Researched information on the Lower North Shore co-op's (example: domestic aid), and the outcomes, lessons learned, etc...
- Provided an update to the KIDS Summer Camp steering committee, camp committee's of the status of the 2008 camp year

- Contacted governing boards, Sports and Leisure Committee's, Municipalities requesting facilities to house the 2008 KIDS Summer Camp
- Contacted Governing Boards at each camp site requesting permission to disperse pre-registration forms (KIDS Summer Camp)
- Dispersed 2008 pre-registration forms (KIDS Summer Camp)
- Training session for the French Immersion Teen Camp Animator
- Produced overall budget for the 2008 KIDS Summer Camp
- Contacted Co-op Secretariat to determine status of project application for the development of a youth co-op
- Follow-up with other youth co-op's via the internet
- Follow-up with Lower North Shore co-op's (i.e. Domestic Aid)
- Continued to build partnerships
- Organized training (June 23rd - 27th) for the student camp counselors (KIDS Summer Camp)
- Meeting with the KIDS Summer Camp Committee's to discuss course outline in each camp site
- Contacted Eileen Schofield (St. Paul's School Principal) and Vincent Joncas (St. Theresa School Principal) to discuss the possibility of obtaining the leftover breakfast club supplies for the KIDS Summer Camp in St. Paul's River and Blanc Sablon
- Work session with Cornella Maurice, Executive Director

June 2007

- Drafted, finalized and dispersed weekly themes to each camp site
- Dispersed hiring Criteria and camp committee policies and procedures to steering committee for approval
- Posted jobs (Services Canada)
- Posted training facilitators job for three (3) camp sites (Chevery, La Tabatiere, St. Augustine)
- Reviewed resumes and selected training facilitators
- Contacted Quebec 4-H to discuss the insurance of the camps
- Continued to support the French Immersion Teen Camp Animator
- Work session with Head Counselors to discuss duties and weekly theme
- Organized activities per age group
- Obtained and dispersed crafts supplies to each camp site
- Created and dispersed publicity flyer (poster)
- Reviewed resumes and selected candidates for the French Immersion Teen Camp Researcher position (Services Canada)
- Reviewed resumes and selected candidates for the student camp counselors positions (Services Canada)
- Developed snack and art supply list
- Held registration
- Organized and compiled KIDS Summer Camp Binders

- Dispersed weekly themes to each camp site
- Conducted training session for the French Immersion Teen Camp Researcher (Services Canada)
- Prepared information packets for the student camp counselors
- Finalized training arrangements for the student camp counselors
- Continued supporting the French Immersion Teen Camp Animator
- Conducted training (June 25th – 27th) for the student camp counselors
- Informed each camp site of their snack and craft budget
- Prepared, planed and set up summer camps
- Work sessions with Cornella Maurice, Executive Director

July 2007

- Contacted all student camp counselors for banking info
- Drafted, finalized and dispersed welcome letter to parents
- Contacted each camp site requesting completed insurance forms
- Forwarded insurance fees and completed insurance forms to Quebec 4-H Club
- Contacted Ana Osbourne (Eau-Naturelle Discovery Camp) to follow up on the camp in Chevery
- Monitored all camp sites
- Continued to provide support to the two (2) employees selected for the French Immersion teen Camp
- Completed staffing reports for the counselors hired under Young Canada Works
- Work session with Cornella Maurice, Executive Director

August 2007

- Contacted Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Surete du Quebec to visit camps to conduct information sessions
- Organized KIDS Summer Camp wrap up activities (talent show)
- Requested inventory of remaining craft supplies from each camp site
- Organized clean up of all camp sites
- Drafted, finalized and dispersed evaluation forms to families who participated in the 2007 camp
- Drafted and finalized a feasibility report on the French Immersion Teen Camp
- Produced and dispersed activity report to funding partners and resource people
- Drafted and dispersed thank you letter to all funding partners, resource people
- Work sessions with Cornella Maurice, Executive Director

September 2007

- Drafted and dispersed thank you letter to all funding partners, resource people
- Compiled evaluation forms

- Researched possible funding opportunities for next year
- Organized conference call with steering committee
- Prepared and dispersed conference call material
- Compiled and forwarded evaluation results to steering committee
- Dispersed the French Immersion Teen Camp Feasibility report to steering committee, resource people
- Drafted, finalized and dispersed final report
- Wrapped up all activities of the project
- Work session with Cornella Maurice, Executive Director

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KIDS Summer Camp

Parents/Youth Survey

In order to help us improve the quality of the KIDS Summer Camp, please complete this survey. Your comments, opinions and ideas are very much appreciated.

Camp Site: _____

1) Please rate your overall satisfaction of the 2008 KIDS Summer Camp.

Parent: *Excellent* *Good* *Poor*

Child: *Excellent* *Good* *Poor*

Comments: _____

2) Please rate your overall satisfaction with the student camp counsellors.

Excellent *Good* *Poor*

Comments: _____

4) Would your child consider attending the KIDS Summer Camp next year (if available)?

Unsure *No* *Yes*

Comments: _____

5) **What changes, if any, would you like to see implemented for the upcoming year?**

Comments: _____

6) ***Other suggestions and/or comments.***

Comments: _____

Please Return to:

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Youth Camp Coordinator
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Thank-You for your feedback, it is much appreciated!

Annex 4

2008 KIDS Summer Camp
April 28th, 2007 to October 10th, 2006

Description	Projected Expenditures	Sources of funding							Total	
		Anglican Church/ North Shore Deanery	Bob Bryan, QLF	Young Canada Works	Registrati on Fees	Caisse Populaires (Blanc Sablon, La Tabatiere, Tete-a-la- Baleine)	Service Canada Summer Jobs Program	USL		CLD
Human Resources										
Project Coordinator (\$15/hour x 35 hours/week x 23 weeks, plus benefits)	14,482	2,137			1	6,274			6,070	14,482
Animator (\$9.85/hour x 35 hours/week x 13 weeks, plus benefits)	4,997	710		3,978				309		4,997
Animator (\$8.50/hour x 35 hours/week x 9 weeks, plus benefits)	3,073	805					1,971	297		3,073
5 Camp Counselors (\$9.85/hour x 35 hours/week x 8 weeks, plus benefits)	15,496	3,195		11,798				503		15,496
3 Camp Counselors (\$8.50/hour x 35 hours/week x 8 weeks, plus benefits)	8,080	390					5,911		1,779	8,080
1 Camp Counselors (\$8.50/hour x 35 hours/week x 8 weeks, plus benefits)	2,710	690					1,971	28	21	2,710
Administration (Coasters support staff)	9,525	700			8,825					9,525
Overhead										
Office/equipment rental	750	550			5			195		750
Telecommunications/Internet	750	200			310				240	750
Office supplies	202	192			10					202
Photocopier	1,543	241			859			443		1,543
Publicity & promotion	1,074				1,074					1,074
Postage	745				385				360	745
Travel										
Travel	1,217	825	200		192					1,217
Blanc Sablon students travel for training	112	112								112
Others										
Training	747	747								747
Snacks (7 weeks x \$125/week x 4 camps)	2,124	599	300					1,225		2,124
Snacks for training	500	500								500
Camp material & supplies (\$500/camp x 5 camps)	2,238	2,238								2,238
Insurance (4 Camps - Payable to Quebec 4H @ \$20/child)	1,800				1,800					1,800
Total	72,165	14,831	500	15,776	13,461	6,274	9,853	3,000	8,470	72,165

Note: Coasters Association contributed office space, equipment usage, as well as management of the project, valued at \$5,000.
QLF paid salaries for 5 camp councillors, valued at \$13,804.
Schools, youth centres and arena contributed facilities to host the Kids Summer Camp, valued at \$28,830.
Translation of documents (Melissa Lawless), valued at \$1,500.
Total contributions: \$49,134.

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Sample Thank You Letter

September 17, 2008

Mr. Steven Kohner, Rural Dean
North Shore Deanery
2473 Le Carnon
Baie Commeau, PQ G5C 2G7

Dear Mr. Kohner:

On behalf of the KIDS Summer Camp, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$5,000.00, which was used to purchase the necessary craft supplies. Your contribution has made it possible to open four camps (La Tabatiere, St. Augustine, St. Paul's River and Blanc Sablon) along the Lower North Shore and support the Eau-Naturelle Discovery Camp in Chevery.

Since its inception in 2006, The KIDS Summer Camp has strived to create a safe and healthy environment in which the youth in our communities can participate in educational activities and enable them to develop skills at a young age. In 2008, we were able to further our mission in bettering the lives of our youth by maintaining the camps already established, as well as creating twelve (12) student positions across the Lower North Shore. This was only made possible through the generous contribution from organizations such as yours.

In the future, we plan on continuing the camps already established and to expand to one (1) or two (2) additional communities along the Lower North Shore. As you know the cost of undertaking such an important initiative is enormous, therefore, we hope to have your continued support in the future.

We are pleased to enclose a package outlining the KIDS Summer Camp initiative. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Executive Director, Cornella Maurice, at (418) 37-2006 or 2356.

Once again, thank you for your charitable donation, it was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Anthony Dumas
President
A/D