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YMCA JOHN ISLAND CAMP

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# Alumni Newsletter

## SPECIAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA EDITION

The Alumni of any institution, whether a university, society or a camp, can be a major resource. With YMCA John Island Camp, we have a large alumni potential - an alumni that can make a major contribution to the future of the camp. Our alumni have already been involved in work parties and in the promotion of the camp. Third generation campers can only be the result of a committed alumni.

Now that we are officially 50 years old, the potential for the alumni to support the camp is greater than ever before. We hope that many alumni will take the opportunity to revisit the camp during the many opportunities provided this year (ie: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, Visitor's Day on June 27<sup>th</sup>, etc).

Through regular editions of the John Island Alumni Newsletter (we must get a better name for it) we will attempt to provide continuous updates regarding the camp and opportunities to get involved in helping provide for its future operation. YMCA John Island Camp is part of our lives of which we can all be proud. Its future, however, is boundless!



# WHOW WELL DO YOU KNOW CAMP?

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. What is the camp mission statement?
2. Where is Lost Lake?
3. How many camp buildings have more than one story? What are they?
4. Who is the chairman of the Sudbury YMCA Board of Directors?
5. What was the name of the person the camp's back harbour was named after? What was his association with John Island?
6. Which three cabins did the camp alumni support through donated funds?
7. Including all leadership campers, how many campers can the camp accommodate in one season?
8. How many acres constitute camp property (during normal water levels)?
9. As of June 2004, how many total completed cabins for campers and staff accommodation are there in camp?
10. In what year did the camp open for summer camp? For spring outdoor education?
11. What was the original purpose of the Out-trip food cabin?
12. "Millie's Grove" is named after what person? What was her connection with the camp?
13. What is the name of the current Camp Director of YMCA John Island Camp?
14. The "Maxie M" and "Earl M" both have served camp as dependable boats. Who were they named after?
15. What other summer resident camps has the Sudbury YMCA operated?
16. Who directed John Island Camp in its first year, 1954?
17. Campers come from distant places. Name five countries from which campers will come in 2004.
18. Name at least one family from which three generations have been involved in John Island Camp.
19. How many of the 16 named camper cabins can you name?
20. Who was the owner of the John Island Camp property before it was bought by the YMCA for the camp?



# JOHN ISLAND DINING HALL SONG

There is an Island far away,  
that calls us to its shores.  
Where campers love to romp and play,  
and ravel in its lores.

Chorus:  
All so free! Full of glee! Happy Me!  
As together friendships through and  
through are best!  
Pass the test! We're campers through  
and through!

For fun and fellowship we share,  
our treasures more than gold.  
John Island stands for all that's fair,  
the memories that we hold.

Chorus:  
All so free! Full of glee! Happy Me!  
As together friendships through and  
through are best!  
Pass the test! We're campers through  
and through!

Our home of pine and rocky shores,  
where azure sunsets gleam.  
God's glory shines for all that's fair!  
Whose presence reigns supreme!

Chorus:  
All so free! Full of glee! Happy Me!  
As together friendships through and  
through are best!  
Pass the test! We're campers through  
and through!



# JOHNNY APPLESEED

Oh! The Lord is good to me,  
and so I thank the Lord,  
for giving me the things I need,  
the sun, the rain, and the apple seed,  
the Lord is good to me!  
Johnny Applesced! AMEN!



## BARGES

*(Chorus)* Barges, I would like to go with you,  
I would like to sail the ocean blue.  
Barges, have you treasures in your hold?  
Do you fight with pirates brave and bold?

Out of my window looking in the night,  
I can see the barges' flickering light  
Silently flows the river to the sea,  
And the barges too go silently.

*(Chorus)*

Out of my window looking in the night,  
I can see the barges' flickering light  
Starboard shines green, and port is glowing red,  
I can see them flickering far ahead.

*(Chorus)*

How my heart longs to sail away with you,  
As you sail across the ocean blue.  
But I must stay beside my ocean clear,  
As I watch you sail away from here.

*(Chorus)*

Away from my window on into the night,  
I will watch till they are out of sight.  
Taking their cargo far across the sea,  
I wish that some day they'd take me.

*(Chorus)*

## TAPS

Day is done  
Gone the sun  
From the Lakes  
From the hills  
From the sky  
All is well  
Safely rest  
God is nigh.



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