

TAKE FIVE WITH FIVE OAKS

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It Is Complete...

And it is beautiful to behold! Five Oaks now has a 7 circuit canvas labyrinth which means we can offer labyrinth programming all year round. After receiving enough funds through donations to buy the canvas and paint we were able to go ahead with plans to create a labyrinth for indoor use at Five Oaks. Robin McGauley and her husband, Mark LeBel, drew the pattern onto the canvas and then 4 volunteers (Brenda, Charlie, Regina and Sonya) joined Robin for two days of intense painting. Thank you to everyone who made this dream possible – those who gave their time, their money and their support. We hope to have a dedication service sometime in the near future. Please watch for details in an upcoming issue of this newsletter.



Day Camp Update

The summer is halfway over. We have had three great weeks of summer Day Camp, as well as an excellent weekend of Family Camp. On Saturday, August 13th, the Five Oaks staff, and a number of the campers and their families will be heading to watch the Hamilton Tiger Cats play the Toronto Argonauts. The Hamilton Tiger Cats donated 100 tickets to the camp for that game. Go TiCats!

Day Camp runs until August 26th. We have some very exciting special guests coming including Linnea Good and Nancy Reeves on August 16th. Linnea and Nancy will be doing a joint workshop for the campers, as well as anyone in the community who is interested. After an hour of the joint workshop, Nancy will be offering a separate workshop for those interested in exploring how to "Nurture your Child's Spirituality". We invite those in the community who are interested in attending to contact us at cyfm@fiveoaks.on.ca for more information. We are looking forward to a great rest of the summer and all the fun. We still have a few spaces available for Day Camp, so if you or someone you know is interested please contact us at daycamp@fiveoaks.on.ca or call us at the office.

A Letter from Family Camp

We attended a weekend family camp at Five Oaks from July 30 to Aug 1. It was certainly worth the drive from Montreal for my family.

The facilities are excellent and in fine shape. The pool, especially enjoyed by my two young daughters, was always clean and well maintained, as were the grounds in general. This is a great place to relax and contemplate nature, with hiking trails and several cozy areas nestled throughout the property. The accommodations are well maintained and clean especially the kitchen, dining room.

However, the greatest asset at Five Oaks is the staff. The kitchen staff does a great job with meals and service. The camp monitors and administrative staff were always present and ready. They were at the same time enthusiastic and convivial while respecting our need for quiet time (what a great concept, a siesta). As a bonus for us, several of the staff were bilingual and ready to converse with us in French.

I want to encourage families looking for either a fun family time or a chance to get away from the city to consider this vacation option. Swimming, rafting on the Grand River, campfires, coupled with contemplation and peace. What a way to replenish and renew with your family. Thanks for a great vacation!

- Denis, Gabrielle and Annie Rose Marcoux

Words to Ponder

The following poem was written while painting the labyrinth.

Prayers offered

*For others,
Lie hiding
In purple,
On a path
Journeyed now,
Travelled then
Walked when?
Forever
In God's presence.*

~ Brenda Wivell

SUMMER CELEBRATION

AUGUST 18th, 2011, 7:00pm, Five Oaks Centre

Live Music • Kirsten Jones • *duo nominated*

Reading & Book Signing • Ray McGinnis

Photography display • Richard Choe



This is a free event. Donations will be gratefully received to support arts programming at Five Oaks.



Bring your friends and family and enjoy the evening.

www.fiveoaks.on.ca Five Oaks Centre 1 Bethel Rd. Paris, ON Please RSVP at 519-442-3212

August 18, 7pm, Five Oaks Centre
Featuring Kirsten Jones, Ray McGinnis, and Richard Choe

Upcoming Programs

Five Oaks Annual General Meeting

Thursday, September 22, 7-9
Coffee, tea, and dessert served

Adult

- Day Away, September 7, Cost \$45 (includes lunch)
- Labyrinth Walking with Lauren Artress, October 22, Cost: \$115

Children, Youth, Families

Fall Family Camp

October 21 – 23

Cost:

Adults \$160

Youth (12-15) \$110

Children (4-11) \$75

Children (under 4) \$25