Outdoor adventure for this year’s Potton Summer Day Camp

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Planning is well-underway and organizers of the Potton Municipal Summer Day Camp are proud to announce a second year featuring their ‘Outdoor Adventure’ theme. Campers will learn new outdoor skills including orienteering, shelter building, rock-climbing, wilderness survival, outdoor cooking and paddle sports while discovering Potton’s trails, rivers and mountains and lakes as part of Adventure Thursdays! Past activity favourites like the gardening program with Karen Tinker, arts and crafts with les Productions Super Hiro, pumptrack workshops, and weekly beach days will all be implemented again this year.

The Camp prides itself on providing a bilingual program for children ages 5-12 and offers campers the unique opportunity to discover the outdoors. “We live in a world where we are competing with technology for our children’s attention” says Community Organizer, Trish Wood “and kids are losing their connection with nature. Our goal is to get young people ‘hooked’ on being outside and develop a sense of pride for Potton, at the same time, build memories that will last a lifetime. Ask anybody about their childhood memories and you can certainly bet they don’t involve sitting on the couch playing video games. The outdoor model is working, because what child doesn’t like building a fort? Little do they know that while they are building it, they are developing skills like problem-solving, teamwork and creative thinking!”

Campers are separated according to age; with a ratio averaging 1:15 per animator/camper. In addition to a full-time staff, you can expect an average of three special guests to join the day camp each week.

To ensure the top-notch safety of campers, all water sports and outdoor survival workshops are led by a local, certified guiding company, Expé Adventures. Every staff member is certified in First Aid and follow an intensive five-day animators training delivered by an Adventure Specialist.

The camp start date is June 25 and it ends on August 8.
Details are as follows: Times: 9 - 4, Monday to Friday.
Fee: $50 / week for residents of Potton or $325 for the entire seven weeks; $100/week for non-residents of Potton.
Costs include all weekly outings to the Vale Perkins Beach and Adventure Thursdays.

A daycare service is available before and after regular day camp programming for an additional cost.

For more information contact: Trish Wood at 450 292-3313 x 228 or visit the Potton website at www.potton.ca for the list of activities and outings.