

Gatineau, August 30th 2007



**Hello,**

Another summer has ended at TUOI! And it was a summer filled with a great variety of activities. We hope that the kids had fun. Included with the newsletter is a photo album which gives a glimpse of the summer camp of 2007. Thank you to Anaïs Buro, educator, for this photo presentation.

If your child took part in our summer camp, he brought home a few weeks ago, an appreciation questionnaire. We ask you to please take a few minutes to complete it and return it before the end of September. This helps us serve you better. The questionnaire is available on our web site at [www.traitudunionoutaouais.com](http://www.traitudunionoutaouais.com) under "Babillard" or you may communicate with Monique at extension 23 if you want her to send you another copy.

I would also like to take this occasion to wish you all a good school year and a great fall season!

#### **CALENDAR FOR FALL SERVICES**

Our activity calendar for the fall was in the previous mailing. As you may have noticed, it contains mainly information about the services offered to your children. The activities in the family sector are still on hold because we are waiting to fill the coordinator position for which the hiring process is now underway.

Some activities for the parents might be added later this fall. We are awaiting a confirmation concerning a workshop that will be offered by Brigitte Harrison. We will keep you posted on this activity and others in the next newsletter.

You can obtain a copy of the calendar on the web site or you can communicate with Monique at extension 23.

#### **« FORMULE CLUB » SERVICES**

All the places have been filled for the « formule club » activities in September and October. Billing and details are included for those who have registered their child. Please note the date, hours and activities in which your child is enrolled. As usual, the payments must be received at the latest upon the day of the activity in which your child is participating. If you wish to pay in cash, please come to the administrative office that is open from Monday to Friday between 8 and 4.

#### **ROAD BLOCKS**

We are looking for volunteers for road blocks that will be held in September and October in collaboration with the Kiwanis Club and the Richelieu Club. These partnerships usually help us raise over 2000\$. To offer your services for a half-day or a full day, please call Monique Fortier at extension 23.

## REGISTRATION FOR THE REGULAR FALL SESSION 2007

Registration for regular groups will be made by telephone. As stated in the new waiting list policy, parents whose children have received services in the last year can enroll their child on Monday September 10th and others can enroll their child on Thursday September 13th if there are remaining places in the groups. The cost is 20\$ per day. The number of places is.

We invite you to call 819-595-1290, extension 26 on September 10th or September 13th between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to enroll your child in these activities. We will confirm the enrolments in the following week and the bill will be sent to you.

Please note that some changes have been made to certain groups in the social integration sector. Some scheduling changes have also been made in some groups in both sectors, after comments received by the parents, human resources and availability of premises. See below for more details.

If you have any questions concerning which group your child is in or if you would like more details, please call the coordinator responsible for your child's group.

In both sectors, programs will start during the week of October 9th, after Thanksgiving and will end on December 8th with the Christmas party.

### SOCIAL INTEGRATION SECTOR (BRIGITTE BACHELLERIE)

Days	Groups*	Where
Wednesday 5 to 8 p.m.	Dégourdis ( 9-12 years old)	TUOI
Thursday 5 to 8 p.m.	Club Ado (ex Dégourdis, 13-15 years old)	TUOI
Friday 6 to 9 p.m.	Club Social (15-21ans)	TUOI
Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Les Boys (ex Thursday social club : 13-21 years old)	To be confirmed
	P'tit futés (6-9 years old)	To be confirmed

\*Please note the following changes in the social integration sector:

- The group *les Dégourdis* has been divided in two and the older teens now constitute the Thursday group ;
- The teens who participated in the Thursday *club social* will now meet on Saturdays from 10 to 4 (*Les Boys*).

### CAMPS SECTOR (JULIE MAROIS)

Days	Groups*	Where
Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Ado 1	To be confirmed
	Ado 2	To be confirmed
	Others (special measures)	To be confirmed
Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Aventuriers	To be confirmed
	Étincelles	To be confirmed
	Ado 3	To be confirmed

\*No changes have been made to group composition in the camps sector but the activities take place on a different day. Contrary to last year, most teens will meet on Saturdays and the younger children on Sunday.

## **SUMMER CAMP INDIVIDUAL REPORTS**

The reports that are ready have been included in this mailing and others will follow in the next few weeks. We hope that these documents will allow you talk to your child about his experience at TUOI's summer camp and that they will constitute useful information for your child's teachers and workers.

## **EXHIBIT AND CLAIMING OF ARTWORKS: LAST CALL**

There are still a lot of art works that have not been retrieved by parents. We ask the parents who have not yet done so to come and get them at our administrative offices. Please call Monique extension 23 prior to your visit so that she may prepare everything.

### **RESOURCE LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION CENTER**

Please note that starting September 5<sup>th</sup> these will be the new opening hours:

- Wednesday afternoon from 1 :00 to 4 :00
- Thursday evenings from 5 :00 to 8 :00

Diane Crépeault, educator responsible for the library, presents her picks for you in the appendix. Happy reading !

### **CONFERENCES ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM IN NOVEMBER 2007: reminder**

- **November 2-3** : conferences on the autism spectrum offered by Autism Today in Ottawa (for info, visit <http://www.autismtoday.com/ottawa2007.htm>)
- Annual symposium on autism and intellectual disabilities in Laval on **November 8-9**, organised by the Abe Gold learning centre (see details at [www.goldlearningcentre.com](http://www.goldlearningcentre.com))

## **TUOI'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

The first meeting of the committee took place and many ideas have been explored. Without giving away all the scoops, I can tell you that we have planned a reunion in October 2008, where we plan to invite families who took part in TUOI over the years, ex-employees and people who have positively influenced our history. A scrapbooking contest will also be held during autism month 2008 and the creations that will be submitted will be presented during our event in October.

So, you can start looking through your photos and souvenirs in preparation for the 20th anniversary!

If you wish to volunteer your help for the organisation of different activities please communicate with us. We will also ask for your help during the year to try to reach the maximum of people for the reunion.

## **THE TOURIST AND LEISURE COMPANION STICKER (TLCS)**

(vignette d'accompagnement en loisirs)

The Outaouais is among the regions in the province that offers the tourist and leisure companion sticker for people who have a disability or a mental health problem.

The **companion sticker** allows those who accompany people with special needs to enter free of charge at different cultural and leisure attractions so that they may have a fun and safe experience.

The places in the Outaouais are registered with the program are:

- Mont Cascades Golf Course
- Mont Cascades Aquatic Park
- Fortune Aerial Experience
- Le Patro Community Centre
- Canhusk Expeditions
- Amigo recreational complex
- Buckingham en fête summer festival
- Montcalm Gallery
- Le Grand Rire de Gatineau (humour festival)
- Wonders of Sand
- Gatineau Mini-Putt
- Canadian Museum of Civilisations
- Secondaire en Spectacle
- Centre d'interprétation du Doré-Jaune (learning about fish)
- Mont Ste-Marie
- Les Anecdotiers (historical tours)
- Manoir Papineau National Historic Site Of Canada
- Souvenirs Sauvages in Montebello (animal observation)
- Plaisance Heritage Centre
- The Plaisance Falls
- Plaisance National Park
- Musée des pionniers (pioneer museum in Saint-André-Avellin)
- Musiqu'en Nous inc. (music festival)
- Centre d'interprétation du cerf de Virginie (learning about deer)
- Edelweiss Golf Club

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