

Make a splash at Long Island! A full-size heated pool and Gift Shop Boutik are just some of the features at the Camp.

pool, with registration taking place Sunday night. The pool is guarded by highly qualified lifeguards on weekdays from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with a one-hour break (4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) where only adults are allowed in the pool for a quiet swim. This allows all but one lifeguard to have their dinner break.

Opening day (this year it's June 24!) is held every year on either the third or fourth Saturday of June. This is a feature day with numerous activities planned. A 10 km race, sponsored by the RCMP Running Club, starts the day at 10:30 a.m. followed by a childrens' 1 km fun run, mini-Olympics, swimming races, a fishing derby, and evening family dance. We also have attendance by members from the RCMP Musical Ride, "A" Division Motorcycle, Helicopter and Police Boat Units. This makes for plenty of photo opportunities! You don't even have to pack your picnic basket as hamburgers, hot dogs and refreshments are available for purchase all day long.

Unfortunately with government and Force cutbacks, the Camp has lost most, if not all, of its capital upkeep funding from the RCMP.

As such, there have been many changes at the Camp and we are now focusing our efforts on developing outside sources of revenue. For example, we host a number of picnics over the summer to groups from companies around the National Capital Region, the Department of National Defence, various office parties, churches and a number of charitable organizations.

We also hosted the Grand Masters Fiddle Camp the last two summers and presently sponsor the Friends in Sportfishing group who take special needs groups on half-day fishing trips at no charge. In 1999, they hosted over 2,000 children and adults through the RCMP Long Island Camp. We also host other groups for a minimal charge as part of our Community Policing and Public Relations initiative. For example, Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, Guides and other camping groups use the Camp during the offseason for weekend camping experiences. Wood Hall is available for groups to host meetings and/or social gatherings and offers a beautiful hall accentuated by a massive fireplace, full-service kitchen, dance hall and fully accessible washroom facilities. Group bookings are made through the Camp



A boater (or paddleboater's) paradise! The Camp has ideal boat-docking facilities, paddleboats and a rowboat available for use at no cost.

SPRING 2000