

The KaBeeLo Lodge Line

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UPDATES & TRANSITION 2012-2013

The "laundry list" of things that have changed or that are changing at KaBeeLo is quite long but not very complicated. While we don't have the space in this newsletter to address all of these issues, we are going to try and highlight some of the more noteworthy items: (1) Erik Lohn (our son) will be joining us for the entire season as a pilot with KaBeeLo Airways as well as learning the "ropes" about other lodge duties and responsibilities; (2) **WE WILL NOT BE ISSUING ONTARIO FISHING OR HUNTING LICENSES OR OUTDOOR CARDS DURING THE 2013 SEASON.** License issuers are located in virtually every town in Ontario or you can purchase them on-line at <https://www.on.wildlifelicenses.com>; (3) water at our main base on Confederation Lake is "purified" by an elaborate system of filters and ultra-violet radiation while water at the outpost cabins is NOT purified. If you want "pure" water at the outpost cabin bring bottled water or boil the water; (4) new docks were completed on Perrigo, Wakeman, Betty, Brokenmouth, Bertha, Dead Dog, Bear Paw and Wavell lakes; (5) Bertha Lake underwent a complete renovation which means new everything; (6) minor repairs on Dead Dog and Wavell lake cabins were completed in September 2012.

Forest Fires & Wildlife – Consequences!

As we noted in a prior KaBeeLo Newsletter our expectation was the fires of 2011 would not have any impact on the fishing or hunting activities during the 2012 season, and, we were right. While there were lively discussions about the long term effects of the fire not a single guest reported poor fishing due to the residuals of the fires. In fact, the exact opposite was the case wherein many guests reported catching "bigger fish" or "more fish" or "more big fish." A quick call to the local wildlife biologist confirmed that fall out from the fire may actually have had a positive impact on the "... turbidity of the lakes...thus resulting in a richer food base for given fish species." While forest fires may not be desirable from an aesthetic point of view they are a natural part of sustaining the boreal forest. For moose hunting the fires were a blessing in disguise in that immediately after the fire new growth appeared which became browse for the animals. Those animals that were harvested during the 2012 season were taken in the burn areas where the food was plentiful and the trees were sparse. We concluded that fires are good for Mother Nature and, indirectly, those of us that enjoy the fruits of her labors.

Jeanette Lake - Cabin Update

"This is an outpost cabin of the future. It just does not get any better than this. The Jeanette cabin, without question, is simply stunning." During the 2012 season ALL of our guests (see quote above) on Jeanette Lake offered rave reviews about the cabin and its accommodations. The new cabin compliments the fantastic walleye and northern pike fishing that is offered on Jeanette Lake. NOW is the time to reserve your dates on Jeanette Lake and enjoy what others have been talking about. Visit (www.kabeelo.com) and see what repeat guests on Jeanette Lake have been talking about.

Perrigo Lake – Cabin Update

This new cabin was completed in the fall of 2011 and occupied by our guests throughout the 2012 season. As with the new cabin on Jeanette Lake the one on Perrigo Lake was a smashing success. The cabin, the views, the fishing – everything is exactly how one wants to experience the wilderness in NW Ontario. Visit our website (www.kabeelo.com) and enjoy the new cabin photos and the comments offered by guests from seasons past. Better yet, make your reservations TODAY and look forward to fishing on Perrigo in 2013.

Live Bait – Why? How?

The fish "food pyramid" for Canadian Shield lakes is best described as minnows on top followed by every other form of live bait. Sure, all forms of live bait (leeches, crawlers, fresh water shrimp, mayflies, grubs, etc.) will have *some* success but minnows are the very definition of fishing success in Canadian Shield lakes. However, the challenge is in keeping them alive until ready for use. The secrets to a lively minnow: un-crowded conditions (don't put too many in a bucket), cooler water (surface temps are too warm), no direct sunlight (submerge below the lake surface) and active use (use them if you got them). Remember that lively minnows can be the difference between fishing success and successful fishing. In short, use plenty of minnows and use them often - they do catch fish.

2013 Pricing

With the USA economy somewhat anemic, the dollar strength falling, rising prices for goods and services and staffing we have had to raise our prices by a paltry 2.7% to keep us out of the woods and on the water. THANKS for understanding.

KaBeeLo Lodge Offerings

While “fly-out” fishing is the mainstay of KaBeeLo Lodge operations we do have other options that avail themselves to you and your friends and family. For instance, we offer Black Bear Hunting, Moose Hunting, Grouse Hunting and Lake Trout fishing. For those that do not hunt or fish we offer, retreat/conferences, honeymoons, 4 Wheeling and sight seeing. Each of these activities is fully addressed on our website (www.kabeelo.com) complete with package details, pricing and timing restrictions. Take just a couple of minutes and visit the website or give us a call (1-800-233-2952) or send an email (kabeelo@integra.net) and we will be happy to address all your questions and concerns with thoughtful and thorough answers.

Border Crossing – Anything New?

The short answer to that question is – NOTHING! Individuals crossing the border into Ontario in 2012 may have heard the policy on “minor criminality” had been “relaxed” with particular emphasis on driving while intoxicated (DWI). Yes, the policy was relaxed provided an individual had ONE offence (and only one), had served the sentence and paid the fine. Once determined, the individual “may” have been admitted at the discretion of the Customs/Immigration Officer. Additionally, IF admitted, the processing fee of \$200 could be waived at the discretion of the border officers. As of the writing of this newsletter talk of extending this policy is still in the discussion stages. Should there be any interest in the latest developments on this matter please call the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) at 807-274-5281 or 807-274-6068.

KaBeeLo Lodge – Main Base

Over the past several seasons we have begun to develop a variety of packages and activities which take advantage of Confederation Lake and the utilization of the accommodations at the main base. Specifically we offer trout fishing, the #3 Confederation Lake Special, Black Bear and Grouse Hunting. Additionally, we have internet service, boat/motor rental and sight seeing tours. Furthermore, all of our cabins have electricity, daily maid service, hot/cold running water, full eating and dining facilities, free parking, and fish filleting service, freezer space and ice. The main base of KaBeeLo Lodge is a place where you can have it all (and then some); the schedule is flexible and light on your pocketbook. Come visit us!

Why those “pesky” deposits?

The current policy at KaBeeLo Lodge is that each person must send in a deposit (currently \$300/person) in order to confirm their trip. Deposits are necessary for the following reasons: each person has some “skin in the game”; tourism “rebate” is predicated on receipt of a deposit; and, communicates to group members and lodge owners that you are going to follow through with the planned reservation. And, of course, deposits are used during the “off-season” to pay for marketing, advertising, sport show attendance, travel and other business expenses.

DONATIONS

For the past 40+ years KaBeeLo Lodge has contributed to a variety of organizations that, in our eyes, advance and promote causes that are for the betterment of humankind. Such organizations and entities share their wealth and experience by engaging groups and individuals in a common bond towards the solution or advancement of ideals and experiences. If you believe there is an organization that measures up to these ideals we would encourage you to contact KaBeeLo Lodge for a discussion regarding mutually beneficial arrangements.

2013 Sport Show Schedule

- **Kansas City, KS:** January 10-13, 2013
J. Bartle Hall
- **Des Moines, IA:** January 18-20, 2013
Iowa Event Center (tentative)
- **Omaha, NE:** February 21 – 24, 2013
Qwest Center
- **Minneapolis, MN:** March 21-24, 2013
Minneapolis Convention Center

Short Notes:

- NOT ALLOWED into Ontario: handguns, live minnows, leeches, dog food, potatoes, radar detectors.
- When sending photos for brochure consideration send up to your five (5) best
- Did you know the KaBeeLo kitchen is collecting recipes? If you have a favorite please send it along, especially fish recipes.
- REMEMBER – passports are required
- Bringing a child along? Get a “letter of permission” from the other parent which acknowledges travel destination
- “Three-fourths of the Earth’s surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn.” Chuck Clark

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