

KABEELO LODGE LINE



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OUR FORESTS: FIRES, INSECTS, LOGGING

FIRES: The figure insert represents the total number of forest fires in Ontario for the 2018 fire season, as they compare to the 2017 season and to the ten year history. The province received support from across Canada (6 other provinces/Territories to be exact) to assist with the fire situation, in the form of equipment and personnel.



While KaBeeLo is grateful to have been overlooked this year by Mother Nature, we most certainly identify with outfitters impacted by this year's fires.

INSECTS: A common practice of the MNRF (Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry) is to combat/extinguish forest fires for economic reasons. Subsequently, the indigenous Jack Pine trees have been attacked by the Jack Pine Bud Worm.

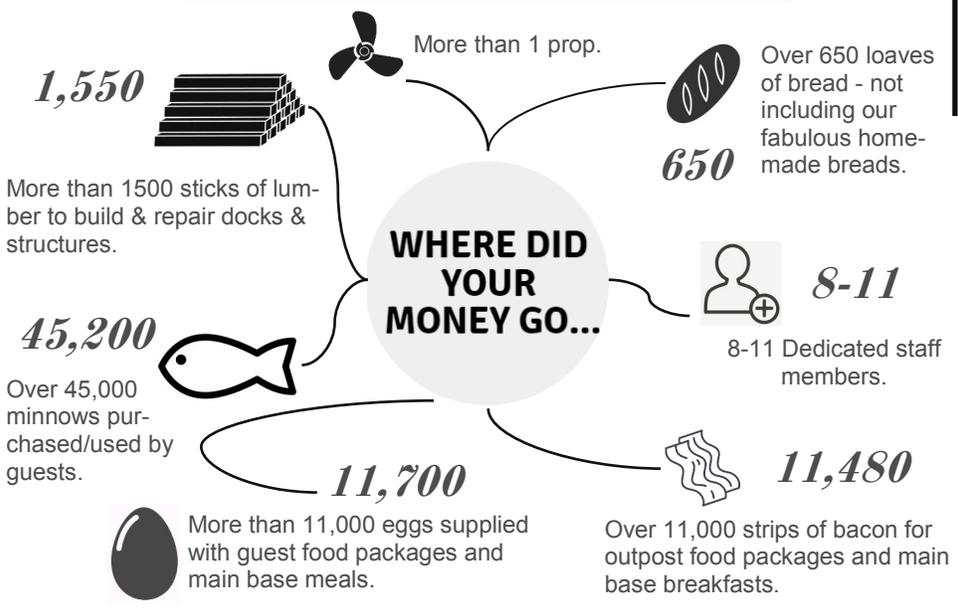
While native to North America, the Jack Pine Bud Worm is why many of the Jack Pine trees, in and around KaBeeLo's lakes & the surrounding ageing boreal forests, are turning brown and dying-off.

LOGGING: The tail end of the current logging plan is here and will be replaced with a new forest management plan in 2021. KaBeeLo will continue to ensure remote tourism stays strong and healthy for KaBeeLo and the mutually supported local businesses.

Long term plans/goals include minimizing road construction and enforcing complete road decommissioning once timber cutting and replanting activities are finished (let Mother Nature repair herself). It's important that timber companies are held to ethical logging standards and practices, produce minimal fiber waste and maintain clean waste/chemical/litter free forests in a timely manner.

KaBeeLo will work diligently with the MNRF and timber companies to help shape the manner in which logging companies operate over next decade.

BY THE NUMBERS



What's in the Price?

FOOD, WELL PAID GUEST ORIENTED STAFF, INSURANCE, AIRPLANES, DOCKS, BOATS, MOTORS, BUILDING MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS, TRUCKS, CAMP VEHICLES, GENERATORS, LAWYERS, ACCOUNTANTS, GAS, PADDLES, NETS, GARBAGE DUMP FEES, LAND USE FEES FOR ALL OUTPOSTS ... THE LIST GOES ON AND ON.

WE WANT GUESTS TO KNOW WHAT THEIR FISHING/HUNTING TRIP DOLLARS GO TOWARDS. EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN LIST OF COSTS AND THIS IS WHY WE KEEP YOUR POCKET BOOK IN MIND.

KABEELO STRIVES TO PROVIDE VALUE AT FAIR COMPETITIVE PRICES FOR ALL FISHING AND HUNTING PACKAGES. GIVE US A CHANCE, WE'RE CONFIDENT YOU WILL AGREE. TO OUR REPEAT GUESTS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

WHAT WE DID THIS SUMMER...

GONE IN 4 DAYS Bear Cabin, once a physical structure at KaBeeLo's main base; built in 1972, decommissioned in 2016 and demolished in 2018. Why? More short-term guest parking, easier to move vehicles around the lot, manipulate baggage carts, supplies, ATV's etc. The removal was studied over 2 season during which we found most repeat fly-out guests prefer to flyout upon arrival.

DOCKS, DOCKS & MORE DOCKS - Once again we replaced and fixed docks. The ice, snow and rain continue to damage and rot the-

ses necessary structures.

The largest and most visible improvement is at the main base - we installed a new boat dock configuration and a new plane-dock comprised of floating sections & over 150' long. The goal is to improve "floatplane traffic control".

The combined removal and installation of the two main base dock projects took 19 days, 5 people, average 8-10 hour days.

At the outposts we added floating sections at Wakeman and Brokenmouth.

SEAGRAVE - Complete remodel at the newly acquired centrally located site. In ~20 days our talented crew re-cribbed the building, installed new siding, new roof, new flooring, new decking, new tongue & groove pine, new privy (very important), new fish cleaning table, new bunkbeds, new kitchen cabinets, new appliances - the list of "news" is rather extensive! The end result is a fully modern outpost that complements the rest of our structures.

ENGINES - New engines in each plane (ouch), part of our routine maintenance program.

WEIGHT LIMITS

The weight guideline for a KaBeeLo flyout trip is 40lbs per person + 1 case of beverage + 1 cooler (between 2 people).

KaBeeLo operates small aircraft to access our remote lakes, meaning there's not a whole lot of room for extras. Bottom line is many people visiting KaBeeLo bring too much stuff, gear, crap, necessities - you decide on the word. While we understand many items are needed, we also know that a lot of the extra stuff in your bag is more of a "what if"; better to leave it behind.

Extra weight = extra flight(s) = extra \$\$'s for all involved.

PS - our larger aircraft doesn't mean bring more gear.

PICTURES

Want to be on the brochure cover, or inside panel? Each fall we work on making a new brochure and we always need good pictures to fill our brochure. Take pictures while fishing/hunting, send us a couple of your best and find out in December if you made the front cover.

PUT FISH GUTS ON SHORE - WHY?

WHY DO WE TELL OUR GUESTS TO DISPOSE OF FISH GUTS AWAY FROM THE CABINS AND LEAVE ON SHORE? IT'S NOT FOR FUN, TO BURN MORE BOAT GAS OR HAVE OUR BOATS BANG ALONG THE ROCKY SHORELINES. IT'S SO **YOU** CAN ARRIVE AT A CLEAN OUTPOST!

SEAGULLS, BALD EAGLES, BUGS, ANTS AND MANY OTHER CRITTERS EAT FISH GUTS ON SHORE.

THERE ARE NO TURTLES TO CONSUME FISH GUTS DUMPED IN THE WATER. ONCE A FISH GUT REACHES 4-5 FEET DOWN OR DEEPER, THE GUTS WILL LAST UP 72 DAYS IN THE WATER. SEAGULLS ARE ABOUT THE ONLY ANIMAL IN OUR AREA THAT WILL EAT SUBMERSED FISH GUTS UP TO 1.5 FT DEEP. IN CASES WHERE GUTS ARE TOSSED OFF THE DOCK AT THE CABIN, INCOMING GROUPS ARE FACED WITH STENCH, UNPLEASANT SIGHTS, INCREASED WATER PARASITES AND POTENTIAL FOR A FOWL WATER SOURCE TO THE CABIN (NOT IDEAL FOR BRUSHING YOUR TEETH).

FOR KABEELo IT IS GROSS, SMELLY & A COSTLY UNDERTAKING AS WE END UP MAKING A SPECIAL FLIGHT TO SPEND HOURS CLEANING UP THE ROTTING GUTS. PLEASE DISPOSE OF FISH GUTS **AWAY** FROM THE CABIN AND LEAVE **ON THE SHORE!!!!!!**

AIRCRAFTS—YES or NO?

Aircraft require a lot of \$ to operate, in fact most of your trip dollars go towards an aircraft related expense; Two (yes 2) new engines this 2018/2019 season, annual maintenance, insurance, winter storage, 100 hour check-ups.

Many days we ask ourselves "could KaBeeLo offer fishing without float planes?". The answer for us is "NO WAY", we still believe the best "Remote Canadian Fishing Trip" comes only with the use of a float plane. We pride ourselves on owning and running commercial planes inspected and approved by Transport Canada, maintaining valid insurance, affording top notch commercial maintenance and recruiting commercial pilots.

3 PM CHECK IN

L *THANK YOU to those following the 3pm check-in time! Arriving 3pm or later allowed us to complete all the work projects listed on page 1 & then some. We need this time between the A.M./P.M. flying and guest interactions to accomplish necessary repairs and improvements all while faced with the short operating/good weather season. We look forward to 2019 season with more groups following the 3pm check-in time.*

CATCH & RELEASE

Catch a big one (or small), take a picture and release the fish. Talk about the fish with kids and show your friends & family that catch-and-release is the best way to conserve our resources, and ensure great catching will continue in these unique Canadian waters.

Always put your big Walleye, Northern Pike and Lake Trout back in the water to swim another season and safeguard their strong reproductive cycles. Keep in mind that NONE of our region's lakes are stocked. Released big fish are what maintain our great fisheries.

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Give us a call for more information about our services and products

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SPORTSHOWS

JANUARY 10-13
SPORTSMEN'S SHOW
ST PAUL MN

JANUARY 10-13
ALL CANADA SHOW
ST. CHARLES, IL

JANUARY 10-13
INTERNATIONAL
SPORTSMEN'S EXPO
DENVER, CO

MARCH 1-3
OUTDOORAMA
NOVI, MI

MARCH 8-10
DEER & TURKEY
CLASSIC
ST. PAUL MN

MARCH 21-24
MN NORTHWEST
SPORTSHOW
MINNEAPOLIS MN