**News – June 2019**

**High Water Means Changes to Our Summer Programs & Rouge Regatta!**

The high water levels are similar to what we experienced two years ago and have resulted in a few program changes.

The Sprint Racing 9-14 (Bantam) Summer Program will be run out of our Rouge Beach location rather than the Frenchman’s Bay site. This is the full-day program that runs 9:00-4:00 from July 2 to August 23. The Sprint Racing 9-14, Intro to Sprint, and Canoe & Kayak Camp will all run out of Rouge Beach.

The high water has closed the parking lot at Rouge Beach. **This means that the drop-off and pick-up location for all Rouge programs has changed to the Rouge Hill Go Train Station (6251 Lawrence Ave. E.) at the east end of the parking lot.** Our Camp Counsellors and Sprint Coaches will greet campers at this location every morning. The children will walk the paved waterfront trail that begins at the station and ends at Rouge Beach. The walk takes about 30 minutes and campers & paddlers will always be accompanied by a Camp Counsellor or Sprint Coach when walking this path. There will be games and activities along the way to make this fun and enjoyable. Please dress your children according to the weather with rain gear, sweaters, filled water bottles etc. If campers/paddlers have a bicycle or set of wheels that they would prefer to use, they can do so as long as they come with a helmet. We have a higher ratio of staff to children to accommodate the changes.

Rather than Friday BBQs, we will be having a pizza lunch. Because washrooms at Rouge Beach have been temporarily closed, PRCC will be bringing in portable toilets for children and staff to use.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will change the drop-off and pick-up location once the water has receded and we can safely take children through the parking lot. Coaches and counsellors will be communicating directly with parents to keep them updated.

**The Pickering Rouge Regatta is on Saturday, July 13 at Burloak Canoe Club in Oakville**

The Rouge Regatta will be held at the Burloak Canoe Club on July 13 at 160 Water Street in Oakville – many thanks to the Burloak Club for offering their location to us. The format will be a run and paddle with an emphasis on fun. We are looking for lots of volunteers to help us run the races and a BBQ. This is a great time to work your volunteer hours.

Sign up for volunteering is on our “Jobs and Volunteering” page at <http://pickeringrouge.ca/jobs-volunteering/>. Please sign up for more than one time slot if you are available.