



Black Family News 2005



"Superior" and Other Outdoor Adventures

The highlight of our year was the 2 1/2 week tent-camping road trip Emily and I took with our dogs, Casey and Scratch. The first leg of our trip took us to Grundy Park, an hour south of Sudbury, where we shared a campsite, for four nights, with long-time camping companion, Louise, her son Christopher and niece Sarah. It was great to spend time with them again!

For the rest of the trip, Emily the dogs and I were on our own. Our next stop was at "The Chutes" Park, about 1 1/2 hours east of Sault Ste. Marie, which features a hiking trail with a view of an impressive waterfall and several sets of rapids. We stayed there for two nights, before making the final push to Lake Superior Park.

We stayed at Rabbit Blanket Lake Campground, at the north end of Lake Superior Park, for five nights, and used our campsite as a base for exploring the rest of the park and the Wawa area.

We did lots of hiking, and swam daily in chilly Superior. One of the most awe-inspiring parts of our stay in Lake Superior Park was a hike through a craggy cleft in the shield rock, to view native pictographs on a rock face overhanging the lake!

Next, we travelled east to Pancake Bay Park, about an hour west of Sault Ste. Marie. We stayed at Pancake Bay for five nights. One morning, we drove into "the Sault" and took a day-long train ride to scenic Agawa Canyon and back, with a two-hour stopover to eat lunch and explore the canyon on foot. It was fun!

The last stopover on our road trip was two nights at "The Chutes" Park.

This year's other (adult-only) tent-camping adventures included a canoe trip with my teacher-friends, in The Massassauga Park, and teepee-camping at a native campground near Tobermory, with my friend Paul. Em stayed with her sitter while I was away.

Gordon Black Memorial Camp-Sponsorship Fund

Over the past three years, 40 underprivileged children have attended a week of summer day camp, at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, on full sponsorship, in memory of my late- husband, Gordon! The 2005 total was 22 children. Thank you to all who have so generously contributed to the fund.

Hospital for Sick Children

Over the past seven years, Toronto's "Hospital for Sick Children" has been providing exemplary care to my cousin, Hannah Clark (age 10), in her battle against leukemia. This Christmas season, please consider making a donation to "Sick Kids." You can donate online via: <http://www.sickkids.ca> or by mail.

In "Emily News"

In August, Emily and her cousin Cal, both aged five, attended a three-day summer day camp session, at the Wye Marsh. Next summer, Emily would like to enroll for an entire week. Emily is having a wonderful time in Senior Kindergarten. Her favourite school-related activity is learning how to read. This fall, Emily joined "Sparks" (the youngest group within the Girl Guide movement). Emily loves attending the weekly meetings and I have been assisting at meetings. This fall, Emily has also been attending swimming lessons. Over the winter, she will be taking skating lessons. For her birthday, Emily received her first pair of cross country skis. We also have our backyard sled hill up and running again. Winter rocks!!

Rama Central P.S.

This year, I am at the same school as last year, teaching Grade One and Two again. The school is located about a twenty-minute drive from home, just outside the town of Washago. I am enjoying my second year as a classroom teacher immensely. I have a delightful group of nineteen students, who are all very well-behaved and enthusiastic about learning.

This year, we have a class web page. If you would like to "visit us" online, go to: <http://ram.scdsb.on.ca> and click on "Classes."

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"Camp Rama"
(a.k.a. Mrs. Black's class @ Rama Central P.S.)



We hope you enjoy your visit to our Grade One and Two class...



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