

# KABEELLO LODGE LINE

Winter 2021/Spring 2022

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Dear Guests, Friends and Fans of KaBeeLo Lodge:

It has been a very difficult 18+ months for the tourism industry in Ontario Canada – including KaBeeLo Lodge. The major reason – the Canadian border was closed to “all non-essential” travel (meaning tourism) from March 2020 until August 9, 2021! As a result, we experienced: virtually no cash flow; supply chain stresses and strains; loss of staff; inability to update our equipment and accommodations; the list goes on.

However, there was some good news: we opened for business on August 9, 2021. We had a few guests make the journey, some repairs were made, and, we re-committed to making KaBeeLo Lodge a strong and viable business entity for 2022 and beyond.

Worldwide, the nature of business, travel and tourism has changed – possibly forever. Nevertheless, the KaBeeLo “families” want to ensure EACH OF YOU we will do everything in our power to maintain our continuing commitment by offering a quality product at a fair price accompanied by first class service in a wilderness setting.

## WHAT HAPPENED IN

# 2021

- KaBeeLo opened for 7 weeks and to those that visited, we SINCERELY THANK YOU!
- Replaced the decks on 3 lakefront cabins at the main base. This also included new support beams, levelling and in the case of Trout cabin raised it 20”. Six buildings were re-roofed and work continued on propane upgrades (digging in 600’ of new line and creating water heater sheds, replacing shut-offs and grounding wires).
- Having missed almost two summers, the weeds at outposts required hours of weed whipping and clean up. Probably should have just purchased a goat or two for the tasks 😊
- JEANETTE LAKE - Cabin cribbing was replaced as the old cribs were rotting and sinking (common issue thanks to Mother Nature’s rain & snow). While there we installed 2 new solar 24-volt refrigerators, new wire, solar panels, regulators, batteries and more.
- Thank you Mr. Black Bear for supplying “extra work” for our 2021 staff...the activities of a curious bear damaged screens, siding and more.
- GREAT FISHING! With zero pressure for 1.5 seasons, some anglers assumed fish would just jump in the boat...turns out you still need to put a line in the water 😊. The fishing reports were strong, good numbers and great size variations. Signs of healthy lakes!

### HUNTING REPORTS

**BEAR:** The 2021 fall hunt success rate at KaBeeLo was 100%! Bears weighed in at 275 – 325lbs. The bear skins/rugs were in great shape - a common trait with fall harvests.

**BIRD:** Our booked hunters decided not to take a run at the border situation. While no birds were harvested through KaBeeLo, our observation was that there were plenty of birds in the forest and roads.

**MOOSE:** Moose hunters fall 2021 shot and harvested at 50% success rate. Our typical success rate is right in this range. Ontario moose hunting rules keep changing, fees and number of available tags. KaBeeLo still is allocated a good number of Bull and Cow tags – please call to discuss the changes & hunt options.

**LOGGING:** Lumber harvesting continues to be in and around KaBeeLo lakes and outposts. A couple lake shorelines were heavily impacted in 2020 and 2021, will still have some logging pressure for the next year or so. While the future of logging pressure will progress, the good news is that KaBeeLo has made progress with agreements on extensive road decommissioning.

# LOOKING AHEAD TO 2022



- Being mindful of expenses, the 2022 brochure is a simple rack card (enclosed) showing the package rates & options for the 2022 season.
- 2022 rates have been adjusted to help mitigate some of the large fixed costs incurred during the pandemic. We are beyond grateful for your support through this phase of "pandemic recovery". If you have a 2022 trip booked, we plan to mail details about your booked trip/deposits before the end of 2021.
- This season will be THE TIME to "USE" your rolled deposits. All existing reservations will have to be confirmed/committed to no later than mid-January 30, 2022.

Yes, we said 50 years! KaBeeLo Lodge was established in 1972 by Ken and Betty Lohn. Back then, KaBeeLo's main base was float plane accessible only. Pre-COVID meltdown/crisis, the current Lohn families had plenty of fun ideas for celebrating the success of 50 years. Post -COVID, border shutdown and lost seasons, we are just plain HAPPY to be able to open for the 50<sup>th</sup> season!!

## SPORTSHOWS

| DATES     | CITY            | SHOW                                      |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Jan 20-23 | Chicago, IL     | <a href="#">All Canada Show</a>           |
| Mar 3-6   | Fargo, ND       | <a href="#">Sportsmen's Show</a>          |
| Mar 10-13 | Sioux Falls, SD | <a href="#">Sportsmen's Show</a>          |
| Mar 11-13 | Shakopee, MN    | <a href="#">Deer &amp; Turkey Classic</a> |
| Mar 10-13 | Minneapolis, MN | <a href="#">NMMA</a>                      |

## CROSSING THE

# Border

At the moment, border crossing COVID restrictions are in place and vaccinations are required to cross the Canadian border; COVID tests required 72 hours prior to border crossing; use of the ArriveCAN app. Visit our website for updates, details & links: <https://kabeelo.com/trip-information/covid-19/>

*Humor from Alastair (son/grandson):*  
**Q:** What's the best way to catch a fish?  
**A:** Have someone throw it at you

WE CAN ALWAYS  
USE YOUR

# Help

As the world transitions away from Pandemic restrictions, we ask people to remember, it will take years for many Industries to recover from the economic blow to their businesses. Please continue to support local and small businesses this Holiday Season and beyond.

**Gift Certificates:** Available in any dollar amount. Call 952-447-2952 or email [info@kabeelo.com](mailto:info@kabeelo.com) to arrange purchase & delivery.

**Shop KaBeeLo apparel:** Unique sweatshirts, hats, adult & kids apparel that you can't get at the Lodge! Online sales only [www.kabeelo.com/about/apparel/](http://www.kabeelo.com/about/apparel/) Be sure to check out the "2020 Lost Season" mesh cap!

**Book a trip for 2022:** Call or email to talk through some options and packages for the upcoming season.

**Spread the word:** Holidays mark the perfect occasion! Your word of mouth is our best advertising!

HOW TO

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