The KaBeeLo Lodge Line

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KaBeeLo Lodge - 30th Anniversary

BORDER CROSSING - SECURITY ISSUES

Increased security precautions at the U.S/Canadian border crossings will be in place by the time you receive this newsletter. In order to minimize any anticipated delays (going into Canada or returning to the USA) we recommend that each person carry their passport or birth certificate. Some members of the party may have background checks performed. If you have any questions about Canadian Immigration you can call 807-274-3815 or visit their website: www.cic.gc.ca. If you have questions, you can also give us a call and we will help in any way we can.

SEAGRAVES LAKE - Virtually A New Cabin

Our recent efforts at renovation and modernization have resulted in a 16' X 20' addition (sleeping quarters), screened porch, new interior and exterior and a shower at Seagraves cabin. It has become the show piece for outpost "living." To view the Seagraves cabin visit our website at www.kabeelo.com. For your information, we have running water at all of the outposts and showers at Perrigo, Wakeman, Allison, Jeanette, Bertha, Dead Dog, Bear Paw & Seagraves Lakes.

NEW POLICY - NO TROPHY TAKE HOME

Conservation means maintaining and sustaining the quality of fishing at KaBeeLo Lodge that we have all come to value. To further these efforts we are asking all of our guests to honor a policy of "catch-and-release" of all trophy fish. Should you wish to have a fish mount, take photos, measure the length and girth and order a "replica." We can make arrangements for a replica at the lodge.

Road Construction

FINALLY - road construction/resurfacing of Hwy 105 between Vermillion Bay and Ear Falls has been completed. Given the road is wider and smoother could be a temptation to "push the peddle to the metal." Remember: the speed limit is 80 kilometers/hour (50 miles/hour). Drive safely and within the speed limits.

KaBeeLo Lodge: 1972 - 2002

From 1972 through 2001 KaBeeLo provided "fly-out" fishing trips to literally thousands of eager and happy fishermen; we plan to continue the tradition in 2002. Over this period KaBeeLo Lodge has grown from a "no-outpost, no-airplane, few-staff" operation to an "18-outpost, three-airplane, lots- of- staff" operation. Its success has been an adherence to one very basic principle: provide every customer with the best fishing or hunting package available at a fair and reasonable price. In addition, we like to think that Mother Nature has blessed us with a wonderful place (in the wilderness of Northwestern Ontario) to offer these fishing and hunting packages. Come and join us for our 30th birthday - we promise that we will not disappoint you. And, the coffee and cookies are on us.

The Gravel Road

Important notice: BE AWARE of TRUCK TRAFFIC. Logging trucks will be using this road from morning 'til night every day of the week. Be extra careful when the road is dry and dusty because the dust can be temporarily blinding. Should you have a "close encounter" try and record the time of the incident and the kilometer marking. When you arrive at the lodge please provide us with the information and we, in turn, will report it to the superintendent for the logging operations.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS!

As owners/operators of KaBeelo Lodge we realize that a great deal of time, talent and energy go into making it a success. Most of these efforts come from our staff and we are thankful for them. We also recognize that without a truly wonderful and loyal customer following there would be no KaBeeLo Lodge. So, we would like to say THANK YOU! With these thanks we would also like to invite each of you to our 30th birthday party. It is a milestone that makes us proud, so please come and celebrate with us.

Harald & Ann Lohn

Some Helpful Hints! (An Update)

Airplanes: KaBeeLo Airways, Ltd. operates two (2) DHC-2 "Beaver" DeHavillands (one built in 1957 and the other in 1959) and one (1) Cessna 180 (built in 1953). The last year of manufacturing "Beavers" was 1966. They are maintained and inspected on a regular basis according to manufacturer's and governmental specifications and are flown by qualified and certified commercial pilots.

Anchors: Not provided by the lodge. We suggest you fill an empty milk jug with sand once you are at the lake.

Bait: NO LIVE minnows or leeches can be brought across the border into Ontario. If you would like to use live bait call us and we can make sure to have it on-hand. We have a regular supply of minnows but leeches require advanced warning. Plan your "bait needs" ahead of time.

Biggest Fish: The Biggest Northern (caught & released) in 2001 measured 48 ½ inches and was caught on Wakeman Lake by Frank. The Biggest Walleye (caught & released) measured 31 inches and was caught on Brokenmouth Lake by Randy & Jim. Congratulations to all of you!

Brochure Cover: Every season we have a new photo on the cover of the brochure. The "winner" of the cover photo receives a free trip (#1 Fly-Out Special) during that season. Photos must be received at our Winter Address before the end of October. The "cover boy" this year is Bruce from Illinois. We are told that Dan took the picture.

Cabin cleaning: Please help us keep the outpost cabins neat and clean. Please do your part by cleaning up before you depart.

Drinking Water: Water in all of the lakes is potable (i.e., you can drink it). It does not have to be treated, however, you might want to consider these few suggestions: 1) bring bottled water; 2) boil the water; or, 3) put a few drops of bleach in a pail of water and let sit for 20 minutes.

Early arrival: This package includes lodging, supper and breakfast - pricing cannot be matched in town anywhere! **Emergencies**: Medical facilities are approximately 1.5 hours from the lodge by road and 30 minutes by air.

Equipment: Remember that YOU can help us keep our equipment in working order by letting us know when something does NOT work. Please let us know when you have equipment problems.

Fish Remains: Leave them on the shoreline somewhere on the lake away from the cabin. Mother Nature will insure that they are cleaned up in a proper fashion.

Fly-Overs: Fly-overs are done everyday - weather permitting. These are done to assure there are NO emergency situations. The exception is Kamungishkamo - no fly-overs!

Lake/Outpost Descriptions: Go to our website (www.kabeelo.com) for complete descriptions and pictures.

Licences & Limits: License prices and fish limits will remain the same as they were for the 2001 season. The exception is our new trophy fish policy.

Mailing List: In December/ January of each year we send out a mailer containing our current brochure and newsletter. If you would like a name added or deleted from this list please let us know. Also, please send us any address corrections as soon as they occur.

Pictures: We receive many photos each year from our guests and we love them and we THANK YOU! Please keep sending them. If you want any of them returned please let us know.

Replicas: Pricing for replicas is equal to those for a "skin mount." The advantages of replicas are - longer lasting, easier to clean, less deterioration and nicer presentation. Critical measurements include length, weight and girth. Replicas can be ordered through the lodge.

Taxes: As a "rule-of-thumb" use 7.5% to compute taxes on any of the fishing packages.

Think Metric: Measurement in Canada are metric - gas is sold in liter(5 liters in an imperial gallon); mileage is in kilometers/hour; and, drinks are sold in liters. The currency is Canadian dollars and there are no one or two dollar bills, just "loony" and "toony" coins.

TIPS: Over the past several seasons we have been asked many times about our "tip" policy at KaBeeLo Lodge. Our hope is that when asking about the policy it is in response to better than expected service from our staff and ourselves. Even though each staff member does receive a regular salary we are convinced that superior services deserves a little extra (tip). In light of this philosophy we can offer the following guidelines: "tip" the individual; put the "tips" in the office tip box; or, leave it with Ann or Harald with instructions as to how you wish it distributed.

Weather Forecast: If you are concerned about the weather forecast, we suggeset you look up the weather for the Red Lake, Ontario area on the internet. We operate on a forecast basis of "what you see is what you get".

Weight: 40 lb. weight restriction refers to personal gear, fishing gear and sleeping bag. In addition, we allow ONE case of beverage per person and one cooler for every TWO persons. Please remember - extra weight is a safety issue. And, YOUR SAFETY is our first priority.