



# T.R.O.O.P. 2011



For two months every summer, Toronto Police officers trade guns for paddles, bullet-proof vests for P.F.D.s, boots for sandals, striped pants for shorts and scout cars for canoes. The Toronto Recreational Outtripping Outreach Program (TROOP) is entering its 10th year. The program evolved as the result of a unique partnership forged between the Toronto Police Service, Toronto Parks Forestry and Recreation and ProAction Cops and Kids. Youth from across Toronto join with police officers and youth workers to take part in a free, outdoor, experiential learning opportunity that lasts 5 days and includes canoeing, hiking and camping.

Every summer TROOP takes over 200 people on canoe trips to the wilderness of Northern Ontario. Youth participants are between the ages of 13 to 19. The program gives youth and police officers an opportunity to learn a little more about each other while experiencing an environment that many of them have never seen before.

Youth are invited to attend “free of charge” due to the generosity of a not-for-profit organization called ProAction Cops & Kids. ProAction funds numerous programs involving police officers and youth. TROOP participants are provided all necessary equipment including food, transportation and camping gear while attending on trips.

TROOP is coordinated through the Toronto Police Service Community Mobilization Unit at Headquarters. The City of Toronto, Parks Forestry and Recreation provides assistance through their Inner City Outtripping Centre based out of Sunnyside Park.

## NEW FOR 2011

We will be operating 6 trips for youth this summer starting in July. Trips start Monday at Sunnyside Park in Toronto with a canoe and wilderness orientation delivered by the Inner City Outtripping Centre and Toronto Police Trip Leaders. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are spent on a canoe trip in Northern Ontario. We return to Sunnyside Park on Friday where the Inner City Outtripping Centre Staff conduct a trip debriefing followed by a showcase of additional programming and opportunities offered by Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation. For more information on the TROOP program, see the link attached below or contact the TROOP coordinator.

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<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/communitymobilization/youth.php>



## WHO CAN ATTEND A TROOP TRIP

- Toronto youth between the ages of 13-19 accompanied by their agency worker
- Youth outside this age range upon recommendation of their agency worker



## WHO CANNOT ATTEND A TROOP TRIP

- Youth **unaccompanied** by a youth worker, teacher or other suitable professional
- Youth on criminal charges still before the courts or in custody
- Youth with a history of violence that would not be conducive to the safety and security of other participants
- Youth with severe allergies or medical conditions unmanageable in the wilderness

## 2011 TRIP DATES

Trip # 1	<b>JULY 4-8</b>
Trip # 2	<b>JULY 11-15</b>
Trip # 3	<b>JULY 18-22</b>
Trip # 4	<b>JULY 25-29</b>
Trip # 5	<b>AUGUST 8-12</b>
Trip # 6	<b>AUGUST 15-19</b>

## 2011 TROOP FORMAT

### **MONDAY 8:30am to 3:30pm**

Sunnyside Park Toronto  
TROOP canoe and wilderness orientation day.  
Wear clothing appropriate to the weather conditions.  
Expect to get wet and dirty. Pizza lunch provided.

### **TUESDAY 8:00am**

Board bus at pre-organized location and head to Macdonald Lake Access point at exit 168 off of Hwy. 400 north of Barrie, Ontario. Canoe and portage to camping area on McCrae Lake.

**WEDNESDAY** - Explore area by canoe. Visit Crows Cliff and the Frying Pan rock section at Georgian Bay. Fishing, swimming, canoe flipping, campfires and more.

**THURSDAY** - Pack up and canoe back to Macdonald Lake access point. Board bus to Toronto at 11:00am. Stop for lunch en route. Arrive in Toronto around 2:00pm at pickup location.

### **FRIDAY 9:00am to 2:00pm**

Return to Sunnyside Park, debrief the TROOP trip. Inner City Outtripping Centre showcases additional outdoor programs and engages group in leadership training and challenges.

## PACKING LIST

Sleeping bag (provided if needed)  
Water bottle (provided by TROOP)  
2 pairs of footwear (wet/dry)  
1 pair shorts  
1 swim suit  
1 warm long sleeve or hoody  
2 pairs of socks  
1 short sleeve shirt  
1 hat  
2 pairs underwear  
1 pair warm pants (not jeans)  
Flashlight  
Toothbrush / paste

**Sunnyside Park Location**  
**1755 Lakeshore Blvd. West**  
**Meet here on Mondays and Fridays.**

**Lakeshore Blvd. W. just West of Parkside Drive on the South side. Participants can be dropped off at the driveway out front of the Pizza Pizza building on the West side of the Sunnyside Pavilion. Paid parking is available in the public lots located east and west of the complex off of the Lakeshore Blvd.W. Walk along the boardwalk to the south side of the Pavilion Building and look for the “Inner City Outtripping Centre “ signage. SUBWAY– Exit at Keele subway station and board 80 Queensway bus to Lakeshore Blvd. and Parkside Drive**

