

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Suns of Sphairee Donors,



Each year it is incredible to see the support for the Suns of Sphairee bursary fund and to see how donations have grown from year to year. Thank you to all of you who have donated in the past! Your generosity is so greatly appreciated by these campers and their families. In 2018, Chase, Jack, Dylan, Ashton and Hudson had the opportunity to spend part of their summer at camp. I am writing today to ask for your continued support to help provide these boys with the life changing experience of being a camper at Ponacka.

There are few places in my life where the sights, sounds and smells come back to me as clearly as those from Ponacka do. The distinct clang of the bell, rumble of the Ho Chi Minh Trail, snap of the cabin door closing, whoosh of the ablution tables, and even the smell of twenty thousand leagues under the seat, are all ingrained in my mind. More than the place though, it is the spirit of Ponacka that has an impact on campers. Through the camp community and the role models it fosters, campers learn to be humble, to be gracious, to be a good neighbor, to respect the natural environment and so much more. When you leave the camp gates to return to the city and when you grow to old to spend summers at camp, the Ponacka spirit stays with you and offers guidance throughout one's life. Time at Ponacka has a profound impact on those boys who have the opportunity to spend either two weeks or a month on the shores of Baptiste Lake. To make this possible, I'd be grateful if you'd consider donating to send these boys, selected by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Peterborough, to camp in 2019.

It is now even easier to donate! Big Brother's has just setup an online donation page where you can select to direct your funds to the Suns of Sphairee program. Please see below for the link. Donors receive a tax receipt as well as a thank you letter from the boys to let you know about their time at camp. Thanks very much and I wish you all the best!

Kind regards,

Gordon Dunlop ('92-'11)

Donate online at: <https://peterborough.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/donate/> and be sure to select the **Camp Ponacka Suns of Sphairee Program fund.**

OR Mail a cheque payable to **Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Peterborough** to:

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