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Exciting changes are coming in 2014!

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This year there will be changes coming to some of our core programs at AboutFace!

Happy 10th Anniversary Camp Trailblazers!

One of the most exciting ones is the 10th Anniversary of Camp Trailblazers! We are celebrating this milestone by expanding and improving the program! Here is what you can expect this year:

*If you were part of Camp Trailblazers from 2004 to 2013, we want to hear from you! We are compiling a special edition magazine to commemorate this milestone and want to include stories from our campers! Email info@aboutface.ca.

Camp Trailblazers Ontario and Nova Scotia will both be moved to August and will be expanded to 5 days.

Camp Trailblazers BC is being expanded to include families. This year we will be piloting our first ever Family Camp, which will take place on Vancouver Island in May in an effort to meet the needs of families on the West Coast. Family Camp will be a weekend together for children and families of all ages, to network, learn and just have fun.

Camp Trailblazers Manitoba and Newfoundland will remain as they are for now with the vision that we will revisit and restructure in the coming years.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info on Camp Trailblazers 2014!

Leadership and Life Skills Retreat is BACK!

Last summer, we made some changes to our Leadership Retreat, and it was a success! The retreat was held at the University of Guelph and focused on life and leadership skills. It is also a stepping stone for youth wanting to volunteer at Camp Trailblazers. This year, we have tried to time the retreat better, so it will be taking place in May, which will be after post secondary school semesters, but before many summer jobs start. It will be a great opportunity for youth to engage with each others well as prepare for future aspirations.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info on the Leadership Retreat 2014!

Adult Retreat moves to every other year.

This year, we have also decided to make amendments to the Adult Retreat which previously was held over a weekend in the Muskokas. We will now be hosting the retreat every other year, which financially, will give us the opportunity to increase the amount of time we spend together and in turn will make it more worth while for people flying in to join us. Stay tuned for the next Adult Retreat date!

However, this year we will be introducing a new online program specifically for adults, so stay tuned for that!

“Let’s Talk About It” Family Day

Date: Saturday May 31, 2014, 8am – 4:30pm

Location: Easter Seals Camp Woodeden
2311 Oxford St W
London ON N6K 4P1
www.eastersealscamps.org/about/woodeden-camp



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Additional Information: Registration fees to be determined

Thames Valley Children's Centre and AboutFace are pleased to host a collaborative Family Day! The goal of this event is to bring together and enable children, youth and families to learn about various aspects of living with a facial difference. *Let's Talk About It* – about everything! It is a time for sharing information, learning new ideas, and discussing challenges with AboutFace and the Thames Valley Children's Centre Cleft Lip and Palate Team. There will be concurrent fun camp activities for children to enjoy with their peers. Child care will be available for children under 5 years of age.

Stay tuned for registration links and the complete schedule for the day!

Coming Soon to your Community

Last year, AboutFace volunteers introduced more regular social activities in the GTA ranging including bowling, skating and picnics in the rain. In December, we had our most successful event with over 50 people attending our holiday potluck. We want to continue to host community social events in 2014 but we need your help! If you would be interested in organizing a social event in your region, contact us to discuss: info@aboutface.ca

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