



Friends,

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Jason Gould and I am the Managing Director of the C.Y.O. Camp Brébeuf. I have had the good fortune to have met many of the Parishioners here at Sacred Heart Parish, Rockwood. I thank Fr. Morley for the opportunity to introduce myself to you as well as provide the parishioners with a little background and awareness of the property and operations at Camp Brébeuf.

I draft this letter to you as a result of some confusion around the usage of the Camp Brébeuf property. Please understand that the Camp Brébeuf property is private property. The land/property by title is owned by the Diocese of Hamilton. However, the Catholic Youth Organization (C.Y.O.) assumes all responsibility of its upkeep and maintenance. This means that the C.Y.O. pays the taxes, utilities, upkeep, insurance, etc. . We are a year-round operating facility, we offer Outdoor Education throughout the school year, we provide weekend and evening retreats and of course we facilitate a highly popular summer camp – with both overnight and day camps.

With all of that said, we carry the trust and responsibility to ensure the health, wellbeing and safety of the young people and staff that are on the Camp Brébeuf property. We have many young children who come from the vulnerable sector, some of these children come from families who have their own challenges. There are children that come to us from families in custody battles where one or both parents have restraining orders, etc. Again, we are charged with the responsibility to provide a safe and secure environment and facility.

Many of our challenges are a result of trespassers, who use our property to toboggan, to hike, to drive off road vehicles such as dirt bikes, ATVs and snowmobiles, all of which are a challenge and a potential threat to our participants, staff and their families. We must ensure that our property is secure, we must ensure that we post and notify the general public that if they enter our property they are trespassing. We are asking for your respect and consideration in supporting and accepting our wishes to keep Camp Brébeuf a safe and non-threatening facility for the young people we serve. It may appear to be harmless - just going for a walk - however to us it can appear as a threat to the safety and well being of those we serve.

We are so thankful to be a part of the Rockwood community since 1941, and we are extremely thankful for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact John Spatazzo, the Executive Director of the Catholic Youth Organization directly 905-528-0011 ext.3600 or myself, Jason Gould at Camp Brébeuf 519-856-4671 ext. 102.

Many thanks,

Jason Gould  
Director, Camp Brébeuf