



Tastes of the Hill

It's time to tantalize your taste buds! The second annual **Tastes of the Hill** Multicultural Food Festival will be held on **Sunday, October 5, 2008** at the Richmond Green Sports Centre from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tastes of the Hill promotes the area's rich and diverse cuisine.

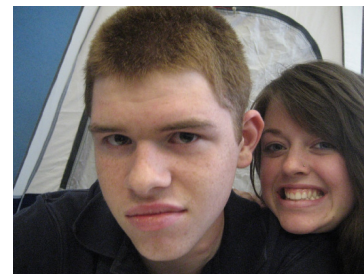
The net proceeds raised by this year's event will be donated to two local charities – *Autism Ontario - York Region Chapter* to provide camping programs for children and youth living

with autism, and *York Central Hospital* to purchase a new ventilator for the Intensive Care Unit.

Last year tickets sold out for the event, as over 1,400 people enjoyed the culinary delights offered by 44 food establishments. With up to 50 vendors taking part this year, festival-goers can enjoy a sensational variety of foods from some of Richmond Hill's finest establishments. From Chinese to Japanese, Thai to Italian, there is

something to suit everyone's palate.

To purchase tickets for Tastes of the Hill, call (905) 787-8811 or order online at <http://richmondhill.ticketwindow.ca>. Tickets are \$15 per person and children under 6 years of age are free. For more information about the event, please call (905) 771-2447 or visit the Town of Richmond Hill website at www.richmondhill.ca.



A HIGHER EDUCATION: ONE COUNSELLOR'S STORY

... BY CRYSTAL TANCREDI

So, exactly who is that bright-eyed A-OK Camp counsellor you entrust your child to every morning?

They may be a York Region high school student, gaining important experience working with children with special needs; or, a university or college student, on summer hiatus from their studies in a discipline related to children.

They may even, possibly, be your neighbour. That is the case with Nicholas Burke.

Nicholas came to A-OK via a well-trodden path: His neighbours are a Camp family. With a strong interest in teaching, he soon found himself part of our team.

Nicholas says that he wanted, "to spend my summer doing the right thing, getting my feet wet as an educator". At A-OK Camp, he says, he is, "having the time of my life".

And while some of his friends have been laid-off from their

high-paying summer jobs as factory workers, he can say, "I took my camper to Wonderland today".

The job, "isn't as hard as it is challenging," because he must stay on his toes at all times, especially since he, like all of our staff, is assigned a new child to work with each week.

"I feel very lucky to have this job. It's incredibly

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