

# Member Monthly Update



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# MARCH AWARENESS

March is Epilepsy Awareness Month and we are planning on placing displays in local libraries, giving presentations to school groups and generally publicizing the month through the media.

Here we ask your help. March 26<sup>th</sup> is Epilepsy awareness Purple Day. If you can arrange some event to publicize epilepsy during March that would be great. All you have to do is let us know what you are planning.

It could be something like arranging for your work place or your child's school to have everyone wear purple or lavender on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

It could be a bake sale or dress down Friday day to increase awareness of epilepsy and raise a few dollars for us. It may be for our agency to come and speak at your work place or service club meeting.

The scope is only limited by your imagination!

If you have any questions contact us at: [info@epilepsyork.org](mailto:info@epilepsyork.org) or call our office at 905-508-5404

Epilepsy Ontario is again organizing Summerfest 2010, a wonderful opportunity for children living with epilepsy to enjoy summer camp at the fun-filled Camp Couchiching! Space is limited, so register early!

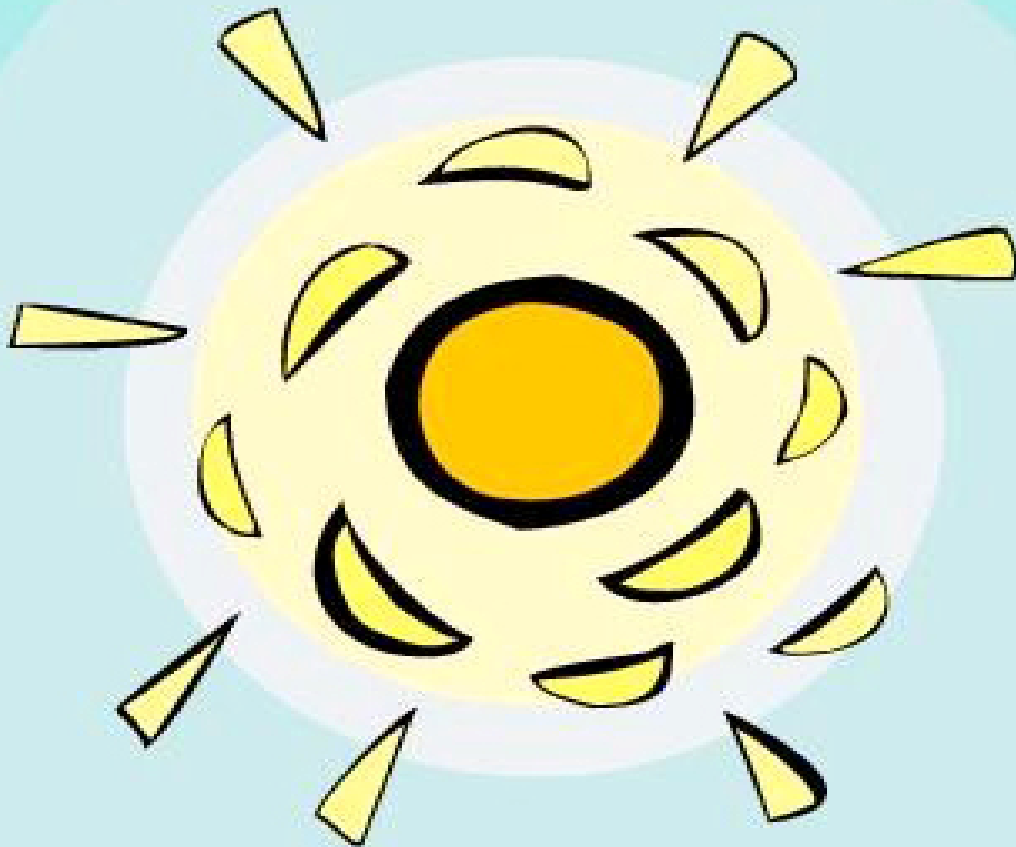
The dates for the camp are July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 16<sup>th</sup> at Camp Couchiching in Orillia ON.

The summer camp is a two week integrated camping experience for children with seizure disorders, between the ages of 6 - 15 years of age.

We also offer a one week camp option with one-to-one mentoring for campers who require additional supervision.

To register for Summerfest, please visit the Epilepsy Ontario website

[www.epilepsyontario.org](http://www.epilepsyontario.org).



# SUMMER

# CAMP

# The 2010 OBCL Epilepsy Scholarship Awards

The 2010 OBCL Epilepsy Scholarship Awards, sponsored by Epilepsy Ontario, are proud to offer up to 14, \$1,000 scholarships to students across Ontario, who are affected by epilepsy. This year Epilepsy Ontario is extending the OBCL Scholarship Awards by offering four additional awards for individuals whose lives have been impacted by epilepsy.

Students will now have the opportunity to apply for four new awards - the Margaret Burka Memorial Grant, the Award of Excellence, the Continuing Studies Award and the Artistic Merit Award in addition to the up to 10 OBCL scholarships awarded annually. These new scholarship are intended to offer opportunities for students previously ineligible for our OBCL Scholarship Awards.

Eligibility for the OBCL Epilepsy Scholarship Awards:

The OBCL scholarships are open to all Ontario students, between 16-21 years of age, who are

Canadian citizens or have landed immigrant status and are currently under an Ontario physician's care for epilepsy. (Please note individuals over the age of 21 years are eligible for the Continuing Studies Award.) Visa students are not eligible. Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 are awarded to successful applicants. Please consult the eligibility criteria for each award and submit all required documents no later than May 31, 2010.

For further details please visit the Epilepsy Ontario website at [www.epilepsyontario.org](http://www.epilepsyontario.org)



# Gift Wrap December 2009 Final Report

We are happy to report that our Gift Wrap at Hillcrest Mall in Richmond Hill was a great success. Our 200 volunteers wrapped over 2000 gifts during the month and realized \$11000 for Epilepsy York Region. Our special thanks goes to all the volunteers who contributed their time as well as the three supervisors, Jessica Coates, Cherill Hiebert, and Sheila Mogul.



# Happy Valentines Day!

