## ESSEX COMMUNITY Camp offers policing skills for kids

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smile? In what

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these choices.

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Chisholm said the 11 and 12 year olds are at a particularly

impressionable age and the

camp helps to steer them in a

opinions and what we have

to teach," Chisholm said.

"And they're kind of fear-

less. I really think this is an

experience they'll never for-

campers are learning and

doing things they've never

been exposed to before, such

he is especially excited about

and didn't do that well," he said. "This time I'll do bet-

Raymond Masse, 11, said

"I've tried it twice before

Chisholm said the camp

as rock-wall climbing.

said

the

"They are open to our

positive direction.

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## BY DANIEL SCHWAB

A group of pre-teen campers are becoming junior police officers this week, during the 13th annual Essex OPP Cop Camp.

Throughout the week, 25 Ontario Provincial Police officers will teach the youngsters team building skills, self-defence methods and crime scene investigation tactics at Camp Cedarwin on County Road 23.

"We're taking your normal leadership camp and adding a police theme to it," said O.P.P. Sgt. Rico Tonial.

Tonial said the officers have drawn on their own experiences from the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ont. to instruct the campers.

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Janet Hayes, right, talks about the importance of team building skills and leadership with her "Emergency Response Team" at Camp Cedarwin Aug. 14. The weeklong camp, run by Ontario Provincial Police officers and auxiliary members, offers kids instruction on crime scene investigation, selfdefence methods and marching.

tion and perseverance.

give up."

response, K-9, marine, patrol "A lot of these kids will and motorcycle, each reprepush themselves to the senting a branch of the OPP. Some of their activities limit," he said. "We are encouraging them not to also include bowling, fishing

> and a trip to Colasanti's Tropical Gardens. Campers will also be

treated to a fireworks display and a performance by the OPP Drum Team.

To conclude the week, on Aug. 18 the kids will participate in a formal march around the campground for their parents.

Family to Family Education Program

The Family to Family program is designed for the families and friends of individuals with, or exhibiting signs or symptoms of a serious and persistent mental illness, for example: schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar illness, panic disorder, obsessive compulsive

The campers are divided

into five teams --emergency

disorder or borderline personality disorder.

The 12-week course starts Tuesday, September 12 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. There is no charge for those who participate.

Participants in the program last year described it as empowering, enlightening, insightful, encouraging, comforting, and life changing.

Contact John Norton at Leamington District Memorial Hospital at 519-326-2373, ext. 4155 for further information and registration. Registration is limited to 25.

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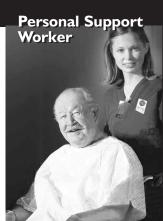


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