

2 FOR 1 Personal Training

It's not too late to take advantage of our 2 for 1 personal training promotion. For only \$90 (plus tax)/hour you and a friend can train with one of Variety Village's expert personal training staff and make your fitness dreams a reality.



Lorenzo Berardinetti
M.P.P. Scarborough Southwest

You and your family are cordially invited to attend

Lorenzo Berardinetti's

BBQ

For a day of fun at **Variety Village**

Fun for the whole family!

Includes:

🍁 Clowns 🍁 Face Painting 🍁 Bouncy Castle

🍁 Strolling Magician 🍁 Information Booths

🍁 EMS Display 🍁 Hourly Door Prizes

🍁 Free Food!!!



Date: Saturday, July 23, 2011

Time: 12:00-2:00 PM

Location: Variety Village

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We would like to thank our sponsors for making this event possible.

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Your comments, story ideas and questions are welcome.



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Vision
Opportunities for people with disabilities.

Mission
Variety Village promotes appreciation, interaction, empowerment and inclusion. We facilitate the achievement of life goals for people with disabilities through sports, fitness, wellness; awareness; education; training and skills development.



Village News

A Newsletter from the Village to Our Members

Issue 62 July 2011

Variety Village Receives Employer Champion Award



The Employer Champion Award program was established by the Provincial Partnership Council (PPC) to recognize employers in communities across Ontario that demonstrate outstanding dedication and commitment to providing meaningful work experiences for local high school students. The *Passport to Prosperity* campaign, supported by the PPC, encourages Ontario employers to provide experiential learning opportunities for high school students.

"By providing valuable workplace experiences to high school students, these Employer Champions are helping young Ontarians make some of the most important decisions in life, including setting career goals and choosing what type

of postsecondary education and training to pursue," said Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Education. "School-work partnerships are critical to boosting student achievement and helping more students graduate."

"I applaud the work of Variety Village for giving young people an important insight into the skills and experience essential to finding work in today's economy," said John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities.

"Helping students learn about careers, and the education and training necessary for success will help build the skilled workforce Ontario needs."

Variety Village, a world recognized charitable facility providing integrated sports, life skills and learning programs, has provided students with meaningful experiential learning opportunities for nearly three decades.

"Our cooperative education program began in 1983 with a handful of students, and we've grown to support a robust program of forty to sixty students annually," said Archie Allison, director, Access and Awareness, Variety Village.

"Over those 28 years, our experiential learning programs have fostered a culture of inclusivity. We encourage students to try and understand the challenges and barriers facing individuals with disabilities in order to better support their strengths, interests and to achieve success."

While at Variety Village, students are taught to ensure that individuals of all abilities have equal and accessible opportunities to become active and contributing members of the community and to develop and learn physical fitness and social skills.



Giant Tiger hosted a BBQ in Variety Village's Honour and Donated \$1000 to Walk Roll Run!

Thank You Giant Tiger!!

July Specials! Half Price Day Passes and \$100 for a 2 Month Membership *New Members Only

July is the perfect time to come for fun at Variety Village. For the month of July, Variety Village is pleased to offer our famous day pass for \$5 for everyone on weekends and weekdays after 4pm!



Not a Member?

Enjoy having fun and getting fit at the Village by getting a Variety Village membership and enjoy unlimited access to Variety Village all summer long. For only \$100 plus taxes, you can enjoy a two month membership to our amazing facility. All of our memberships are completely upgradeable and if you enjoy your membership, you may upgrade to our four month or annual membership any time during your membership term.

Accessibility News: AODA Ontario's New Customer Service Standard

In 2005, the Ontario government took a significant step towards building a more accessible province when it passed the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) calling for the development of mandatory province-wide standards for accessibility.

The first of these standards, the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service, came into effect on January 1, 2008 and applies to every business that operates in Ontario. Compliance reporting began on January 1, 2010 for corporations. Not-for-profit organizations and community groups will be required to report on or before January 1, 2012.

While Variety Village already meets many of the requirements for Accessibility Standards for Customer Service under the Act, we continue to work towards implementing improvements that will ensure each and every person with a disability who visits Variety, has access to all of our goods and services.

For additional information, please visit our AODA Bulletin Board which was recently installed in our cafeteria. The information posted there includes developments and news regarding the AODA, a copy of Variety's AODA Customer Service Policy and information on how you can provide Variety with your valuable feedback. Comments and questions should be directed to Archie Allison, Director, Access & Awareness, or a member of our Accessibility Committee.

Accessibility Committee Members include:

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Exciting New Leadership Programs!!!

10292 National Lifeguard Service

National Lifeguard is Canada's only nationally recognized lifeguard certification program. National Lifeguard is a legal certificate for lifeguarding throughout the country, and the only certificate recognized by the province on Ontario.

Prerequisite: Bronze Cross and current Standard First Aid & CPR C. and 16+ years of age

Cost: \$ 220 (member) \$ 240 (non-member)

July 8-10 and July 22-24
Friday 5:30-9:30, Sat & Sun 9-5pm



10692 Lifesaving Society Instructor

Lifesaving instructors are trained to teach and evaluate the three Canadian Swim Patrol Program awards, as well as the Bronze Star, Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross courses.

Prerequisite: Bronze Cross and 16 years of age

Cost: \$175 (members) \$200 (non-members)

September 16-18
Friday 5-10pm, Sat & Sun 9-5pm

Members and non-members welcome.
For more information please visit www.varietylvillage.ca



Please note the Zumba class will be moved from Thursday evenings to Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm. The Saturday classes will remain the same.



The Sports Page

VVAC Track Team Results

TDSB Meet

Grade Eight:

Madison Hilliard: 5th in the 1500m

Ashley McDonald: 2nd in the 400m

Thea Petsis: 8th in the 400m

Camilla Parpia: 7th in the 400m

Will Morgan: 1st in hurdles, 2nd in Long Jump

Grade Seven:

Thomas Callender: 7th in the 100m

Olympia Karipidis: 1st in the 200m

Grade Six:

Montana Smith: 5th in 1500m

TCDSB Meet

Grade Seven

Bridget Hickey: 1st in 1500, 1st in 800

Edward Hayfron: 6th in 200m

Durham Region Meet:

Ethan Smith: 1st in 1500, 1st in 400 (set new record)

New Black Belts!

We are so proud to introduce and welcome our latest black belts to our Variety Village YCTKD club : **Amelia McAfee-Brunner and Micah Cho.**

Both were strong, confident, powerful and superb in all their required technical components in this afternoon's test at HQ.

Amelia's outstanding performance caught all the masters' attention. Her inspired spirit and enthusiasm captivated everyone on site. She earned top student award and the highest marks handed out by the club in years! Please do ask what her cool prize was.

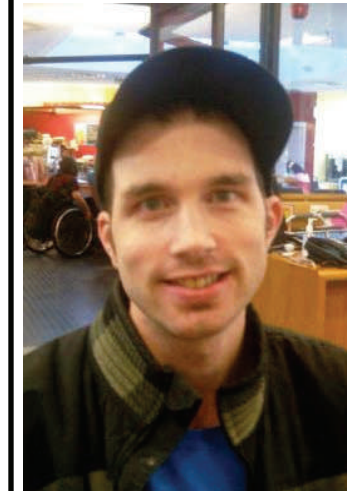
Congratulations to both Amelia and Micah. Your dedication and hard work has led to a much-deserved milestone and achievement.

Please do ask them for TKD assistance and help anytime.

Welcome aboard to your next journey in your TKD career.

Ms. Jang
VV YCTKD

Village Person of the Month Jason Gamble



Variety Village is fortunate to have an extensive volunteer program. Very often, volunteers take the next step and become staff members with Variety Village. Jason Gamble is a perfect example of this.

Jason has been coming to Variety Village for around eight years. During that time he has been a member,

volunteer, staff member and good friend to many of the staff and members at Variety Village.

Jason likes to keep active when he's at the Village and has done virtually everything here. He has assisted staff in monitoring the fieldhouse, volunteered in our famous After School Program, and is currently working as a staff in our summer camp programs.

Camps are Jason's favorite part of working at Variety Village. He loves the excitement of working with the kids and staff. When I asked what his favorite camp was, he quickly responded with "Dance Camp!". Jason is a huge music lover. No surprise was it to me that his favorite artist is the late Michael Jackson. Jason often goes out to Karaoke and rocks out to his favourite MJ tune... "Beat It".

The fun doesn't stop at karaoke, Jason also rocks out his moonwalk at home to the Michael Jackson game on his XBOX.

Jason is also an avid bowler and has achieved a top score of 295 in 5-pin bowling in one game.

Facility Access Notices

July 1-Canada Day-Variety Village Closed
July 9-Court 3 in use all day for Weightlifting Meet