







#### PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

March 5, 2021

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2021 Winter Palace Ball, in support of Ruskoka Camp.



Since it was established in 2000, Ruskoka Camp, located in the beautiful Muskoka region, has provided a memorable summer experience for hundreds of children, particularly newcomers to Canada from Ukraine and Russia. I would like to thank the many volunteers at Ruskoka Camp for their hard work and dedication. This evening's gala provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon all the lives you have touched and to look to the future.

It continues to be a challenging time for planning and hosting events. That is why I would also like to commend the organizers for making this year's gala virtual so that it could still take place. I am certain that everyone in attendance will take satisfaction in knowing that funds raised will go toward expanding the camp facilities so that even more children can experience all that Ruskoka Camp has to offer.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable evening and for every success in meeting your fundraising goal.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada



Premier of Ontario - Premier ministre de l'Ontario

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#### A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER DOUG FORD

I want to extend warm greetings to everyone taking part in the 2021 virtual Winter Palace Ball in support of Ruskoka Camp.



Building a better world starts with our young people. When young people develop leadership abilities, civic consciousness and interpersonal skills, they can enjoy success on many levels. And for our province, this means having citizens who are engaged in their communities and interested in ensuring that we continue to build strong communities in a dynamic and prosperous province.

I also want to give a big shout-out to the hardworking Ruskoka Camp team for their commitment to giving underprivileged children the chance to enjoy Canada's great outdoors, make friends, and create memories that will last a lifetime. I know it has been a tough year but thank you for transitioning to virtual camp and leadership courses so our young people wouldn't miss out on this wonderful experience due to COVID–19.

That's why I join you in acknowledging your generous donors for their support. Thank you for making all of this possible. Your continued support will help enrich the lives of thousands of children and their families for years to come. Most importantly, it will provide them hope and joy during this challenging time.

Best wishes for a memorable Winter Palace Ball.

Doug Ford Premier





Dear Guests and Sponsors,

Welcome to the 2021 Winter Palace Ball, our first ever virtual Ball.

On behalf of Ruskoka, I am delighted that you have joined us to celebrate "20 Years of Ruskoka Camp".

Over the past 20 years, Ruskoka Camp has enriched the lives of more than 1,500 campers. Our camp is a unique and special place that offers disadvantaged children from the Russian and Ukraine communities, the opportunity to enjoy fun outdoor activities at camp, build friendships, grow spiritually, learn leadership and other personal skills, and create memories and relationships that last a lifetime.

Over this past year, like everyone, we have changed the way we work, learn and even celebrate.

In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we offered an online camp program to all young campers at no cost – thanks to your generous support! Broadcast from our Ruskoka Camp property by a small cohort of team leaders and counselors (all observing appropriate health and safety guidelines), we were determined to continue to offer a joyful experience to our children and youth.

Ruskoka camp cannot continue without your contributions and support. Your contributions make a significant difference by helping us offer these children opportunities they cannot get elsewhere.

Thank you very much for your passion, conviction, and your ongoing support. It is heartwarming to watch this spirit of giving be shared over and over, as our campers become wonderful and caring adults who continue to support this worthy cause.

Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you in person soon!

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Alex Sakuta, M.A.Sc., INCE, P.Eng. President & Director, Ruskoka Camp



# Programme



# Welcome by Masters of Ceremony

Ksenia Chpak & Alex Sakuta

# Music by Colyada Band

# Speeches & Greetings

His Eminence Archbishop Gabriel of Montreal and Canada - Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia Archpriest Viatcheslav Davidenko - Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church, Toronto

The Honourable Doug Ford - Premier of Ontario

His Worship John Tory - Mayor, City of Toronto

Kirill S. Mikhaylov - Consul General of the Russian Federation in Toronto

### Entertainment

Anastasia Sinavski & Anna Firman

Dmitri Yatsenko

### Raffle Draw

First Prize Lindt Gift Basket - \$60 Value Second Prize Ruskoka Camp Merchandise Basket- \$60 Value Third Prize Great Lakes Brewery Gift Basket - \$25 Value Fourth Prize Georgian Bay Spirit Co. Gift Basket - \$25 Value







# Menu



Hello from your chef friends at CUTIE PIE CATERING! And thank you for supporting Ruskoka Camp at our most unique virtual Winter Palace Ball. We hope you enjoy tonight's traditional Russian blini dinner during Maslenitsa...otherwise known as "Butter Week"...when we eat blini to purge our households of ingredients that are soon forbidden during Great Lent.

In your BLINI BASKET you shall find the following:

Blini (in a foil container. Please put these in your oven at 325 for 15-20 min.) A container\* of toppings with caviar (donated by Yummy Market) and smoked salmon A container\* of toppings with dill, green onions, and chopped egg\* 5 Raffle tickets Two tallboys of Great Lakes Brewery beer (Great Lakes Brewery Canuck Pale Ale and Great Lakes Brewery Premium Lager) A sampler of four Georgian Bay Spirit Co. Smashed Coolers (Smashed Tea, Vodka Smash, Original Gin Smash, Cranberry Smash) Lindt Chocolates

\*Containers kindly donated by My Thai Kitchen. \*Eggs kindly donated by Crystal Grand Banquet Hall

Once your blinis are warmed up remove the foil top, carefully remove a blini and lay it flat on your plate. Layer on the toppings as you wish.

We suggest first placing a row of sour cream down the middle of the blini (in a line from 9 o'clock to 3 o'clock). Then add the smoked salmon, caviar, chopped boiled eggs, onions and fresh dill in the same row. Carefully roll the blini into a cigar shape. Enjoy your blinis with an ice cold Great Lakes Brewery Ale or Premium Lager, or a flavourful Georgian Bay Spirit Co. Smashed Cooler that we've added to your basket!

Or you could try the more traditional "stack" method. Cut your blini into four equal pieces, like a pie. Dab sour cream onto one piece and top with any (but not all) toppings. Stack a second blini piece, dab with a bit of sour cream and more toppings. Top with the third stack and more toppings. You get the idea. Crown with the final piece of cut blinis and enjoy!

Enjoy our programme tonight, the auction, and our entertainment. Good luck in the raffle!

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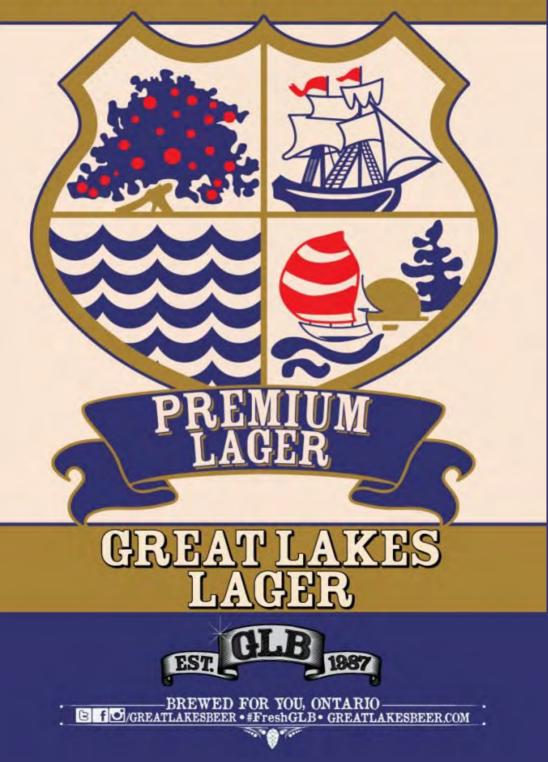
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To place a bid, the bidder must create a free 32 Auctions site account here: www.32auctions.com/users/new



The Online Auction closes on March 7, 2021, at 10 p.m. Extended bidding is enabled when a bid is placed on a specific item within the last two minutes prior to the close of the auction. In this case, three additional minutes of time will be added for that item only. An email will be sent prior to the closing of the Online Auction. At closing, successful bidders will be emailed.

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