

FOREST REGENERATION AT EVANS LAKE

Thank you to all the campers at Evans Lake who have assisted with the forest management program. Many people are not aware that our forest management program is actually a miniature Rehab site however this activity is about more than forest rehabilitation; it is an opportunity for campers to learn about the forest through hands-on experiences. The two-hectare area near the entrance to camp has had a long and interesting history of forestry activity. This is an excellent site for growing trees as the soil is good and water is abundant. The first logging on this site was in the early 1940's. Many of the mature trees were left and the rest of the area grows a jungle of undesirable types of brush. In 1983, the brush was cleared and burned and the remaining mature trees were harvested. A new forest was planted by Evans Lake campers, but the brush keeps growing back each season. Every year campers learn first-hand about caring for our forests. By carefully clearing the brush from the seedlings, the campers learn how to help seedlings grow unhampered. As the brush is cleared, the competition is reduced and the seedlings respond with impressive growth. A great part of the success of the Rehab site is due to the diligent efforts of the campers. Keep up the great work!