

## Schulympics

Schulich has many clubs and student associations. Among these, the Graduate Student Council or GBC represents the study body and is in charge of organizing social and academic events. During the fall semester, they organized a welcome party, international cultural crawl, Halloween party and Shulympics. As exchange students for the MBA program, we were invited to these events.

Schulympics is an annual event, usually scheduled in late September, where students go camping for a weekend and play sports. The activity gathers students from all graduate programs of Schulich. It's a great opportunity to meet new people, since over a hundred people join the event.

The event was held at Camp Timberlane in Haliburton, Ontario. We took a two hour bus ride from the school, that was included in the event's fee. We arrived Friday afternoon and we had the day off for your favorite activities. The camp was next to a lake, so you could do kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and swimming. There was archery, basketball, ping pong, high ropes, etc. Even if you are not fan of those sports, you could still lay down on the chairs and enjoy the outstanding scenery while reading a book or listening music. At night, there was a campfire and also a dancing party with DJ. All meals and drinks were included at the fee and it was self-served as many times you wanted. We slept in wood cabins. The camp was divided in women's and men's cabins. Each cabin had about twelve bunkbeds with their own washroom. Cabins don't have heaters, so we needed to bring warm bedding or sleeping bags. However, since it was September, the temperature was about 10° C.

The next day is game's day. You are assigned in one team, each team has a different color. I was in the gold team, I didn't know my team members until that moment. The first task was to create a team cheer and introduce yourselves. Then, we continue to play the games for all morning. The games were easy and involved team work. For instance, we played Simon says, rope pull and relay race, among others. At first, I didn't know if the sports at Shulympics were going to be too hard, but GBC members explained us that the games are for everyone to have fun and team building. Thus, even if you don't exercise often, you can still go to Shulympics. You have the afternoon free and at night is the cultural show, where each team performs a song or dance to earn extra points for the championship. At the end, the judges choose a winner team, who received a gift.

I enjoyed this activity not only I met new people outside the classroom, but also have fun at camping. It's a great opportunity to visit the countryside and see the fall scenery with all the leaves turning orange, yellow and red.

