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Students Greet Pinery Campers With Protest

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Families looking for a little R&R arriving at their camping destinations Friday afternoon were greeted by some angry workers. The summer students who were expected to be working at the campgrounds this holiday weekend were picketing at the front gates at a number of area campgrounds including the Pinery Provincial Park near Grand Bend. The workers say they're angry that their boss -the Ontario Government wouldn't be paying them time and one half on the Civic Holiday Monday. In a statement issued earlier the Ontario government said the Crown is exempt from the provisions under the Employment Standards Act. Ontario Ministry of Government Services spokesperson Ciaran Ganley said it was due to administrative error that the students were given Civic Holiday pay in previous years. Ganley said the error was caught and corrected by giving proper notice to park employees.



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Ganley adds that level two summer students are paid above minimum wage collecting \$11.10/hour. Pickets were staged not only at the Pinery but also at Wheatley Provincial Park, Algonquin Provincial Park and Sibbald Provincial Park.

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