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PUBLICATION OF NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter will normally be published eight times a year - that is, the first of each month, with the exception of March (too close to Conference), June, July and August.

If there is sufficient material which needs distributing on the first of June, there will be a mailing at that time.

O.C.A. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Membership.

Helen Stewart, Chairman.

Response to the call from the Membership Committee in the Fall to those requiring or offering assistance was more than gratifying. We are wondering if there are other Camp Directors who might appreciate assistance from a Friendly Advisor - if so, we can accommodate anyone wishing this service.

Please mail this information to the O.C.A. Office.

Public Relations.

Fred Dier, Chairman.

Twenty one members have volunteered to act on a Speakers' Panel - this programme to become fully effective as of September, 1968, will provide competent, qualified speakers as requested by Home & School Associations, Church groups, Service Clubs, youth groups etc.

Education.

Mike Berger, Chairman.

Your green evaluation sheet for the Ottawa Seminar is needed by the Chairman. Please return it now. (and thanks to those who have!)

Library.

Marion Shakleton, Chairman.

The first new books to be acquired for our shelves will be "Annotated Bibliography on Camping" by Barbara Ellen Joy.

"Light from a thousand Camp fires" by Kenneth B. Webb.

"Character Development" by Richard Doty.

We have a box of books removed from the shelves as obsolete or irrelevant. Some of these may be of value or special interest for camp or personal libraries and will be offered for sale by the Committee, the proceeds to be used for the purchase of new books.

PLEASE CHECK THE SHELF 'BOOKS FOR SALE' IN THE O.C.A. OFFICE FOR BARGAINS FOR YOUR LIBRARY.

Centenary Journey.

John Scott, Chairman.

Although we had great participation in Centenary Journey in '64, '65, '66 and '67, we still have a few odds and ends of trips which have not been done in any of the four years. These leave gaps in our trip reports and while we have written reports

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by 'faking' from a good set of maps and our vast experience (!) in tripping, this is not good enough for a publication. The reports MUST be authentic. With this in mind, we ask that Camps come forward and volunteer to fill in the gaps for us in Centenary Journey Plus One during the coming summer.

The sections which need to be done are as follows:

- (a) From the mouth of the French River west to the village of Spanish (parts of this have been done, but it is best to have the whole thing done in one fell swoop).
- (b) From the mouth of the Kaministiquia River at Fort William, up the Kaministiquia to Dog Lake, Lac des Milles Lacs, across the watershed and along to French Lake on Hwy. 11. (This is really good canoe country).
- (c) From Lac la Croix to Fort Frances (along the Canada/U.S. Border).

The last two could be done as one trip starting at Fort Frances and coming east along the Border to Lac la Croix, then up the Maligne River to French Lake and on to Lac des Mille and into the Kaministiquia and down to Fort William. The only sensible way to take these two trips is from west to east because of the prevailing westerly winds.

Any Camps interested in taking part in this venture are invited to contact John Scott at 485-5364 or at 345 Merton Street, Apt. 711, Toronto 7, Ont. Needless to say, all participants will be given crests and certificates as in 1967.

GROUP STUDENT MEMBERSHIP.

Camps may take out as many group student memberships as desired. All mailing (e.g. Canadian Camping Magazine) is mailed to the Camp Director for distribution. If further information is required, please phone O.C.A. Office.

CALENDAR OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

May 6th. 1968. 9.30 a.m.	Advisory Board Meeting. (followed by Directors' Meeting)	O.C.A. Office.
May 9th. 1968. 8.00 p.m.	Conference Meeting.	John Latimer's residence. 24 York Valley Cres. Willowdale.
May 13th. 1968. 2.30 p.m.	Archives Meeting.	Dr. Mary Northway's residence. 267 Rosedale Hts. Dr. Toronto.
May 22nd. 1968.	Education Meeting.	Address to be announced.
May 29th. 1968. 8.00 p.m.	Conference Meeting.	John Latimer's residence. 24 York Valley Cres. Willowdale.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF.....

your car plunges into deep water ????

If the car does not sink immediately, escape through an open window before water reaches window level. Opening a door, even if it is possible, will only permit the water to enter the car more rapidly.

If the car sinks rapidly beneath the surface, the weight of the engine will force the front end down first. Move to the rear of the passenger compartment to breathe trapped air while planning escape. Breathe in deeply and when the car has settled, escape through a window.

NEW MEMBERS.

We welcome the following new Camp Associates:

Illahee Lodge, Cobourg. For medically handicapped children and elderly people.
Director: D.F. Woodhouse.

Holiday Hockey Camp, Sundridge.
Boys - aged 8 - 18.
Director: Carl Yakimoff.

Kanada Day Camp, sponsored by the West Scarborough Boys' Club.
Director: Harold Fuller.

CHEF'S CORNER.

When you ready your menu and food orders for the summer, will you please remember the request from Helen Stewart - to submit your favourite Camp and tripping recipes to the O.C.A. Office.

As long as these recipes reach their destination by the end of this September, they will meet the deadline.

April 3rd. Open Meeting of the O.C.A.

The above Meeting held at Forest Valley Day Camp Auditorium . 55 members and guests of O.C.A. were present to "learn" about Day Camping, its treats and trials and its implications for the future of Camping. The Meeting was held expressly for the purpose of affording resident camp people a greater insight into the intricacies of the programing and operation of a Day Camp, since Day Camping is such a growing force in Ontario and since a number of resident camp owners have already opened a Day Camp or are looking forward to doing so in the future.

Through the use of film clips, slides and a panel presentation by members of the Day Camp Committee, a clear picture was given of Day Camping as seen by private owners, municipal and agency operators. Additional information was given relative to Day Camping for "special" children. Hopefully, there are now more questions answered about camping's counterpart and complement.

Leadership Seminar.

Camp Directors who didn't attend the Leadership Seminar at Geneva Park last month missed a wonderful experience. It was sponsored by the Community Programs Branch of the Dept. of Education and it attracted forty nine extremely enthusiastic people - among which were two lone Camp Directors. Talk about "total immersion" - 9.00 a.m. to 2.00a.m. the following morning in some cases. Best description of the course from one C.D's point of view was "instant ageing" but they lived through it and heartily recommend it to other directors who may feel that their leadership techniques are a bit rusty. Two more courses for this year. Call Community Programs for more information.

SERVICE TO YOUTH MERITS CENTENNIAL MEDAL.

A few weeks ago Charles Proctor, who recently resigned as Director of Camp Sharbot. was presented with a Centennial Medal in recognition of his services to youth (both in teaching and camping) - a fitting climax to a life in camping which has not ended - he continues as camp advisor to Camp Sharbot.

BE SURE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 8th. 1968 AT THE SKYLINE HOTEL.

From the Executive Director - re Mailings.

MAJOR & MINOR MAILINGS. Starting immediately, the O.C.A. Office will send two mailings per month to all Members:

1. A MAJOR MAILING. which will go out the first of each month, for which material must be submitted no later than the 23rd. of the month preceding. This mailing will include the Newsletter, Notices of Open Meetings etc.
2. A MINOR MAILING. as required, on the 15th. of the month, for which material must be submitted no later than the 7th. of the month, which will take care of any additional information that needs to be circulated to Members.

COUNSELLOR PLACEMENT LISTS will be circulated either with one or both of these mailings, as required.

CALENDAR OF ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - dates and locations of all Committee Meetings will be published in a special section of the Newsletter.

SPECIAL MAILINGS - four special mailings per year.

1. The first notice of the Annual Meeting and report of the Nominating Committee - mailed 40 days prior to Annual Meeting.

2. Final Ballots for election of officers - mailed 15 days prior to Annual Meeting.
3. Notice first week of September re Annual Camp Directors' Workshop (only if required because of early date of same).
4. Conference information mailing - 15th. January.

The following, which have previously had special mailings, will be included in Minor or Major Mailings as indicated below:-

1. Canoeing Test information, Order Forms for Canoe Cards etc., included with May Major Mailing.
2. Directory information request included with October Major Mailing.
3. Membership renewal information included with December Major Mailing.
4. New Directory included with January Major Mailing.

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OPENINGS AVAILABLE.

During June and July, the Office provides a special service in making available to the general public any information on Camps that still have openings for Campers or Staff.

Your assistance in making this service known will be appreciated and will enable us to serve you better.

President's Report to the O.C.A.

C.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING - MARCH 27 & 28.

Your President attended the President's Consultation, the Board of Directors and the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Camping Association in Winnipeg and I bring to your attention some of the highlights of these Meetings.

At the present time, there are 372 Camps belonging to the C.C.A. and 304 Individual Members. Of this number, 120 are private camps, 138 agency camps and 114 Church Camps.

It was unanimously agreed that C.C.A. would establish National Committees to co-ordinate and offer leadership and guidance in - legislation, standards, public relations and training. A National Chairman would be chosen to head up these

Committees and he would then be asked to find a representative from each Province to work with him on a corresponding basis, as to the latest information in these areas. C.C.A. has announced that a recognition certificate will be given to all Member Camps, indicating that the Camp is a member of C.C.A., having qualified under the Standards programme of the Province in which they are located.

It was agreed that following the successful Regional Seminars, a National Camp Directors' Conference would be held next March (probably in Winnipeg). This would be a high level Conference of experienced selected Directors.

Following discussion and encouragement with Mr. Court Westland of the Department of Fitness and Amateur Sports, it was agreed that a permanent National C.C.A. Headquarters would be established in Ottawa and the Executive has been requested to follow through on this move as soon as possible. This will be the first phase in the eventual hiring of a permanent Executive Secretary for C.C.A.

INCREASES IN PROVINCIAL PARK FEES.

Mr. P. Addison, Chief, Parks Branch, Ontario Department of Lands & Forests, informs us of the following fee increases effective April 1st.1968, which may affect O.C.A. Members.

1. Overnight Camping Permit - covers the use of the unorganized Campsites, which are not within two miles of highways and which are normally used by canoe trippers and other such groups. The \$5.00 fee will cover one boat, regardless of the number of persons in the boat. The time covered by the permit will be any time up to two weeks - with the interpretation of two weeks including three consecutive weekends. (Algonquin and Quetico Provincial Parks).

2. Group Camping permit - 10¢ per person per day fee for the use of the organized camp grounds, normally supplied for youth groups under leadership in Provincial Parks. Increased park fees have become necessary because of rising costs of park operation, the desire to improve sanitary conditions in the parks, to maintain the quality of camping experiences in these areas and to adhere to the Government policy of asking park users to pay for most but not all, of the annual operating cost of Provincial Parks.

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR.

- May 2, 3 & 4. Dreikurs Workshop, conducted by Dr. Rudolph Dreikurs
"War between the Generations" Fee \$15.00
Place: North Toronto Collegiate Institute, Assembly Hall.
17 Broadway Avenue.
For further information phone Y.M.C.A. Counselling Service,
923-2495.
- May 4, 5, 10, 11 & 12. Red Cross Water Safety Leader Patrol Course.
Friday - 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Saturday - 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Sunday - 2.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Cost \$10.00. Applicants must be 15 years of age as of
December 31st. 1967.
Applications should be in to the Canadian Red Cross Society
by Thursday May 2nd.
- May 8. O.C.A. Annual Meeting. Speaker-Mr. Bill White.
Place: Skyline Hotel.
Time: 6.00 p.m. refreshments, 7.00 p.m. dinner.
Cost: \$5.50 per person.
- May 8-15. "A Cross cultural Workshop".
Rochdale College, Indian Institute.
Fee \$100.00 + accommodation.
For further information - contact Mr. Wilfrid Pelletier,
397 Huron Street, Toronto 5, Ont.
- May 27. The third W.E. Blatz Memorial Lecture.
Topic: The Split Society, Children vs Adults.
Place: Burton Hall, York University.
Time: 8.30 p.m.
Speaker: DR. URIE BRONFENBRENNER.
Professor of Psychology and of Child Development and
Family Living, Cornell University.
Studies by the speaker of children and adults here, in
Europe and the Soviet Union have resulted in some striking
ideas.
- June 6, 7, 8 & 9 Bark Lake. Annual Camp Leadership Weekend. Theme
"Partners in Management and Development". For further
information, contact Leadership Camps, Community Programs,
Ontario Dept. of Education, 559 Jarvis Street, Toronto 5.
Phone 365-2625.
- June 15 -16. Bark Lake Course.
Fee for Counsellors of O.C.A. Member Camps is \$15.00 and
\$17.00 for non-members, this includes instruction, board
and transportation.
This weekend course will deal with two areas of training,
canoeing and woodsmanship. Counsellors between the ages
of 17 and 19 years are welcome to apply and each person
must select one of these areas which he wishes to pursue.
The Woodsmanship program will deal with: Campcraft, orien-
teering, wildlife, arts & crafts using natural materials,
wide games, hiking and tripping. Applicants should have
had some experience in these areas of camping.

Bark Lake Course (Contd.)

The Canoeing program will be a refresher course involving interpretation of terms, teaching techniques and basic skills. Applicants should possess reasonable proficiency in canoeing, have a working knowledge of the O.C.A. Canoeing standards and hold the Intermediate Red Cross or Bronze Medallion of the R.L.S.S. or equivalent.

(Information concerning this Course will be forwarded to all O.C.A. Members).

August 17 - 24

Ontario Jamboree, Boy Scouts of Canada.
Kelso Conservation Area, Milton, Ontario.
Visiting hours: 2.00 to 9.00 p.m.

Sept: 27, 28 & 29.

Aurora Conference.

The President of O.C.A. is pleased to announce that Mr. Laurence Taylor, Hillsdale College, Michigan, has agreed to lead a Directors' Institute for O.C.A. Camp Directors.

Some of our members have already been involved with Mr. Taylor's Institutes and reports indicate that this should be one of the most exciting programmes in the history of the O.C.A.



ARCHIVES

Many thanks to John Gilchrist for sending Conference Programme Brochures from the years 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963. This means that we now have Conference Programmes from 1939, 1953, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967. Can YOU help us fill in the missing years?

John Scott has given us all the files from the Ontario Centenary Journey. Thanks John! This is a most valuable item in the Archives Collection.

In the late 1920's and 1930's the three Toronto Presbyteries of the United Church of Canada ran a 10 day C.G.I.T. camp at Scugog North. It cost something in the neighbourhood of \$7.00, which included transportation. Most C.G.I.T. camps cost \$10.00 excluding transportation! This camp had the same standard of excellent leadership as the "more expensive" ones.

Miss Margaret Govan has given a book to the Archives Committee, entitled "Chris and Twink at Camp", by Tiny Tim, 1929. This little book was a present to a leader by the Camp Director as a birthday present, and gives a little picture of camp. The following is one of the stories from the delightful book:

CHRISTOPHER DISCOVERS AMERICA

One! two! three! four! five! six! Christopher opened one eye and closed it. Then, she opened the other eye. Yes, it was six o'clock. Then she opened her mouth exclaiming "Oh dear."

Another minute passed. Out came one foot from under the bedclothes. Out came the other foot and then all the rest of Christopher followed. Christopher was up and soon ready for a bird hike with her questers, and not even dreaming of discovering America.

What's a bird hike? Well, Christopher and her questers walk along, and then the birds hear them coming and hike away. The first bird that hiked was a blue heron. No, a heron isn't a fish - at least this one wasn't, 'cause Christopher said so; and also when flying, it kept its feet stretched straight out at the back, so they wouldn't get caught in its wings. A fish hasn't got feet. Christopher says so.

They slipped along the fallen logs and squeeze and sank into the earth. They wound in and out, round, through and under trees. The earth was so soft and squeezy it was almost like walking on your grandmother's feather bed, if she has one, only more dampish. Sometimes they made birds hike, but more often not, on account of them going places they'd think the birds were, and then finding their thinks weren't right.

Finally they tried to go this way and there was water and that way there was more water. Then the wonderful discovery was made - they were on an island. It was America! How did they know it was America? Well, they imagined Indians were skulking behind the trees; and there was Christopher with her feet firmly planted in the soil, and it was an island! So of course they knew it was America. Also, Christopher said so.