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"The best way to pay for a lovely moment is to enjoy it." - Richard Bach

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you've all had a happy and relaxing holiday time and I'm sure that the New Year has started with a bang - with an enormous amount of work ahead!

The OCA has entered 1992 with several projects approaching completion. The most immediate of these is the Directors' Conference at which I hope we'll see everyone.

I also hope that you will make a point in attending our Annual Meeting on the Thursday night of the Conference. With the feel and fun of a "campfire" we nonetheless have important business to conduct.

The constitutional change which has been proposed opens up membership not only from camps located in Ontario, but allows camps which are not members of

the Canadian Camping Association to join the OCA. This proposal arose from the departure of the Association des Camps du Quebec (ACQ) from the CCA. We are not interested in recruiting camps from provincial associations that belong to the CCA, but we are interested in offering an opportunity to camps that do not belong to the CCA to connect with a provincial association.

We need your vote on this matter and the results of the vote will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

Another agenda item, which requires your attendance at the Annual Meeting in order to vote, is the proposed Guidelines for Accreditation for Day Camps. This revision has been nearly two years in the making and the consultation with day camps at all stages has been comprehensive and impressive.

The acceptance of these guidelines will ensure that both residential and day camp guidelines follow the same format, are up to date, and can be revised easily in the future. There is a great appeal in being able to revise a section only, if the need arose, and after acceptance to mail out the new section for insertion in the standards binder. We hope that you will come out and vote!

I look forward to your participation at the Annual Meeting. I'm quite sure you will find it a meeting unlike any other you have been at before!

See you at the Conference!

LIZ GREENWAY
President

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BOARD NEWS UPDATE

At the December Board meeting the Board approved the immediate expenditure of \$5,000 for a print campaign promoting OCA accredited camps to parents investigating camps. This will be monitored closely by way of requests for OCA directories and future funds could be allocated.

As well, a mechanism was approved for filling committee and advisory council positions, a logical step completing the revision of our committee system.

The Board approved the funds for the purchase of a laser printer for the OCA office. Much of what has been sent out from the OCA is still being produced on our typewriter since our printer doesn't produce a quality look. The purchase of the computer, the registration program that is being utilized for conferences, and the use (as of January 1st) of an accounting package brings the OCA finally into the computer age.

DAY CAMP STANDARDS

The revision of the day camp standards has been completed. The proposed Guidelines for Accreditation for Day Camps has been distributed by mail to all OCA day camp members; residential camp members can view a copy of the document at the OCA office. The package will be voted on at the Annual Meeting by all members.

MARKETING AND PROMOTION

In preparation for a marketing push in 1992 we need your help. Do you know of a magazine or newspaper in your area that features a camp supplement? If so, please contact the OCA office immediately with the name of the paper and the phone number or contact name if possible. We want to get the OCA name out in front of the public.

REGIONAL NEWS

In OCA attempts to have an impact on children's camping, the role of the Regional Representative has been enhanced. Reps can be of service not only to those of us who operate camps, but to the general public as well.

As of January 1990, the Regional Representatives and the Board defined the role of a rep as follows:

AMBASSADOR

- liaisons region=board
- reports to/from each
- messenger
- attends meetings diligently
- represents concerns/problems/interests
- encourages and promotes OCA benefits and membership

ADMINISTRATOR

- maintains budget
- is aware of all OCA activities; applies same to the region
- facilitates good communication (e.g., in a newsletter)
- keeps records of actions

ADMINISTRATOR (cont'd)

- provides OCA resource materials
- meets as OCA member in conjunction with any camp-related event or meeting in region, even if not OCA sponsored

ORGANIZER

- establishes annual plan of events, accomplishments
- facilitates running of OCA events in region and other projects
- facilitates participation of regional members in provincial events

LEADER

- encourages involvement
- delegates responsibilities
- is a reliable source of information on OCA services, resources and activities
- provides training to new resource people

As you can see, the volunteers who have accepted the role are offering much time and energy to be of service to all of us. We owe them much!

LARRY BELL
Vice President

KNOW HOW? NO, HOW?

Calling all camping people with five years directing or equivalent experience to share their know-how. Pick up a "Let's Talk" ribbon at the Conference Registration Desk. Wear it so that other delegates can draw on your knowledge throughout the Conference. Watch for more information at the Registration Desk.



CHILD SURVIVAL COURSE

Provincial Constable D.G. Loring from the O.P.P. Huntsville Detachment 0717 recently sent us the following information on a "Child Survival" program. You may wish to keep it on file as a hand-out to either campers or staff. For additional details on the course (which has already been offered at various OCA camps), contact P.C. Loring in Huntsville at 705-789-5551.

CHILD SURVIVAL INFORMATION

Definition of SURVIVAL:
Staying warm and dry waiting to be found.

1. Stay together - do not separate - stay with friend or pet.
2. Do not wander.
3. Find an open area and stay put; this will allow you to be spotted by our helicopter.
4. Keep warm.
5. Find a cozy waiting place, not a hiding place.
6. Put out something bright.
7. Look bigger for searchers.
8. Do not lie on the bare ground.
9. Stay away from open water.
10. Remember, no one ever intends to get lost but it happens.

FOOD: Do not eat anything you are not 100% sure of. It's better to be hungry than being sick.

Your biggest foe is your imagination.

EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT

- a zip-lock sandwich bag or container
- a snack of high energy trail mix (contained in its own zip-lock bag)
- a whistle used for calling help (three short blasts)
- a signal flag approximately 10 cm by 100 cm (cut from orange plastic garbage bag)
- a reflector for sending signals (use soft, flexible material)
- a large, bright colour garbage bag used as poncho (pre-tear slit for face opening; do not cut hole)

A N N O U N C E M E N T

Madelene Allen ("Ferg") is thrilled to announce the appointment of Jacqui Raill as Associate Director of Camp Ouareau. Jacqui first came to Ouareau from Ontario in 1975 and has been a counsellor, head of tripping, unit head, program director, secretary, and for the past two years, Assistant Director.

Madelene will continue to run the winter operation of the camp, and during the summer will be at camp but in "semi-retirement", i.e., available for consultation. Jacqui will be overseeing life at Ouareau.

Note to Camp Directors: Do you have an announcement regarding your camp (new staff, retiring staff, etc.)? Send it to Janet Adamson, Editor of the OCAsional News, c/o OCA Office. Deadline is always the 15th of the month.

BETWEEN THE COVERS

NEW PUBLICATION!!!!

Bottomless Bag
by Karl Rohnke

The co-author of Silver Bullets, Cowstails and Cobras, and co-founder of Project Adventure offers 10 years of the best from his quarterly publication "Bag of Tricks". Trust Activities, Initiative Games, Sit-Down No-Sweat Activities, No Competition Scenarios, Curriculum Tidbits, Boundary Breaking Questions, Ropes Course Construction and Implementation, Opinions, Disclaimers and Humour. Ideas that have worked, do work, and will work for you! You'll find a workable type of adventure education for every situation or group, plus several pages of Quarterly Quotes and a handy alphabetical index!

Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co., 365 p.
Cost: \$46.85 (includes GST and shipping & handling)

Books reviewed in **Between the Covers** are available from the Canadian Camping Association Bookstore. The Bookstore is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Single copies must be prepaid by cheque or VISA (please show account number, full name on the card and expiry date). To order or for information on large orders, please write or phone:
CCA Bookstore
1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2
Toronto, Ont. M5M 3Z1

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Committee would like to thank the Individual Members and Camps that returned their surveys and volunteered their services or those of their staff members and alumni.

Camps: Awakening, Bayview Glen, CNIB Lake Joseph Centre, Crestwood Valley Day Camp, OCLC Bark Lake, Doe Lake Girl Guide Camp, Easter Seal Society, Fraser Lake, Gay Venture, Huron-tario, Kahquah, Kandalore, Kemur, Marygrove, Mooredale Day Camp, Moorelands, Mulum Hills, Oconto, Oochigeas, Opemikon, Ottawa Y Outdoor Centre, Ouareau, YMCA Pine Crest, Ponacka, Camp Queen Elizabeth, Quin-Mo-Lac, RKY Camp, Shalom, Tamakwa, Tanamakoon, Tawingo, Toronto Teen Leadership, Towhee, Trillium, Wimodausis, YMCA Wanakita, YMCA Barrie, Y-Ma-Wa-Ca Day Camp.

Individuals: John Baird, Josie Clegg, Louise Coutu, Lil Curtis, Frank Ford, Shirley Ford, P.G. Gilbert, Kate Hall, Doug Hitchcock, John Jorgenson, Elaine Kalnbach, Jane McCutcheon, Pauline McKenna, Sally Moore, Gordon Rixon, Suzanne Rosenberg, Rona Satov, Dorothy Walter.

The lucky draw winner is Jim Janzen of Camp Queen Elizabeth. The prize is a handmade paddle compliments of Doug Hitchcock, Camp Oochigeas. It will be presented at the Directors' Conference in January. If you have not yet returned your survey, it is not too late. Please return it ASAP to the OCA office.

HELP WANTED

Wanted: **Program Director** and **Assistant Program Director**. Due to existing staff graduating to full time professional employment, an outstanding opportunity exists for two talented, experienced people to fill the above roles. (Two assistant programmers will be continuing; outgoing staff available for lots of help!) Beautiful island camp in Temagami - co-ed ages 6-16 - high-energy operation. Contact Skip Connett at Canadian Adventure Camp, Toronto office - 226-2672.

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Sudbury Family YMCA requires an **Assistant Director** of Camping & Outdoor Education. This full time, permanent position involves management and supervision in a variety of program and administrative areas including summer residential camping, leadership development and staff training, outdoor education in spring and fall (including "Earthkeepers"). The successful candidate will live on-site for six months and in Sudbury for the remainder of the year. John Island Camp is located on the beautiful north shore of Lake Huron. Salary range from \$22,500 - \$27,000 plus benefits. Apply in writing with resume and references by January 15 to:
Rick Wise, Camp & Outdoor Education Director
Sudbury Family YMCA
185 Lloyd St., Sudbury, Ont. P3B 1N1

OCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Annual Conference.....
.....January 23-25, 1992
Health Care Workshop.....
.....May 23, 1992
Skills Weekend.....
.....June 5-8, 1992
3rd International Camping Congress....March 2-5, 1994

CONFERENCE 1992 NEWS

OCA PHOTO CONTEST - Don't forget to get your photos into the OCA Office by January 10th so they may be entered into the contest. Photos will be displayed on Saturday at the Conference.

MURAL CONTEST - Dig out your camp murals and enter them into our contest. They should be at the OCA Office by January 10th. Come see the results at the Conference!

THIS 'N' THAT

American Camping Association Director Institute; February 19-24, 1992 - Glorieta, New Mexico

1993 American Camping Association National Conference; March 3-6, 1993 - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

1992 Ontario Recreation Society Conference; February 12-14, 1992 - Toronto, Ont. Contact: ORS, 1220 Sheppard Ave. E., North York, Ont. M2K 2X1.

Eco-Ed: A World Congress for Education & Communication on Environment & Development; October 17-21, Toronto, Ontario. Contact: Eco-Ed, 191 Niagara Street, Toronto, Ont. M5V 1C9.

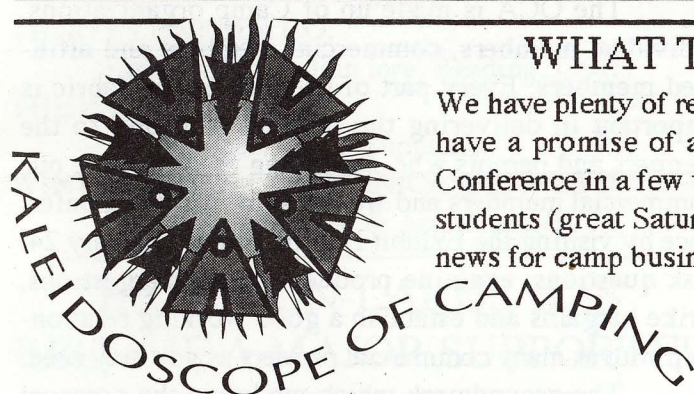
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WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN THIS ISSUE...

We have plenty of reason to look on the New Year with pleasure and hope. We have a promise of a great camp season in 1992 starting with a great Camp Conference in a few weeks. Check through this issue to read about good news for students (great Saturday deal), good news for seniors (big discount) and good news for camp business managers (exhibitors are coming!). There are more sessions described, word on Mac Freeman, PRVRB FN and plenty of reason to head to the Sheraton Centre this January. See you there!!

STUDENTS NOTE THE SPECIAL SATURDAY FEE FOR THE CONFERENCE

The \$90 tag on the Saturday student rate of the Conference is an amazing deal. Students should note all the program and benefits they receive for the low price.

1. Morning Buskfest of program entertainment and ideas
2. Morning juice and coffee
3. Rosalie Wysocki's Keynote Address: "Personal Leadership: The Winning Edge"
4. Workshops
5. Lunch
6. Two More Sets of Workshops
7. Banquet Reception
8. Banquet
"At The Close of the Camp Day"

All of this is provided in the company of hundreds of other committed camping personnel. Directors should note this special price as an encouragement for key staff. Students should note this great opportunity to learn more about camping. The cost of education isn't free but it is still a pretty good deal at the OCA Kaleidoscope of Camping.

SENIORS RECEIVE PRICE REDUCTION FOR 1992 CONFERENCE

The OCA Annual Conference Committee is pleased to announce a special change in the pricing structure for the 1992 Kaleidoscope of Camping. Members of the OCA and non-members who are planning to attend the 1992 OCA Conference have just been given a little post-holiday cheer, in the form of a price reduction in their fees for the Conference.

Registrations for the full Conference received from people who are 65 years of age or older at the time of the Conference will be subject to a 30% discount.

It is the hope of the Conference Committee that all members of our Association will be both willing and able to attend the Conference. We value the interaction, information, advice and experience of our more senior members.

People who qualify for this special Conference fee and who have already registered or people who wish for more information may contact the OCA Office at 781 0525.





ECLECTIC EXHIBIT HALL CREATES A KALEIDOSCOPIC CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTION

OCA COMMERCIAL MEMBERS ARE
AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR
CAMPING TEAM.

PRVRBS

Last week I left my proverbs lying on my desk. After work the cleaning crew came in and shovelled out my office. When I returned on Monday morning, I discovered that the cleaning crew had used their **vowel vacuum**, because my list of proverbs was missing all of its vowels. Can you replace the vowels to complete the proverbs?

example: LGHTNNGNVRSTRKSTWC would be
Lightning never strikes twice

1. RLLNGSTNGTHRSNMSS
2. TWHDSRBTTRTHNN
3. BRDSFFTHRFLCKTGTHR
4. DNTCRSSYRBRDGSNTLYGTTTHM
5. WHNTHCTSWY, THMCWLLPL
6. BTTRLTTHNNVR
7. HSTMKSWST
8. NWBRMSWPCLN
9. PRCTCMKSPRFCT
10. LKBFYLP
11. BRDNTHHNSWRTHTWNTBHS
12. VR YCLDHSSLVRLNNG

The OCA is made up of Camp organizations, individual members, commercial members and affiliated members. Every part of the association fabric is important in delivering the product of Camp to the campers and parents who depend on us. We value our commercial members and we can show it at the Conference by visiting the Exhibit Hall on Friday, January 24. Ask questions, examine products, make suggestions, strike bargains and establish a good working relationship with as many commercial partners as you may need.

The groundwork which we lay in the personal contact of the Exhibit Hall keeps us all in a healthy business position. At Camp, we know how important it is to anticipate our needs for the middle of the summer. Anticipate the time when you will be anticipating those Camp purchasing needs by meeting these people at the 1992 Conference:

As of December 1, 1991.....

ALEXANDER BATTERY CORP.

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HICKESON-LANGS HAS BECOME A MAJOR SUPPORTER OF KALEIDOSCOPE

Hickeson-Langs, a long time commercial member and partner of the OCA, has stepped forward to provide a generous contribution to the 1992 OCA Annual Conference. The entire association is built on the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to the cause of organised children's camping. It is a marvellous pleasure to acknowledge Hickeson-Langs' part in that process.

Watch for more details and a great surprise at the Conference!

Thank our HL representatives, when you get the chance, too!

Proverb answers

1. A ROLLING STONE GATHERS NO MOSS
2. TWO HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE
3. BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER
4. DON'T CROSS YOUR BRIDGES UNTIL YOU GET TO THEM
5. WHEN THE CATS AWAY, THE MICE WILL PLAY
6. BETTER LATE THAN NEVER
7. HASTE MAKES WASTE
8. A NEW BROOM SWEEPS CLEAN
9. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT
10. LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP
11. A BIRD IN THE HAND IS WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH
12. EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING

ANOTHER QUICK GLIMPSE AT THE KALEIDOSCOPIC PROGRAM

Last issue of Shareton News we gave you a taste for some of the Friday sessions you could expect to enjoy, as well as listing two pieces of special Bring-to-Camp Equipment to bring to the Conference (a bathing suit for one session and a stick for another)

In this issue we will show you even more reason to be at Conference 92:

Saturday AM (10:30-12:00)

Honesty in Communication

Moira MacDonald

Campers with Special Needs

Leanne Styles

Teaching Staff to Minimize Risk

Larry Bell

Creating Campfire Memories

Kristen Vice, Brenda Barron

Cheers!

Debbie Dew, Glenn Purvis
and Jeff Willis

Put the Child First

Marilyn Kuhn

Native Canadian Programs at Camp

John Jorgenson

Campers/Directors: Closer Together

Jill Vandal

Saturday P.M. (2:30 - 3:45)

Adaptive Programs for the Learning
Disabled Camper

Brenda Herchmer

Energizers!

Sandy Foster

Power of Voice

Brent Titcombe

Time Management at Camp

Linda Powers

Sexual Realities of the 90's: The Facts

Ruth Miller

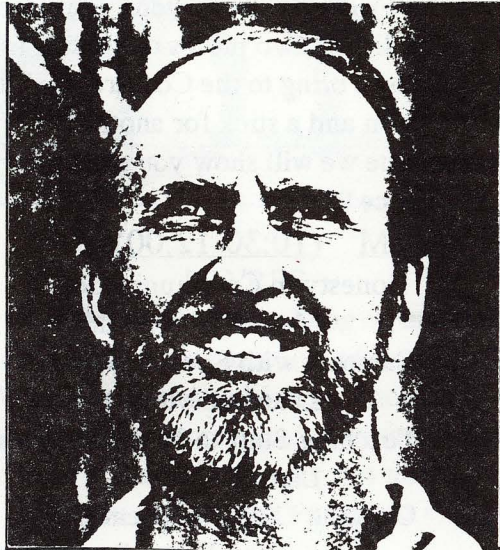
"Camp ABC"...The Simulation Part #1

Rob Heming

Ask the Parents

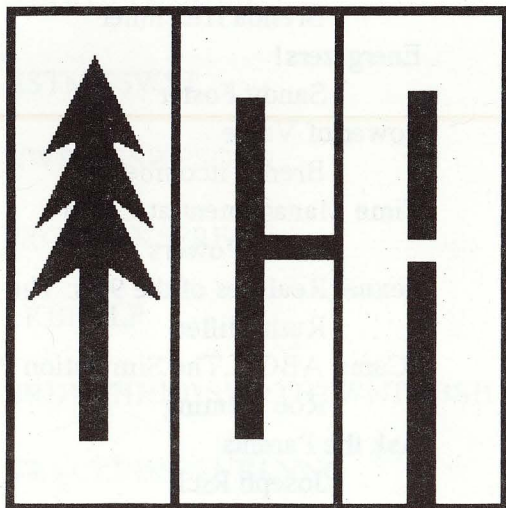
Joseph Rich

General Session of the Month
Spotlight on
DR MAC FREEMAN
"Before I Am, We Are"



Dr Freeman (Mac to almost everyone who knows him) is a professor at MacArthur College, Faculty of Education of Queen's University. Throughout his teaching and learning he has addressed the issues of development, independence and maturity in individuals in more or less traditional ways. Lately, he has noted increasing clues that child development takes place with different influences than we have come to believe.

Mac will invite us to consider how our campers are growing and developing in the camp community and what considerations we must bring to permitting this important function of our camps to take place.



CCA BOOKSTORE IS
STOCKED AND STACKED
FOR THE CONFERENCE

The Canadian Camping Association is planning a triple threat for this year's OCA Annual Conference. The stock will be stacked in key locations at the Sheraton Centre during Conference time. On Friday the CCA Bookstore is part of the Exhibit Hall and on Saturday it is located right in the Registration and Hospitality Areas.

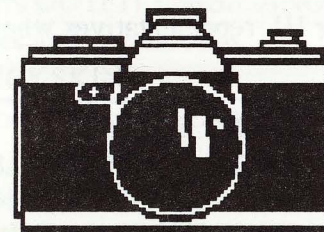
The triple threat (or is that treat) is described in the following way by Bob Smith, the president of the CCA:

.....many old selections at deep discount prices to clear out to make way for all the new resources.....

.....all of the established publications, the 'classics' which have made [the CCA Bookstore] a major source of camping resources.....

.....a large selection of new resources including Project Adventure's Karl Rhonke's book: *Bottomless Bag* which is receiving rave reviews.....

Watch for and shop at the CCA Bookstore while you are at the Conference.



OCA PHOTO CONTEST

You still have time to prepare your favourite photographs for submission into the Photo Exhibit and Contest at the Conference. Pull them out, reminisce for a few minutes and then get them mounted for delivery to the OCA Office before January 12. You will see a great number of beautiful submissions; yours could be one of them.