

# OCAsional News

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## Bell Tones

If you ever need a lift, you should make certain you are part of an OCA committee. Early in October the Board members, committee chairs and regional representatives assembled for one of three yearly Advisory Council Meetings. The amount of work done by these people and their support teams, the energy and leadership skills they possess and the dynamic touches of our guest at the meeting (CCA President and Kumbayah steering committee chair) Jane McCutcheon, almost moved our meeting room. It clearly showed how much the OCA is working on your behalf.

Just to point out a few accomplishments and plans: The Human Resources Committee (Chair Cathy Hitchcock) planned a great Directors' workshop in October as well as the upcoming AGM. This will also serve as an opportunity to recognize our volunteers and to be introduced to the spring activities of OCA including Kumbayah. The Public Awareness Committee (Chair Jill Dundas) has helped us reach goal number one from a recent survey. Public Awareness made certain April 12-16, 1993 was a success. They are already busy planning Week Two, a new format for the

directory, an OCA Camp Fair and how about an OCA day at the Dome! The Integration Committee (Chair John Bergman) is busy working on *Inclusions*. Our expanded Membership Committee (Chair Andy Rodford) has reached out to you - please get your forms in ASAP. They will host an important event in December - a meeting of Directors and personnel responsible for camping where camps are run by committees or boards. The Skills Weekend committee (Chair Jeff Bradshaw) held two very successful events this spring. They told us that in the future, they hope to expand their services and offer more weekends in more places throughout the province. Of course our regional reps have been busy trying to determine the needs of the camps in their areas so that OCA can help service them and be a truly provincial

organization. The Spring Training '93 Committee was pleased with the quality of their event at Lawrence Park and the number of staff they touched.

The Health Care committee (Chair Mary Casey) worked closely with Spring Training '93 and had an excellent workshop for a record number of attendees. This committee has produced a preliminary paper dealing with camping policy on AIDS and is busy helping us establish a policy on medical forms and the doctors' signature. The Standards Committee is also involved in this issue which reached the Board in October. All of us must thank the Standards Committee and the many visitors who helped us complete a successful year of accreditation visits. The fact that there are so many camps that meet the standards is proof of the well being of our industry.

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We did miss Pauline McKenna at our meeting. She served us well as our PARC rep over the years. The committee report and recommendations shall certainly assist camping and the CCA as they wrestle with a process for maintaining a similar program.

In closing, I want to welcome Shelly Bacher as the third member of the OCA staff. Since Shelly's arrival in June, our computers are now being pushed to their limits and the results can be seen in the quality of the material leaving our offices. As we say hello to a new face, we are also saying farewell to an old friend this month.

Following long negotiations with Metro Conservation and Metro Parks, Forest Valley Day Camp has decided to close after 38 years in which they served thousands of children and staff. We'll miss the camaraderie and the advice of both Bert Fine and his daughter Jennifer Fine who directed that camp.

### **Attention**

**To all camps directed by boards and committees: In early December, we will provide an opportunity for you to meet with various OCA committee members and fellow camps to discuss some of your common issues and learn more about the benefits of OCA membership as we continue to help serve your organization. Watch the mail for more details.**

## **To all our membership**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new and renewing individual, student, affiliated, commercial and camp members to the O.C.A. family.

Being involved with the OCA must be considered not just another membership but a way of life. Through the commitment and efforts of volunteers like yourself, top-notch conferences, workshops and newsletters are produced, which keep us all up to date with the camping community and allow us opportunities to have an impact on the future of organized camping.

This year the OCA has again focussed on the importance of our membership and the driving force it represents within Ontario. In response to the needs of our commercial members, for example, we have introduced paid advertising in the OCA's *Asional News* to supplement their promotional efforts. Many of our commercial members have responded favourably to this option and see this as a valuable tool for reaching their specialized market.

With this new advertising opportunity, coupled with the existing advertising in our directory (known as *The Camping Guide*) and the purchase of conference exhibit space, it is very apparent that our commercial members truly support the OCA and all that we do. In return, I believe we should support our commercial

members, either directly by approaching specific businesses (which are listed in your directory), or indirectly by promoting the benefits of OCA membership to your current or prospective suppliers who are not members.

Our strength as an association is based entirely on how we operate together. All categories of membership have different needs and goals. However, we all share one common thread - the desire to promote growth within the camping community.

To do this, we must all support one another and the activities that take place during the year. We need our membership to get involved. Join a committee, become a volunteer, visit a camp, help bring in new members. Just a few hours a month will help our association maintain and develop its strength. Come join our team!

*Andy Rodford*  
*Membership Chair*


## **In memory**

We are saddened to report the passing of Anne Nashman, founder of Camp Wahanowin. Anne and son Harold opened Wahanowin near Orillia in 1955. Fondly known as "Bubby Nash," Anne's contribution to camping is honored by the CCA's Bubby Nash annual writing awards.

## Report from Sudbury

Current camping activity in the region includes five residential camps and five day camps. Currently only two of the resident camps and none of the day camps are accredited members of the OCA. However, Camp Manitou plans to seek provisional membership within the next year.

Directors surveyed called last summer a success. They noted trends toward solid registration, with day camps reporting significant gains despite the poor economic climate. There was a major reduction in provincially-funded student employment grants while federal grants seem to be stable. Social contract issues affected municipal day camps, but not the provincially-run day camp. Extra



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billing did not turn out to be a big issue. A local strike in Espanola and economic problems in Elliot Lake could significantly impact the North Shore region. Plans for 1994 include extension of the OCA public awareness campaign to the North Bay market, continued contact of all camping activity in the regions, and

continued recruitment of provisional members.

*Dave Ward*

## Welcome New Commercial Members!

**Great Outdoors.** Clovervalley Road, Box 1139, Haileybury, Ont. P0J 1K0. (705) 647-2077. Fax (705) 647-2015. Canoe, Kayak and pedal boat leasing. Sales, service and complete line of accessories.

**Kallian & Co. Inc.** 405 Lytton Blvd. Toronto, Ont. M5N 1S1. (416) 324-1162. Fax (416) 322-2003. Suppliers of custom embroidered and screen printed sports wear.

**Maple Leaf Food Service.** 989 Derry Road East, Mississauga, Ont. L5T 2J8. (905) 795-3708. Fax (905) 564-5090. Centre of the plate specialists in fresh meats, poultry, seafood, shortening and oils, cheeses, puree products, portion control, desserts, muffin mix and smoked meat, fresh groundmeat, frozen patties and steakettes.

## Welcome new Affiliated Members!

**Municipality of Clarington.** 40 Temperance Street, Bowmanville, Ont. L1C 3A6. (905) 623-3392. Fax (905) 623-4169. Operates summer sports camp and March break camp. Scott Rose is their program manager.

## Camp Director

Integra is a Children's Mental Health Centre providing a range of programs for children and adolescents with learning disabilities, and their families. We require a Camp Director for our therapeutic summer camp program in Haliburton, Ontario. This is a full time position, which involves 10 months in the Toronto office.

The ideal candidate should have clinical experience, including experience with children with learning disabilities and other special needs. Camping experience is essential. Minimum of Masters level in psychology, social work, education or equivalent.

Deadline: November 15/93  
Send Resume to:

Integra  
25 Imperial Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5P 1C1

## Remember your drama counsellor? I'm still around.

By John Bergman

At the age of 29, I am a summer camp counsellor, and proud of it. When I was old enough to become a camp counsellor, nobody would hire me because I have cerebral palsy. Well, I finally found a summer camp to work at, 10 years after I began looking.

But this article has nothing to do with my disability. It has to do with my age. I'm at Camp Wabanaki. I could be working in an office building, determining the dividend on mortgage earned, whatever the heck that means. Or, I could be working for a political party where most of the

people would end up despising the ground I walk on. But, no - I chose summer camp, what most people my age have only memories of. Just a "game playing, joking around, banging on dining tables" counsellor. I don't really care if the people that I work with are more than 10 years younger than me. The point is, we get along.

Summer camp is a different place. When I am in the city, I hardly ever associate with teenagers. They are probably very nice people, but because of our culture, which I tend to follow for some dumb reason, I never get a chance to interact with anybody below the age of 20.

At summer camp, I find society to be much more open and free compared with what we experience in everyday life. All the age barriers had been torn down and I found myself becoming one of the group. I believe the main reason why people relate to one another in a camp setting is based on the fact that we have our own community. We live and have fun together and treat one another with respect.

I used to worry about getting too old for summer camp, but it's not that way anymore. I am in an occupation which I enjoy, and why should I change?



### A new service



- ▶ *OCA's* *Asional News* now offers you a variety of ways to promote products and services within the association with the choice of paid display or classified advertising. Deadlines are the 10th of the month preceding the issue of publication.
- ▶ Display ads are sold on a single or multiple insertion rate, with a 10% discount for members. Please contact the OCA office for rate information. Camera-ready art required.
- ▶ We also offer professional and business directory ads of business card size (2"x1.5"). Camera-ready art required. Ads must be purchased with a three issue minimum insertion or full year (nine issues). OCA member fee: \$35 per insert (3 months) or \$28 per insert (9 issues).
- ▶ Classified ads are sold with a maximum size of 25 words for a fee of \$10 for members and \$25 for non-members. Additional space sold in 25 word increments.
- ▶ Paid advertising content will not exceed editorial space.

## Calendar of Events

### OCA Executive meetings

Nov. 17, 1993

January, 1994

### OCA Board meetings

Nov. 24, 1993

Dec. 20, 1993

Jan. 18, 1994

### OCA Annual General Meeting

#### Advisory Council meeting

Toronto

Jan. 27, 1994

### KUMBAYAH 1994

#### The Third International

#### Camping Congress

Toronto

March 2-5, 1994

## Coming Soon

Keep an eye out for a new column in the December issue of *OCA's* *Asional News*! Current Affairs will keep you abreast of all happenings within the OCA, reporting in each month's issue on the varied activities of our committees and volunteers. We hope it will provide you with a quick, up-to-the-minute review of what your association is doing for you.

## Classified Ads

**Camp for Rent:** Aug./Sept. at Otty Lake, Perth. 17 acres, accomodates 150. For details contact: Tuvia Liberman, Director, Camp Shomria, (416) 736-1339.

**Employment Opportunity at Camp Ekon:** Associate Director to train as Camp Director. Contact Camp Ekon, 1190 Danforth Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4J 1M6. (416) 778-1505.

**Private Lake in Muskoka** with 2,000 feet of shoreline/100 acres. Road access and hydro. Ideal for resident camp. Call (905) 764-5144.

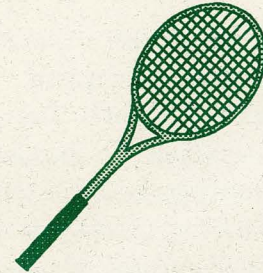
**For Sale:** 16 passenger, '83 Ford minibus and canoe trailer. \$4,000 and \$1,000. Excellent condition. Ideal for a camp. (905) 451-0671.

**For Sale:** JVC Karaoke Sound System. Model KX-GIGY one piece portable. Brand new. Never unpacked. Reduced more than 50%. Price \$475. Call (416) 488-4854.

**Camp Director Wanted for Camp Katonim.** A day camp on Lake Simcoe. Approx. 110 campers, 40 resident staff. Full land and water activities. Call Marla Shoom (416) 730-0633.

## Camps benefit from Metro donations

When Blue Jays' shortstop Tony Fernandez was a child, his golden glove was actually a milk carton. His baseballs were socks. Like Tony, there are many children that have the desire to play sports, but lack the proper equipment with which to play. With this in mind, the Metro Toronto Works Department hosted its second annual Reduce, Reuse, Replay! sports equipment drop-off to get kids back into the game.



Metro's drop-off was held during the ninth annual Waste Reduction Week which was celebrated throughout Ontario Oct. 4-10, 1993. More than 4,000 pieces of used sports equipment were collected and are now on their way to be reused by children of various boys and girls clubs and camps for children with special needs.

Several OCA camps are benefiting from the drop-off including Moorelands Camp, Scugog, Northwood Camp, Camp Couchiching, Camp Oochigeas, Fraser Lake Camp, Bolton Camp and Camp Awakening.

If you have an old bike, baseball or even a canoe collecting dust in your basement, call the OCA to donate it to a camp. Or, contact the Metro Works Department at (416) 392-4546 for a recording of non-profit groups that require used sports equipment.

## Fund Raising chairperson needed

In an attempt to focus the OCA's approach toward improved service to its members, we are seeking a chairperson to spearhead various fund-raising projects. Ted Cole was tremendously successful at one project (name labels) and many others have been proposed. If anyone is interested in contributing to this important objective, call the OCA or Jack Goodman (416) 787-4461.

## New risk management video on the way

We are now scripting a new video aimed at Camp Directors/owners regarding risk management. This project, funded by the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, will focus on items including: physical plant, transportation, Health Care and out-of-camp expeditions. In addition, an expanded group of vignettes will be added for instructional purposes (a second editon of "Let's Take a Closer Look".) We are interested in your comments and suggestions - please call!

# KUMBAYAH 1994

The Third International Camping Congress

March 2 - 5, 1994 Toronto, Canada

**Hot off the presses** - The OCA Board wants you to attend KUMBAYAH 1994! This event is not to be missed. To encourage OCA members to attend, those who are full-time delegates at KUMBAYAH and who stay in the Sheraton Centre for a minimum of three (3) nights during KUMBAYAH will receive a \$100 refund after Congress. This opportunity is available to OCA individual and student members as well as delegates sponsored by an OCA member camp (provisional or accredited). You must be an OCA member in good standing and not be receiving any other subsidy from Congress. Forms to apply for this refund will be available soon. Watch for further details.

Be host to the world...well, not the whole world, just a few new camp friends! The Hospitality Committee wants to show our

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KUMBAYAH delegates what a warm and welcoming group we are. Can you help out with the following?

**Bed and breakfast** - a number of delegates will be travelling many miles, and so will be spending longer periods of time in and around Ontario. Can you provide bed(s) for three or four days before the start of Congress - Feb. 26-March 1, 1994? The Hospitality Committee will provide the entertainment and information to these delegates - all you have to do is provide a free bed and a few meals. What a great way to spend some time with international delegates!

**In home dinners** - Host an intimate dinner in your home for a group of international delegates on Mon. Feb. 28, 1994. This is another great way to bring an interesting group of fellow camp professionals together.

If you are interested in one or both of the above options, please contact Elaine Cole, Camp Walden, 3845 Bathurst St. Suite 401, Downview, Ont. M3H 3N2.

### Photo Contest

The Society of Camp Directors is sponsoring a photo contest at KUMBAYAH. See enclosed flyer.

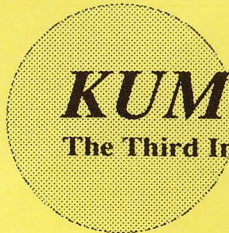
### Volunteers Needed -

KUMBAYAH is quickly approaching. As you can imagine, with an event of this size, we are in need of many volunteers. To volunteer for at least one day of this truly international event, please call the CCA office (416) 781-4717 and leave a message for Joanne Dwhyte, who will respond as soon as possible. We would love to hear from you no later than Dec. 15th, 1993. Full training will be provided prior to Congress. Thank you for your help!

**Garden Brothers Circus** - OCA Campers will have an opportunity to attend the private, closed show of the Garden Brothers International Circus on Wed. March 2, 1994. Watch this space for more details.

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## INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST!!

In the midst of "KUMBAYAH 1994", the Society of Camp Directors is very happy to host an International Photo Contest and Display to be held at the Congress on March 4th, and 5th, 1994. This contest is open to all campers and staff members from any camp, member of a recognised Camping Association represented at the Congress. For several years, the O.C.A. has held a Photo Contest as part of its annual Conference. The Society is well aware of the incredible talent which lies amongst the O.C.A. membership at large. And so, we are looking forward to a strong representation from "your" Association at this great international event.

### ENTRY RULES:

1. Only colour prints will be accepted, mounted on appropriate board
2. Minimum photo size is 5" X 7". No maximum size.
3. 1st, and 2nd, cash prizes will be awarded in each category:

A-- "SMILES & CHUCKLES"

(faces-expressions of joy)

B-- "YOUR ENVIRONMENT"

(nature-mood-scenery)

C-- "RELATIONSHIPS"

(human emotions & drama)

4. All entries must be submitted by **February 15th, 1994** to:  
International Camping Congress  
S.C.D. Photo Contest, Att. Henri Audet  
1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2, Toronto, Ont. M5M 3Z1

5. All entries must have an "Entry Form" affixed on the back.  
(use "Entry Form" below, photocopy and affix on each entry)

The Society will be manning a booth at the Congress where the photos received will be displayed and where some of our members will gladly give out information on the Society's works and areas of interest. We are anxious to meet you and to have an opportunity to hear your views, ideas and suggestions. See you there!

(tear off, photocopy and affix one "Entry Form" to the back of each entry)

### S.C.D. INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST '94

ENTRY FORM (please print)

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CATEGORY ENTERED: (A)\_\_\_ (B)\_\_\_ (C)\_\_\_