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'Nash'onal News Board Restructuring

As times change, conditions change. As conditions change, new needs and challenges arise. Over the years of its existence, the Ontario Camping Association has adapted to meet new needs and challenges.

Recently, the Association has been challenged to find a way to have its "governance" meet the needs of a larger and more diverse group of member camps. The structure of the Executive, Board of Directors, and Advisory Council presently in place has been found to be inadequate. Consequently in 1997, the OCA struck a Board Restructuring Task Force with Ted Cole, Director of Camp Walden and a Past President of the OCA, as its Chair.

Ted and the Task Force have worked very hard to develop a new model for the governance of our Association, and they deserve our gratitude for the careful attention they have given to the problems. At the recent meeting of the current Board of Directors, the Task Force report was accepted. It is now in the hands of the OCA Legal Counsel who will put the recommendations into language appropriate for a constitutional amendment. Once the formal language has been worked out, the proposal will be circulated to the entire membership before the summer, and a vote will be taken in the fall, by special ballot of the membership. Only after the approval of the membership can a new structure be put in place for the Annual General Meeting in December of 1999.

I thank Ted and the Task Force for all the work they have done and all the revisions they have made. I also thank the Editor and the Editorial Committee of the *OCAsional News* for allowing the following

synopsis of the proposed Board Restructuring to be published immediately, so that each and every member is familiar with the recommendations.

Board Restructuring - The Problems

Currently, the Board of Directors consists of an Executive of the President, the Vice President, the Past President, and the Treasurer, each elected for a term of two years, with the Treasurer's term beginning in the second year of the term of the other three, and six Directors each elected for a two-year term, with three being elected each year. All elections are by vote of the entire membership, with no representatives of different regions or types of camps.

Because no committee chairs sit on the Board of Directors, each Director takes on the task of liaison with some committees. Thus, an additional structure exists, known as the Advisory Council, on which the entire Board of Directors and all committee chairs are represented. Further, since there is no representation on the Board that is designed to represent regional differences, four regional representatives also sit on the Advisory Council. This body meets less frequently than the Board of Directors, and does not make policy, although it gives important advice. However, its large size makes it cumbersome, and the process of duplicating information can be costly for the Association.

The problems can, therefore, be summarized as follows:

Volunteer Burnout - a long series of consecutive terms of office for an individual to commit to if one is to consider being a committee chair, a member of the Board of Directors, and a

member of the Executive.

Possibility of poor communication with committees—needs to go through Board liaisons, or through infrequent meetings of the Advisory Council.

No guarantee of the representation of regions or different types of camps on the Board.

No representation of any kind of commercial members (who form a large and very important group within the Association).

Cost of a cumbersome meeting process.

Board Restructuring - The Proposed Solution

The Board of Directors would continue to be elected for a two-year term of office, with half being elected each year to allow for continuity. It would be expanded to include under-represented groups.

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**"Dedication is not what others expect from you,
it is what you can give to others." — Unknown**

Affiliations will be represented

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The Advisory Council would be disbanded, as its role is taken over by the Board of Directors.

The new Executive would consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, and a Treasurer, each elected by the entire membership. The Past President would sit *ex officio* (without a vote).

The rest of the Board of Directors would consist of five Directors, each elected by a particular type of camp, such as day camp, private camp, agency camp, religious camp, and special populations camp. Camp directors and individual members can declare what type of camp they fall into. For example, a private day camp can decide whether to vote for the day camp Board member, or the private camp Board member. All these members of the Board will have a vote on all Board matters.

The Board of Directors would also include five Directors elected by the Board. Four of these would represent standing committees of the Board, all of which make frequent reports to the Board. These are Membership, Standards, Public Awareness, and Human Resources. The fifth Director would represent the regions. All these members of the Board will have a vote on all Board matters.

All other committee chairs and regional representatives are invited to attend as many meetings as they wish, and to make their own reports when reports are necessary. In addition a new committee will be struck to encompass the Commercial Members, and its representative will be invited to attend meetings. These people will sit *ex officio* at the meetings they attend.

If you want further information about this report, please contact Ellen Nash, Jill Dundas, or Ted Cole through the OCA office.

Ellen Nash
OCA President

Congratulations!

The Board of Directors of the OCA would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Paul Grossinger, OCA's Production Secretary, on his career move into publishing. Paul left us at the end of March and we would like to wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

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Editor's Note

April was a very busy month. It started at 8:00 a.m. on April 1st, when I began to dial, over and over and over again, the new Ontario Parks reservation telephone number. This new system, touted as being a vast improvement over the old method of making reservations for canoe and hiking trips, was an exercise in frustration for many camps as they tried to get through to 1-888-ONT-PARK. "Letters to the Editor" in the daily newspapers also expressed families' complaints as they worried they would be unable to book sites they had been going to for years. Bell Canada reported jammed telephone lines. There were definitely a lot of unhappy campers out there.

In desperation, and after a week of hitting the redial button, I called the Ministry of Natural Resources to lodge a complaint. A very patient and courteous clerk informed me that the new system would be better in the long run; once the initial glut of calls are over, reservations at the parks will be possible 11 months in advance. For example, you will be able to book your canoe trips for July of the year 2000 in August 1999. Of course, you may not have a clue in August 1999 what your enrolment may be for July 2000.

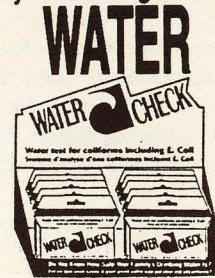
There is a happy ending, of sorts, to my story: I finally got through to Ontario Parks. However, I am positive that a lot of people overbooked trips, just to be safe. The Ministry of Natural Resources will probably see an increase in their revenues from cancellations charges this summer. It will also save on paper and mailing charges, as confirmations of bookings are no longer mailed out. Instead, we will have to rely on reservation numbers.

Paul Grossinger, who was the OCA's Production Secretary for almost two years, left at the end of March to pursue other interests. As I worked closely with Paul over the newsletter, I knew of and appreciated his enthusiasm and commitment to the task. He was able to take a collection of e-mails, faxes, letters, and notes scribbled on paper and transform them into a professional document. Paul has very graciously agreed to assist with the May and June newsletter layout: thank you very much Paul! We wish you all the best in your new career.

Flora Hawryluk
Editor

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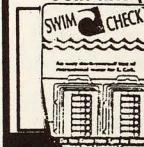


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Gourmet Gathering Tastes Great

The recent Gourmet Fare Gathering at Polly Hodgetts' was a tasty way to greet new members and have fun with volunteers from the Human Resources Committee. The evening covered a wonderful array of delicious foods, thanks to recipe contributions (and food) from Catherine Ross, Barb and John Jorgenson, Fiora Hawryluk, Marj Booth, Patti Thom, Janet Adamson, Dave Graham, and Polly Hodgetts. Here is the "Best Bunch" recipe for your collection:

- 1 litre of lighthearted fun
- 4 cups of laughter
- 12 individual ramekins for OCA members
- warm artichoke grins
- 1 puppy who really likes food
- enough potatoes to feed a camp
- delicious and colourful salad stuff
- 2 kilos spicy shrimp - and water to put out the fire
- 4 dozen tortilla spiral tents
- chicken and veggie deep dish pie
- frozen lemon meringue torte with log cabin edge
- melt-in-your-mouth chocolate cheese-cake

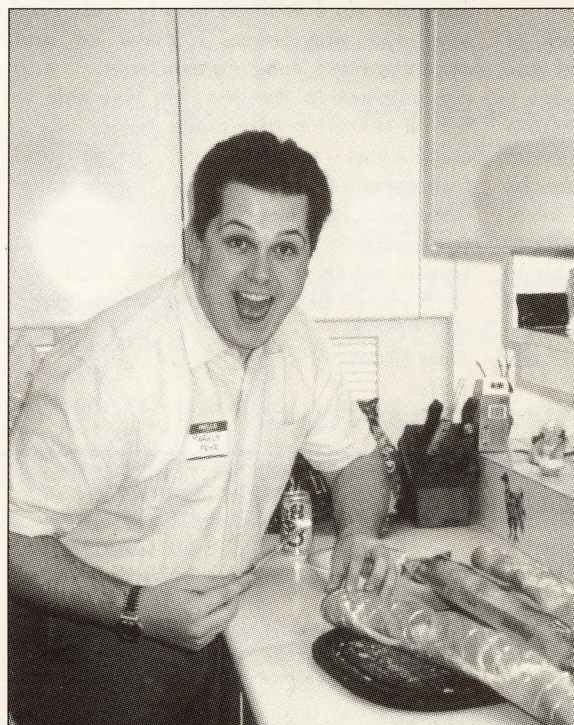
Method: Bring first five items together and watch the pot get stirred. Split potatoes in two casseroles to fit into smaller oven than predicted. Blend vinaigrette salad dressing with specially prepared mandarin oranges. Have Sous Chef sauté shrimp and serve warm. Present all other items on colourful dishes, pushed well into centre of table (away from puppy!). Ask the Guides

to lead Grace. Enjoy the food and fellowship. Remember to submit recipes to OCA Recipe Book. Salut!

*Marjorie Booth,
Human Resources
Committee*



Photos: (above) Dave Graham, Camp Kandalore, and Marjorie Booth, Mooredale Day Camp, prepare spicy shrimp.



(Left): Markus Fehr, Camp Manitou-Wabing, slices up a storm at the Gourmet Gathering.

Call for Recipes

Before you head off to camp, don't forget to submit your favourite off-season recipes to the OCA office. The Human Resources Committee is still collecting recipes—we have received many, but there is room for more! Please submit:

- * recipe name * your name and camp *
- * approximate preparation time * approximate serving size *
- * kitchen equipment needed * ingredients *
- * step-by-step directions *

Recipes can be faxed to the OCA, 416-781-7875, e-mailed: hawryluk@stn.net; or mailed to the OCA office (address on the masthead of the newsletter).

*Fiora Hawryluk
Human Resources Committee*

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Camping Makes the World Go Round

The camping world is a busy place these days! As we prepare to open our camps and welcome our campers this summer, here are two items of interest to be sure to add to your "to do" list:

1) **FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CAMPING CONGRESS JAPAN 2000:** There is TREMENDOUS excitement building for Japan 2000! Registration has now begun for the Congress. We are encouraging all Canadians who are planning to travel to Japan in the Fall of 2000 to REGISTER NOW. A registration form and further information about the Congress has been provided as an insert in this *OCA*sional News.

Please note that the first deadline for registration (the best price!) is July 31, 1999. VISA and MasterCard are both being accepted online at the official Congress website: <http://tour.tokyu.com/icc/index.html>.

As well, the National Camping Association of Japan is now accepting proposals from individuals who would like to lead a session at the Congress. The NCAJ e-mail address is ncaj@camping.or.jp.

Please note that while all delegates are asked to register directly with the Organizing Committee, we would also like to provide ongoing information to our Canadian delegation. Be sure to reach me at 905-631-2849 when you have registered. We have just confirmed that the 1999 ICF Steering Committee will be meeting in Tokyo in September.

Upon my return from these annual meetings, I'll be forwarding even more information about this spectacular event to all confirmed delegates.

2) INTERNATIONAL CAMP DAY

Since 1995, ICF Member Camps have been celebrating the International World of Camping on August 1st each year. Although this day is not necessarily the height of the camping season for all countries in the world, it does give us one moment when many children are gathered in the out-of-doors in camping programs and when all of us involved in camping can celebrate the great world of outdoor experience we have created.

How can YOUR Camp get involved? How about:

- begin planning programs now with your Senior Staff.
- discuss what time periods on August 1st (or at other times) you can use to highlight the International Theme.
- connect with other camps involved with the day to discuss how to broaden the impact between camps and between countries.
- build anticipation amongst your campers and staff for the unique nature of this interconnected and international inter-Camp event.
- notify the local media about your events and encourage them to highlight International Camping in a news item. Provide them with information about ICF.
- join ICF as an organization or as an individual, if you are not already a member.

Linda Grier, ICF Membership Chair, has just mailed renewal notices to all ICF members. Be sure to renew your membership TODAY!

Until next time.

Jeff Bradshaw

Canadian Representative

International Camping Fellowship

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Sign up now for a learning experience that will benefit your skills, the organization you work for and the programs you deliver. Registration brochures are available at the OCA office.

Yours For The Asking

Yours for the Asking is a regular feature of the *OCA's* *Asional News*. Readers are invited to send in their questions to the OCA office, attn: **Yours for the Asking**. Our panel will be delighted to respond in an upcoming issue. We are fortunate to have on the team Ted and Elaine Cole of Camp Walden, and Tracy Shand of Camp Naorca. Ted and Elaine bring a residential camp perspective, while Tracy offers the day camp view!

Question: We will be sending out this month our parent information: health forms, "things to bring" list, etc. What do you send your parents prior to camp? How do you make sure this package is current and valuable (i.e., read!) to parents?

Tracy Shand responds: Firstly, parents receive our camp brochure. Our brochure contains camp dates, transportation information, an outline of our camp program, registration information and phone numbers for further information.

After parents register their child they receive an official receipt, camper medical form and swim information/consent form.

Mid-May we mail our parents and campers a Parent Handbook. This booklet contains dates, updated bus information (routes & times), a calendar of daily events (cookouts, swim days, special theme days, etc.), important phone numbers, information on Parents' Nights, camping tips: sunsmart, bug repellent, nutrition, etc. We also invite all new campers and their families to an Open House at our site in June. Our Open House is a great opportunity to see the camp site, meet senior staff, have questions answered and participate in Naorca camp activities.

The Parent Handbook is usually eagerly anticipated by parents as it becomes their resource for the summer. The front cover introduction specifically indicates that the handbook is intended to "familiarize you with our program and make it easier for parents to start planning for the summer." If we can communicate effectively with parents prior to camp and provide them with user-friendly, useful information everyone wins. Parents feel prepared and campers are less anxious about their first camp experience.

Question: As a second-year staff member, it really bugs me how a double standard exists for counselling staff and non-counselling staff at my camp. The rules for us are really rigid - no drinking; no smoking; hours off are strictly monitored. I don't mind having to obey the rules, but shouldn't they be for all staff members, no matter what our jobs are or how long we have been at the camp. What do you think?

Elaine and Ted Cole respond: I have to agree with you, there is nothing more frustrating and confusing for everyone when two sets of rules exist. As a camp director, I personally find these double standards hard to justify. At our camp, staff curfew is compulsory for everyone. In regards to drugs and alcohol, it is a zero tolerance policy.

The only exception we make is smoking privileges for our kitchen staff, who cannot take the 15-minute time limit after lunch and dinner. However, when their break is granted, under the kitchen supervisor's okay, they must still go to the designated smoking area in camp.

The Power of Encouragement

I am going to use this story in precamp to illustrate to the counsellors that small words of encouragement can profoundly change a youngster's life and that counsellors must never underestimate their impact on the children. Being a positive role model is one of the best things a counsellor can be at camp.

This is the story which I sent to my sister, Susan Latremaille, who was a counsellor at Camp Maple Leaf.

"Hi Sue,

"I just got off the phone with a former camper of yours. He has been looking for you for 20 years, saw a program on camping on TV and called the OCA who gave him our number.

"He was from Regent Park in Toronto, and his parents sent him to Camp Maple Leaf. He was seven years old and you were his counsellor, "Bubbles"! He remembers exact details of his stay: a swim to Mosquito Island when you told him to keep going... to not quit. You told him that the pain is temporary but the accomplishment is forever. Later in life, he has a brain haemorrhage and temporarily could not walk or talk, but he remembered your words. He said you totally turned him around. All the other boys he grew up with are now dead or in jail.

"He used to sing in a boys' choir and participate in boxing at a local boys' and girls' club and you would attend his concerts while you were at U of T. He remembers how you persuaded Dad [Bruno Morawetz] to take him at Camp Ponacka at no charge when the fee was \$425.00 per week, and that he refused to sing in the choir there because he said he was on holiday!

"He is married now with two girls, ages 11 and 16, and lives in Scarborough. He would love to hear from you. He is a successful jeweller and would like to make you a gift to thank you for turning his life around. I told him you would contact him."

The follow-up to this story is that Sue did meet with him and he gave her a beautiful sapphire and diamond ring that he had made. The ring included 20 small diamonds, one for every year that he had been searching for her! Sue has met his wife and one daughter and is now in the process of finding a place in a summer camp for his daughter.

Anne Morawetz
Camp Ponacka

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Remembering Bruno

It is with great sadness that the OCA informs the membership of the passing of Bruno Morawetz on April 8, 1999. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 24 in Peterborough.

Over the past few weeks thousands of members of the camping community will have taken time to remember Bruno and the significant impact that he had on their lives.

The following is one man's thoughts—one Camp Director's reflection.

"As owners of single sex male camps, Bruno and I were in competition with each other. We were vying for the same campers and staff. We were both proud of our camps, knowing that we did have an influence on the campers we attracted. Although we competed, we also worked together. We shared problems. We openly talked about fees, salaries, mutual worries and concerns. Bruno was the type of man who always gave straight answers, for he listened with compassion and understanding and empathy. Without hesitation, I knew I could at any time phone Bruno with a problem: 'Bruno, I just learned that two of my most trusted counsellors got carried away last night in Minden. How would you handle this situation?'"

"The times I found most enjoyable centered around the Arts and Letters Club in downtown Toronto. Bruno's interest in music - classical and Broadway - set the scene for us to spend lunchtime talking about our own camps, as well as insight into the environments which are created in a camp setting. This inevitably opened new vistas into the role I too could play in working with young people. I always came away from those lunches, which more often than not extended up to dinnertime, more inspired and enthusiastic. I cherished those times, and every time I walk by the club, I recall those precious hours he gave to me.

"I know that I am only one of thousands of people influenced by Bruno. But how fortunate I am that I feel I can be numbered as one of his friends and allies in this wonderful profession of children's camping."

All of us in camping have benefited from our association with Bruno. His leadership and his generosity have touched so many of us. He has left a very lasting legacy to the camping community. The thousands of young people who have come his way had an outstanding mentor and teacher. He has left all of them the values and ethics that have allowed them to take their place so effectively in society.

Sincere condolences go out to Gwen and the entire Morawetz family. We know they are sustained by the strength of character displayed by Bruno in his final days. Although we sadly say goodbye to Bruno, how wonderful it is to know that he will live on in the hearts and the lives of so many.

John Latimer
Kilcoo Camp

Larry Bell
Camp Robin Hood

Patti Thom
Camp Tanamakoon

More Thoughts About Bruno

Bruno will be greatly missed. Way back when I started directing Ouareau he was my OCA advisor—and a more helpful, and yes, loving caring individual would have been impossible to find. I attribute a great deal of our success to Bruno. He was a friend and mentor for over 25 years.

Madelene Allen
Camp Ouareau

Camping Friends Remember Bruno

A few camping folk have undertaken to put together a collection of "Memories of Bruno" which will be assembled and given to Gwen and the Morawetz family.

We feel that this would be a wonderful way for people to have an opportunity to share a personal and special memory of Bruno with his family as well as a lifetime keepsake. There are probably thousands of stories which Gwen and the family may not have heard. We are looking for the humorous, the touching, the thoughtful, the educational, the inspirational, the fun times and even the pictorial.

All submissions will gratefully be accepted and will appear as submitted. Please mail your contribution to: Larry Bell and Patti Thom, Camping Remembers, c/o 158 Limestone Crescent, Downsview, ON M3J 2S4.

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Boating Safety Regulations—An Update

Further to the information under "Boating Safety Regulations" in the April 1999 *OCAsional News*, every camp director must digest the 1999 Safe Boating Guide published by the Canadian Coast Guard. There are many changes in the Regulations and these are effective April 1, 1999.

The following items are particularly important for camp waterfront programs that include small craft:

1. Personal watercraft (PWCs) are sea-doo's, jet skis, etc. Operators must be 16 years of age or over. If you have PWCs, these must be equipped with 15m heaving line, flashlight or flares, whistle, and navigation lights if operating after sunset or before sunrise. If operators are not wearing PFDs, paddle or oars, bailer and class 5BC extinguisher are also required.

2. Boardsailers must WEAR a PFD with whistle attached, OR carry a 15m heaving line, paddle and flashlight or flares if sailing after sunset or before sunrise. Since carrying the gear is impractical, the choice is clear.

3. Paddleboats, pedalboats, water-cycles, etc. have the same requirements as sailboards in item 2.

4. Canoes, kayaks, rowboats and rowing shells are required to have one PFD per person, 15m buoyant heaving line, paddle or oars, bailer (at least 750 ml with minimum opening of 65 cm² and plastic or metal), whistle, and navigation lights if operating after sunset or before sunrise.

5. Note for camp sailing programs: Unpowered craft (not > 6m in length) have the same requirements, as a canoe except

the bailer is not required for a self-bailing sealed hull with a small recessed cockpit (e.g., Laser) or a multi hull with subdivided sealed compartments. The chart in the April newsletter indicated a Class 5BC fire extinguisher is required, but this is only required if you have a fixed fuel tank or fuel burning cooking, heating or refrigerating appliance... not likely for camp boats.

A manual propelling device referred to as paddle or oars above can also be any other apparatus that can be used manually to propel a vessel, including pumping the rudder on a small sailboat. This is to be noted in any of the above where a rudder and tiller are present.

6. Powered craft < 6m, which means the standard rescue or safety boat at most camps, require: PFD for each person on board, 15m buoyant heaving line, paddle or oars, class 5BC extinguisher, bailer or manual pump unless multi-hulled with multiple-sealed hull construction, flashlight or flares, whistle, and navigation lights if operating after sunset or before sunrise.

7. Powered or unpowered craft > 6m but not over 8m have additional requirements to item 6. If such a craft is in use, check the specifics.

8. Lifesaving cushions, once popular to meet the requirements in lieu of PFDs are NO longer accepted.

9. Buoyant heaving lines are a new requirement. Note these are required in almost every instance.

10. Flares are dangerous in the hands of

the inexperienced or the funseeker! Further, flares need to be kept cool and dry and in a watertight container. Flares are valid for 4 years from date of manufacture and they must be disposed of in a special manner. Flares are not required in most camp situations, unless you are located on an ocean or major river. The watertight flashlight is the better choice.

11. A Certificate of Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft is currently being instituted as a requirement. The Lifesaving Society will be training leaders who will then be certified to teach the course and to offer the certificates. Camps wishing to offer certificates should pursue this matter with the Lifesaving Society. The training program does not require operation of a boat on the water, it is a classroom training. Camper parents who have cottages will be seeking opportunities to get their young family members certified.

12. Age—horsepower requirements which are effective immediately:

- People less than 12 years and not accompanied by a person over 16 years, can operate a vessel with a maximum of 10hp.

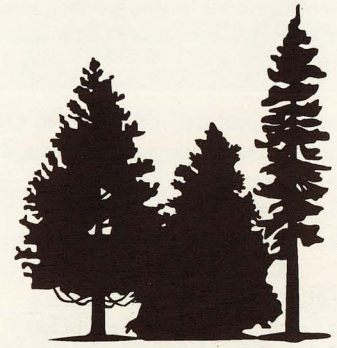
- People between 12 and 16 years, and not accompanied, may operate a vessel of maximum of 40hp.

PLEASE read the new Safe Boating Guide.

*Jocelyn Palm
Glen Bernard Camp*



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Corrections

The April issue of the *OCA* listed award recipients who were honoured at the Conference for Directors and Senior Staff. Unfortunately, we omitted several names of recipients of Canadian Camping Association awards:

Jeff Bradshaw - Letter from the President
Ellen Nash, Jill Dundas and Bruce Hodgins -
Certificate of Appreciation
Bernadine Dodge - Award of Honour

Awards to the Society of Camp Directors 1998 Photo Contest winners were also listed in the same issue. Please note the following corrections: 45 (not 24) photos were submitted for display; the first prize for Sunrise/Sunset was won by David Latimer of Kilcoo Camp; and the Delegates' Choice award was shared by David Latimer (Kilcoo Camp) and Christine Persaud (Camp Pinecrest).

The *OCA* apologizes for these omissions.

Fun with Ontario Summer Sports

When: June 5 and 6, 1999
(two-day participation mandatory)

Where: Market Village
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Exhibit

Size: 22' length, 10' wide, 8' height (max.)
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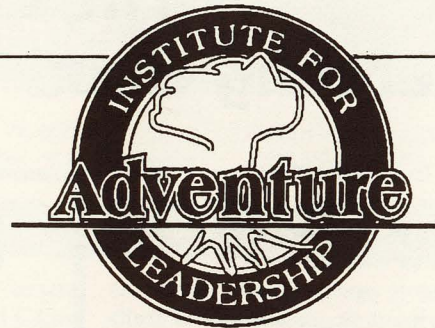
Participation is limited, and creative/educational/interactive displays will be favoured. This is an excellent way to come into contact with Toronto's sizeable Asian communities.

OCA members who attended the AGM will recall Yuen-Ching Chow as our speaker; she is organizing this event in order to make the community aware of Ontario's wide variety of sports, summer activities and organized camping.

For more information, contact Yuen-Ching Chow, at 416-674-1093; fax 416-674-7232.

Fiora Hawryluk
OCA News Editor

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Assistant Ropes Course Instructor

May 27-May 31, 1999

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The Camp Collage — Blending Good Times With Great People

The annual Counsellor Conference is set for Saturday May 29, 1999 at Seneca College in King City. Plans are well under way for another exciting event.

Our keynote speakers are worth the trip! Jim Hayhurst, Sr., co-founder of Trails Youth Initiatives, will open the conference with a visual presentation of "The Right Mountain-Lessons from Everest on the Real Meaning of Success." This is the riveting story of his 1988 Mount Everest Climb. Kirk Whipper, former owner/director of Camp Kandalore and founder of the Kanawa Canoe Museum will inspire us with his keynote address on "The Quest for Zest." Lots of great educators, professionals in other related fields, exhibitors and fellow camp staff, are sure to excite you.

For New Staff, Returning Staff and Instructors

Co-op games, mini-solo's, creativity-swim without a pool, planning for performance, motivation, how to facilitate learning, burn-out, create your future, creative thinking, risk management, children of divorce, canoe tripping round table, LD/ADD, adaptive programming & activities, front pocket games, speak easy, rainy day box, team building, high ropes course, outdoor climbing wall, canoeing,

Early Bird Registration

(Before May 11):

OCA Member - \$ 23

Non-Member -\$ 25

Group of 10+ - \$ 21 per person

After May 11 add \$ 4 per person

kayaking, sailing, interactive approach to risk, goal setting, environmental key concepts, story telling and more.....

For Senior Staff

Initiative tasks, children of divorce, language linguistics, facilitating, legal issues and more...

For Directors

- coffee house with a facilitator on hand to assist with productive conversations
- Seneca ropes course and new "swing" initiative.
- bring a camp T-shirt and/or hat to give away as a closing draw prize.

Food

It's included in your registration.

Transportation

Busing is available from the east and west ends of Toronto.

The Scarborough Town Centre pick-up is at 6:45 a.m. at the SW corner near Famous Players Coliseum theatre; the Yorkdale Shopping Centre pick-up is at 7:00 a.m. at the NW corner of the parking lot.

Drop off is at 6:00 p.m. at both locations; busing is free and **must be pre-registered**; parking at Seneca College costs \$1.75 per car.

There will be exhibitors from various companies, the CCA Bookstore and an open stage at lunch—bring your instruments!

Barb Weeden

Chair, Counsellor Conference Committee

Year-Round Education Update

Yesterday, we received word from a camp to say that one of their campers had just cancelled her camp registration since school for her would be starting August 23rd. This child is enrolled at a school which is initiating a year-round school calendar. So, it has started: year-round education is having an impact on the camping industry!

If you know of similar situations, please contact us at 705-748-9470 or ponacka@oncomdis.on.ca.

Don Bocking and Anne Morawetz
Year-Round Education Task Force

Exhibit Hall Grows for Conference 2000

The OCA Conference will be held March 2-4, 2000 at a fabulous new location: the International Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre on Dixon Road near Pearson International Airport. Partnerships with other organizations are being pursued, and a large increase in the numbers of delegates is anticipated.

This change in venue will permit an expanded Exhibit Hall. At this time, we are requesting that the membership assists in encouraging suppliers to participate at the Conference as Exhibitors. If you deal with commercial enterprises not currently OCA members, please forward their names and addresses to the OCA office, and we will send them the information.

Polly Hodgetts

Conference 2000 Committee

Calendar of Events

May

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Health Care Committee Meeting OCA Board Room | Monday, May 17 7:00 p.m. |
| Special Needs Resource Committee Meeting OCA Board Room | Wednesday, May 26 10:00 a.m. |
| Board Meeting Pauline Hodgetts' Home | Thursday, May 27 5:00 p.m. |
| Counsellor Conference Seneca College - King Campus | Saturday, May 29 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. |

Health Care Workshop
Seneca College - King Campus

Saturday, May 29
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

June

OCA Skills Weekend
Glen Bernard Camp

Friday, June 11 to
Sunday, June 13

July / August

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Responsibilities: Overseeing all aspects of the camp tripping program which includes the planning and logistics of trips, management of equipment and facilitation of tripping staff. Please mail or fax your résumé to: Adrienne Ross, Summer Camp Director, Camp Kawartha, RR#4, Lakefield, ON K0L 2H0, Fax Number: 705-652-1500.

Onondaga Camp is accepting applications for the position of full-time Assistant Director. Onondaga is located in Minden, Ontario and has been in operation as a residential summer camp for 82 years. The Assistant Director is responsible for the promotion of the Camp during the summer months. Other duties include program development and staff hiring, training and supervision. Applicants should be in a position to start work no later than September 1, 1999. Forward résumés to Ian Watt, Director, Onondaga Camp, 12 Bruce Park Avenue, Suite 101, Toronto, ON M4P 2S3. E-mail camp@onondagacamp.com. Fax 416-482-6237. Deadline for application is May 31, 1999. All qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.

Experienced swimming instructor wanted with swimming certification. Day camp setting. Oversees all swimming programs and badge distribution. Vehicle a must. Fax résumé to Kerri McGee, Sunshine Day Camps, 416-284-0407.

Miscellaneous

Fourth Annual Tim Heming Golf Tournament & BBQ. Thursday May 27th. 1p.m. starting time at the Beaverbrook Golf Course in Minden. 4p.m. BBQ at The Sunny Rock Lodge B&B. \$45 Green fee & BBQ. \$200 Foursome with BBQ. \$25 BBQ only. Prizes and donations requested. Call Sally Moore for details, 705-286-4922.

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☉ Display ads are sold on a single or multiple insertion rate, with a \$50.00 non-members fee. Please contact the OCA office for rates. Camera-ready art is required.

☉ We also offer professional and business directory ads of business card size. OCA member fee: \$50 per insert (up to three issues) or \$35 per issue (minimum four to maximum nine issues).

☉ Classified ads are sold with a maximum size of 25 words for a fee of \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members. Additional space sold in 25 word increments.

☉ Paid advertising content will not exceed editorial space.

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