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THE PRES. SAYS - - -

SOME GENTLE REMINDERS AS WE BEGIN THE NEW YEAR

1. NOMINATIONS -

Very soon, you will receive a letter from the Nominating Committee concerning nominees for various O.C.A. Executive positions. Please begin now and seek out O.C.A. members willing to contribute their talents for a term on the Executive.

2. O.C.A. CONFERENCE -

This event is always the highlight of the O.C.A. year. I trust it is on your agenda for March 1 - 3, 1979

3. PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY -

This is a responsibility which the O.C.A. Board has viewed as a priority over the last eighteen months. In addition to the extensive and expensive campaign undertaken in 1978, there were; numerous articles in weekly papers, several short magazine stories reflecting the values of camping, many public service announcements on radio and T.V. interviews. These short stories, articles and interviews are invaluable to the promotion of camping as a vital and valid experience for young people. Please review your contacts and see whether you can get an article or interview about camping. If you don't feel you can personally write the material, please let me know and we can assist in this regard. Tell the camping story when and wherever possible.

4. REVIEW -

Our Annual Report for 1978 will be in preparation for the next two to three months for presentation to you at the April 10th Meeting. This year's report will feature a 10 year review of the work of the Association and each member of the Board is developing his or her summary. At the same time we are reviewing; membership fees, the By-Laws, association with related agencies and organizations, etc. I hope by April to turn over to the new Executive a comprehensive reflection of our achievements and recommendations for the future.

Should you have comments and suggestions re the organization and direction of O.C.A., please telephone or write to me at the O.C.A.

CHEERS,

Jocelyn Palm - President

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

ALL YE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

"NORTHLAND CALLING"

A very special invitation is issued to all Individual O.C.A. Members to study the programme for the coming International Camping Convention, "Northland Calling", in Minnesota, February 19th to 24th. Full programmes are waiting for you at the O.C.A. Office, so pick one up and take a look, or ask the office to mail one to you. Everything's there, whether you're a short-term or full-time Director, Staff Member, Programme Organizer, Nurse, Minister, Business Manager or general factotum. Included: Managerial Courses leading to certification; Kindred Group meetings for all types of camps/and all denominations; Special Interest sessions; Seminars; Workshops; Environmental Education; Interest Sessions concerning all types of campers. Here are top leaders experts, dedicated camping people who are out to make this the success convention of the year.

CHOOSE YOUR DATES AND SESSIONS MAKE ARRANGEMENTS NOW FOR TRANSPORTATION

SEND IN REGISTRATIONS TODAY

TAKE YOURSELVES OFF TO MINNESOTA

THIS WILL BE A CONFERENCE TO REMEMBER

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AS FOR OUR OWN CONFERENCE

"EVERYTHING'S SUPER!", says Janet Adamson, Conference Chairman. Speakers, Programme, Events, every last detail is under control and ready to go for March 1,2 and 3, at the Royal York Hotel. Keynote Speaker on Thursday Evening is Barbara Chisholm, Child Welfare Consultant whose address is entitled "The Year of the Child . . . And Then What?" Jack Pearse will speak to the Banquet guests on Saturday evening; and you will be able to check other key session speakers when programmes arrive early in January.

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1979 COUNSELLOR CONFERENCE

Another event from an active Committee: the Annual Counsellor Conference for a day in May: May 12th is a Saturday, and that's it. The Place: Centennial College, Progress Campus. Further details later.

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SORRY ABOUT THAT!

YES, we are moving but not when posted in the last issue of the OCA'sional News. Plans have been changed and we will not be moving until after the Conference - possibly mid-March, 1979. The new address is still the same.

1806 AVENUE ROAD
SUITE 2
TORONTO, Ontario M5M 3Z1

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CONGRATULATIONS

Again to Janet Adamson who worked to rush through the printing of the Directory of Member Camps to have it completed by Mid-December. First time that has happened! And orchids, too, to our Office Staff who were responsible for organizing its advertising, a very detailed and time-consuming piece of work. GOOD SHOW!!

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O.C.A. - C.O.E.O. RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Ontario Camping Association and the Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario are officially co-operating in the sponsorship of a conference/workshop on Residential Outdoor Education. This gathering has the goal of "bringing together those individuals in Ontario most interested in residential education for development of themselves, their programs, and the outdoor education field in general". It is being designed for those actively working at residential outdoor education centres and extended season camps, for teacher-leaders of residential outdoor education experiences, and for administrators of such programs. Program material will be aimed at those already immersed in the joys and frustrations of residential work. Program content will include administrative and organizational topics, such as: costing, ensuring proper lead-up, on site responsibilities of staff, who will be the users/clients of the future?

Formal sessions informal sessions, displays and meal-time conversation will all afford opportunity for worthwhile exchange. It is hoped that in some "production sessions" participants will come up with recommendations directed toward some real concerns of the field.

For reports on further plans:

<i>Stan Talesnick</i>	<i>Mr. John Russell</i>	<i>Mr. Clare Magee</i>
<i>c/o Ontario Camping Association</i>	<i>c/o Circle R Ranch</i>	<i>c/o Camp Tawingo</i>
<i>102 Eglinton Avenue E. Ste. 203</i>	<i>P.O. Box 85</i>	<i>R.R. #1</i>
<i>Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E1</i>	<i>Delaware, Ont. N0L 1E0</i>	<i>Huntsville, Ont.</i>

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WINTER LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

CANADIAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION

The pilot Winter School was originally scheduled for February, but planning difficulties were encountered, with the result that new dates were selected as follows:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 to MONDAY, MARCH 12

Please apply to -

MR. LARRY BAGWELL
Central Y.M.C.A.
36 College St., Toronto, Ontario M5G 1K2

so that related materials can be forwarded in time to be of value for the school. Part of the mission of the Pilot School is to prepare leadership for future similar encounters. In addition, you will meet with talented people from across Canada . . . a very special bonus.

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"CANOE '79"

The YMCA is again operating it's Annual Canoe Instruction Weekend "Canoe '79" on June 1, 2, 3, at Camp Pine Crest, directed by Larry Bagnell. This year's special guest is Emile Maschek who holds the highest standing in history for a Canadian in the downriver at the World Championships. To reserve a spot (for a yet to be named participant) before the official applications are produced and distributed send a cheque for \$50.00 payable to Canoe '79. Y.M.C.A. Camping Service, 36 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1K8 along with the name and address of your camp. There is a maximum of two participants per camp.

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O.C.A. and THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT

The Niagara Escarpment plays a major role in the activities of many of our member camps and many of our individual lives. The O.C.A. is concerned that this great feature of our province not be lost to poor development and needless resource or recreational exploitation. In response to our concern we have submitted a brief to the Niagara Escarpment Commission which makes the following recommendations:

- 1 *The Niagara Escarpment is a Provincial Resource of significance to all the people of Ontario. It must be comprehensively planned and can only be done so by the Niagara Escarpment Commission, not by the fifty-five affected local municipalities.*
- 2 *When a Niagara Escarpment Plan is finally adopted it must be administered by a Provincial Agency which has complete planning and development responsibility in the Escarpment area and has the power to enforce the implementation.*
- 3 *Recreation Policies should remain substantially as given in the "Preliminary Proposals".*
- 4 *The Bruce Trail must be protected by the Government so that a continuous footpath from Queenston to Tobermory is accessible to the people of Ontario in perpetuity.*

A complete copy of the brief is available from the O.C.A. Office

Craig Copland
Environmental Concerns Chairman

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ARCHIVES REPORT

I trust you will be interested in a bit of history and facts concerning the O.C.A. Archives . . .

- initiated in 1966 as a Centenary project, the Committee had as its first Chairman, Dr. Mary L. Northway. The original members of the Committee were: Margaret Govan, Adele Ebbs, Barry Lowes, Elizabeth Raymer, Flora Morrison, Elsie and Dave Palter, Blackie Blackstock, Stan Wild, Joyce Bertram, Charles Plewman and Kirk Wipper.

- since its inception, the Archives Committee has been able to carry its own financial load because Dr. Northway proposed that the royalties received from the Camp Counsellor's Book, edited by Mary Northway and Barry Lowes, be

be used for this purpose; permission was granted by the O.C.A. Board to use such royalties. This fund made it possible for \$500.00 to be forwarded to the Trent University Archivist, Ken Johnson, so that a student, Paul White, could be employed to work on the O.C.A. Archives during the summer of '78

- in '68, Shirley Hall was employed to catalogue the material in the Archives, housed at the O.C.A. Office before its transfer to Trent University, the permanent home of the O.C.A. Archives.

- on October 22nd, 1969, the collection of Archives was presented by John Latimer, the President of O.C.A., to Miss Patricia Johnston, the Archivist, and was accepted by the President, Dr. Tom Symons, on behalf of Trent University.

- It was established at the meeting held in May, 1978 at Trent University and attended by Adele Ebbs, Elwood Jones, Bruce Hodgins, Ken Johnson and Helen Stewart, that the O.C.A. Archives at Trent University should include the following types of records:

1. organizational records of the O.C.A. which represent its activities as a corporate entity and are thought to be a archivally important.
2. the "records of camping" acquired on a laissez-faire basis from member camps. These might consist of a complete archival collection of an individual member camp but normally this component of the Archives would include records presented by individuals or camps and selected for preservation by the Trent University Archives, from among the following types of records: brochures, personal diaries, annual reports, auditors' reports, business minutes (when open), samples of business forms, camp hymn or song books, camp newspapers, unique records of special events such as oral history tape recordings, photographs and negatives or distinctive memorabilia.

Because of the \$500.00 grant, 85% of the O.C.A. Material had been inventoried by the end of August, 1978. Once the final cataloguing has been accomplished, a finding aid and the records will be made available for research.

The present member of the O.C.A. Archives Committee are: Adele Ebbs, Bruce Hodgins and Ken Johnson, further recruits are needed for a future project so kindly leave your name and telephone number for me at the O.C.A. Office.

Mrs. Nora Robinson of the O.C.A. Office Staff is faithfully adding pertinent data to her box marked "Archives" for which I am very grateful. I have made the same request of the Membership in several OCAisional Newsletters but, to date, only a few have acknowledged such. Please remember . . . I can only produce IF you produce. Don't let your camp history gather dust and fade into oblivion.

Helen E. Stewart

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A Q U A T I C S

AFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1979, the Red Cross fee increases to .75 (seventy-five cents) per candidate evaluated at Junior, Intermediate and Senior Levels and Levels 3-6 Adapted Aquatics.

Please note that the Red Cross fee is used for the development and maintenance of the Water Safety Service and DOES NOT cover the cost of the certification cards and crests.

IN JUNE 1978 AN OPEN LETTER was addressed to all Directors and Waterfront Directors requesting feedback and evaluations of Ontario Aquatic services.

Thank you very much to the camps who took the time and effort to respond. The availability of information regarding programs within the Association will be of great help to the Committee. Resulting from the information, suggestions and requests submitted in the form of an Aquatics Report, a questionnaire will be designed to further ensure that this communication continues.

PROGRESSIVE EVALUATION OF Junior Red Cross candidates occurred in selected programs during the summer months with permission of the Area Supervisor. Due to the diversity of standards encountered, September 1, 1978, all Junior programmes will be evaluated by a Red Cross appointed Water Safety Evaluator.

RED CROSS/ROYAL LIFE INSTRUCTOR COURSES

WINTER 1979

<u>JANUARY 1979</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>
12,13,14 - 19,20,21	TORONTO	J. Vipond
12,13,14 - 19,20,21	KITCHENER	Cameron Heights Pool
12,13,14 - 19,20,21	OTTAWA	(Call Branch)
12,13,14 - 19,20,21	CORNWALL	(Call Branch)
26,27,28 - Feb.2,3,4,	PETAWAWA	
	DEEP RIVER AREA	(Call Branch)
<u>FEBRUARY 1979</u>		
2, 3, 4 - 9, 10,11	OSHAWA	General Vanier SS.
2, 3, 4 - 9, 10,11	HAMILTON	Ryerson
2, 3, 4 - 9, 10,11	MARKHAM	Markham Centennial Pool
9, 10,11 - 16,17,18	OTTAWA	(Call Branch)
9, 10,11 - 16,17,18	WINDSOR	Adie Knox
9, 10,11 - 16,17,18	GUELPH	Victoria Road Recreation Centre
<u>MARCH 1979</u>		
2, 3, 4 - 9, 10,11	SAULT STE. MARIE	(Call Branch)
2, 3, 4 - 9, 10,11	TORONTO	J. Vipond
2, 3, 4 - 9, 10,11	OTTAWA	(Call Branch)
9, 10,11 - 16,17,18	HAMILTON	McMaster
19,20,21,22,23	SCARBOROUGH	L'Amoreaux
19,20,21,22,23	PETERBOROUGH	Sir Sanford Fleming Coll.
19,20,21,22,23	MISSISSAUGA	Cawthra Pk. Pool
30,3., Apr. 1,6,7,8	KITCHENER	Forest Heights

Any questions or suggestions may be forwarded to THE AQUATICS COMMITTEE through the O.C.A. Office.

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CAMP DIRECTOR NEEDED

Summer Resident Girls' Camp Director
required by -

YWCA of Metropolitan Toronto

CONTACT: Liz Greenway
2532 Yonge Street, Toronto
M4P 2H7

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CAMP SITE FOR RENT

Camp Site, Parry Sound Area
accommodates 100

available after August 12th, 1979

CONTACT: Liz Greenway
2532 Yonge Street, Toronto
M4P 2H7

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TENDERS NEEDED

for

O.C.A. Summer Woodsmanship School
to be held

JUNE 10 (Evening) - JUNE 16 (After Lunch)

Proposals are needed from Camps wishing to host same.

REQUIREMENTS

MEETING ROOM for 40 - 45 people

ACCOMMODATION for 40 - 45 people

ALL MEALS

PLEASE SUBMIT TENDERS TO:

Mr. Jack MacGregor
c/o Camp Kandalore - R.R. #2 - Minden, Ontario, KOM 2K0
Tel. (705)489-2419

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CAMP DIRECTOR NEEDED

A Director for CAMP HURONDA for Diabetic Children situated near Huntsville, is required for the summer of 1979. Applications from Mr. Mrs. or Miss will be accepted but must be mature persons with a sound background of camp experience. Services are required from JUNE 30th to AUGUST 26th. Please give full details to: -

CAMP HURONDA

Mr. H. Hunter

55 Wynford Heights Cresc., Apt. 814, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 1L4

Tel. 445-2420 at any time.

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

at

CANADIAN OUTWARD BOUND WILDERNESS SCHOOL - 90 miles North of Thunder Bay
from MAY - SEPTEMBER

Assistant Instructors; Kitchen Coordinator; Business Manager; send resume to: -

WENDY PIEH, Prog. Dir. - Canadian OUTWARD BOUND Wilderness School
11 Yorkville Ave., Toronto, Ont., M4W 1L3

and for the TORONTO OFFICE: -

Office Manager-Secretary-Admissions Director; Business Mgr.-Bookkeeper; Marketing-Development Director. Send resume to: -

ALISTAIR McARTHUR, Director - Canadian OUTWARD BOUND Wilderness School
at the above address.

Detailed Requirements available at O.C.A. Office, 102 Eglinton Ave., East, Toronto, Ont.
Tel. 486-8630

CAMPING IN MEXICO

At the invitation of the Mexican Government, I had the privilege, in December, of serving as a consultant for D.I.F. which is the Department of Integration for Family Services. Part of the purpose of that very large division is in the field of children's camping and outdoor education. Centres have been opened in most of the States of Mexico under the leadership of exceptionally talented men and women. Their devotion to the great challenge that exists in that country is an inspiration. To witness their eagerness to learn, and their enthusiasm to improve life for their children through outdoor activities is a great joy. As part of my mission, I took along a quantity of Canadian camping literature. This was gratefully accepted and is now being translated into Spanish. It was good to realize that the experience and insight of my Canadian Colleagues will reach ever increasing numbers of children in Mexico.

Kirk A.W. Wipper

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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 19 - 24, 1979

CCA - ACA - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
"NORTHLAND CALLING"
Minneapolis, Minnesota

MARCH 1 - 3, 1979

ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Royal York Hotel - Toronto

MARCH 7 - 12, 1979

PILOT WINTER LEADERSHIP SCHOOL
Camp Kandalore - Minden, Ont.

APRIL 6 - 8, 1979

OCA - COEO - CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP
Boyne River Natural Science School

APRIL 10, 1979

OCA ANNUAL MEETING
Ontario Society for Crippled Children
350 Rumsey Road - Toronto, Ont.

MAY 12, 1979

OCA COUNSELLOR CONFERENCE
Centennial College Campus

JUNE 10 - 16, 1979

SUMMER WOODSMANSHIP SCHOOL
Place to be determined
