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Accident reports: more than just legal protection

by Len James, Wilderness Medical Associates, Canada

Have you ever looked at last summer's collection of accident reports and wondered: what should I do with these? Camps invest a large amount of staff resources designing, completing, and filing accident reports. Yet other than documenting for some possible legal exposure, these efforts are not utilized to any great extent. Accident reports contain a large amount of valuable information that can be utilized for such diverse purposes as: policy development, staff training, facility and program design, insurance negotiations and marketing. Why not enhance your return on investment and spend some time working with your accident reports? The results might surprise you! The following are four ways for extracting valuable information from your accident reports.

Serious accidents are usually preceded by a similar near miss or minor accident.

1. Minor incidents are an excellent evaluation of emergency action plans

Having to respond to a minor accident is an excellent evaluative tool to test your emergency action plans. Accident reports should reflect how an organization responded to the event. Reviewing reports can generate valuable insights to a camp's pre-planning and response procedures. Approaching accidents from this perspective enables a camp to learn from minor events and better equips them to manage a serious incident. The following are some important questions to ask.

- Did the camp anticipate this accident as a possibility?
- Was the camp able to respond in an appropriate and timely fashion?
- Were there enough resources available to safely manage the event without compromising the safety and other needs of the non-involved camp members?
- If the situation was similar but the injuries were life threatening could the camp have adequately managed the event?

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A new look!

by Fiora Hawryluk, Editor

Thanks to the hard work and creativity of John Zachariah, OCA Production Secretary, the *OCAsional News* has been given a face-lift. A new stock, a freshly designed front page and a different layout all contribute to a more modern look. Thank you, John!

As always, the Editorial Committee welcomes ideas, articles and suggestions from our readers. We want to make sure that you feel that you can contact us at any time, by any means - email, telephone, fax, mail. Please do!

Regular articles from various working committees of the OCA, the Canadian Camping Association and the International Camping Fellowship will ensure that readers receive relevant and up-to-date information on the challenges we face every day. We also are grateful for the input we receive from fellow camp professionals, our commercial members and Honorary Life Members. Together, our efforts can make a difference.

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by Ellen Nash
OCA President

September is here, and with September it appears that the Ontario Camping Association shifts back into high gear. Not that we have ever really been in low gear, but to those of us away at camp, the world

seems to revolve upon our little pieces of real estate, and little else enters our consciousness. Yet, this is what has been happening in the OCA world:

- the Ontario contingent is beginning to leave for the ICF Conference in Japan at the end of September. Due to the untimely death in June of Bill Bowker, the President-Elect of the International Camping Fellowship, our own Jack Pearse will continue in his role as President for the next three years. Jack, your dedication to camping throughout the world, is a model to us all. Thank you.
- the Canadian Camping Association President's Council will be meeting in New Brunswick in October. I am looking forward to representing Ontario at this meeting, and I will report to you in this column after my return.
- Michele Gillingwater, our OCA Membership Secretary whose cheery voice has greeted all of us as we have called the OCA office for the past few years, has tendered her resignation. Family obligations have necessitated a change in her employment, and she has found a new position which will provide her with the hours she now requires. We are sorry to see her leave, but we understand her needs, and we wish her the best of luck in her new position.
- the summer of 2000 has brought a larger number of letters of complaint to the OCA than in the past. It is interesting that most of these complaints revolve around whether or not the family will receive a refund for campers who do not complete their summer at camp. Of course, the OCA refers all such complaints back to the camps involved, but it is noteworthy that more and more families are expecting such refunds as a matter of course. Some camp directors have told me that they are also experiencing similar complaints and requests directly. I wonder if it is a trend that we need to be aware of. If you would like to let me know your feelings on this issue, please drop me a note or an email.
- the next meeting of the OCA Board of Directors has been scheduled for Thursday, October 5th. A schedule of future meetings will be developed at that time, and will be published in the next *OCA'sional News*. We are now preparing for another busy and exciting year!

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Editor's Note

by Fiora Hawryluk

Another summer has quickly flown by. We enjoyed days filled with sunshine and dealt with those days when it was chilly and rainy and just plain miserable. (How did you motivate campers sufficiently to get into that cold water?) At camps across the country, survivor-style games were played; Harry Potter theme days were celebrated; mini-Olympiads were held. Campers had a chance to learn new skills, develop new friendships and renew old ones and create a whole new set of memories to revisit at leisure in the school year ahead.

Autumn brings a different kind of momentum: not the frenetic, got-to-get-it-done-quickly kind, but rather the gentle, thoughtful way we approach familiar tasks: marketing, public relations, statistics collection, training, long-term planning and special projects. These are the things that occupy our minds now.

Fall is the time to start up committee work once again. For a volunteer-run organization, we are lucky to have such a wide variety of committees and task forces so that everyone can get involved. After all, this is our livelihood and we should be concerned about issues that impact our industry.

Consider joining an OCA committee this month. If you're afraid it will take up too much of your time, there are dozens of different tasks of differing durations. You say you can only spare an hour a month? The Human Resources Committee will be happy to suggest venues for you. Want a role with more leadership? That can be arranged. Feel that your creative skills can be of use? There sure is room for you!

There are so many rewards in volunteering. When you complete your membership renewal (if you haven't already done so), don't forget to complete the volunteer form in the package and send it in. If you are the director

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or owner of a camp and know of someone on your staff who should also get involved, but doesn't have access to the OCA network, please arrange to have them sent an individual member-

ship package. Better yet, pay for a year's individual or student membership for your staff. It'll be one of the best investments you ever made!

Barrier-free design and your camp

by Catherine Smart, Chair
Special Needs
Resource Committee

More and more, Ontario Camping Association accredited sites seem to be interested in exploring what possibilities there are with regard to making their camp site more accessible. This article will provide the reader with a few concrete tips in terms of how to facilitate a "barrier-free" facility along with providing some contacts to gather additional information and advice about a specific site.

Barrier-free design describes a location that is "user friendly" for a person with a disability, seniors and moms and dads with baby carriages. Barrier-free washrooms, for example, provide greater access to a person who uses a wheelchair.

A number of people in the camping industry have indicated an interest in adapting their business to accommodate people with disabilities, but worry that the necessary renovations will cost too much and the return will be marginal. These are valid concerns. Nevertheless, if the following "tricks of the trade" are taken into consideration, the prospect of barrier-free design may seem less daunting.

1. Create a wish list. Include all the areas that you would like to be "user friendly."
2. Decide with area(s) need attention first. Your washrooms

or one cabin, for example, may be your first priority.

3. Once you have a list, designate a certain amount of money over a five-year period to cover the costs of the renovations. (Government grants are sometimes available to assist with the costs.)
4. Remember that everything does not have to be done overnight! Choose projects that work into your pocketbook and into your already established setting.
5. Do it right the first time! It is a waste of time, energy and money if the renovations do not meet code.
6. Before you start the renovations, do your homework. Research the subject thoroughly, either through an accredited barrier-free design architect or the appropriate resource materials.
7. Invite persons with a disability to your site to comment on your list and provide feedback with regard to the pending renovations.

Providing a barrier-free environment can be both rewarding and financially beneficial, providing that the camp owner takes the proper steps.

For more information about barrier-free design, contact the Canadian Standards Association 416-747-4044 and request the CSA Standard B651-95 Barrier Free Design booklet. It is available in English and French for \$60.00 plus tax, shipping and handling. If you are planning a large project, seek out an architect who is familiar with the design criteria. In some major cities, there are design consultants who specialize in barrier-free design. They can frequently be identified by the term "barrier free" in their firm's name.

In 1998 the Kinark Outdoor Centre realized that it could no longer adequately program and support its existing client base without addressing issues of accessibility. In developing its operational plan for the next five years the management team set out to include accessibility upgrades as an integral component of its facility expansion and re-development goals.

The challenges we faced and continue to face were/are:

- Funding - there are no additional funds for accessibility upgrades and accessibility projects are forced to compete with all other facility needs
- Defining the need - accessibility needs in facilities and especially at activity sites are complex and range across a spectrum
- Defining the projects - while there are good accessibility

Special Needs case study Kinark Outdoor Centre

by Jim McHardy,
Kinark Outdoor Centre

construction resources, many areas and tasks remain inexact around specifics or solutions

- Garnering support - clients without accessibility issues and Board members who do not visit the Centre when these needs are obvious do not see them as a high priority

The solutions below have allowed

us to move ahead. They include:

- The Plan - we did not try to do it all at once, but made a list of all the requirements, prioritized the needs, and laid them out over a time period that was financially achievable.
- Used our clients/the experts- we benefitted enormously by consulting all our clients about what they felt needed to be done. We were able to have a General Accessibility Survey completed by Lori Bryanton and Frank Prospero at the Active Living Alliance. This document has proved invaluable

in planning and fundraising.

- Combined projects - we combined accessibility needs with all renovation, upgrade and new construction projects. When we built a teacher /group leader cabin we made it fully accessible, thereby doubling our wheelchair accommodation capacity.
- Recognized that the whole facility will never be fully accessible and that there are limitations to what is physically and financially feasible. Our client population has been the main voice in framing the plan.
- Use on-site visits by clients with accessibility needs to assess new projects and equipment as well as to plan for upcoming projects and purchases. No matter how much we read and plan, we still locate grab bars in the wrong place, buy the wrong equipment or place furniture in the way. Visiting clients are our best source for determining what works.
- Sought Innovative Solutions: we used reclaimed wooden fencing to have the Ontario Junior Rangers build wheelchair boardwalks between buildings and on the beach over two summers. We now use a donated pontoon boat as our emergency boat, and also as a watersport access vehicle for those with mobility issues. Discarded rubber matting from an arena provides access to the swimming area
- Discovered that by looking at client needs in a universal framework we address other issues. The more accessible paddleboats last twice as long and actually reduce costs. The larger open cockpit kayaks are more popular and less threatening. Grading and landscaping activity areas has allowed for more diversified programming. Smaller tables in the dinning hall have created more flexibility for all events. Accessible washrooms are easier and more economical to clean and

maintain.

We are in the middle of our five year plan. We have made many mistakes and clearly, accessibility upgrades have cost us money. However, client satisfaction, new clients, program diversity and community support have clearly made this a worthwhile goal.

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2. *The link between minor accidents,
near misses and major injuries*

Studies of mountain fatalities
have demonstrated that the

majority of fatalities were preceded within one year by parallel accidents and/or near misses on the same route.

Although most summer camp programs in Ontario do not participate in mountain travel, the principle remains valid. Serious accidents are usually preceded by a similar near miss or minor accident. Clearly, it is useful to review your accident reports to identify the potential for a serious event.

3. *Identify contributing factors*

It is important to try and understand factors that lead up to the accident. Only 2% of accidents are unpreventable. The other 98% are not accidental but rather a logical conclusion to a sequence of events. Jim Raffin describes this with a metaphor of a slot machine. As precipitating factors accumulate (lemons) you get closer to the jackpot: "an accident." One of the most valuable uses of accident reports is to identify the events that contributed to the accident. To assist in this process, it is useful to divide the causal sequence into its components:

- Systems-policy/procedures, program design, safety procedures, staffing issues

- Environment-weather, terrain hazards, building hazards
- Judgment-miscommunication, misperception, fatigue, inexperience, instruction, supervision
- Unsafe acts-improper/unauthorized procedure, unsafe speed/position, food/drink

Once contributing factors have been identified, this information can be used to modify program issues such as policy/procedure development, staff training and program design.

4. *Comparison to industry standards*

Most camp directors ask themselves, "How safe is our program?" Accidents reports are a good place to start to answer this question. Using your reports you can compile some basic numbers that will allow for comparison with industry averages. Sometimes the results are surprising. When Outward Bound in the United States did a comparative analysis, they discovered that the risk of accidental death was lower on an OB course than in normal day-to-day life. Another example is that Project Adventure determined that the injury rate during their program (cooperative games, initiatives, low and high ropes) was one third that of the average high school physical education program.

Unfortunately, industry wide accident and illness rates for youth camps are not readily available. In contrast, the adventure industry has published various studies attempting to quantify injuries and illnesses. The comparison between youth camps and adventure tourism is not entirely valid; however, there are some overlaying activities. NOLS' latest data demonstrates a substantial drop in injuries and illness over the past 10 to 15 years. In the mid 1980s they reported a rate of 5.91 injuries/illness per 1000 program days. By 1998 this rate has decreased to 3.27 (a drop of 45%)!

There are many advantages to having this type of information. First, having particular injury rates helps camp directors identify common injuries and develop action plans to address those specific problems. Second, directors have some hard data to rely upon when they meet with insurance providers. Third, as an industry, summer camps can lobby for better insurance rates, and improved public confidence in camping as a "safe" place for children. Finally, camps can honestly answer the question, "How safe is your program?" Without this information camps have a significant challenge asserting the safety of their programs.

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CCamping Journal

by John Jorgenson
Camp Tawingo

It was an interesting summer at our Camp: more inclement weather than usual, more mosquitoes than usual, more work than usual (we celebrated our 40th anniversary with an alumni family reunion at Camp). It was also a summer of more campers, more veter-

an staff and more satisfaction.

The reunion generated a wonderful perspective on summers past and to a certain extent, on camping across the country. The returning staff and their families were invited to complete the sentence "What I Learned at Camp was...". One seven-year-old boy offered this intriguing answer: "If you go up the Mountain, you can see miles away" - 7 yrs

On October 20-22, Presidents' Council will meet in Moncton, New Brunswick at Camp Centennial. The agenda for the meeting is long and comprehensive. The tasks before the Presidents' Council and the collective Boards of the seven Provincial Camping Associations include:

- Action Plan: A necessary part of a coordinated effort in assisting Provincial Camping Associations along on their path to their own goals. We began the process in Toronto earlier this year. We must complete the task in Moncton.
- Canadian Olympic Association Pilot Project: The first stage of a bold new partnership with the Canadian Olympic Association is complete. Four Ontario camps and 12 camps across the country participated in the pilot phase of a program to define camp values in Olympic terms and vice versa.

We will receive a report on the program and decide how to move it forward.

- Immigration: It has been a difficult summer for some directors who thought that they had done everything necessary to bring international staff into the country to work at their camps. CCA is trying to define more clearly the requirements for the Camp Counsellor Program so that we can offer this recruiting source with more dependability.
- Membership Strategies: We have some commercial operations claiming business membership in the CCA. What should we do with various categories of business members, corporate members, individual members, sponsors? What are their rights and obligations? Can their participation further our purposes?
- International Camping Fellowship: CCA is present in Tokyo at the Fifth International Camping Congress. It will be wonderful to bring a global perspective to the New

see CCamping Journal, page 11

Resident Camp Wanted

The Guelph Y wants to buy a children's residential camp site. The site must accommodate 100 to 160 campers. We are looking for a natural setting with an excellent waterfront/beach area and three season potential. The site should be within 3 hours drive from Guelph, Ontario. This could be an existing camp, property that could be converted or is vacant. We will also consider lease/partner arrangements. Contact Bruce Bailey, Operations Manager.



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Please forward your résumé and cover letter by October 9th attention: Suzanne Schefold, Human Resources Coordinator.

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The latest information on life-threatening allergies

With the summer 2000 season over, camp operators are already preparing for next year. Some of the issues being addressed relate to safety. With a growing number of children being diagnosed with a life-threatening allergy, the task of camp health care professionals and supervisors has become more of a challenge. It is estimated that 2% to 4% of Canadian kids are anaphylactic. The majority have a food allergy, most commonly to peanuts and/or tree nuts, but many are also allergic to other foods or insect stings. This medical condition has the potential to be life-threatening, but by taking special precautions and being prepared for the worst-case scenario, fatalities and near-fatal reactions can be avoided.

It is important for those supervising anaphylactic children to keep abreast of the latest information. The Anaphylaxis Network of Canada is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing such information. Some of the services we provide include the following:

- product: anaphylaxis resource manual (one chapter is dedicated to camps), food allergen cards, videos...and many other resource materials
- seminars
- quarterly newsletters
- food alert notices from manufacturers

The information that you gain from these resources will help you better manage anaphylaxis in the camp environment.

Health Care Committee Q & A

Q. Who is eligible to receive the Flu Vaccine this fall?

A. All citizens of Ontario

Ontario is the first jurisdiction in North America to make Flu Vaccine available at no charge to all citizens in an effort to ease pressures in hospital emergency rooms this winter. The province will spend \$38 million this year to ensure that everyone in Ontario has access to the Influenza Vaccine.

Who should get the flu shot? The government urges everyone in Ontario to get a shot. Vaccination is strongly recommended for the following groups:

- everyone 65 years of age or over
- anyone with chronic heart, lung, or kidney disease
- anyone who works in a health care facility
- all emergency service workers (firefighters, police, ambulance staff)
- anyone with diabetes, cancer, blood disorder, or immune problem
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Summer in Walkerton: one camp's story

by Keith Hadigate, Camp Cherith - Ontario

The early spring of 2000 was like any other spring for a camp director. It was filled with excitement and anticipation of another season, and the stress of site preparations and staffing.

I never would have dreamed of what was to come. The weekend of May 13th saw the worst flooding in 70 years to hit the Walkerton area. Camp was an island. Our road was under five feet of water. The following weekend, tragedy struck this wonderful community in southwestern Ontario. Who would have imagined that what we all take for granted in Canada would become a killer? A headline in Toronto read "Killer water strikes Walkerton." E coli - deadly water. Not in Canada. Yet it happened.

Camp Cherith-Ontario, Box 142, Walkerton. After many camp fairs of trying to explain where Walkerton was, the whole world now knew. The phone calls questioning our water started immediately.

Our fully booked spring weekends disappeared. The prospects for the summer of 2000 began to look very bleak. What should we do?

We immediately took more water samples for testing. (The water had been tested when first turned on in the spring.) We tested every outlet

in camp: kitchen, washhouses, medical centre, drinking fountains - all came back clear. Two days later we took more samples to a lab in Orillia for testing - again, perfect results. With this information, we sent a letter to our campers already registered and those from last year still unregistered. In the letter, we outlined our commitment to camper health and safety, our commitment to test our water on a weekly basis, and the fact that our water treatment system is serviced bi-weekly by the commercial branch of Culligan Water Systems. We take our responsibility for the safety of our campers very seriously. We included copies of the two recent results of our water tests.

A letter and test results were also sent to all our supporters and interested individuals. Every phone call was dealt with promptly. Requests for cancellation refunds were honoured.

Our theme for this summer - chosen at a Cherith conference two years ago because of the year 2000 -

became very real to us this summer. The theme taken from Hebrews 13:8 that says "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever . . ." was "Faithful Through The Ages." In what could have been a disastrous summer for us, we actually realized a 15% increase in campers. God was certainly faithful to the prayers that went up on our behalf.

The loss of revenue from our spring weekends could have been very taxing on our budget. I quickly found out that business interruption insurance does not cover the type of situation that occurred in Walkerton. (Readers may want to contact their own agents about this.) I contacted the adjudicator handling the requests for compensation for loss of revenue due to the tainted water situation to see if we might qualify for some assistance. He advised us to apply and told us what documentation would be required. I gathered together the year-end statements for 1999 that had been filed with the government, our 2000 budget and copies of all the refund cheques we had written. I also submitted claims for the excess cost such as postage, mileage, phone, etc. Within weeks, we had received a cheque covering everything we had claimed. I am reminded again of our theme for the summer of 2000.

We never know what tomorrow may bring. We take so much for granted in southern Ontario. We in the camping industry must make every effort to leave nothing to chance. We need to remind ourselves of the awesome responsibility we have for young lives. I know that we at Camp Cherith - Ontario have learned to become more appreciative of our blessings in Ontario. We have been reminded also of how a situation that is outside of our ability to control is well within God's control.

Remember the folks in Walkerton. Almost five months later, they still have to boil their water. When you turn on your tap and wash your hands or brush your teeth, be thankful you do not have to boil your water first.

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After many camp fairs of trying to explain where Walkerton was, the whole world now knew.

William R. Chapman 1915-2000

by Bert Danson

The Ontario Camping Association lost another of its "oldtimers" and Honorary Life Members with the recent passing of William Chapman. Bill was the former owner/director of Camp Kagawong and one of the most diligent and tireless

workers for the OCA. Although Bill had retired from active camping a few years ago, the camping spirit never left him.

Camp Kagawong was one of the oldest camps for boys. It was situated on Balsam Lake and was started in 1908 by Bill's father Ernie Chapman. In 1945, after Bill's discharge from serving in the R.C.A.F., he joined his father in the operation of Kagawong.

Ernie Chapman was one of the founding fathers of the OCA. Ernie was a very colourful gentleman, whose pranks

at our meetings and Conferences are still being talked about. Bill assumed full direction of Kagawong upon Ernie's retirement. Bill was amongst the first, of the second generation families, to take over the camp operation as started by the parents.

Sailing was a major program at Kagawong, and many of us learned various skills in the teaching and operation of this fascinating activity from Bill. Kagawong had two schooner rigged boats, which few (if any) of the other camps possessed. While many of our camp directors were called "Chief," Bill was known as "Skipper."

I had the honour and pleasure of working with Bill on the program and exhibits committees of the OCA Conferences from 1947 to 1953. We became close friends and together attended American Camping Association Conferences in New York, Chicago and Detroit.

Bill was a multi-talented guy, very handy with tools. He was an outdoor artist and produced many interesting oil paintings. He was a model railroad buff and built model locomotives, freight and passenger cars. He had an amazing display of a model railroad that took up a whole room in the basement of the family home on Alexandra Boulevard in Toronto.

Bill Chapman: Camp Director, friend, confidant and adviser to countless boys and youth, a valued and tireless worker for the OCA. We oldsters who knew and respected him will sadly miss Bill.



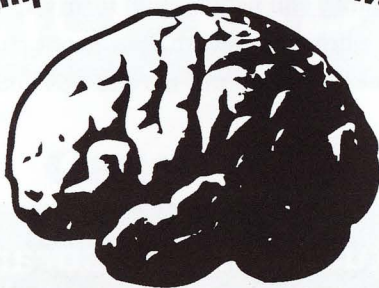
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Yetta Nashman 1934-2000

by Bruce Nashman

Yetta Nashman, devoted Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Camp Director, passed away on July 23. She, along with her husband, Harold, directed Camp Wahanowin for the past 43 years and was responsible for the tremendous reputation of individual

care and concern provided to each camper. Yetta was empathetic, understanding and made all campers and staff feel comfortable and at home while at camp. She had a unique

ability of listening and knowing the best way of resolving any and all problems campers and staff had. Everyone felt better and that they had truly been heard, after a conversation with Yetta.

In addition, Yetta has been responsible for the operation of the Wahanowin kitchen for the past 43 years, creating menus, hiring and supervising staff and establishing the tradition of excellence in food service at camp. Her care and attention to detail ensured that everyone received nutritious and delicious food every day of the summer

Yetta will be sadly missed by her husband, five children, nine grandchildren and the entire camping community.

Dawn Alexander-Wiggins, Lynn Allen, Travis Allison, Steve Archibald, Michael Bakker, Marcello and Margaret Bernardo, Brian Blackstock, Beth Blake, Peter Bloom, Don Bocking, Marj Booth, Suzanne Brocklebank, Gwen Brown, Jason Brown, Jeff Brown, Andrea Buttars, Lyssa Caine, Carol and Wayne Campbell, Michael Cerps, Ted Cole, Skip Connett, Louise Coutu, Frank Domen, Jen Dundas, Bruce Emmerton, Lynne Evans, Jack Feldman, Ron Ferguson, Shirley Ford, Sara Forster, Peter and Barb Gilbert, Krista Gillespie, Al Goodman, Karen Gordon, Dave Graham, Liz Greenway, Alf Grigg, Louis Gyor, Steve Han-

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Thank You, Standards Visitors!

Maintaining high standards in Ontario camps is made possible by the commitment of our many Standards Visitors. Our Association is indebted to the following members to whom we offer our most sincere THANKS!

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Brunswick meetings and consider how CCA fits into the World of Outdoor Experience.

- Project Development Fund: Since its establishment last year, the CCA Project Development Fund has underwritten two projects. It has distributed Ontario's "Setting a New Direction" to camps in other provinces besides Ontario and it has assisted New Brunswick in the launch of a pilot study to establish its accreditation program. We will consider how we can jointly utilize the resources of the fund in furthering other initiatives.
- Changes on the PCA and National Scene
Leaving Presidents' Council: Mike Nelson - Past President, Elayne Mott - Nova Scotia
Joining Presidents' Council: Davida Mackay - Nova Scotia, Felix Tillmanns - Saskatchewan
Changing Roles on Council: Donna Wilkinson - President Elect - Saskatchewan
- CCamping Matters: Can we contribute to the body of

written and technological knowledge in the field of organized children's camping? We are trying to determine the best format for the next stage in the long history of the *Camping Magazine* - *Canadian Camping Magazine* - *Camps Canada* publications of the CCA.

- National Workshop Proposals: How can the CCA provide a basis upon which we can achieve regular national recognition and attendance at regional and provincial events? Within the work of the Project Development Fund, can we bring together representatives of PCA's to meet, discuss and develop topics of mutual interest?
- CCA Website: Can we further develop www.ccamping.org as a useful, daily resource for on-line camp directors as well as for the public seeking information about camping? As the seven-year-old boy mentioned above once said: "If you go up the Mountain, you can see for miles." The view from CCA is tremendous. You can see for miles. In the distance are a few more mountains. In between are some great camping opportunities. The trail to all of them is clear, if we care to share the path with one another.

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