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"HAPPINESS IS A PERFUME YOU CANNOT POUR ON OTHERS WITHOUT GETTING  
A FEW DROPS ON YOURSELF."

#### EDITORIAL

No time this month! Summer is here! However, I would like to thank the following people who contributed to OCCASIONAL NEWS this past year: Janet, Barry, Al, Grant, Marjorie, Helen, John, Catherine, Jorgi, Sally, Bert, Barbara, Lisa, Hal, Elsie, Eanswythe, Jocelyn, Fred, Cliff, Catherine, Walter, Ted, Don, Ron, Marilee, David and Nora and June.

Have a fun summer.

See you in the Fall!

#### "DO TELL"

BY: JOHN JORGENSON

Tell me what I can do with all of the marvellous bits and pieces of practical ideas that I've discovered?

The temptation to 'grab it and go' with programs and program ideas is a common one. Much of what camping has is borrowed, shared and adapted all the time. There is a problem, however. There is often a disappointment which results when a good program doesn't 'click'.

We must learn that it is simply not enough to follow the program 'recipe' as developed in the old setting when transferring ideas into our camp. We must first realize that the hard work that applies to initial program development also applies to program integration. Take a look at what factors affect the former and consider the latter.

The originators of the great idea wrestled with the program in the context of existing camp philosophy. Everything that we do at camp is a statement of our philosophy of camping and we must make our statement clearly and consistently. We owe it to ourselves to look at whether a new nature activity is environmentally sound, whether the highly technical and specialized sport activity is consistent with our philosophy of group centred social growth or whether a cost intensive pioneer cooking program is balanced and worthwhile addition to our campers' diets.

The original great idea was developed by one or more staff who understood its concept and objectives from its beginning. They were committed to its success and saw it through to the point where it finally has caught our eye and appealed to us. We and our staff must approach the program in the same way, considering integration with existing programs, costing, materials, preparation time, testing and evaluation as well as short and long term goals.

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"DO TELL" CONT'D.

So, let's roll up our sleeves gather our staff and resources and begin our part of the hard work of making camping better.

Here are a few parting program shots.  
"DO TELL".

Terraria!

Margarine or honey containers make nifty mini terraria. Cut the centre out of the lid. Half fill the container with a mini eco system, stretch clear plastic wrap over top and snap the lid back into place.

Knot Bad!

Finding practical applications and opportunities for campcraft ropework is sometimes difficult. Try a wooden scarecrow that loves to be tied up and a ropework area that creates the 'need' for various knots.

Orienteering!

Are you running out of numbers, letters, triangles and symbols to differentiate your control markers? Try a standard tic-tac-toe symbol with a base line and one or more squares blocked out. The combinations aren't endless but close enough.

Buoy-o-buoy!

Many people use plastic jugs as buoy markers but can also be useful as anchors. Cut a small hole in top of the jug and pour cement in to harden. You'll have a tie loop and plenty of weight for most situations.

Double Ball!

Two foot sized leather pouches joined by six inches of thong form the basis of this primitive lacrosse type game. Each player has a four foot stick with a fork at the end. He shoots! He scores!

"DO TELL".

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JOKE-OF-THE-MONTH

Mr. Martin Hunt,  
Editor,  
Ontario Camping Association,  
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Dear Editor:

It is a sad day, a time to re-consider, a time to reflect, a time to ponder and for me a time to cry!! I have just been given the crushing news - the results of the OCAsional News are in and there were 394 people who said they did not want to see the joke of the month continue.

What does this mean? Is it true that the sense of humour characteristic that is so important is leaving our society forever? Could it be that we are becoming a boring race? At one time it was my thought that camping people could enjoy themselves as no other group but now am I to surmise we are nothing but an unlaughable bunch of sadies.

There is hope, but it is difficult to see. The humour will remain, I guess the jokes will not. Thank you for allowing me the space, and remember - "A laugh a day is like walking on water". Think about it!!

Continued success with the paper - I love it!!

Warmest Regards,

Hal Hannaford,  
Director.

EDITOR'S NOTE:- *Sorry Hal, but I guess that's the way it goes.....*

"ANNOUNCING!"

A new feature beginning in the Fall issue: "The Funnybone" with Hal Hannaford as The Funnybone Editor. So! Start saving up those jokes bits of humour for the New Issue!



"ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS"

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, MAY 5, 1983 -- Ducks Unlimited Canada announced today that the private, non-profit waterfowl conservation organization is sponsoring a national Wildlife Photography Award Program to increase the public's awareness of the importance of wetland habitat conservation by promoting Canadian wildlife photography.

For award program rules and entry forms, photographers can write to DU Canada Wildlife Photography Awards, 1190 Waverly Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 2E2, or visit their nearest Ducks Unlimited Canada office.

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"WHAT'S HAPPENING"

NEW CURRICULUM TO BE LAUNCHED AT DIRECTOR'S BOLTON WEEKEND NOVEMBER 4-6, 1983.

Enclosed with this newsletter is an application form for the November Director and Senior Staff Weekend at Bolton, November 4-6, 1983. Dr. Mary Keyes, Director of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, MacMaster University, will present the topic "Leadership for the Next Decade". Using videotapes and a recent survey on leadership styles, Mary will focus on the leadership of the director and developing leadership skills among the staff and senior campers.

This promises to be a relevant and worthwhile weekend. We will learn together during the day and socialize during the evenings. On Saturday night we are planning an evening of games and trivia! Get your application in now!

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TFT PRESENTS:-

"THE DREAM IN HIGH PARK"

Toronto Free Theatre presents an open air production of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream in the natural setting of High Park from July 16 to August 14, 1983. The play is free of charge to the general public. THE DREAM IN HIGH PARK will be performed by a youthful and energetic cast under the direction of Michael Mawson.

Matinee shows on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 P.M. Evening shows on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 P.M.

For further information about THE DREAM IN HIGH PARK contact:-

Mark Battley or Carol Ishii  
368-7601

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AUGUST 20/21 - "BARK LAKE CELEBRATION"

Come to a great re-union when everyone helps to celebrate Bark's 35th Anniversary. We've heard that those who were staff in 1948 including Patrick Watson and John Kennedy are coming so can you stay away?

All previous staff are invited for August 20 to stay over to August 21. All previous campers and friends of Bark Lake are invited for August 21st. We are trying to contact all of you with further details so please call 965-2356 to up-date our mailing list. Re-union chairman is Swain VanCamp. Come and find your bunk and maybe your mate but COME!

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"CANADIAN ENVIRONMENT WEEK"  
JUNE 5-11, 1983.

There are many events happening around the Province, including an Arts Festival on Saturday, June 11th in Toronto and a Recycling Conference in Ottawa. For more information call Environment Canada (416) 966-6406.

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THE ECO-SKILLS WORKSHOP is shaping up to be a dynamite event. This year's Workshop will be held on June 10-12 at Hockley Valley Outdoor Education Centre. Judy and the organizing Committee have promised an amazing weekend complete with excellent weather.

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"What's Happening" cont'd.



OCA CANOE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Camp Couchiching (9 miles north east of Orillia).

DATES: June 9, (7:30 P.M. until June 12, (about 6:30 P.M.)

COURSE FEE: \$75.00 (includes meals, accomodation, equipment, handout material & books.

APPLICATIONS: Contact the OCA office (416) 781-0525 (act fast, requests are already coming in.

COURSE STAFF: Director - Howard Rosenthal  
Assistants - Bill Elgio  
Anne McKnight.

ACID RAIN DAY IN ALGONQUIN PARK  
SATURDAY, JUNE 18th, 1983.

Location Arowhon Pines, Time 11 A.M.-5 P.M.  
Admission \$10.00 (Children 12 & under \$5.00). Buffet Lunch Provided.

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CANADIAN COALITION ON ACID RAIN.

Further information & tickets at:-  
Canadian Coalition On Acid Rain, 112 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto. 968-2135.

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"THIS & THAT"

SWIMMING INSTRUCTORS COURSE

BECOME QUALIFIED IN RED CROSS AND ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY COURSES.

June 16 & 17 6 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.  
June 18 & 19 9:A.M. - 9:00 P.M.  
June 20, 21 & 22 6 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Held at Havergal College  
Avenue Road and Lawrence.

For more information contact:-  
Lisa Wilson 425-9796.

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TWO REGISTERED NURSES REQUIRED FOR AUGUST

For Easter Seal Society Woodeden Camp near London, Ontario.

Call Jim Fraser, Supervisor of Camping & Recreation (416) 425-6220 or Sally Moore, Camp Director (416) 222-5703.

CANOEING PROGRAMME

ORCA announces that Level III instructors are available to visit your camp or canoeing programme to advise on start up, new ideas, standards, evaluation, etc. Please make your own contact with a Level III Instructor through:-

Kandalore-Fred Loosemore (705) 489-2419  
Trailhead-Wally Schaber (613) 722-4229  
Wild Waters-Mary E. Ripley (807) 345-0111  
Harbourfront Canoe School - Steve Magee (416) 861-1233  
Barrie Canoe Club - Karen Beeswanger (705) 737-5205

Wanapitei-Bruce Hodgins (705) 569-3299  
ORCA (Leave a message for an ORCA Executive to call) (416) 495-4180.

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CANOE CAMP FOR SALE BY OWNER

Temagami Area. For information call or write:- Before June 15: David H. Knudsen RD1-455 W.GROVE, Pa. 19390 U.S.A. 1-215-869-3704

Summer Address: Bear Island Temagami, Ont. No. Phone.

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CAMP DIRECTOR WANTED

Orillia-based, Christian, children's summer camp requires a full-time Director for summers 1984 & 1985. Tenure possibly involves part-time yearlong, and for more than 2 years.

Applicants over 25 years of age, should have 3 year's minimum experience at senior levels, in a similar environment...as well as post-secondary diploma or degree...and effective "people skills".

Please submit resume by July 31/'83 (with position-related references) to:-

W. C. Mansell  
Diocese of Toronto Camps  
2920 Bloor St. W.  
TORONTO, Ont. M8X 1B6.

Interviews conducted in September 1983.