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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Janet Adamson
Camp Gay Venture*

From time to time the O.C.A. is called upon to represent the membership on an issue effecting Camps. Such an issue is before us now and I would like to appeal for your help. Many of you will have received letters from The Ministry of Transportation and Communications informing you that your black and white road signs are to be removed and that as a Camp you do not qualify for a sign. Since Camps have had these signs for years, and since the motoring public, especially buses carrying children, need these signs and since we generate tens of thousands of tourist dollars and tens of thousands of tax dollars, this decision appears to be unfair and wrong. Would you do three things: -

1. If you are effected would you let the OCA know by means of a short note, also how you feel about this decision.
2. I have written to James Snow, Minister of Transport and Communication, on behalf of the OCA. Would you also write to him and tell him that this decision will cause you difficulties and dissatisfaction. His address is:-

The Honourable Mr. James W. Snow
3rd Floor, Ferguson Block
77 Wellesley Street W., Toronto
Ont. M7A 1Z8
3. Let the O.C.A. know of any ideas you have for action against this decision, in your note, mentioned in #1.

As an Association we should be able to do something about this but we do need to know how many of you are affected, and we need to let the Minister know collectively and individually our feelings on this matter.

STAFF PREPARATION

*Barry Lowes
Camp Timberlane*

Right now you should be planning Pre-Camp for your staff. The most important few days of the summer for staff are those pre-camp orientation days. How wisely you use them will determine the state of preparedness of your staff and will set a tone and direction for the wholesummer ahead.

SOME THOUGHTS AND QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- Write down what you want to accomplish during pre-camp.
- How many staff are new to your camp?
- Staff turnover will influence what you cover and how you cover it.
- Pre-camp should be a time to establish relationships, so plan sleeping arrangements, seating at meals, activities and duties so that people mix and get to know one another.
- Use a buddy system of an old and new staff member.
- Use old staff to lead sessions or as resource people.
- There should be a balance in activities between work details, learning and recreation.
- Recreationally use activities and games which staff can use with their campers.
- Avoid a double standard, i.e. (now versus once the campers arrive), use routines and practices from day one which will be used all summer.
- By the end of pre-camp all staff should:
 - Feel comfortable and assured by knowing his/her role as a Counsellor.
 - Know everyone else by name.
 - Be familiar with the physical layout of camp.
 - Understand camp safety practices and emergency procedures.
 - Understand the camp philosophy and its objectives.

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- Have set some personal goals and objectives.
- Understand how they will be supervised and evaluated.
- Understand to whom they should speak if they have a problem of any kind.
- Know the names of all his/her campers and any special information on each.
- Gained some knowledge of behaviour characteristics of the age group - understanding campers.
- Brushed up on or learned the camping skills needed.
- Set up their activity area and program and begun to establish a good working relationship with their colleagues.
- Prepared some songs, stories and games for cabin use.
- Planned at least two rainy day programs.
- Planned the first day and evening in detail since the tone of the cabin is set during the first 12 hours.
- Encourage staff to ASK questions. It is no crime not to know something. It is a crime not to know and not to ask or to try and bluff your way.
- Have a staff campfire, roast or similar get-together the night before the campers arrive.
- Speak briefly to each staff member personally to reassure them and wish them a fine summer.

FROM OUR PAST

*Kenneth W. Johnson
Trent University Archivist*

It is a pleasure to take this opportunity to tell O.C.A. members something about the holdings of the Trent University Archives. Those of you who visited the Archives Committee's display at the March Conference saw a microcosm of the materials which make up the camping collections at Trent. Correspondence, diaries, photographs, films, maps and plans and sound and video tapes document the several aspects of camping life in Ontario and Canada. These records are organized into three collections - the OCA, CCA and Society of Camp Directors.

A wide variety of people have used the collections in their studies - camp owners and directors, staff, and university and college students - to the point where they are the fourth most frequently consulted of all the Archives holdings. This year, the collections were used for over ten under-graduate essays, and reference requests were received

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from as far away as the Mennonite Camping Association in Florida.

The depth of the collections increases yearly, with additions of official OCA records and private papers being made. As well, the oral history tape collection is growing very rapidly, as more and more people share their memoirs and reminiscences with us.

Recently, the Archives purchased photocopies of Mary S. Edgar papers from Queen's University, and acquired photocopies of the papers of Ernest Thompson Seton from Professor John Wadland (a Camp Pinecrest Alumnus) and Dee Seton Barber. The addition of these and other materials enhance the research significance of existing archival collections.

Happily, there is no backlog of inaccessible materials in the camping collections. Those travelling to Peterborough to consult the records should, however, notify the Archives in advance (at (705) 748-1413) so that appropriate staffing arrangements can be made.

PLEASE HELP US!

*Barbara Gilchrist
Member Archives Committee
Immediate Past President O.C.A.*

The history of Camping in Ontario is now and always will be of great interest and importance. The Archives Committee would like to provide future generations with the facts of camping in Ontario.

Many of you have completed the Questionnaire for Archives which is appreciated. Thankyou!

There are camps that were and are no longer. The history is not complete without information on defunct camps. PLEASE HELP US with a name? an address? a clue to obtaining the information needed for the files of Archives. Here follows only a few of the many that should be included in the History of Camping in Ontario.

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| Almar Ranch | Buckeye |
| Camp Aviv | Campus in the Woods |
| Bronchial Asthma | Canbay |
| Foundation | Canadian Canoe Trips |
| Badens | Cardinal |
| Beaver Camp | Circle 'B' Ranch |
| Camp Beaverdale | |

Please write your clues to the O.C.A. Office c/o the Archives Committee. Thank you!

CHAPEL TALK

K. Grant Kerr

United Church Camps - Vice President O.C.A.

GOD -
I'm talking to you, but I don't really know why.
I don't really believe you're out there.
Because, because I don't believe anything I can't see.
And, I certainly can't see you - so
I don't know why I'm talking to you.

GOD -
I feel mixed up, confused and unhappy .
I'm afraid; I'm a failure; I'm lonely.
I don't think anyone understands me.
I'm not sure anyone cares.
And I don't think you are really there...

GOD -
Sometimes I do things right.
Sometimes I get along with my friends
Sometimes I feel OK about myself.
Do YOU really hear me? Really?

GOD -
I don't know why I'm talking to you.
I think I want to pull down a shade and
shut out the whole world.

What? Are you listening?
God - really?
Do you hear me? Love me?

GOD -
Do you.....

In the beginning God created.....

BETTER BUSINESS, BETTER CAMPING

Al Goodman - Camp New Moon

Everyone loves a bargain! This is the time of year when all of us are involved in the shopping aspect of camp and bargains are a very welcome thing during these days of tight economy and difficult budgets. However in our quest for that illusive "bargain" we can be badly misled. The question that must be asked is "when is a bargain really a bargain?"

Many of us don't examine the so called bargain carefully and in the long run find we have been foolish. Here is an example of a bargain that didn't quite save the shopper what he expected. The case is fictional but the situation could happen to any Camp Director

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The food salesman during the annual meeting with the Camp Director to compile the initial order offered a special deal. "For every 5 cases of Baked Beans, you get one case free". Sounds pretty good so let's make it pay. The Camp Director orders 20 cases and the 4 free cases. The order arrives in camp and the season begins.

The summer passes quickly and lo and behold, there is only a week left and the Camp Director and his chef are checking the food supply to determine the final food order and the state of the store room. To their dismay they find 10 cases of Baked Beans. Our "bargain" suddenly becomes a problem. Even if the food company will accept the 10 cases and give the full credit, which is doubtful, there are costs involved and inconveniences that must be included as costs.

- a) The amount of money that was tied up all summer at high interest rates.
- b) The tendency to serve Baked Beans more often than usual (In this case the children might find Baked Beans on their breakfast plates several times during the last week of camp).
- c) The space used to store those extra cases and the inconvenience that this caused.
- d) The possible damage to the food over an unusually long period of storage.
- e) The possible damage if they cannot be returned and must be stored over the winter.
- f) The inconvenience of extra handling from the time they arrived in camp in June until they must again be handled to return to the supplier or brought to a safe winter storage place.

There may be other costs not mentioned here. I have picked a food item that is easily stored, hard to damage and not usually pilfered. Think of the additional hazard if the bargain was chocolate bars, pop, or fairly perishable or fragile items.

Before you buy the "bargain" make sure of the quantities needed and make a careful calculation of the actual dollar saving. You may be surprised to find the saving is not worth the trouble or potential inconvenience. Finally - remember some bargains are really cheap imitations. Compare apples with apples. The can of peas you get for a bargain may be half full of water! Stick to name brands or proven items. Dented cans may be safe but if the labels come off they are a pain in the neck! Think about it!!

COAST TO COAST

Marjorie Booth
C.C.A. Executive Director

The CCA/ACC Board leaves for Saskatoon in a few days for our Annual Meeting, April 30th. This Board Meeting will involve more than our usual group of Provincial Association representatives and Executive Members. We will be joined by the Chairmen for Education, Dorothy Walter; P.R. and Promotion, Marnie Ellis; Standards, Brian Law; and Leadership Development Programs, Dinny Biggs.

We are fortunate in that we will also be heavily involved as Session Leaders at the Saskatchewan Camping Association Camping Conference. The S.C.A. is hopeful that many new registrants will become members as a result of this event.

Other exciting news, is that the B.C.C.A. have held a great Counsellor Training Workshop and were the first Association to benefit from the Consultant/Advisor Funds available from CCA/ACC thanks to a grant from Fitness Canada. Other Associations who have requested C/A funds are Saskatchewan, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Details about this opportunity were carried in the winter issue of Canadian Camping.

The pace of events in Ontario never seems to slow down. Hope all the specialty Workshops and Conferences are highly successful!

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THIS AND THAT

DID YOU KNOW.....

Ontario today has the highest incidence of wildlife Rabies in North America. The red fox and the skunk are the largest carriers. 9,000 cattle have been infected since 1956 from that date there have been 33,000 cases in southern Ontario. Rabies is a virus that can be killed by heat and drying but it infects approximately 1,000 people each year. If you plan to have pets in Camp make sure that their vaccination is current.

Tell your campers to be especially aware of foxes and skunks that are usually nocturnal but in broad daylight are not displaying their usual shyness. They should not handle dead animals, rabid carcasses can also transmit the virus.

WHAT TO DO WHEN RABIES STRIKES....

If a person is bitten or even scratched by a

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suspected rabid animal, or comes in contact with the animal's saliva, the Ministry of Health recommends several immediate steps:

FIRST: Wash the affected parts of the person's body thoroughly with soap and water, detergent and water, or water alone, to dislodge virus particles. Do this for several minutes and then apply an antiseptic.

SECOND: Contact your physician who will advise on further treatment including vaccination if necessary. A vaccine and schedule will be recommended dependent on your medical history and vaccine type supply.

THIRD: Inform your local medical officer of health. Be prepared to give the name and address of the attacked person and time and place of the incident.

FOURTH: Contact the nearest office of the Federal Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada, who will arrange for rabies diagnosis if the suspected rabid animal has been killed or is available. They are also responsible for quarantine of animals exposed to rabies. Quarantine will depend on the animal's vaccination history and local circumstances.

GENERAL: Consult your veterinarian regarding rabies and other infectious disease vaccinations. Don't attempt your own diagnosis. Call a vet whenever your pet shows signs of being sick..Be alert when camping or hiking in the woods to encounters with sick wildlife. If you are prepared, rabies needn't hinder your enjoyment of Ontario's outdoors.

REMEMBER: Your Camp horses need rabies shots too!

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THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES

A SPECIAL FALL WEEK-END

FOR: DIRECTORS and SENIOR STAFF

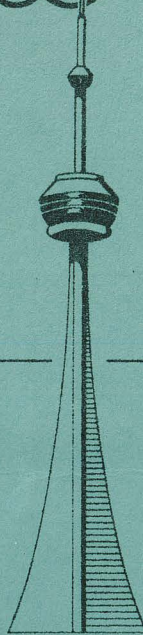
Reserve these dates:
NOVEMBER 5,6,7, 1982

Further Fascinating Facts to Follow

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Welcome to Toronto

for our first international camping congress



Share your camping skills and experience with international colleagues in an exciting international setting • **January 26 to 29, 1983**, at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto • Full registration fee only \$160 (\$125 if you book before Dec.20,1982) • For full details, contact



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together we're stronger.

MOVE TO WHERE THE ACTION IS!!

The CCA/OCA sponsored 1983 Camping Congress to be held in January of 1983 at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto is a huge undertaking. There are many ways that you can help support this major camping event. It is the beginning of our Golden Anniversary Celebration.

Firstly, make sure that you and all your camping friends take part fully, don't just attend, get involved!

Secondly, you can get involved by making sure everyone not only registers, but they should get excited about this major camping event and "talk it up".

Thirdly, if you know camping people from outside Canada, write to them, sending a Congress outline and brochure (available from the CCA/OCA Offices).

Maybe the most important way to become fully involved is to book a room at the Sheraton Centre for the Congress. Make it truly a celebration!!! The Sheraton Centre supports the Congress financially based upon the number of guest rooms that we book.

Start a special bank account now to make sure you will be a full participant on our Golden Anniversary of Camping Leadership

FEDERAL CAPITAL GAINS TAX - INTERESTING INFORMATION. *Cliff Labbett*
Legislation Committee Chairman

Any of you who are involved or interested in handing over or taking over a small business within the family will be interested in the following interpretation of existing legislation. The parents or disposers of the small business may claim for Deferment of Capital Gains - if any - when the business is transferred to a child, grandchild or great grandchild, using Revenue Canada Form T 2211. The questions were raised with the Hon. Wm. J. Rompkey, Minister of Revenue if "child" included the spouse of the child. We received a reply from Mr. Rompkey that the definition of "child" in the Income Tax Act has an extended meaning and specifically includes a daughter-in-law or son-in-law. A copy of Mr. Rompkey's letter is on file with the Ontario Camping Association office if anyone requires further information.

ECO-SKILLS '82 - SIGN UP NOW!

Register now through the OCA Office for this valuable staff training workshop. Leaders of nature and environment programs shouldn't miss this unique opportunity to share exciting program ideas with the experts. Set for May 14-15 at Hockley Valley Camp & Outdoor Education Centre at a cost of \$15.00 per person. Further information call the O.C.A. Office - 781-0525.

This Workshop is receiving the financial assistance of the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation and the Ontario Camping Association.

WATERFRONT DIRECTOR WANTED FOR SMALL CANADIAN CAMP.

We need a young man to assume the leadership of our waterfront program. Must have the proper certifications. Camp seven weeks long. Remuneration negotiable depending on experience and training. If interested write to Lost Bay Camp, 101 Princess Drive, Rochester, N.Y. 14623

"PADDLE TO SEE, PADDLE TO SHARE"

WILL BE THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S O.C.A. AQUATICS COMMITTEE CAMP CANOEING WORKSHOP. THIS IS A THREE DAY EVENT, THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 3 - SUNDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 6, 1982. STAFF WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO 'SEE' MORE CLEARLY THE PRINCIPLES OF CAMP CANOEING PROGRAMS AND HOPEFULLY RETURN TO CAMP PREPARED TO 'SHARE' IDEAS, ATTITUDES, AND EXPERTISE NECESSARY TO RUN A SAFE, FUN CANOEING PROGRAM.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED FLYER.

THE R.L.S.S.C. OFFERS FREE

- to camps who are OCA Members and RLSSC Affiliates, a one-time special program during the summer of 1982. This program is intended to promote the Life Saving I,II,III and Junior R.A. award levels by offering the ***LIFE SAVING I and JR. R.A. awards at NO CHARGE*** to eligible camps.

Training campers in life saving techniques is an integral part of any camp's program, but Life Saving I, II, III and Junior R.A., because of their easy programability, are particularly suited to camp environment.

Further information on the program can be obtained by contacting the RLSSC, Ontario Branch Office at 8 York Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto, Ont. M5J 1R2. (416) 368-1809

CAMP DIRECTOR WANTED

Post-secondary education preferred. Minimum of two years experience required. Good communication and organizational skills plus budget and administrative experience. Supervision of adult and teenage staff. Please send resume to Canadette Sports Camp P.O. Box 207, Station "W", Toronto, Ont. M6M 4Z2.

Further information from Mr. Bill Tyler, 248-5211 or Judy McKinley 824-1068

CANOE '82 WEEKEND

- at Camp Pine Crest, Bala Ontario, June 4,5 and 6. This programme is designed for advanced Canoeists, beginners, Outdoor Educators, camp staff and families. Cost is \$85.00. For further information and registration forms contact - Mr. Ted Fauteux, YMCA Camping Service, Canoe '82, 36 College Street, Toronto, Ont. M5G 1K8 922-7474.

FROM THE LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Ideal for camp evening programmes:

"Roll Call" is a 30 minutes video workshop on prejudice for young people ages 13 - 19 produced by the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith. Premiere: May 11, 1982. For more information contact: Ellen Kachuck 633-6227

WE WELCOME TO O.C.A. THE FOLLOWING NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

Esther Carlton Wallace Gregory
Barbara Mattiacci

I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU

Wouldn't this old world be better
If the folks we met would say -
"I know something good about you"
and treat us just that way?
Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
If each handclasp fond and true,
Carried with it this assurance
"I know something good about you".

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If the good that's in us all
Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?
Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If we praised the good we see?
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me!

Wouldn't it be nice to practise
That fine way of thinking too?
You know something good about me,
"I know something good about you?"
