



# SEASON'S GREETINGS

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*Never a Christmas Morning,  
 Never the old year ends,  
 But someone thinks of someone,  
 Old Days, Old Times, Old Friends*

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Janet Adamson  
 Camp Gay Venture*

As 1982 draws to a close we, in the O.C.A. can look forward to an important year in organized Children's Camping - 1983 the Ontario Camping Association's Fiftieth Anniversary.

From the early days of A.L.Cochrane, Taylor Statten, and Mary Edgar to the latest years the O.C.A. has been an Association rich in its membership. To start our Fiftieth year, what better event than the first International Camping Congress, a time to re-unite with camping friends.

There will be an "Ontario Welcomes You to Canada" breakfast at the Congress on Thursday, January 27, complete with Dave Broadfoot and Sharon, Lois and Bram and a gift of Ontario maple syrup for all hardy enough to be at the Sheraton Centre for a 7:45 a.m. event.

As the year continues the Annual Meeting on April 25 will be an O.C.A. Birthday Party complete with cake and programme to evoke memories of past years.

As well, during 1983 the O.C.A. Archives Committee is planning to publish a history of the Association.

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Fifty years is something to celebrate and celebrate we will for we can be proud of Our Fifty Years.

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## EDITORIAL

M.G.H.

### IT'S ALMOST TIME!

Well I thought that I would put my own reminder in for the upcoming Congress. December 17 is the postmarked deadline for the discount. And although \$125.00 is a lot of money, look at it in the context of your budget; 1/3 of a canoe, a mere fraction of your food budget, 25 T-shirts (and what would you do with 25 of your own camp T-shirts anyway?) 2 or 3 boards of a new dock....'Might as well invest in some personal cerebral development (and whose cerebellum can work without some stimulation in that coldest month of the year?)

There is certainly a healthy line up of speakers to offer that ever-needed stimulation, but the richness of any conference comes from the delegates themselves. For me it is a great annual reunion. Look at some of the people who you could meet; Sir Edmund Hillary, Dr. Leo Buscaglia, Fred Okada, your Board and members of the C.C.A. Board, Past Presidents of the O.C.A., old friends from other camps and if some of our newest members

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come you could also meet Kathrin Andersen, Jane Anderson, Samuel Berman and Robert Davey to mention only a few!

Oh I know that some of you may have plans for the weekend already; Aunt May was hoping to come down from Wiarton for a visit and some of you will probably have to wash your hair that weekend, but it will be a long time before there is another camping event of this magnitude.

The International Congress on Camping, January 26-29, 1983 is the only mega - big event that will be offered to O.C.A. members this year - there will not be a "1983 O.C.A. Directors' Conference".

So come on down to the Sheraton Centre and listen to a few sessions, grab a friend for a good ol' chin wag and we'll have just a whale of a time! See you there!

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FROM THE BOOK SHELF

*Eanswythe Flynn  
Honourary Member*

FREE THINGS FOR CAMPERS

*by Jeffrey Weiss*

Written by "an avid sportsman with a particular interest in backpacking", it is a veritable bonanza to those who are always on the lookout for a bargain, for ideas, for gear and supplies at very little cost, some of them free. The great sporting goods houses...The Coleman Co., Eddie Bauer (U.S.) L.L. Bean, to name a few...are there with their products. Other suppliers specialise in such items as Bags, Pouches and Wallets for tripping, Tipis and Tents, Frostline Kits, trail lunches, folding dishes, even a Sportsman's Soap which will not pollute our streams and lakes. Much of the smaller samples come for the asking, as do catalogues, tips, plans, patterns and instructions for making individual designs; and that is only the beginning. The book (by Perigee) for your own shelves is \$6.95 available in Canada through

General Publishing Co. Ltd., 30 Lesmill Road, Don Mills, Ont. M3B 2T6 (416)445-3333.

A sample copy is in the O.C.A. Library, but for viewing only.

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FROM OUR PAST

*Wilbur K. Howard  
Former Moderator United Church of Canada*

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Sometimes you have to struggle a bit to come up with just the right name when you're starting up a new camp.

Some call their camp by the name of the lake on which it is situated. Others have looked to the world of nature and have spent hours trying out combinations such as the Lone Elk, The Smiling Muskrat or The Liberated Loon. Indian names have been popular, especially intriguing when the name can be translated into something such as "Mighty Brave who sleeps on a pine needle" or "Little Duck which escaped oil spill."

When W.A. Kaye entered the work of private camp owners, he looked around for a name for his new camp. The name that surfaced was LAGAKELO. Mr. Kaye would give that quiet little chuckle of his when people recognised it as an Indian name and would ask him what it meant.

It was a new name and a sheer creative effort of the Kaye family. The first letter stood for Lillian the first name of Mrs. Kaye. Mr. Kaye supplied the second letter with his name Alvin. GA was for Garth and KE for Kelvin, the two sons. The daughter Lois supplied the last two letters. Put them all together and you've got LAGAKELO. It was a most appropriate name. They were a close-knit family and each member worked hard on this exciting family project.

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JOKE OF THE MONTH *Hal Hannaford-Kilcoo Camp*

The response has been staggering - jokes have come from around the world and after hours of careful, tedious deliberation I am proud to submit this month's "joke of the month".

Question: Why did the Camp Mascot Elephant stand on the marshmallow?

Answer: Because he didn't want to fall into the hot chocolate at snack!!!

Now, talk about camp related jokes!! What can you expect...now please for 1983, how about a joke from you!!! And have a Happy Easter!

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DO TELL

John Jorgensson - Camp Tawingo

Tell me how you do your star program.

Astronomy and the night sky represent a mixed emotion for many people. Beyond the dry physics, the inconceivable distances, and complicated, expensive instrumentation lies a fundamental fascination. It represents an almost mystical link with the ancients and with the primal forces that have shaped earth and man.

Counsellor and staff can develop and encourage this interest easily and inexpensively.

The secret in bringing the stars alive in a camper's mind is to encourage wide eyed wonder through starlore - locating constellations that map out the sky and using legends that link those constellations.

These constellations and legends are certainly the most interesting and appealing approach to the night sky for most campers. We all achieve a sense of perspective by standing or lying beneath the canopy of burning suns and shaping out the wondrous Characters of cultures 2000 and 3000 years old. The Greeks, Arabs, Chinese and the North American Indian all stood beneath virtually the same sky to wonder at what they saw. The shapes of the moon, eclipses, northern lights and shooting stars take on new meaning as we consider them not only from their scientific base but also from their mythological background.

Simple, inexpensive, and effective aids can help with night time, day time or cloudy night viewing of the stars.

1. The Beam: You can pinpoint stars and outline constellations easily if you have a heavy duty focus beamed flashlight. Keep the beam above the heads and out of the eyes of watchers.
2. The Star Board: The star board shape is that of a half circle with the diameter side facing up. It hangs from a cross piece on an East/West line in the night sky viewing area and represents the north or south half of the sky.

The horizontal line at the top of the board runs West/ East or East/West directly over the head of the viewer. The perimeter of the curve represents the appro-

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priate horizon (North or South).

Paint the background dark blue with stars in white or yellow. Use a low powered flashlight or red light for night viewing.

The constellations, principal stars or short legends, can be printed on the board.

3. Stars Cans: The 48 oz. soup tin is a perfect star aid. Punch the constellation into the bottom with varying size nails to represent the different star brightnesses. Held at arm's length and back lit with a flashlight the constellation can be rotated and oriented to the actual sky view, making identification easier.
4. Slides: Excellent indoor simulation can be arranged with bristol board perforated by needles and illuminated with a standard slide projector.

If you wish to draw constellations, take an empty slide frame and cover it with clear plastic or mac tac. The magic marker stars, drawn on the plastic, will show as black dots against a newsprint background. The stars can be joined as simply as a connect-the-dots exercise and then "flashed" out into a full figure.

Younger campers might enjoy a nightly "starry hour" when they can hear legends. Constellations prominently displayed in a main building or dining hall make shapes and difficult names familiar items. Comfort in the night and familiarity will "naturally" result. Do tell!

The "Do-Tell" column will continue only as long as fresh ideas are available for the telling. Please send a camp activity (or six) to Do-Tell Editor - R.R. #1, Huntsville, Ont. POA 1K0

and keep camping strong!

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A NEW DEADLINE DATE FOR THE OCASIONAL NEWS

Information to be included in any issue of OCAsional News must be in the O.C.A. office by the LAST day of each month.

Address: 1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2  
Toronto, Ontario  
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ECO-ACTION

John Marsden

Chairman-Environmental Concerns Committee

Since the last ECO-ACTION column, the Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC) has participated in several events of significance to the O.C.A.

On October 18, close to 100 parks supporters turned up at Queen's Park to portage packs and canoes to the doors of parliament. Your ECC made the signs and was there to help carry them. As a result in part from that portage, close to 400 people jammed into St. Lawrence Hall the next evening to express their hopes to the Minister of Natural Resources that he would not waiver in his decision to designate more parkland for Ontario. To see how effective that outpouring of public support for parks was, keep in touch with your district Ministry of Natural Resources office.

The Cousteau Society Festival took place October 22 - 24 as part of the Man-Environment Impact Conference in Hamilton. Thousands of people passed through the exhibit hall where the ECC spread the word of Children's Camping from the O.C.A. booth. Thanks go to Vee, Greg, Sally, Sam, Jim, Dave, Cath and Valdy for a most successful weekend.

Stay tuned for more ECO-ACTION!!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ???!

THE O.C.A. IS HOLDING A SEMINAR -

- on Computer Application in Camp Administration from a managerial point of view rather than a technical perspective.
- THE DATE - JANUARY 10, 1983 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the RAMADA INN, Airport West.

For registration please phone -

Victor Cheng & Associates - (416) 979-1038

Lunch will be provided - Seminar & Lunch FREE.

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THE 1983 NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CAMP SHOW will be held at Walden School, 88th St. and Central park West, New York, N.Y Saturday, January 22, 1 - 5 P.M. and Sunday, January 23, 1 - 5 P.M. Up to 150 Camp Directors will be able to take booths and appear on workshop panels and help provide a comprehensive forum and exhibition to help parents in selecting a summer (or winter) camp for their children.

For further information and registration forms, phone (212) 877-7621 or write:

Walden School 1 West 88th, New York, N.Y. 10024 U.S.A.

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"THIS AND THAT"

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

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| James Betchel (Rev.)   | Lois Harack     |
| Frank Brewer           | Wendy Howley    |
| Muriel Coultres (Mrs.) | Robert Leighton |
| Paul Fabok             | Valerie Poulton |
| Karl Hamilton          | Charles Rainey  |

ALSO THE FOLLOWING NEW PROVISIONAL CAMP MEMBERS

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PROPOSALS FOR THE NEW OCASIONAL NEWS MASTHEAD

have been received - thank you very much! The deadline for proposals is DECEMBER 20, so get sketching!

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GOOD NEWS! Individual members of your Board have rallied forth and will bring you the 1983 Counsellor Conference on May 28, 1983.

YAHOOO!

*This and That cont'd.*

CAMP DIRECTOR REQUIRED FOR CAMP BELWOOD -  
(Located near Fergus, Ontario)

Small intimate co-educational Children's Summer Camp operated by the Camping Branch of the Kitchener Waterloo YMCA, now requires a Camp Director. Preference given to experienced individuals over 25 years of age who are members of O.C.A. For more details contact - Wayne Hussey, Executive Director, Camping Services, Kitchener-Waterloo YMCA, 145 Lincoln Rd., Waterloo, Ontario N2J 2N8 or phone

(519) 885-3500

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WANTED: Interesting Senior position available with well-established camp located on Lake Temagami!

We are looking for a Program Director/Chief Counsellor over 25 years of age. (Counsellors are aged 19 - 25 years) Our summer camp program covers boys and girls from 6-16 years. Employment is also available weekends during the winter. Some possibility exists for full-time position if desired. Talk to us!

Call Skip Connett at (416) 226-2672 or write 31 Helen Ave., Thornhill, Ont. L4J 1J6

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be advised that effective September 1, 1982 Ms. Valerie Davis is the Director of Camp Towhee and Program Supervisor of Outreach Services. Dr. Marc Wilchesky remains with the Integra Foundation in the capacity of Executive Director.





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ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND THE 1983 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS? IF SO  
WE URGE YOU TO MAIL IN YOUR REGISTRATIONS TO THE OFFICE AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE. YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE APPRECIATED!!  
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FELLOW CAMP DIRECTORS

The International Camping Congress has had a few inquiries regarding camp displays and exhibits at the Congress, January 28th & 29th. Exhibit space has been made available to any camp or camping organization at the same rate as the Commercial Exhibits. If you would like an application please contact the O.C.A. Office or telephone (416) 781-0525 and this information will be sent out.

Dave Sands - Chairman, Exhibits