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OF ALL THE THINGS YOU WEAR, YOUR EXPRESSION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last week Bob Christensen, Director of Bolton Camp, was beaming from ear to ear. His son Marcus, who is fifteen years old, had just finished second in the Canadian Men's Novice Figure Skating Championships. His strong finish entitles him to represent Canada in the World Junior Championships which will be held later in the year. Needless to say Bob was proud of his son's achievements.

Sharing this proud moment with Bob and reflecting on my own experiences as a parent just heightened for me the high value we place on our children. We, as camp directors, are charged with the responsibility of looking after our clients' children who are their most valued possession. I can't imagine a first year counsellor at camp really understanding the kind of trust put on them. With this in mind we must ensure that the best possible training program is provided for our staff as they prepare for the coming summer. It was disheartening to learn from a recent survey how many camps do not have any training program for their staff prior to their arrival at camp. Whatever the reason for this failure to provide training we, as the O.C.A., must make sure that there are a variety of training opportunities available to our membership.

One such event is the upcoming Counsellor Conference to be held at Centennial College, Progress Campus on Saturday, May 10, 1986. This event is being held in

co-operation with the Continuing Education Department of Centennial College. There are many great sessions being planned for the day being led by very experienced and highly regarded individuals in the field of camping. Please keep your staff informed of this event. We want the parents of our campers to beam with pride as their children return from camp, relating all their exciting and rewarding experiences at camp, be it their swimming badge, their craft, their new friends they made or simply being able to make it through the whole session without being homesick. Our staff need to be prepared. The conference theme tells us "The Campers are Ready" and asks the question "Are you?" To steal a phrase from the Boy Scouts we need to "be prepared". See you at the Conference.

FRED OKADA,
President.

EDITORIAL

At a recent staff party, one of our senior staff, being offered refreshment, asked if there was any beer in the house. My answer was yes, but I'm not serving you this evening. Some of the staff here are under age. Since we all can't drink none of us will. That stand I suspect places me in the minority and probably labels me as archaic.

On New Year's Day during brunch, our teen age children educated us with stories of their parties the night before. Both were in private homes and to my surprise, without even a hint of adult presence or



supervision. At one, about one hundred high school students danced to a live band but no food was provided. Many guests brought their own beer and liquor. One very drunk 15 year old, perched on a bar stool, leaned to her right to throw up then swung over to throw up on her left. At the second with university students, at midnight, five revelers uncorked and sprayed five bottles of champagne over everything and everyone in the recreation room. I was amazed that the parents' absence indicated an apparent lack of concern about their property or more important about their children. When I read the Globe headline (Feb. 7, 1986) "Most Youngsters Drink at Fifteen" my resolve was strengthened. Someone has to say no, mean no, and teach by example.

Hopefully I will never have to eat my words and succumb as a friend did to the blackmail of her 16 year old son, "If you don't let me have beer at my parties, I won't have any friends!"

CATHERINE ROSS,
Editor.

PROGRAMME IDEAS

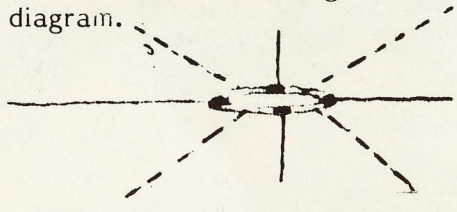
RADIOACTIVE PEANUT BUTTER.

Summer is almost here and it's time to learn a host of new games. "Radioactive Peanut Butter" is a game that is great for getting campers to work together as a group. It can be played with anywhere from 4 to 20.

Materials

Large elastic band (heavy duty post office type). Lengths of twine or string (approx. 2 yds.) 4 plastic containers of varying sizes (for stacking) eg. margarine containers.

Take one elastic and tie 4 strings as in the following diagram.



If you want more people in each group then simply add on more strings. It's best not to have more than 8 strings per elastic. Mark off an area approximately 4' x 4' with 4 chairs or string. ie.

Put the elastic band with strings attached in the middle of the area and spread out the containers.

Task: Each participant must stand outside the marked off area (radioactive peanut butter) holding a string. The group must work together to stack the containers up by pulling the strings which expands the elastic to pick up each container.

Variations:

- a) Group can't talk - they must develop a communication system.
 - b) All blindfolded with one person giving them instructions
- JOANNE DWHYTIE,
YWCA Camp Tapawingo.

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The Ontario Underwater Council is pleased to announce an exciting new aquatic programme ideally suited to camps. This Youth Snorkel Participation Programme was designed as a fun, safe introduction to the sport of snorkel diving for those swimmers who have completed all their swimming awards yet are not old enough to move into leadership courses.

Snorkel Canada,
1200 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 303,
WILLOWDALE, Ontario, M2K 2X1
(416) 495-4245

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CONGRATULATIONS TO Steve and Ginny Heming on the birth of their Valentine's Day Baby Boy. Shawn Michael, 6lbs. 15oz. at Peterborough Hospital

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BETWEEN THE COVERS

High Above the Thundercloud

Is the most recent Camp Tawingo publication. With its focus on Native studies, camp staff can use this resourceful book to teach campers the heritage of our Native People.

Starting with a Native studies program chapter, the reader soon learns that the expense of such a program can be minimal. The important lesson is to promote a respectful attitude towards the early North American Native.

Moving on into the next chapter, suggestions to help you create a Native camp program are made. Council preparation covers a pow wow, native pageant, and workshop section with further guidelines to aid in technical preparation. Three sample Indian Council Ceremonies conclude this book.

Visual aids and demonstrations leave lasting impressions. A combination of music, dances and stories can nicely round out your program. High Above the Thundercloud clearly illustrates dance steps, describes the art of story telling and has published a short pageant called "A Meeting of Council". By using any of the musical scores of chants, a special atmosphere can be created.

Let the sky be your limit when using High Above the Thundercloud.

Camp Tawingo Publications, 165 p.p., 1985
Cost: \$10.50.

Books listed in "Between the Covers" are available from the Canadian Camping Association Bookstore. Orders that are \$20.00 or less must be prepaid with \$2.00 added for shipping. Contact the C.C.A. office by mail or telephone:

Canadian Camping Association
1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2
TORONTO, Ontario, M5M 3Z1
(416) 781-4717

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Guide to Computer Applications in Leisure Services.

For those interested in learning more about computer use in leisure services...the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation and the Ontario Recreation Society commissioned our firm to research and document a guide on computer applications in the leisure services.

This guide has now been completed. It comes in two parts:

1. "Guide to Computer Use in Leisure Services" which supplies background information on hardware, software, planning and implementation issues;
2. "Directory of Computer Applications in Leisure Services" which lists organizations in Canada currently using computers for leisure applications. It also lists the applications and hardware used.

Both publications are available from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism & Recreation, Recreation Branch, 77 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2R9.

VICTOR S. CHENG,
V.S. Cheng & Associates Inc.

HELP WANTED

Wilderness Camp seeks staff, for spring and summer positions in the following areas, maintenance, kitchen - cook & assistant, and canoe repair.

Please send resume to: Wanapitei, 393 Water Street North, Suite 14, Peterborough, Ontario, K9H 3L7. (705) 743-8314.

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PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR

Kinark Child and Family Services, a Childrens Mental Health Agency, requires a Program Co-Ordinator for its Haliburton Camp. This is full time from June 1986 to March 1987. (Continuation following that date subject to budget approval)

This position entails overseeing programming for our residential summer camp and outdoor education programs.

Please forward resume to:
Kinark Camp, Box 730, MINDEN, Ontario, K0M 2K0

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Multi-Talented, University trained, Fully experienced Camp Administrator and Resort Manager available for full-time or seasonal position. Have dealt successfully with delinquent and emotionally disturbed youth. Public Relations and Promotion a specialty. Resume on Request.

D. Morgan, 704 Jane St., NORTH BAY, Ontario, P1B 3H3. (705) 474-6853 (evenings)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The London Regional Conference 1986 will be held on Saturday, May 24th in the London Region somewhere. Mark this date on your calendar now and watch for the location to be announced soon!

CATHY RUSSELL,
Circle R. Ranch.

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O.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday, April 22, 1986 at the Columbus Centre. Mark your calendars! More information to come!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

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The O.C.A. CANOE SCHOOL to take place June 13 to June 16 requires 4 Volunteer Instructors. If you are interested please send me a short note with your name, address and briefly describe your canoeing experience. Send to Mark Cote, O.C.A. Aquatics Committee/Canoe School, 1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2, TORONTO, Ontario, M5M 3Z1.

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"IAT" WORKSHOP for outdoor educators, teachers, camp staff.

Initiatives Adventure Trust Activities with KARL ROHNKE Of Project Adventure.

Author of: Silver Bullets & Cowstails & Cobras

May 2 - 4, 1986
Sheldon Valley Outdoor Education Centre (50 miles NW of Toronto).

Cost: \$100.00 COEO Members. - \$125.00 Non COEO Members.

Registrations from: "IAT" Workshop, Sandra Hannah, 441 Albert St., KINGSTON, Ontario, K7L 3W4.

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The ONTARIO WASTE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION is a Provincial Crown Agency responsible for the implementation of a liquid industrial waste and hazardous waste management program. OWMC is undertaking an extensive public information & consultation program. Public meetings are scheduled during the months of March & April throughout Ontario.

For information write to:
Ann Svendsen, OWMC, 2 Bloor Street West, 11th Floor, TORONTO, Ontario, M4W 3E2 or call toll-free 1-800-268-1179.

THE TORONTO SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

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PROBLEMS WITH INSURANCE?

During a meeting of 40 O.C.A. members on Thursday, February 20 at the Inn on the Park, it was confirmed that liability insurance is a serious concern to camping. Some camps are facing a 300% increase in their premiums while several others have been told that their present liability insurance policy will not be renewed.

As a result, a committee of Fred Okada, Kim Smith, Bert Fine and Perry Marshall will delve further into the problem and present their findings to Monte Kwinter, Ontario Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations on March 17. The committee strongly urges that all members communicate with their insurance agent NOW even if your policy is not yet up for renewal. If you experience any problems, notify the committee through the O.C.A. office (416) 781-0525 to enable them to present the total picture at their March 17 meeting.