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IF YOU CAN'T WRITE IT AND SIGN IT.....DON'T SAY IT!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I look out my window it seems quite inappropriate to even think about or get excited about camp. Rain, freezing rain, snow, cold days and even colder nights is the weather forecast for the next few weeks. Could Spring have passed us by? Yet nestled nicely between all of this was our wonderful Annual Conference.

What a delight to talk about camp, plan for camp and just simply being with "camp" people. Congratulations to Kirsty Griffiths and her committee for a job well done. What a breath of summer in the mist of old man winter is the Conference for me and for all of us I'm sure feel the same way.

I hope that many of you are planning to attend the Annual Meeting in April. It's an important time for all of us for the meeting gives you the member an opportunity to have input into your Association. It's a time to ask questions, raise issues and get answers from those responsible for your Association. Please keep this important date open. See you there at Columbus Centre, April 22, 1986.

FRED OKADA,
President.

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ATTENTION!! - ADVANCE NOTICE

January 15, 16, 17, 1987
Annual Conference for Directors & Senior Staff.
Inn on the Park.

FROM THE EDITOR

Once again I found myself patiently explaining to an acquaintance "yes, I do work through the winter!" Then I thought, not only is a camp director's winter work less visible, it is also less rewarding. It is worrying about renewal of liability insurance, waiting for a superb staff person to say "Yes, I will be back at camp this summer!", or wondering why some former campers have not registered. Amid the mailings, telephone calls, interviews and endless paper work, it is fun to pull out of the file a poem written by four campers for their counsellor and recall the rewards of the summer work!

Just Like You.

When I grow up I want to be just like you.

When I'm a counsellor I'll make my kids
Feel like they're wanted because they're special

I'll make them laugh when they don't feel like laughing
And I'll try to make them feel at home when they're homesick.

I want to be a counsellor too, you see
Because you've made my summer so great.
Maybe, just maybe, someday I could make
Someone as happy as you've made me.

Jessica (10), Victoria (11), Marrin (10).

CATHERINE ROSS,
Editor.

INSURANCE UPDATE

In his meeting on March 17 with the O.C.A. Insurance Committee, Monte Kwinter, of Consumer and Commercial Relations, reiterated the advice already given by the committee strongly recommending that camps approach their insurance agents now about renewal of their liability policies. Mr. Kwinter is sending a set of guide lines to the O.C.A. office for camps to follow if they experience difficulties. It will explain how to approach the Association of more than 20 liability insurers assembled through the efforts of lawyer, Allan O'Donnell, retained by Kwinter to find a solution to the liability insurance crisis.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRE-CAMP

Imagine it won't be long now. It's your first night of pre-camp, you look around you....Take a minute; try to picture a finer group of people gathered anywhere in the world....I find it impossible to do!

A camp staff is so special. It is made up of individuals who have all chosen to be there. It's a group full of the limitless enthusiasm of youth....a group abounding with untapped potential....a group with an eager anticipation for all the summer has to offer, and a camp staff is a group ready to begin, anxious to start....AND YOU AND I have the cherished responsibility of taking this superb grouping of young people and creating an environment in which each individual and the group as a whole are allowed to use their talents, enthusiasm, and great potential in working with the campers entrusted to our care.

The first night is critical. It will set the tone for all that follows. Our goal as the leader is to create an environment of enthusiasm for the group....a belief in one another....a trust....a belief in the strength of the group as a whole. To do this we must experience and learn about our sameness and our differences.

Running parallel to creating a sense of enthusiasm for the group, we also must create an environment in which each individual feels a very positive sense of self....feels accepted and feels confident in being a contributor to the group.

We must provide an opening evening program which is full to the brim with human interaction activities, which create a feeling of group, a feeling of self which leads to involvement and contribution by all.

There are hundreds of ways; be it games, trust events, sharing values, etc....but it all depends on us. We set the pace, choose the medium and our enthusiasm and our leadership skills, sparks it all.

If you haven't gathered any new and exciting ideas at conferences this year, get out the camp directory and call a few fellow directors to share methods used to create good feelings of group. You may be surprised, what may be old to you might be new to others and vice versa. Add to these ideas your own personal style and imagination and prepare for a great opening of pre-camp 1986.

But as you do....I would ask you to once again picture the first night of pre-camp....look at the individuals....can you see the brand new staff member....how might she be feeling at this moment? Can you see some who are in their second year....what runs through their minds? Look again there's an old hand, been on staff for years....what cluster of thoughts dwell within his mind....and what about yourself....how many pre-camps have you participated in and what are your thoughts and feelings as it all begins once again.... I hope it's one of true excitement.

BRUCE HARRIS,
Camp Kawabi.



BETWEEN THE COVERS

Are you looking for a handy training manual for a new CIT Leader or does your present CIT leadership training need a facelift? It's not too late! Your CIT's can benefit from using the CCA's Counsellor In Training Manual this summer.

Set up as a workbook, this manual consists of eleven potential leadership sessions. For each session, space is provided for the CIT to jot down his or her own answers to specific exercise tasks.

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the CIT Leader to conduct an informative training session. In conjunction with the CIT Manual, an Instructor's Manual provides tips on setting session objectives, suggestions on methods of presentation and an evaluation guide.

Leadership training is essential to the development of successful camp counsellors. Use these manuals as a guide to discovering your own camp's history and philosophy, the role of the CIT and the importance of an effective teacher. Remember, it is leadership topics such as these that will help to bolster your CIT program.

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Staff training does not end with the conclusion of a CIT program. Counsellors need resource material at their finger tips too. Have your staff use the Camp Counsellor's Handbook as a handy reference guide. The responsibility of caring for campers is a big challenge. As seasoned camp people we tend to forget the counselling basics that come so naturally to us. Does your precamp training include the importance of the first few days of camp, or have you remembered to cover the various age-group characteristics?

Give your camp counsellors the handbook that will help them establish a firm foundation of counselling knowledge.

Counsellor In Training Manual (1-9 copies @ \$9.95, 10 copies or more @ \$8.00)

Counsellor In Training Instructor's Manual (\$14.95)

Camp Counsellor's Handbook (\$9.95 members, \$11.95 non-members)

Orders that are \$20.00 or less must be prepaid with \$2.00 added for shipping.

Contact the CCA office by mail or telephone:

Canadian Camping Association
1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2
Toronto, Ont. M5M 3Z1
(416) 781-4717

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE - C.C.A.

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"INVITING SCHOOL SUCCESS"
A Self Concept Approach to Teaching and Learning - Second Edition.

By William Watson Purkey and John M. 3. Novak.

Wadsworth Publishing Company.

This book demonstrates that everyone and everything in and around schools serve as signal systems that invite or disinvite success in school, thus providing a greatly expanded theory of professional functioning. The book offers readers over three hundred practical strategies that everyone in and around schools can apply to make schools the most inviting places in town...where people want to be and want to learn! A three-stage, 10-step process for becoming more personally and professionally inviting and a model for tomorrow's schools are also included in this second edition.

Unquestionably 'Inviting School Success' parallels our practice of invitational camping.

JOHN BAIRD,
Camp Walden.

N.B. John M. Novak will be our speaker at the Annual Meeting on April 22nd.

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Available in O.C.A. Library - Guide to Computer Applications in Leisure Services - V. S. Cheng.

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The 1st Aid Guide

This unique dictionary style guide is a comprehensive review of generally accepted first-aid procedures. The Guide allows for a quick reference to signs and symptoms and is written in easy language for the lay first aider. Treatment is clear and concise and follows a general description of the symptom listed.

Inclusion of the Guide in first-aid kits and first-aid rooms adds immeasurably to the confidence of the first-aiders.

Author David Fries, Reg. N., is an acknowledged expert in first-aid training and President of Emergency Care Instruction Services.

Cost: \$9.95. Available from: E.C.I.S., 801 York Mills Rd., Ste. 201, Don Mills, Ont., M3B 1X7. Telephone (416) 444-3575.

I recommend it with enthusiasm!

MARY CASEY, R.N.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Environmental issues slip easily in and out of vogue: today's concern quickly becomes yesterday's problem. But our environment demands a long-term commitment; the Environmental Concerns Committee of the Ontario Camping Association needs your commitment.

The environment has always been of particular interest to the Ontario Camping Association. Interacting with and utilizing the abundant resources that the earth has so conveniently placed before us concerns us all. The Environmental Concerns Committee was set up by the Ontario Camping Association to keep its members informed about and invigorated by the environment. But the committee needs your help. We need people who are committed to the environment; who are willing to give of their time and energy. The committee deals with a wide range of topics from acid rain and conservation to participating in this year's Skills Weekend in June. A place is waiting for you. If you are at all interested in becoming involved with the Environmental Concerns Committee please contact the Ontario Camping Association for further information.

JUSTIN W. de VRIES.

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To all Environmental Concerns Committee members and those interested in the E.C.C.: We need your support! There will be a meeting on Monday, April 7th at the O.C.A. office. This meeting is a very important one. Please take some time out of your busy schedule to attend this short meeting. We will begin at 5 p.m. and will go no later than 7 p.m. Coffee and muffins will be provided.

Please get involved! Without your contributions, the committee cannot perform its duties and responsibilities effectively.

JUDY PAUL,
Environmental Concerns Committee
Chairperson.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The R.L.S.S. is providing a combined R.L.S.S. Instructor update and standards clinic for qualified R.L.S.S. Instructors of O.C.A. Camp Staff. Free of Charge.

Sunday, May 11, 1986
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wexford Pool, 1176 Pharmacy Ave.
Scarborough.

To register call R.L.S.S., Ontario Branch
(416) 224-6430.

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Special Notice "O.C.A. Challenge Race"

Bolton Camp is holding a 5 mile cross country Family Fun Run and Picnic on Saturday, June 14th, at 11:00 A.M.

This year we are including an O.C.A. 3 person challenge race. Any camp can enter 3 staff or 3 person teams to compete against other camps.

Cost is \$15.00 per team. Medals will be awarded to the winning team. Plan to bring your friends and family and enjoy a full day of fun and festivities.

For further information and to register, contact Bob Christensen at 922-3126.

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WORKSHOP FOR CAMP NURSES

The 6th annual workshop for camp nurses will be held at Bolton Conference Centre on May 23-24, 1986. New and experienced nurses from residential and day camps are encouraged to come as well as camp doctors, directors and interested others. Get a new insight into the role of the nurse and the aims of the camp health program. Share and learn.

Registration forms are enclosed. Camp directors please forward these to your camp nurses.

Mary Casey, R.N.



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The C.C.A. is celebrating its 50th Birthday during the Summer of 1986. Plan on helping to celebrate at your camp by:-

- travelling early canoe routes, or hiking trails.
- planning historical theme days
- visiting historical sites
- celebrating special events from the past.

If your camp helps to celebrate this event the C.C.A. will provide the camp with a certificate. By pre-registering, every camper will receive a card of participation.

How do you pre-register to get these certificates and cards?

Write or phone your provincial rep.

Lisa Wilson
23 Noel Avenue
TORONTO, Ontario.
M4G 1B2.

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During the spring and summer of 1986 the Canadian Recreational Canoeing Association is staging the Cross Canada Water Relay '86 which begins in St. John's, Newfoundland on May 2/86 and culminates at Expo on October 4/86 at the closing ceremonies.

The main objective of the event is to promote clean-fresh water in Canada's environment as well as Canada's canoeing heritage.

For information on events in Ontario contact: Daniel Gauvreau, c/o Canadian Recreational Canoeing Association, P.O. Box 500, Hyde Park, Ontario, N0M 1Z0, (519) 473-2109.

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Registration forms for the May Conference/Workshop of the Northern Region of the Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario (C.O.E.O.) are available at the O.C.A. office. Knowledgeable instructors will lead a variety of interesting programs on the theme "SPRING CELEBRATION" at the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre in Dorset, Ontario.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Mrs. Shirley Ford has been appointed to the position of "Program Director, Camping and Outdoor Ministries", by The Board of Congregational Life of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Shirley started her duties on March 10th and will be responsible for developing and executing a program of leadership development for camps within The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Shirley has been a member of the OCA for many years, and has been active on a variety of committees as well as being a member of the OCA Advisory Board.

HELP WANTED

Bayview Glen Day Camp requires a Campcraft Specialist with experience in supervising overnights. Contact Rochelle Wise, Camp Director at (416) 449-7740.

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EXPLORACAMP '86 REQUIRES A CAMP DIRECTOR.

ExploraCamp '86 is an educational-recreational summer day camp in Toronto for 9-13 year old bright and gifted children. We require a bright, mature go-getter with proven successful experience in both recreational and educational settings. Part time April-June, full time July. Send resumes and references to:-

Ms. B. Pinder
ExploraCamp '86
38 Alberta Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M6H 2R6 or call (416) 656-0068.

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Position Available - Secretary/Administrator

Full time employment in camp office.
Must be willing to spend 3 summer months
at camp location in Haliburton.

Please send resume to: Mr. Michael Moore,
Director, Onondaga Camp, 600 Eglinton
Avenue East, Suite 401, Toronto, Ontario,
M4P 1P3.

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Children's Accredited Day Camp operating
for nine seasons in north-central Metro
seeks a new site for the 1987 camping
season. Call 889-5861.

1986 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Staff Nature: 1st - Anik Decarie, Ouareau;
2nd - Bruce Wilson, Oconto; 3rd - Peter
Richardson, Sports Ridley.

Staff Emotion: 1st - Peggy Latimer,
Kilcoo; 2nd - Lisa Wilson, Oconto; 3rd-Tie -
John McKee, Onondaga & David Latimer,
Kilcoo.

Staff Humour: 1st - Peter Richardson,
Sports Ridley; 2nd - Michel Gratton; 3rd -
Peter Richardson, Sports Ridley.

Staff Activity: 1st - Peter Richardson,
Sports Ridley; 2nd - John McKee,
Onondaga; 3rd - Chris Clarke, Minwassin.

Camper Nature: 1st - Kate Brennagh, Glen
Bernard; 2nd - Stephanie Springway, Glen
Bernard; 3rd - Jake Polteei, Ki-Wa-Y.

Camper Emotion: 1st - Dawn Chisholm,
Glen Bernard.

Camper Humour: 1st - Andrea Chisholm,
Glen Bernard; 2nd - Jake Polteei, Ki-Wa-Y.

Camper Activity: 1st - Jake Polteei,
Ki-Wa-Y; 2nd - Vachi Winomawsky, Sports
Ridley.

PROGRAMME IDEAS

It was August 15th. How could I forget?
We were at camp and Corey Hart was in
concert in Toronto. What we would have
done to have been able to attend.

The programme planned for that evening
was nothing special. It's hard to be totally
awesome every night. After afternoon
activities, during a chat with some staff,

the conversation turned to the concert we
were all missing. Suddenly the trusty ol'
lightbulb turned on and we were on our
way to "Corey Hart at Mi-A-Kon-Da."

With some quick planning and a lot of
co-operation from the staff signs, and
banners were painted before dinner. After
dinner, the Director shared a special
delivery letter explaining that Corey Hart
was making a brief stopover on Birch Island
on his way to Toronto. The staff
responded to the cue. Pandemonium broke
loose! Campers were screaming and
cheering; staff were fainting. It was
unreal!

Several stops were planned on the way to
the concert: a visit to the costume
cupboard for a suitable outfit, a food stop,
and a ride on the T.T.C. Meanwhile an
outside deck was transformed into a stage
with drums (bushel baskets), a keyboard
(styrofoam propped between 2 chairs),
microphones and two guitars. Aisles were
roped off to control the crowd and to allow
security to check for alcohol (thankfully
none was discovered!) When the chanting
of "Corey Corey" became too loud we let
them in.

John Majhor was there and of course the
Spoons - our warm up band. Then it was
time for Corey. With ghetto-blasters loaded,
we let loose on what was to be a highlight
of the summer.

The screaming that erupted when "Corey"
made his appearance was incredible! Song
after song was airbanded. Flowers, love
letters and stuffed animals were flying up
on stage. If Corey got too close to the
edge, campers grabbed and tried to pull him
down. They tried to rush the stairs to
reach him. Security had a tough job!

We sang, cheered and danced till the sun
set and it was time to say goodnight.
When peace was restored, the staff
repeatedly expressed their amazement at
the fun and excitement generated by a
pretend Corey Hart concert.

This summer...who knows?...but we'll be sure
to hire more security!

NANCY THORNTON,
Mi-A-Kon-Da.