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Dear Camping Friends:

The true leaders of the nation are those who train and inspire her boys and girls. Let us be especially joyful at this time of the year that we can be counted in that privileged group. Sometimes as we persist through the difficulties of the portage, the wonderful thrills of the total journey of camping may be obscured and so we must help each other to see the sunlight of the peaks as well as endure the shadows of the valley!

Just as in a wilderness journey where each traveller is essential to each of the other companions, we find ourselves relying on our colleagues in the association. Never before has co-operative endeavour been more essential to the welfare of the camping movement. In sharing the inspirational time of the year, let us resolve again to maintain our covenant even more steadfastly as we face the opportunities that beckon and absorb us in the camping profession.

Perhaps one immediate task to assure the progress of our association is to encourage those who are not members to join. The camping movement benefits with the entry of each new member. Please make a special effort to assist us in this part of our purpose.

Finally, all of us on the Executive and Board wish to extend our good wishes for a happy holiday season. We hope and trust that the goodwill of the Christmas Event will be with you throughout the coming year!

Kirk A.W. Wipper
President

CONFERENCE

Don't forget to bring your Senior Counsellors and Board Members to this year's great event at the Royal York Hotel with its stimulating programme of ideas, workshops, buzz sessions, talks, speeches, plus. Official programmes and Registration forms are now on their way. Opening: March 3rd; Closing: March 6th, 1977.

1977 DATES TO KEEP

We announced the O.C.A. Annual Meeting and Dinner date as April 12th, 1977. See you at the Granite Club to listen to a timely and interesting address on our Image and how we should present it, by Charles Tisdall, Public Relations Consultant, President, Berger, Tisdall, Clark & Lesly Limited, Toronto.

OOPS! I MADE A MISTAKE!

Please rush to your January 1977 Calendars and change the date of the NEXT OPEN MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 24th, is correct NOT the 25th as we listed it last month. It is to be held at the Ontario Society for Crippled Children Centre on Rumsey Road, and will be well worth attending. If you wish to see the facilities, special pool and other general equipment, this can be arranged. Two excellent movies show the specialized work at the Centre, one of which is the skiing programme for one-limbed children. Such a rare programme could provide valuable background information for those directors who might be thinking of integrating these boys and girls into their own camp programmes.

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HOSTING THE CRCA CANOE SCHOOL 1977

Various directors have expressed interest in hosting the Canoe Schools, which are funded in part by Recreation Canada through the Department of Health and Welfare, Ottawa; the balance by students in attendance. Tenders are now being invited, and answers must be given to all questions asked, a brochure of the camp site and any other material provided. There are many considerations, a long list of necessary requirements plus details of a suggested for a three-day canoe trip. Bids must be submitted in writing on or before December 31st, 1976. Please telephone or write for the list of requirements:

Mr. Cliff Labbett
Administrator, Canoe Schools
3 Pine Forest Road, Toronto, Ont. Tel. 489-1032

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CAMPER LIST AVAILABLE

Ron Johnstone, former owner-director of Camp White Bear, is offering his Camper List which may be obtained through arrangements with Ron. Those interested may write to him at his home:

805 Valetta Street
London, Ontario, N6H 2Z2

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WILDERNESS TRAVEL

Replacing Wally Schaber as Chairman of the Wilderness Travel Committee is John McRuer who was present at the December Executive Meeting. He expects to do further work on the Committee's progress in Standards Development and Rules of Safety which he will report to the executive at a later date.

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ALGONQUIN PARK MASTER PLAN

Bruce Hodgins who is one of the representatives on the Conservation Council of Ontario is on a small Committee charged with preparing a brief to submit to the government on its review of the Algonquin Park Master Plan. Many issues relate to private and public camps operating in the Park. If you have any views on how the plan is operating (or not operating), on special difficulties which confront private camps in the Park, on your lease expiry, on quota use, size of canoe trip, food and garbage regulations, the government camp, the presence of lumbering etc., please let him know quickly.

The next meeting of the Committee is January 26th, 1977, so all information should be sent to him well before that date in order that he may coordinate it for presentation.

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WINTER WORKSHOP

Sponsored by Camp Tawingo, Pioneer Camps & Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario
This workshop will be held at Tawingo Outdoor Centre from January 21-23. Many winter activities such as cross-country skiing, instruction and area tours, winter camping, snowshoeing, and photographs will be offered. A number of indoor sessions including ski waxing and indian lore/dances will also be offered. For more information write directly to:

David Wilson, Workshop Co-ordinator, Tawingo Outdoor Centre, R.R. #1, Huntsville, Ont.
POA 1K0

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REPORT OF OPEN MEETING ON CAMP STANDARDS AND VISITATION

The open meeting held on Monday, November 15, although not well attended, provided a fruitful and lively discussion regarding our current visitation programme and standards.

Most of the discussion centred around how we could upgrade our present system of visitation and accreditation. It was generally felt that a more 'in depth' visit should take place, particularly for re-visits. Specific suggestions were:

- Re-visits should include the detailed coverage of the full study of camping practices, not just the Mandatory Standards.
- All accredited camps to be visited be sent the full study prior to the visit, to be completed and sent to the assigned visitor prior to the visit for his study.
- Visitor to be given a more detailed form to complete to be included with his report. This to centre around his general impressions of the camp, its atmosphere and general appearance.
- Quality visits to be emphasized rather than quantity. This could require the visit rotation be increased to five rather than four years. In this way the required number of volunteers would be reduced and they could be more carefully chosen.
- Each camp be obligated to provide a visitor on a regular basis as part of accreditation.
- The Annual Conference should always include a Standards Session for training, clarification, discussion etc.
- All revision or changes in Standards should be published in the OCASional News.
- The study of Camping Practices should be used as a training guide by Directors for their own staff.
- The objectives of the programme should continue to be both regulatory and educational.

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