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IT WAS A SUCCESS!

Whichever way one looks at it, reports are coming through that The Great Conference was one of the greatest, all due to the expertise of the Chairman, Phil Lowes and her extremely able Committee. People on the staff at the Royal York did yeoman duty in making arrangement details easy, so much so that the Committee has decided to book in again for 1978, same place, same time. We are asking Phil to give us a more detailed resume for the next OCCASIONAL NEWS, but we do know that the financial picture looks healthier, Bob Slingerland sold the most tickets for the Draw, and attendance was well up over last year's goodly numbers.

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RE: ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

While we have no active Committee to cover this work, we are following through on last year's opportunities to publicize O.C.A. as much as possible by radio, cable TV announcements, and newspaper advertising. We have been given once again two unusually good opportunities, one by the Canadian Churchman 50,000 circulation in Toronto alone, the other by the Toronto Sun with its quarter-million readers. Both papers wish to advertise only Accredited Camps, members of our Association, and have asked that we write as much as we can, directed to parents, about Accreditation and the values of O.C.A. support. Rates in both papers are reasonable. While camp budgets are not always elastic we do know that both these are excellent avenues of exposure, and deserve all the support camp directors can afford. Circulation is guaranteed; readership assured.

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CAMPING WITH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

A new book 106 pages, that will make history with many camp directors, has been prepared by the National Council of Boy Scouts of Canada and the Department of National Health and Welfare, with Recreation Canada. It all has to do with adults working with children having a handicap either physical or mental. This authoritative material is most conveniently organized for each handicap, what it is, how to cope with it effectively, covering health and safety, programme activities . . . for those most able to participate, and those least likely to participate, with advice and a list of usable games and suitable equipment. Only \$3.95 from Boy Scouts of Canada, 316 Bloor Street West, Toronto, M5S 1W5

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"CAMPING IS ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC"

The 1977 Counsellor Conference Committee is pleased to invite you to our day-long event on Saturday, May 14, 1977. Our theme centres around music - fine musicians will open the day with singing, and session topics will have an accompanying musical theme.

Over 25 session leaders will provide information on topics relevant to residential and day camp staff. Lunch and a conference digest (available at the closing ceremony) are included in the fee.

Join us at: CENTENNIAL COLLEGE  
Warden Woods Campus  
651 Warden Avenue  
Scarborough, Ont.

The cost for:  
Pre-registered delegates \$8.00  
Registration on the day of the Conference \$9.00

Application forms will be sent in mid-April to all O.C.A. members.

Come and sing with us at Centennial!

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AQUATICS

1. All camps running RLSS programs should take special note of the following exam standards clinics:-

BRONZE CROSS: Elms Community Pool  
May 8th, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
AWARD OF MERIT, DISTINCTION: Norseman Community Pool  
May 15, 6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Royal Life Saving Society clinics do not occur with the same frequency as Red Cross Examiner Standard Clinics: please encourage your staff to qualify or recertify BEFORE the summer months. Contact the Royal Life Saving Society for details and application forms. (920-5318)

2. There was considerable discussion at the O.C.A. Conference regarding hypothermia. An excellent resource on the subject is the book -

"Proceedings of the Cold Water Symposium"

available from: The Royal Life Saving Society Canada  
550 Church Street  
Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2E1

at a cost of \$3.50.

3. Also of note: The third edition of Volume One of the Royal Life Saving Manual is now available from both the Ontario Branch and Royal Life Canada, at a cost of \$1.50

4. The Aquatics Committee would like to thank the Directors who completed the OSA/OCA Sailing Questionnaire; the information is presently being tabulated by the Ontario Sailing Association. Details to follow.

Bev. Greene

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IN THE FUTURE

ANNUAL MEETING

Plans are settled for Tuesday, April 12th at the Granite Club again, 2350 Bayview Avenue, just north of Lawrence Avenue.

Speaker:- Mr. Charles W. Tisdall

Topic:- "The Public's Image of Camping"

Cost of the dinner is - \$12.00 each

Parking:- \$1.50 per car

O.C.A. members have received application forms. Cheque (payable to O.C.A.) should be mailed in as soon as possible.

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Standards Committee is looking for new committee members. This does not mean visiting duties, just an interest in learning all about Standards, Accreditation and their implementation. If this is YOUR field of interest talk it over with:

Bob Christensen at 922-3126

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NATIONAL WOODSMANSHIP LEADERS' SCHOOL

May 30 to June 12, 1977

Better get busy on registrations for this one if you're age 18, recommended by a sponsoring organization, have extensive outdoor experience, be able to equip yourself fully for a five-day outdoor experience, and possess a nationally recognized first-aid certificate. Main innovation this year is the five-day field outing under expert leadership which provides an attractive opportunity for a learning experience. Camp Directors are urged to move quickly to assure a place for their appropriate staff members. Last date for registration is May 25th. Application to :

National Woodsmanship Leaders' School

Camp Kandalore

R.R. #2, Minden, Ontario, KOM 2K0

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CANOEING SCHOOLS 1977

An important reminder that the Central School will be held at Kandalore from August 22 to August 31, 1977. The Ontario School is at Camp White Pine, from June 11 to 20. Applications are available from:

Jack MacGregor

Camp Kandalore

R.R. #2, Minden Ontario

Curriculum is broad, the purpose to train experienced canoeists in teaching, organizing and promoting one of Canada's unique heritages...canoeing and canoe tripping. Act Soon!!!

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND

September 23-25, 1977

Keep this date open, and we will include more information just as soon as it is ready. For a camp where this event can be held, the Committee is looking for tenders from Camp Directors. Accommodation plus food would be required. Those camp directors who are interested in hosting the weekend should write to: -

Bob Christensen  
c/o 102 Eglinton Ave., E.  
Toronto, Ont. M4P 1E1

Marking the envelope "Leadership Weekend"

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AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

February 28 to March 3, 1978

All kinds of Southern California attractions, a special day at Disneyland, exhibits, workshops, hospitality. More about Anaheim in '78 later in the year.

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CAMP FOR SALE

Looking for Temagami property?  
Re-locating your present Camp?

WIGWASATI is for sale, a good property on the mainland, excellent for Outpost Ventures, Canoeing and general Outdoor Living. You will be hearing from Directors, but if you would like brochures and details, write to:

Frank Wrightson  
12106 Putnam Road  
Rockville, Maryland, 20852 U.S.A.

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44th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CANOE RACE

Invitations are out to those who would like to participate, on Labour Day weekend, September 3, 4, 5, 1977. A total time of 16 hours is required to complete the three-stage course. Write for programme and particulars:

La Classique Internationale de Canots de la Mauricie Inc.  
Shawinigan, P.Q.  
G9N 6V6

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H O N O U R E D

We have a gentleman in our midst, owner-operator of Camp Genesee at Powassan, for twenty years associated with St. Alban's Boys' Club in Toronto, and now its Executive Director, who was greatly honoured this month by the City of Toronto. Her Honour, Pauline McGibbon, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, with His Worship Mayor David Crombie presented John E. Dugan with the Medal of Community Service. Later he was presented with still another award, the Bronze Keystone from the Boys' Clubs of Canada. He originally worked on the organization of St. Alban's Boys Club with Inspector William Bolton of the Toronto Police Department, and subsequently with Inspector "Bill" Bolton, Jr. of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department, in one of Toronto's most effective and active boys' clubs. Ladies and gentlemen, our O.C.A. Member:

Mr. John E. Dugan!

Our Congratulations!

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W E L C O M E

A hearty welcome is extended to our new Camp Associate member: -

CAMP PIGTALIA

This Camp is sponsored by the St. Catharines Y.W.C.A. located at the Boy Scouts Camp, Camp Wetaskiwin, R.R. #1 St. Catharines Ontario and the director is:

Miss Irena Korgul

Camp Pigtalia is a Day Camp for girls ages 6 - 12 operating July 5 - 16 and July 19 - 30. There is a Resident Camp for girls 11 - 14 operating August 3 to August 7.

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ARE YOU A DELINQUENT?

Camp and Individual Membership Fees were due on January 1, 1977. The Treasurer notes there are still some outstanding and there is a possibility that these delinquents could be removed from the mailing list. We do not want this to happen! It is added work for all concerned. So, please send in your unpaid dues by the next mail. Thank you!!

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NOTE !!!

I M P O R T A N T !!!

DOES ANYONE KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE  
O.C.A. AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION  
(Kodak Carousel, Tapes and Slide Collection)

IT IS URGENTLY NEEDED!!!

PLEASE PHONE THE O.C.A. OFFICE

486-8630