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## Become a cosmic tour guide

"What's that star over there?" asks one camper. "The orange one, just above that tree." It's actually the planet Mars. "Is there life on Mars?" asks another. "Did you see that shooting star!? What are they really?"

It's darn-near impossible to go to camp without noticing the beauty of the night sky on a clear summer evening. But ever wonder what all those points of light up there are all about?

Much of the wonder, inspiration, and fun in exploring the night sky lies in context – all those cool little tidbits of information that turn random grey puffs overhead into swirling realms of cosmic wonder.

Did you know that, without any expensive telescopes or other optical aids, you can see a galaxy outside our own Milky Way during much of the summer? The Andromeda Galaxy lies smack-dab in between the constellations Andromeda and Cassiopeia (that W- or M-shaped constellation, opposite the Big Dipper). To the naked eye, under dark country skies, this galaxy looks like a grey, oval-shaped puff. Believe it or not, that little puff contains at least 200 billion stars like our Sun.

If 200 billion of something is too much to comprehend, ever wonder what a million of something looks like? The Hercules Cluster, in the constellation of the same name, contains nearly that many stars. The star cluster, which amounts to a mini-galaxy within a galaxy, shows up as a tiny fuzz-ball in the middle of the right-hand part of the box, or "torso," of that mighty warrior constellation. Even a small telescope will begin to reveal that haze as a dim smattering of countless stars – like grains of sand, spread over a black sheet of velvet.

To the left of Hercules, you can see an offset rectangle of four stars, with a fifth brighter star just above. That's the constellation Lyra, The Harp. What's more, you can point a telescope at the bottom of that rectangle, in-between the two lowest stars, and find a curious little donut-shaped object known as the Ring Nebula. Though it looks like just a faint smoke ring, this summer-sky sight is actually a massive shockwave of material, shed off by a dying star more than 5,000 years ago, and as far away as 4,100 light-years. That means that even if you could travel at the speed of light (about 300,000 km/per second), it would still take as long as 4,100 years to travel there!

Though August's famous Perseid meteor shower will be somewhat drowned out this year by the light of the moon, there's another celebrity of the sky to watch for this summer.

The planet Mars will make its closest approach to Earth in a millenia this summer, appearing as a dazzling orange "star" in the Eastern sky around midnight. Junior campers (and junior camper counsellors), take heart! You can also see the Red Planet's grand appearance this summer just before sunrise in the Southern sky.



## The View From Here

Looking ahead to the summer, the view is a little hazier than it was a few short weeks ago. We are not quite as clear of the SARS problem as we thought we were, and West Nile Virus is still somewhat of an unknown. However, thanks to so many of you who have contributed the results of your research and, along with the recommendations from various governmental health authorities, we now know how to be better prepared for these and other health concerns (such as the sun). Much of this valuable information is available on our website. The staff at the office have put together a package of relevant printed material for those camps who requested it. These are still available. This information is certainly going to be helpful to our campers and staff this summer, along with making parents and the public aware that OCA camps are implementing their own programs of precaution and prevention.

In this world, it's pretty hard to guarantee safety, but it is not that difficult to significantly lower the risk. How we handle these concerns in our camps this summer will be an excellent lesson to our campers and staff for the future.

The May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Sheraton Parkway in Richmond Hill is a fine example of the OCA taking the lead. The organizers can be proud of the results. The media response was huge and seems to have been responsible for reassuring an apprehensive public that the

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## Editor's Chair

I see you all now in my mind's eye. You are at camp; perhaps you have taken the newsletter back to your cabin to read, but more likely you are at your desk, or perhaps sitting out on the steps to catch a little sun. Staff are bustling about – and depending on our efficiency in getting this out there may be the sound of “merry camper voices.”

“AT CAMP” – what magic words. You have worked all winter just for this; now it is here. Under your guidance, thousands of children are going to have an experience which they will never forget – they will grow in ‘wisdom and stature’, they will learn skills – and not just how to paddle a canoe or ride a horse. They will make friends – some of whom will last for the rest of their lives. They will come under the influence of some of the best young people this country has to offer.

You have a great challenge and a great opportunity – as you well know. This is my first summer in almost half a century not going to camp. It seems very strange not to be part of a community of young people. When I was meditating on this, an email arrived from Sally Moore which said exactly what I was thinking, and with Sally's permission I would like to share her thoughts with you here.

“As we move into summer . . . I think of all the preparation and hustle our colleagues are going through. Retired from Camp Directing for 8 years now I have my own hustle but there is not a day that goes by that I do not envy my pals heading to camp.

As we drive along the highway and ask the person we are sharing our travel with “where could all these people possibly be going?” . . . At this time of year if we look closely at the contents of the car/van/suv and see costumes, toys, new purchases, embroidered clothing, craft supplies, files, computer and knapsacks, etc., we can guess it is the hundreds of camp staff and directors heading to camp. I hope everyone has a wonderful, clear, warm weather, safe, fully-attended program this summer. Oh . . . how I miss the dining hall chaos.”

Yes, Sally – time marches on.

Friends – I wish you well. Take care of yourselves so you can take care of your staff and campers and have a safe and happy summer –

Until fall - - - - -

*Madelene “Ferg” Allen*

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*View from Here, cont. from page 1*

leaders of childrens' camping in this province are showing the way in being very pro-active in finding solutions to these problems. During the past year we have been very involved with the government in such matters and, as a result, the government not only consults with us on a more regular basis but is more aware of our presence.

Our educational events have been well attended and highly praised. The very successful Facilities and Maintenance Conference is a good example of the importance of us being willing and able to try new things – “nothing ventured, nothing gained.”

Now our focus will be on the over 250,000 campers who will be at our camps this summer. As Robert Fulghum reminds us in his book “All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten,” it's very important for us to find a place for each of the “Mermaids.”

From all of us on the Board and at the office may your summer be filled with wonderful days and nights of memories. To each of you “All the best.”

*Brian Blackstock, OCA President*

## West Nile Virus/SARS Meeting Video and Handout

The information handed out at the OCA's SARS/West Nile Virus meeting on Wednesday, May 7, is available for those who could not attend. A videotape of the meeting is also available for a cost of \$10.00 to cover production and shipping.

Please email the OCA office at [info@ontcamp.on.ca](mailto:info@ontcamp.on.ca) if you would like the handouts and/or the videotape. Please provide a VISA number for prompt mailing of the videotape.

*Kim Mitchell*

*OCA Membership Secretary*

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## RoseMary Dawson

RoseMary coached swimming at the University of Western Ontario  
**Michigan women's swimming pioneer dies at 81**

*Mann Dawson known as consummate coach*

Rose Mary Mann Dawson, a pioneer in women's swimming and the daughter of former University of Michigan men's swim coach Matt Mann, died Saturday, May 3, 2003 of complications from diabetes.

Dawson, who was 81 and lived in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, had coached at the collegiate, club, high school and camp levels for more than 60 years.

"She was a very strict disciplinarian who really loved her girls, her swimmers," said Bob Duenkel, executive director of the International Swimming Hall of Fame (and director of Camp Chikopi), which was founded by Dawson and her husband, Buck Dawson. "As a coach, she demanded 100 percent effort from you and she would give 100 percent effort back."

A 1943 Michigan graduate, Dawson became a swimming instructor for the university's physical education department, and in 1958 she started a competitive swimming program at the school.

She also revived women's water polo at Michigan, which had been dormant for 30 years. Dawson's two goalies were Marsha Smoke Jones, who would win a kayaking bronze medal at the 1964 Olympics and Micki King, a 1972 gold medalist in diving.

Later, Dawson coached her daughter Marilyn Corson Whitney, who would win an Olympic bronze medal.

But Dawson considered her greatest accomplishments to be as director of Camp Ak-O-Mak, a girls competitive swimming, sports and wilderness camp in Ontario, Canada.

The camp and its brother camp, Chikopi, were founded by Matt Mann in 1928. For more than 55 summers – through last year – Dawson worked as director at Ak-O-Mak, which produced 350 All-Americans and more than 40 Olympians, all coached by Dawson or her father.

"She never really strived to leave a legacy," Duenkel said. "She strived to make things better on a daily basis, particularly working with the girls so that they grew up to be great athletes, but great women as well."

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: Chik-o-Mak Foundation, C/O Bob Duenkel, International Swimming Hall of Fame, 340 Sunset Drive #205, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33301.

*by John Heuser, News Sports Reporter*

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### NEW WATERWORKS REGULATION

**On May 2, 2003, the Ontario Government introduced Reg. 170, which replaces Regs. 459 and 505.**

The new Regulation comes into force on June 1, 2003; please see the insert enclosed with this newsletter for details regarding the new regulation and its implications for camps.

**RE: EPI PENS® EXCHANGE**  
 in the May Newsletter item  
 "From the E-Mail Group"

The OCA Healthcare Committee recommends that all OCA members visit **Anaphylaxis Canada**  
[www.anaphylaxis.org](http://www.anaphylaxis.org)

In preparation for the summer, consult your camp doctor, and confirm that use of Epi Pens is included within your Standing Orders.

### The Walk to End Breast Cancer

will be held this September 18 and 19 in Toronto. The walk will cover 60 kilometres over two days to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research, education, and services through Princess Margaret Hospital.

Lisa Wilson of Camp Oconto is trying to raise a minimum of \$2000.00 for this cause. The cut off for donations is August 15, but I would like to get most of my donations in before the summer. Please consider sponsoring Lisa in this walk, you can either call her for a donation form at 613-375-6678 or go on line to [www.endcancer.ca](http://www.endcancer.ca) and click through the prompts to my web page listed under Lisa L. Wilson.

*Thank-you for considering this everyone. Have a great summer!*  
 Lisa L. Wilson

**Important Note from the  
 OCA Healthcare Committee regarding  
 HANDWASHING**

Please visit:  
[www.toronto.ca/health/sars/index.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/health/sars/index.htm)  
 and go down the page to April 2.

Special Needs Committee

CHOICES

As members of the OCA Special Needs Resource Committee we are often asked whether we would recommend an integrated camp or a camp working towards inclusion versus a segregated camp (specialized for campers with special needs).

This question cannot be answered with a simple answer. Every camper and camp has to be accessed on an individual basis to find the right match. There are pros and cons to each situation and before a parent can make a decision the following should be considered.

*Type of Program:* Day or Residential? Has the child been away from home before, should he/she start at a day program and work towards residential?

*Program:* Sports, Computer, Religious, etc.? Is there a main focus you are looking for? Would the camper do better at one than another?

*Location:* Near home or further away? Can you provide transportation, how quickly can you get to camp if needed?

*Proximity to Hospital:* Are there medical concerns where a hospital needs to be close by?

*Session Length:* 1 weeks, 4 weeks? What does the camp offer and what is a good length of time for the camper?

*Cost:* Which camp can I afford, is funding available, subsidies?

*Camper-Staff Ratio:* Is a 1:1ratio available? What amount of supervision does the camper need?

*Camp Health Centre:* Is a Doctor, RN or RPN required for best care of medical conditions?

*Camp's Philosophy:* Do you agree with the philosophy?

*Accessibility:* Are there physical requirements that need to be considered? (w/c accessible, not near water)

*Staff Training:* Are all staff trained and willing to work with camper or just 1:1 worker?

*Social Skills:* Where would the camper best fit in and make the most friends?

*CAMPER:* Where would the camper be the happiest and which program will meet his/her needs?

As directors of camps we need to be honest with families regarding what our camp/program/staff offer. If you receive an application from a camper who you think might not be a good match with your program, you should consider:

1. Informing parents what you camp does/doesn't provide and any concerns you have.
2. Contacting the OCA Special Needs Resource Committee for suggestions on how your program can provide for an individual.
3. Reviewing your OCA *Camping Guide* for resources on camps which may offer a more suitable program (pp. 58 to 60)
4. Providing families with resources on how to find an appropriate camp.

Every camper benefits from a positive camp experience, finding the right camp is the first step towards success. If you have any questions that the Special Needs Resource Committee can help with, please send them to

*Chris Murdoch*  
Director, Belwood Lodge & Camp

**Correction:** In the May 2003 issue of the OCA News, Alf Grigg was mistakenly identified as the author of the article "Is Camping For Everyone?" The authors are Ken Jeffers and Rosa Jones-Imhotep, both at the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Department.

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## Tour for Towhee

Why would a man feel the need to hop on a bike and ride across Canada? Does he want to see the sights? Is he a fitness maniac? Does it have something to do with hyperactivity? With regard to Andrew Young, the answer is YES to all of the above. Although he does want a closer look at his beloved Canada; essentially the most important thing about his trip is the hyperactivity.

Since 1998, Andrew has worked at Integra Foundation's Camp Towhee, first in maintenance, then as counsellor, for two years as an Outdoor Skills and Outtripping leader and ultimately as supervisor of the Adventure Program. Camp Towhee is not your everyday kids' summer destination but a magical place for children with learning disabilities. Here they have the opportunity for growth and accomplishment, the chance to face new challenges and learn effective ways to deal with them, the fun of participating in campfire sing-alongs, making novel discoveries and new-found friends. All perhaps for the first time ever in a safe, happy, accepting environment. If you are a kid living with a learning disability along with ADHD, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Camp Towhee can be just what you need.

Andrew will start out May 31, 2003 from Victoria, BC, ending up in St. John's, Newfoundland some time in mid-

August. All along the way he will be asking people to sponsor him, with all money going directly to Camp.

Joining Andrew on the tour will be his father, Alan Young, who will bike with him from Victoria to Calgary and Sarah Glover (a four-year Towhee staff member), who will join him in Calgary for the rest of journey.

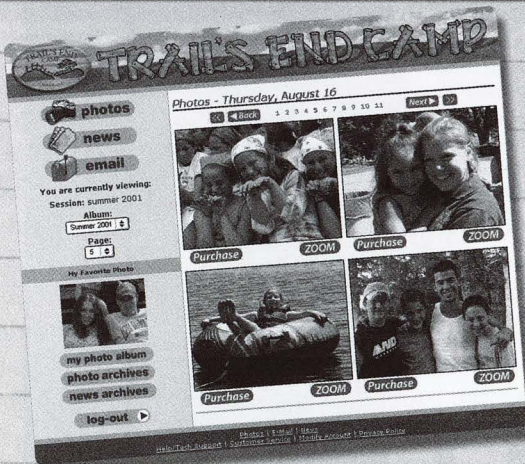
Sarah, Andrew and Alan will ride to make the camp experience that much more valuable for all those kids fortunate enough to go to Camp Towhee. Funds raised will be used to help buy outtripping and woodworking equipment, musical instruments, art supplies and other program necessities. Many Towhee kids come from low-income families who send their children via subsidies and do not have the funds to send them with proper camping equipment and supplies."

If you are interested in supporting Andrew, Sarah and Alan's admirable Tour for Towhee across Canada, or for more information, please contact Ellen Nichols at Integra Foundation, 416-486-8055, x248, fax to 416-486-1282, email her at enichols@integra.on.ca or mail your cheque payable to Integra Foundation at 25 Imperial Street, Toronto, ON, M5P 1B9.

*Ellen Nichols,*

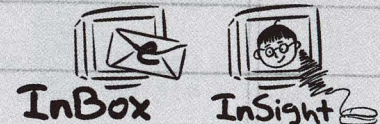
*Director of Development, Integra Foundation*

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All these wonders are accessible to any camper (or staff) with more than a passing interest in nature and exploration. Though a telescope or a good pair of binoculars will give you amazing views of stars and planets, knowledge is the most important tool you'll need this summer, in order to give folks at your camp a tour of the universe they'll never forget.

For more information on how to find your way around the night sky and bring others along for the ride, pick up a copy of *Nightwatch* by Terence Dickinson – often referred to as the “bible of Canadian astronomy.” For quicker information on how to find the objects described above, what they are, and when to look for them, check out [www.northstarastronomy.com](http://www.northstarastronomy.com) and click on **Virtual Star Charts**.

Clear skies!

*Peter McMabon is an online producer for Discovery Channel Canada, and the founder of North Star Science and Astronomy Programming.*



## Help the Canadian Camping Association find a new Slogan!

I am pleased to announce the commencement of a nationwide search for a new CCA slogan. Through a national competition we hope to acquire a new slogan that captures the spirit of camping in Canada and the work of the CCA. I encourage you all to challenge your staff, volunteers, and campers to join in the fun and help promote the camping movement across Canada.

The camp that provides the winning slogan will be awarded \$500 towards the purchase of camp program equipment. Please note that only accredited CCA member camps are eligible to receive the \$500 prize. If the event of identical winning entries, the \$500 prize will be equally divided amongst the entrants.

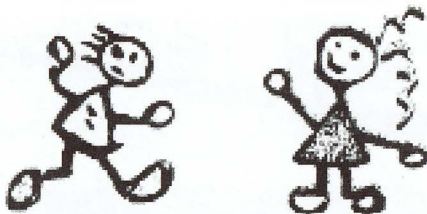
The deadline for submissions is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003. In your submission, please include the name of the person who developed the slogan, the name of the camp, the name of a contact person at the camp, as well as the camp phone and email – and, of course, the slogan! Please send all submissions to Simon Adams by fax to (604) 879-6554. We look forward to receiving your entries.

*Donna Wilkinson,  
President, Canadian Camping Association*

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## Georges Etienne Bourbeau:

Feb 25, 1926 - May 18, 2003

Chef, teacher, businessman, family man – Georges Bourbeau was widely known in at least one of these roles to a large number of friends and customers. Georges had a great many friends in camping and, along with his wife Gertrude, was the driving force in revolutionizing camp food after he went as chef to his first camp in 1969.

Georges was born in Champlain, Quebec and met and married his wife Gertrude there (1952) before they decided to try their luck in Ontario. Their luck included the births of five sons and two daughters and the establishment of several eateries which they owned and operated together. As the family grew, Georges joined George Brown College and taught Advanced Food Technology for a number of years.

In 1969, Georges was asked to be the chef at an Ontario summer camp and he and Gertrude took their family to Camp Shalom for the first of many summers there. Gertrude later became the Chef/Baker at Shalom while Georges pursued culinary endeavors at other camps, placing his children, one by one, as chefs in camps such as the Taylor Statten Camps, Canadian Adventure Camp and Camp Onondaga, along the way. In 1978, Georges and Gertrude founded a full-time business, G.B.Catering, and supplied culinary service to a large number of Ontario camps in the years following.

Georges and Gertrude believed that most camps paid good money for their food and there was no need for them to put up with a poor product. Their business grew as camp directors appreciated not having to concern themselves with the quality of lettuce, or replacing a chef that became sick or injured – and they loved the food! Innovative menus were established, home-baked bread became the norm and well-trained personnel were created. Their oldest son André, himself a Guinness Book record holder for feats in the bush, developed the G.B. packaged dry food system still in use today by many OCA tripping camps.

Georges was a strong supporter of OCA events, exhibiting at Conferences, donating food, meals, receptions and other services to annual conferences, counsellor conferences and other OCA events. In 1996, Georges and Gertrude retired from G.B.Catering and sold the business to their youngest son Réal and his wife Annie. They continue in the family tradition to be strong supporters of OCA, camps and quality food service.

Georges was a devoted family man with an outgoing personality and a great sense of humour, always smiling (try and find a picture of him where he is not smiling!) and very proud of his seven children and his 15 grandchildren. He will be missed by all of his family, his friends, his camping customers and the many fine chefs he trained (some are executive chefs at major hotels and restaurants and some now have their own successful camp food services). As one chef said a few days ago, Georges started it all – we owe him so much for the success we now enjoy in the camping world.

A celebration of the life of Georges Etienne was held at the Delta Toronto East Hotel on May 23, 2003 in true Bourbeau style – with a fabulous buffet lunch and great memories and camaraderie!

*Skip Connett, Canadian Adventure Camp*

## Facilities & Maintenance Conference 2004

Attention OCA members: Planning is underway for next year's Facilities & Maintenance Conference. If you have any ideas or potential topics for next year's program, send them on to the OCA office by fax at 416-485-0422 or email at [info@ontcamp.on.ca](mailto:info@ontcamp.on.ca).

As well, the OCA will be sending out a tender to member camps to find a site for next year's conference. Suggested criteria for the potential site include: accommodations for adults, heated facilities with washrooms in cabins, full food service, meeting rooms with at least a 100-person capacity for sessions and exhibits, AV and electrical capacities, and a site accessible to those with disabilities. Look for the tender in the fall.

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The video is narrated by John Latimer and Janet Adamson. It will make a great pre-camp training tool. Order your copy today from the OCA. Call 416-485-0425 or email [info@ontcamp.on.ca](mailto:info@ontcamp.on.ca).



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### ***Harry and Adèle Ebbs and the History of Camping***

Trent University Archives in Peterborough, Ontario, preserves over 32 metres (110 linear feet) of photographs, minutes, conference papers, oral history tapes, brochures, staff manuals and camper letters which chronicle the organised youth camping movement in Canada. While there have been many people responsible for seeing that this critically important heritage is catalogued and available to graduate students and all other researchers, none have been more central to the mission than Adèle Ebbs and Dr. Harry Ebbs.

Harry Ebbs was on Trent's Board of Governors in our early years. He was awarded an Honorary degree by Trent in 1975. Right from the beginning in the 1960s, Adèle Ebbs was active on the O.C.A. Archives Committee, a group of camping personalities which included Margaret Govan, Dr. Mary Northway, Charles Plewman and C.R. Blackstock. This committee worked for over six years to make arrangements for historical camping records to be properly housed. At a meeting of that committee in 1969, it was decided that Trent University would assume responsibility for "perpetual storage and cataloguing" of camping related records such as "tapes, films, slides, photographs, manuscripts, camp records of finances, menus, programmes, association minutes." We had a splendid new library just opened and the associations between the Ebbs, Northway and Trent made it the logical place for camping archives. A formal presentation was held in 1970 at which Jack Martin, University Librarian reminded attendees that, "knowledge of its origin and development provides an association with a sense of historic purpose which gives it direction for the future. An archives serves as an association's 'memory' of its own historical evolution."

Adèle Ebbs became Chair of the O.C.A. Archives Committee in 1974. Her commitment and diligence led to Trent Archives receiving several important donations that year including the F.M. VanWagner Papers. In addition, over the year the Ebbs themselves donated records of Camp Tonakela in India, and their own camps Ahmek and Wapameo in Algonquin Park. The dedication of Harry and Adèle to camping, education and history all came together in 1980. That was the year that they established the "Ebbs Camping Archives Fund" at Trent University. The importance of the Fund cannot be overestimated. After camping records arrive on our doorstep, they must be arranged, organized in acid-free folders and shelved in acid-free archival containers. They must have detailed inventories prepared if the great quantity of boxed material is to be useful to researchers. The costs are considerable and the Ebbs Fund has helped over the years to allow us to hire the extra staff which our commitment to the camping community has required. The Ebbs Fund directive reads, in part, as follows:

The Ebbs Camping Archives Fund is established to support archival activities at Trent University as they are related to children's camping and Canadian Studies...

Our appreciation to Harry and Adèle Ebbs for their foresight and generosity over the years is heartfelt. Their enthusiasm and support for what we are trying to accomplish here in the archives never wavered and will be very much missed. We will endeavour to keep

the historical record of camping in the manner that they would have wished and trust that the camping archives here at Trent will be a fitting part of the huge legacy which Harry and Adèle have left behind in so many areas, affecting so many people.

Bernadine Dodge,  
University Archivist,  
Trent University

July, 2003

# New Waterworks Legislation

## ***YOU MUST ACT NOW!***



On June 1, 2003, a new regulation regarding waterworks - The Drinking Water Systems Regulation (O.Reg. 170/03) - came into effect in Ontario. This new regulation replaces the Drinking Water Protection Regulation for Larger Waterworks (O. Reg. 459/00) and the Drinking Water Protection Regulation for Smaller Waterworks Serving Designated Facilities (O. Reg. 505/01).

EVERY camp will have to begin THIS SUMMER (2003) to sample its water, so that you have the information needed to get the treatment system you need to comply with the new regulation by the summer of 2004 (a compliant treatment system must be running by June 2004). A professional engineer must prepare a report certifying that your system complies with the regulation; this report is due no later than August 2004. Once you have the engineer's report, you will have seven (7) days to give notice to the Director of Environmental Assessment and Approval Branch that specifies which type of drinking water system the report deals with. You must also include a copy of the opinion of the professional engineer certifying that:

- a) all equipment required in order to comply with the schedule of the treatment (i.e. Schedule 2 in the regulation) has been provided;
- and
- b) all equipment required in order to comply with operational checks (schedule 6, 8, and 9 in the regulation ) has been provided.

This report is to be kept on site for at least 15 years.

**IMPORTANT!** You must begin RIGHT NOW (June 2003). You must sample for microbiological parameters. You must send your samples to an accredited lab. You must immediately inform the Ministry of Environment about which lab you are using for THIS Summer. This is all to obtain your samples for you to get a water work number for this year - 2003.

The sampling you must do NOW includes:

- Raw water (at the source) once per month
- Distribution system (these are the pipes that distribute the water through your camp)
  - If your treatment is not yet operational
    - once per week
  - If your treatment is operational
    - every two weeks if you use chlorine
    - once per week if you do not use chlorine
- A chemical test must be done once every five years
- You will be sampling for the total coliforms and fecal coliforms as outlined in Reg. 170.

A workbook document (how-to kit) is being produced by the Ministry of the Environment which will be available on their web site this June - watch for it!

Please pay special attention to the document titled "Procedure for corrective action for systems not currently using chlorine" which is available on the web.

For further information on this Regulation go to:

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/sdwa/dwsr.htm>

Then go to the link titled "Compendium to Drinking-Water Systems Regulation (170/03) made under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002." This is also where you will find the document titled "Procedure for Corrective Action for Systems Not Currently using Chlorine."

*Lisa Wilson, Camp Oconto; Chair, OCA Waterworks Legislation Task Force*



# Inaugural OCA Day Camp Workshop and Information Day



... an opportunity to share, learn and tour two camps

## Focus For The Day Marketing and Legal Issues



### Marketing

- Successful marketing materials for a Day Camp
- A panel discussion with a group of unbiased young parents who are shopping for a Day Camp



### Legal Issues

- Legal considerations related to Camper Registration Forms
- Recruiting, interviewing, hiring, and firing



**When:** Thursday, October 16, 2003

**Where:** Morning at Camp Host One  
Afternoon at Camp Host Two

**Cost:**



\$40 Members

\$50 Non-Members

Save \$5 when you register before September 25!

### Camp Hosts Needed!

If you are willing to donate your premises for either the morning or afternoon, please contact Robyn at Green Acres (905) 887-1400 or Lynda at Bayview Glen (416) 449-7746.



*Lunch and Snacks Included*

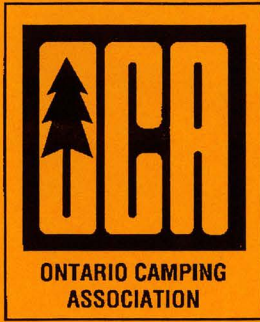


Bus transportation will be provided from a central location



**Early Bird Deadline: September 25, 2003**  
**Deadline for Registration: October 10, 2003**

Registration Forms will be available on-line or through the OCA office after August 1st



# **OCA**

## **Summer Crisis**

### **Hotlines**

June 23 to September 5, 2003

To report a crisis and for support and assistance in time of a crisis, call the OCA office at

**416-485-0425**

weekdays from 9:00 until 4:00

At all other times, call the OCA pager at

**416-372-3731**

and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

All **routine and business inquiries** should be directed to the office only, during regular business hours.

**Please Post**

# Crisis Response

**On the other side of this flyer you will find the OCA crisis response hotline number. Call this number when you feel you need help during a crisis.**

## **What constitutes a crisis?**

- Anything that you feel you (as a management team or camp) cannot deal with safely, professionally or comfortably. This could be a medical emergency (death, serious illness, disease outbreak) or a site emergency (fire, storm damage).

## **Why use the crisis hotline?**

- Get expert knowledge. The OCA can call other camps who have dealt with similar situations to give you first-hand knowledge and experience of what to do, when to do it and how to do it.
- Get reinforcements, if you need staff to conduct media interviews, to call parents, etc.

## **When should I use the crisis hotline?**

- When you are currently dealing with a crisis that the OCA should be aware of. You may not need help, but keep the OCA informed.
- In case of media attention or parent complaints.
- When you need help, support and a knowledge base.

If you do not have a crisis management plan, please consider purchasing the OCA "Crisis Response and Management Plan" because a good crisis plan is very important for your camp (only \$9.95 + GST).



# How May We Help?

***Do you still need staff? Do you still have camper vacancies?  
We can help!***

## **1) Place an online help wanted ad on the OCA website.**

Online classifieds only cost \$20 for 25 words (and \$15 for each additional 25 words). It's a cheap and easy way to let potential staff know about jobs at your camp.

## **2) Indicate your staff needs below.**

If we receive any résumés listing qualifications that suit your needs, we will pass the names on to you.

<i>Position we need to fill</i>	<i>Qualifications (include age, gender, education, certifications)</i>

## **3) Indicate any camper vacancies below.**

If parents call the OCA office looking for a camp with vacancies for their children, we will pass on the name of your camp to them.

<i>Session starts</i>	<i>Session ends</i>	<i>ages</i>	<i>boys/girls</i>

Keep us informed about your needs  
and we will forward any relevant information to you.

Camp	
Camp Director	
Phone	

Send this form to:

**OCA office**

**250 Merton St., Suite 403, Toronto, ON M4S 1B1**

**Phone: 416-485-0425**

**Fax: 416-485-0422**

# The OCA Member Site is here!



Dear OCA Camp Member,

The OCA office has prepared a new secure section of the OCA web site for camp members only. Each camp can choose its own username and password to access this section.

- 1) Go to [http://www.ontcamp.on.ca/new\\_user.phtml](http://www.ontcamp.on.ca/new_user.phtml)
- 2) Fill out the Member Site User Registration form
- 3) Start enjoying the OCA Member Site!

On this site, the OCA office staff will post relevant information for OCA camps, including Postings applications and the OCA Guidelines for Accreditation. Please note that any Postings applications received after the June 2003 mailing will be posted to the member site on a twice-weekly basis.

If you have any questions about this site or the user registration process, please contact John in the OCA office at 416-485-0425 or [oca@ontcamp.on.ca](mailto:oca@ontcamp.on.ca).







# ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION 2004 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 19 - 21, 2004

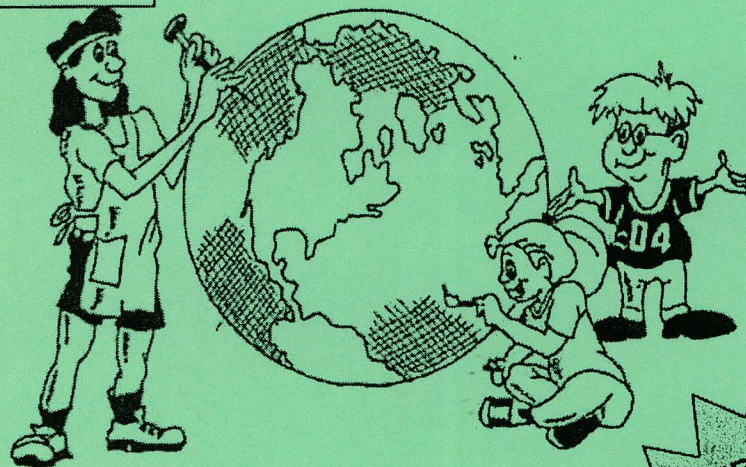
WITH TOP SPEAKERS AND SESSIONS FOCUSED ON:  
Health and Safety - Camper Issues - Legislation  
Staffing - Environment

CAMP DIRECTORS WORKSHOP  
February 17 and 18, 2004

SHERATON PARKWAY HOTEL  
Richmond Hill, Ontario

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Early Bird Registration Deadline: **January 9, 2004.**  
Register for the FULL conference AND 3 nights hotel  
accommodation before the early bird deadline and you'll  
be entered to win 2 nights accommodation FREE!



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