



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

DEAR O.C.A. MEMBERS;

Another summer approaches and our efforts turn more and more to camp as O.C.A. activities slow down until the Fall.

At the final Board Meeting before the summer many exciting plans were discussed for next Fall - a stimulating Director's Weekend at Bolton in November to look forward to, enthusiastic plans for promotion of camping from the Public Relations Committee and news that the Environmental Concerns Committee is flourishing and ready to tackle new problems. One bit of not so cheerful news but inevitable - after two years of no fee increases for O.C.A. Membership it has become necessary, in order to balance the Budget, to increase the fees by 12% for 1982.

This was not done without a great deal of thought and research and discussion and is necessary if the current level of activities is to be maintained. You will receive more news of this when the Membership Forms are mailed in September.

And so, after updating you on Board news, I wish you and your campers a happy, safe and remarkable summer.

In the midst of all the last minutes chores, frustrations and perhaps worry, I hope that you can remember what a glorious time camp is for all those campers, and find inspiration and vigour from their dreams.

Best wishes,

JANET ADAMSON (Mrs.)

President

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE THAT THE OCA OFFICE WILL BE OPEN
ONLY FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
 DURING JULY AND AUGUST

CANADIAN CAMPING NEWSLETTER

Canadian Camping Newsletter is now being mailed direct from Ottawa, and there could be slight delays at times. If you have not received your issue for April please get in touch with the O.C.A. Office. Also if your address is incorrect, tear off the tape and mail it in to the O.C.A. Office.

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SWIMMERS! TAKE YOUR MARK....!

1. The YM/YWCA has a new learn-to-swim programme for the pre-beginners, with four levels. If you would like to know more about this one, please call or write to:

DON McQUAIG, YMCA, 2160 Yonge Street, Toronto

2. Anyone using RLSS Swim Programmes, don't forget that they have NEW TEST SHEETS.

ALSO

Volume I of the Lifesaving Manual and Book III of the Notes for Instructors and Examiners has been up-dated.

3. The Red Cross' new Water Safety Programme is officially underway, and all the support material can now be obtained...Crests...Personal Progress Report Cards...New Water Safety Programme Poster...New Water Safety Programme Brochure...Counter-top Display...Wall Charts...Press Kits...New Water Safety Programme Logo Stickers.

For your own promotional kit, contact your local Red Cross Water Safety Service.

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ANOTHER REMINDER

....about the Great Canadian Canoe Exposition at York Quay, 335 Queen's Quay West, Harbourfront, Toronto. Hours are 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on June 20th and 21st. For information about all the fun, games, experiences and education on tap, please call:

SUE McGregor, Canoe Ontario, 160 Vanderhoof Ave., Toronto M4G 4B8
 TEL. 429-7701 Ext. 223

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A DIFFERENT PROGRAMME

If your entertainment evenings or weekends call for an introduction to the works of Robert W. Service, Charles Hayter can call up the "ghost" of that bard at your camp for a very reasonable fee plus overnight accommodation. He has offered this type of theatre to camps, lodges and schools over a long period. He is in Toronto at -

188 KINGSTON RD., M4L 1S7 (416) 691-5994, Messages taken at (416) 694-6703

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ST. JOHN AMBULANCE FIRST AID COURSES

This summer, for the first time, St. John Ambulance can provide your camp at no charge, with young instructors who can offer training to campers or staff. On a first-come-first-serve basis, our instructors can be ready for one or two days to teach in the camp setting.

They can offer the basic two-and-a-half-hour Lifesaver First Aid course which many camps already use, since its First Aid skills and accident prevention message adds a measure of safety to camp activities.

Then there's a new St. John Course called Child Care in the Home; this, to teach child development as well as child care, useful to senior campers as well as staff members.

It is expected that CPR training to the level of The Heartsaver will be offered also.

To have a St. John instructor visit your camp this summer, please contact:

THE DIRECTOR OF TRAINING, St. John Ambulance, 46 Wellesley St. East, Toronto M4Y 1G5

Merely give your convenient dates and say whether you can offer overnight accommodation for one, two or three instructors.

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O.C.A. PHOTO CONTEST

MAKE THIS A SUMMER TO REMEMBER!!!

The photo contest at the Director's Conference next March promises to be bigger and better than ever. This year the categories are:

ACTIVITY	NATURE
PEOPLE	LANDSCAPE
EMOTION	

Entry Forms will be distributed in the Fall but the photographs should be taken this summer. This year we are hoping for as many Camper entries as possible as well as the usual staff and camper collection. Share your memories with all of us!!! Happy picture taking!

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MISSING THE BOAT?

Still it appears that Camp Directors are not getting the best deal from their newspaper and magazine advertising. Still many appear without the O.C.A. Membership Logo, or without the words "Accredited Member of the Ontario Camping Association". Either expression is an indication of YOUR Camp Standards, and at once places you in the lead when parents make a camp selection. Take it from there... and get those words into your next publication.

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BOOKS WANTED

We have buyers wishing to complete their libraries, and we would be pleased to hear from anyone who has duplicates and wishes to part with them -

2 copies of "THE CANOE AND YOU", by Ronald H. Perry, published 1951

1 copy of "THE TRAIL OF THE RED CANOE", by Margaret Govan

Please write to OCA'sional News - Re BOOKS WANTED.

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BOOKS PURCHASED FOR O.C.A. LIBRARY

"Camps, Their Planning and Management" - by Robert E. Wilkinson of Camp Nominingue, will be reviewed in the next C.C.A. Newsletter.

"Clouds on the Clothesline, and other Games" - by Jack Pearse

"Cookout Manual" - Etobicoke Parks and Recreation

EDUCATION COMMITTEE recommends two anthologies to share with staff members this summer.

"Light From a Thousand Campfires", a collection of articles from American Camping Magazine edited by Kenneth B. Webb. Published in 1960, all are relevant and worth reading.

"Camp and The Child", stories from the same source, published to commemorate the International Year of the Child.

All are available for purchase from the Canadian Camping Association - (416) 781-4717 or may be borrowed...but returned within two weeks, please.

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-- A CAMP PROGRAMME IDEA

Acid Rain is an extremely serious threat to the lakes, rivers, forests, wildlife and people of Ontario, but there are still skeptics who refuse to believe in something they cannot see. One way that your camp program can help to do something about Acid Rain, is to help your campers to "see" it and to understand what it means. One suggestion made in The Acid Rain Primer by Pollution Probe is to test the lakes your campers know best - those at camp or on your canoe routes - using litmus paper with a pH range of 0-6 (available from science supply houses). Litmus paper gives a visual reading by turning from blue to pink in the presence of acid. The greater the acidity, the pinker the colour. By comparing the colour with the colour scale provided, a rough pH reading can be made. This information can be included in a trip log, plotted on maps, charted at intervals over the summer and used as a basis for year to year comparisons of health of "our lakes".

NANCY WEEKS - Chairman - Environmental Concerns Committee

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TALK TOPICS

We are grateful to many readers who have sent in suggested topics for use with groups of campers or staff. These finish the season, and we hope to have other pieces of wisdom to include in next year's letters:

Strangely enough, this month the greater number have to do with Success and its values, fair play and self-discipline:

"The real value of sport is the self-discipline and training imposed by an exacting conscience".

Even A.L. Cochrane in his day oft used as an opening the fifteenth-century poem:

"Go placidly among the noise and haste"

followed by the admonition:

"Strident tones and bombast are no indication of Success; tone down; dignity and confidence are the criteria, gentlemen!"

"Winning an award is one thing. Applause soon dies; the prize itself oft lost or laid aside. You win awards to be used".

and remember - reach your goal on Fair Play.

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PROGRAMME.....For Chapel or Campfire

While campers and staff in all Canada have grown up with our "Blackie" Blackstock's Magic Moccasins, there will be newer members who, perhaps, would like to include it this summer for inspiration and for the wisdom it teaches...gently, as "Blackie" would have it:

WEARERS OF THE MAGIC MOCCASINS

Moccasins are the shoes of the bush and the canoe, the shoes of the forest children.

Those who wear moccasins go about quietly, disturbing little, allowing the wearer to see and to hear all about him, unafraid.

Those who come to wear the Magic Moccasins, get to know the secret places, hear the unfamiliar sounds, the feel of new things, the smell and taste of the unusual.

The Magic Moccasins take you to all the varied loveliness of living things which God has created in this, your homeland.

Once you wear the Magic Moccasins, you will find -

- the saskatoons, sweet berries of the summer time
- the biggest blueberries
- the sun-warmed flavour of ripe raspberries
- the bitter, puckering taste of choke-cherries
- the cool savour of basswood bark.

The Magic Moccasins will carry you along through lakes and streams, lined with the many shades of the green of trees; decorated along the edges with flaming cardinal flowers, iris and purple Joe-pie weed; covered with yellow and white water lillies.

The Magic Moccasins will carry you to the highest places, where you can look to the far horizon; to the very edge of the dome of the cloudless sky; where you can look down into the echoing valleys and into the shadowless blue deep water.

The wearers will come to know the busy ways of the beaver, the slow, uncaring way of the porky, the stately way of the skunk, the inquisitive, noisy manners of the raccoon, the scurrying, chattering way of squirrels and chipmunks, you will come to call all manner of living creatures Brother.

If you put on these Magic Moccasins, you will find the cool valleys, where the light-footed deer stand among small birches and massive basswoods; and the hot bare hillsides, where the ant-tunnelled stumps linger, showing the marks of the hungry bear.

Here at camp, we would want you to become the Wearers of the Magic Moccasins, so that you can romp joyously through the days, aware of all the living world about you, even as Jesus did; long ago, pausing to marvel at the beauty and the wonder and the loveliness of it all.

Be ye Wearers of the Magic Moccasins in the bushland of your homeland in these, the Moons of summertime!

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WE WELCOME TO THE O.C.A.

Our new Provisional Camp Member

GEORGE AUERBACH'S TEEN CARAVAN

and the following new Individual Members

IAN FOLWER

SHEILA PRATT

BLAIR STEINBACH

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ONTARIO WETLANDS CONFERENCE

The Federation of Ontario Naturalists and the Department of Applied Geography, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute host this Conference. The Sponsors are Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Canadian Wildlife Service, Canadian National Sportsmen's Fund, National Habitat Coalition. The date - September 18 and 19, 1981. The place - Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Toronto. For information -

FEDERATION OF ONTARIO NATURALISTS, 355 Lesmill Road, Don Mills, Ont.
M3B 2W8. Tel. (416) 444-8419

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W A N T E D

Leader-In-Training Director required IMMEDIATELY.

Must be 20 years or over - female - with aquatic and canoeing background.

Apply to:

SALLY MOORE, Camp Davern, Ottawa YM/YWCA
180 Argyle Ave., Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1B7
Telephone: (613) 237-1320 Ext. 238

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HAVE A HAPPY CAMPING SUMMER! SEE YOU IN THE FALL!