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"Nash"onal News

In this age of mass communications, especially television, we have become accustomed to immediacy: what happened this morning is on the "news" tonight. Furthermore, long reports are discouraged; instead, 15 to 30 second "sound bites" serve as the main format for information sharing. While there is much to be gained from such a format, there is also the loss of time for sober reflection and a sharing of opinions. I am, therefore, happy that this newsletter is published monthly rather than daily, and the Editor is generous in allowing me, as Association President, a venue that represents more than 15 seconds of air time. I hope that it can serve as the nucleus of the dialogue necessary to ensure that our Association fills the needs of all of us as members.

Let me introduce myself. I am Ellen Nash, and I became President of the OCA the first of February. As President, I follow Barb Gilbert, the most dedicated and hardworking volunteer I have ever met. Our Association has been lucky to have had the benefit of her involvement, and she has promised that her advice will be available whenever I need it. Barb, be prepared for some long calls and e-mail!

As I write this column, we are preparing for the first Board meeting of this term. At this meeting, we will be setting the direction for this year. There are some issues still to resolved from the work of last year's Board, including a report from the Task Force on Board Restructuring, and the Task Force on Membership and Standards. These are critical issues, as they will determine the direction this Association will take for the future. We will keep you informed of our deliberations, and we need your feedback. So, when you see articles in this newsletter, please let us know what you think. I'll give



Presidential Thumbs-Up

you a full report on the meeting in the next issue of the "Nash" onal News.

As I write this column, we are also preparing for our 1999 Annual Conference for Directors and Senior Staff. The Educational program looks fabulous and I eagerly await the report of the marketing study undertaken by Jill Vandal. I know that all our Member Camps will be able to use the information to customize their own efforts and offerings. The report will be far more than a Conference session: it will be a tool to enhance camping in general and each of our own camps in particular.

No President works alone; I know already that I will have a dedicated Board and Advisory Council to work with. Committees and Task Forces, the backbone of our Association, are working diligently to continue to move us forward.

Ultimately, it is **YOU** that I look forward to serving, and I welcome your calls, your faxes, and your e-mails.

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"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one." — Malcolm S. Forbes

Camping Makes the World Go Round

'here is tremendous excitement building for the Fifth Annual nternational Camping Congress in Japan in the year 2000.

As we anticipate this great event, we also look forward to the 999 OCA Conference and the scheduled visit of Mr. Yamada and Ir. Nagayoshi from the National Camping Association of Japan. hese distinguished guests will bring further information about ne Congress 2000.

At this point, we can tell you that the Congress dates have een set and that our camping friends in Japan are planning for a irst-class event!

From Monday, October 2 to Thursday, October 5, 2000, amping leaders from around the world will gather in Tokyo at he site of the 1964 Olympic Village (now a major conference acility). Scheduled during this time are the opening and closing eremonies; educational activities (workshops, seminars); amping and related exhibits; the Annual Meeting of the hternational Camping Fellowship; and sightseeing tours around okyo. All this, and wonderful hospitality as well.

From October 5 to October 8, 2000, Congress delegates will ave the opportunity to experience camping in Japan firsthand by isiting one of several camping grounds.

The Fifth International Camping Congress is being sponsored by the International Camping Fellowship and the Organizing Committee for the Fifth International Camping Congress. Drganizations providing co-sponsorship include the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and numerous Japanese ational outdoor organizations.

Once we receive the registration information from the Organizing Committee, we will forward it through both the Canadian Camping Association and the Ontario Camping Association. Registrations will be processed through my office for

all Canadian delegates.

Please be sure to call us at 905-631-2849 and indicate your interest in attending the Fifth International Camping Congress.

We anticipate a spectacular event in Japan in October 2000 and a large Canadian delegation present to represent our own country's camping movement.

Until next time,

Jeff Bradshaw Canadian Representive International Camping Fellowship

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Editor's Note

All signs point to an election being called in Ontario this spring. The politicians are on the road and the media is gleefully reporting every little twist and turn in the game. Recently, I attended my first Town Hall meeting. Dave Johnson, Minister of Education and Technology, was on hand to explain the current government's policies and goals and to answer questions posed by the members in the audience. I use the word "answer" loosely, as time after time -despite individual pleadings for direct answers-the Minister would respond in favour of either deliberate obfuscation or a roundabout maze of figures and jumbled data.

The single most important focus of the evening was the new curriculum that will shortly be released for Ontario's high schools. This follows the already implemented elementary school curriculum. Science, technology, language and mathematics are the key words of the new curriculum. Province-wide testing will ensure, according to the government, that the new system will deliver and improve the supposedly sorry state of education. I couldn't help thinking through all of this about the role camping plays in the lives of young adults. Decidedly, not every young person can or wants to attend camp. However, those who do (and we definitely need data collection to find out exactly how many do attend camp) find their lives enriched enormously by the experience. How will this be measured? We cannot give a three-hour test that will tell us. The benefits are not easily quantifiable, yet they are there. Ask any parent, any camp professional!

The evening hammered home an important lesson: that we cannot always rely on our elected representatives to realize what people go through in accommodating changes in policy brought about with an eye on the all-important bottom line. We could throw in the towel and give in, but that would be an abdication of our responsibilities. For better or for worse, this is democracy and we have to work within

the system to ensure that the right (not necessarily the cheapest) thing is done.

One final comment: As always, the *OCAsional News* encourages all members to contribute articles, letters, photographs or others items of interest to the camping community. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month and items can be sent by mail, fax, e-mail or dropped off to the OCA office. Please pass this message on to your campers, staff, and resource workers. This is your newsletter—let's make it a viable one.

Fiora Hawryluk



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Public Awareness Needs a Brainstorm

The next Public Awareness Committee meeting is scheduled for March 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the OCA office.

We welcome the participation of interested members at this brainstorming meeting. Items to be discussed include: the development of the OCA's web page; the possibility of redesigning our brochure; and revisiting the directive and perspective needed for the Public Awareness Committee. We need to inspire growth and development within the Association and to further educate the public on the value of camping.

Please RSVP to the OCA office if you will be joining us. An agenda is available upon request.

Caryl Colton
Chair, Public Awareness Committee

OCA Spins its Web

Althought it took longer than expected, the OCA has completed its process of updating its membership database and is now fully capable of managing and updating its Website.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused but urge everyone to take a ride on the Net and surf our site at www. ontcamp.on.ca. If there are any changes or updates to your camp's, company's, or association's listing, please give us a call at the OCA office and we will make the appropriate adjustments.

Once again, we thank you for your patience and welcome any suggestions to make our Website even better.

Paul Grossinger OCA Production Secretary



CAMP COLLAGE

"Blending Good Times with Great People"

The 1999 Counsellor Conference plans are well under way. Set aside Saturday May 29, 1999 to rendezvous with fellow camp staff. The King Campus of Seneca College will be the host for "A Day at Camp." So, the call is out for enthusiastic, creative, energetic leaders to run interactive, hands-on, experiential sessions!! The following are the streams you can pursue...new staff, programming, health & safety, skills (hard & soft), senior staff and much more.

ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION

If you are interested in leading or want to recommend someone, please call Barb Weeden at 905-833-3333 ext. 5029 or fax your ideas to 905-833-0421. Take the plunge, get involved, challenge yourself or your staff to facilitate something new and exciting!

Commercial Member Update

The following is an update to the Commercial Members' list published in the 1999 Camping Guide and last month's OCAsional News.

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Promotional products - souvenirs, wearables, etc. Anything with your camp name and logo printed on it.

Quiet Waters Sailboats

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President Always Accessible

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Here are the numbers: office phone (September to early June): 416-630-1180; fax: 416-630-8561. Camp phone (mid June to Labour Day): 705-754-2374; fax: 705-754-4005; e-mail (year-round): mnash@globalserve.net.

Ellen Nash President

1999 Ontario Tourism Forum

Plan to attend the first-ever industry-run tourism industry conference at the Regal Constellation Hotel,
Toronto, April 19-21, 1999.

Program includes:

- Marketing
- ◆ The Leader's Vital Role Workshops on ecotourism, partnering, product packages, technology as marketing tool
- Update on new Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership
- Round tables on lobbying, technological advances, financial management, natural resources

Invited Guests:

The Honorable Mike Harris, Premier of Ontario The Honorable Al Palladini, Minister of Economic Development, Trade & Tourism

Watch your mail for more details and a registration form!

Organized and endorsed by the volunteer-run Tourism Federation of Ontario and its 29 member organizations.

The OCA is a member.

Yours For The Asking

Yours for the Asking is a regular feature of the OCAsional News. Readers are invited to send in their questions to the OCA office, attn: Yours for the Asking. Our panel will be delighted to respond in an upcoming issue. We are fortunate to have on the team Ted and Elaine Cole of Camp Walden, and Tracy Shand of Camp Naorca. Ted and Elaine bring a residential camp perspective, while Tracy offers the day camp view!

Question: In February, the Mike Harris government introduced a province-wide code of conduct for students. This was done in response to the bad language used and vandalism by some students in our schools. At your camp, do you have a code of conduct for campers and staff? What does it consist of? What options to you have if violations of the code occur?

Tracy Shand responds: Most definitely we have a code of conduct for both campers and staff at our program. When staff are hired, one of the first things that they receive with their contract is information regarding the "terms of their employ-ment." Our expectations and the camps policies are made crystal clear from the beginning. Our staff "Terms of Employ-ment" include: mandatory meeting and training dates, appropriate child behaviour management techniques, the responsibility of reporting child abuse, their respon-sibilities in providing constant camper supervision, etc. The key is that these terms of employment are specific and inclusive—there are no surprises. Conduct for staff is enforced by supportive senior staff who lead by example.

Conduct for campers is presented much more informally. On the first day of camp each counsellor reviews camp rules with their campers. Other less urgent but still neccessary group rules are deter-mined cooperatively as a tent group, e.g., listening to each other, including everyone, etc. This process is worthwhile because campers have ownership to their group rules.

With expectations made clear, if violations still occur we try to be fair yet situational. If a camper is acting inappro-priately, a senior staff person who has a rapport with this child discusses the incident with the child, one on one, and then involves the child's counsellor. We make sure the rule is clear and explain why it exists. If staff are not adhering to policies, they are spoken to privately by their immediate supervisor and if it is serious, they then talk to the camp director. We always try to to be supportive, gather all information and make sure that they understand the consequences of such actions at camp. Effective rules at camp ensure participant and staff safety and foster a supportive, fair, respectful and fun camp atmosphere.

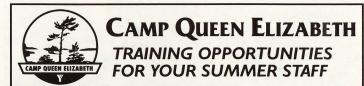
Question: Some people have a hard time letting go of their responsibilities when they get promoted or moved to another position in the camp. They tend to hang around whoever is now doing their old job—offering advice or, worse, saying, "That's not the way I used to do it." How can the transition from one camp position to another be accomplished more successfully and with fewer strings attached?

Elaine and Ted Cole respond: The trick to distancing yourself from responsibilities from your previous position when you have been promoted or moved to another position is to act as a mentor and be available for advice and consultation.

In this role you offer knowledge and support (because if anyone knows the good, bad and uglies of this position—you do). This not only helps the new member but also yourself to break the ties and by offering encouragement, you are also helping yourself. Being available and open means the lines of communication are present—weening you away to become the pupil in your new position.

Camps with Foreign Staff

Please note that Canadian Camping Association Immigration Packages for Camp Counsellor visas are now available through the OCA office, 416-781-0525.





WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Wilderness Medical Associates presents this course designed to equip participants with the basic knowledge and skills to adapt basic first aid techniques to the demands of wilderness situations.

At CQE, June 18-20. \$275 (taxes incl.) Call David Woollven to register, (519) 667-3300.

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Calendar of Events

March		May	
Public Awareness Committee Meeting OCA Board Room	Wednesday, March 10 6:00 p.m.	Health Care Committee Meeting OCA Board Room	Monday, May 17 7:00 p.m.
Health Care Committee Meeting OCA Board Room	Monday, March 22 7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting OCA Board Room	Thursday, May 27 5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting OCA Board Room	Monday, March 29 12:00 p.m.	Counsellor Conference Seneca College - King Campus	Saturday, May 29 9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.
April		Health Workshop Seneca College - King Campus	Saturday, May 29 9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.
Health Care Committee Meeting	Tuesday, April 20 7:00 p.m.	June	
OCA Board Room Board Meeting OCA Board Room	Thursday, April 22 2:00 p.m.	OCA Skills Weekend	Friday June 11 to Sunday June 13

ATTENTION ALL CAMPS!

WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF SETTING A NEW DIRECTION

The evaluation of **Setting a New Direction - A Resource Guide for Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Policies for Summer Camps** is well under way.

However, we need more input. Many camps have not sent their evaluations to us. With a low response rate, we'll be unable to make a thorough analysis of the resource, or draw accurate conclusions about its impact and effectiveness.

The first round of surveys went out to camps mid-November and the second the end of January. There are three options to choose from when returning your survey. You can either mail it, in the pre-addressed envelope sent to you, fax it to Hélène Philbin Wilkinson at 705-472-8397 or should you wish to complete it electronically, contact Hélène at hphilbin@vianet.on.ca.

Remember to attach your policy to the survey or let us know what is the status of your policy. We hope to measure any changes in policy before and after the use of the guide.

We appreciate the time and effort it has taken camps to cooperate with our extenstion. We look forward to learning from the OCA experience.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Hélène Philbin Wilkinson of the Centre for Addiction & Mental Health at 705-472-3850.

1999 WRITING AWARD

For Excellence in Writing on Organized Camping for Children in Canada.

Φ THE AWARD

The Writing Award is sponsored by the Society of Camp Directors with support from the Ontario Camping Association and Trent University.

It is open to anyone who has camp work experience, or who is studying organized children's camping or its related disciplines.

The award is \$300.00.

It is presented annually at the fall meeting of the Society. The recipient will be invited as a guest, and may be asked to present the paper or a summary of it. One or two awards will be presented, depending on the quality and quantity of the submissions. All submissions will be deposited in the Trent University Camping Archives, to become valued additions to the collected body of camping knowledge.

Φ THE PAPER

The approach may be current or historical, and the topic may be drawn from any of these broad themes:

Recurring or emerging issues,

Camping practices,

The perspective from a related discipline,

Social or technological change,

The relationships between camping and the broader community.

The components of camp operation include the camper, leadership, program, administration, marketing, finance and facility. The related disciplines can include Recreation, Outdoor Education, Environmental Studies, First Nations Studies, Canadian History, Religious Studies, Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, Business Management and Facility Management.

The paper should be based on one of these three research methods:

Academic Research from the current literature in the disciplines related to camping; Field and Quantitative Research conducted in the Canadian camping field; Historical Archive-based Research primarily from recognized camping archives;

Papers must be original work, typed or word processed, double spaced and between 2000 and 5000 words in length, and may include appropriate charts, diagrams and illustrations.

Φ SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION

Evaluation criteria include the depth and breadth of research, the strength of analysis and synthesis and the quality of scholarly writing. Papers are evaluated by an academic and professional panel representing the Society of Camp Directors, the Ontario Camping Association and Trent University.

Deadline: JUNE 1, 1999 for 1999 AWARDS, JUNE 1, 2000 for 2000 AWARDS. SUBMIT ONE COPY OF YOUR PAPER TO: Professor Bruce Hodgins, Trent University, Peterborough, ON, K9J 7B8.



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TRUST, INITIATIVES & ROPES

Program Leader TBD

This stream will provide staff theoretical knowledge, hands-on experience

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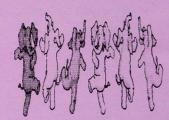


KAYAKING

Program Leader Dan Kirvan Affiliation: Independent

This stream is designed for those individuals who are responsible for organizing and running a kayaking program at a camp or in a recreational setting. The emphasis will be on flatwater programming with a potential opportunity later on in the weekend to explore moving water. The course will focus on:

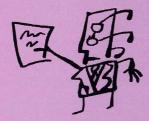
- Safety instruction tip and techniques
- Teaching tips for beginners
- Kayaking games and activities
- Equipment review
- Developing and creating kayak programs
- Personal skill development



PROGRAM POTPOURRI

Program Leader: Travis Allison Affiliation: Glen Mohr Camp

This stream is geared to assist and arm staff with new programming ideas and activities which will translate into a fruitful, fun and positive summer experience. Participants can expect to review programming philosophies and goals, to create new and innovative programs, to learn and take home ideas in many different activities, and to realize the importance of positive and exciting programming in a recreational setting. This session will be extremely experiential. Be ready to play games and use initiative style activities in all areas of your home program.



LEADERSHIP

Program Leader: Karen McGrath Affiliation: Tawingo College

This workshop is designed to provide leadership program staff working with LIT/CIT/SC's a unique opportunity to gain handson experience in delivering leadership training. Although the focus is for Leadership Directors, workshops are equally as valuable and transferable to any recreational setting. Stream content will cover the following training and supervisory techniques:

- Goal Setting
- Evaluation
- Motivation
- Group Development
- Effective Communication
- Programming Ideas



CRAFTS & CULTURE

Program Leader Leigh Carrod Affiliation: YMCA Wanakita

This years craft stream has taken on a new dimension. On top of brainstorming, sharing and experiencing typical arts and crafts programs and activities this years program will also explore a new discipline within the arts known as culture. During the weekend participants will explore new programming ideas, involve themselves in hands-on experience in general arts and crafts, music, theatre and fine arts. Participants will work on various projects throughout the weekend to take back to their organizations. This is a fun and energizing weekend that is sure fill your brain with great program ideas!!



OUTTRIPPING

Program Leaders Tim French Christine Persuad Affiliations Camp Kennebec Independent

While actually on tip participants in the Outtripping stream will be exposed to technical skills, trip planning, organization and risk management as well as many other facets of tripping. This 2 day/ 2 night weekend trip will focus on:

- Hiking and canoe trips
- Risk management
- Programming for memorable trips
- Route planning
- Environmental ethics
- Trip prep the physical side and psychological
- Hands-on tips for menu planning
- Equipment knowledge and repair tips

REGISTRATION FORM

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Wilderness F.A. Certification	\$247.66	\$17.34	\$265.00
ORCA Certification	\$186.91	\$13.09	\$200.00
After May 28, 1999			
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REGISTRATION FORM

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(B)				
CAMP AFFILIATION				
CAMP POSITION FOR SUMMER 1999				
WHOM SHOULD THE STREAM INFORMATION PACKAGE BE SENT TO (please indicate)				
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Please register in one of the following				
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WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Program Leader: Len James Affiliation: Wilderness Medical Associates

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The OCA is proud to host, new for 1999, the Wilderness Medical Associates of Canada, offering a specially designed workshop for recreational wilderness travelers. This 16 hour program includes certification in the administration of injectable epinephrine for anaphylactic reactions. Wilderness First Aid is an excellent introduction to wilderness emergency care. The program's goal is to equip participants with the basic knowledge and skills to adapt standard first aid techniques to the demand of remote locations. In conjunction with the anaphylactic focus, other environmental emergencies will be covered. Improvisation skills will be developed through simulation with theatrical make up and video feedback.



WINDSURFING

Program Leader: Ginny Heming Affiliation: YMCA Wanakita

This stream is designed for those who are responsible for organizing and teaching a recreational windsurfing program. Limited enrolment guarantees individual attention.

Program content includes:

- How to create and organize a progressive program.
- Teaching tips and techniques
- Participants will develop their individual and instructional skills
- Introducing windsurfing to younger children, while challenging older participants



ECO & ENVIRO EDUCATION

Program Leader: Jal Bosley Affiliation: Toronto School Bd.

The environment and our nature are worlds filled with mystery and wonder. This stream offers participants an introduction to principles and solid programming ideas in the areas of:

- Nature games
- Earth Education
- Sensory awareness activities
- Interpretation techniques
- Nature arts and crafts
- Environmental exploration
- Program Development

Participants will gain valuable hands-on experience and learning tools while working in the natural world



ORCA CANOEING

Lakewater Level 1 Certification Program Leader Jen Gilbert Affiliation: Camp Gay Adv./Human Hts.

New in 1999, Skills Weekend will be offering Ontario Recreational Canoeing Association (ORCA) Lakewater Level 1 Certification. During the weekend participants will learn and perfect tandem and solo skills. Specific emphasis will be

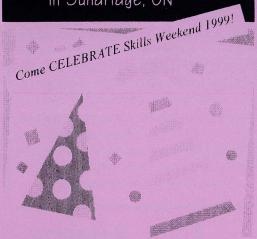
- Pivots
- Sideward displacement
- Slalom canoeing
- Canoeing first aid and safety
- Canoeing dynamics

In addition, participants will have the opportunity to learn games for all age levels, styles and techniques of teaching, canoe program development and much, much more...

1999 Ontario Camping Association SKILLS WEEKEND

Friday June 11 Sunday June 13 at

Glen Bernard Camp in Sundridge, ON



What is OCA Skills Weekend?

Is a development and training weekend for staff in the camping and recreation field. The mandate of our program staff is to provide:

- each participant with the tools for continuous program development
- a forum for exchange of information
- an incentive to translate philosophy into safe, effective camping practices
- An experience to remember...

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