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"In the race for quality, there is no finish line." - David T. Kearns

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this we are having the coldest day of the winter, and summer still feels an awfully long way away. The camping world seems to manage to avoid the February blues by spending our time thinking about the summer, talking about the summer, looking at pictures of the summer, talking to staff about the summer... well, you know how it goes. Seems to me a lot healthier exercise than all the other things the rest of the country seems focused on.

The people who volunteer for the OCA are amazing. Who knows how they find the time in their busy lives, but we are grateful.

The Counsellors' Conference is being chaired by Andy Rodford, who is already serving as Membership chairman. Andy takes time off from the OCA to work at a bank occasionally. Andy

has recruited some Oconto staff to assist him with this conference, and is approaching this event, as he does everything, with great enthusiasm.

As many of you are aware, the Skills Weekend is being ably co-ordinated by Jeff Bradshaw, who has recruited a great group to head up the different streams. When not doing this, or serving as the Program co-Chair on the Conference Steering Committee, Jeff works as a full time director for Camp Couchiching.

The Directors' Conference 1993 is being chaired by Barb Gilbert, another one of those people who is always there when work needs to be done. Barb also serves as director on the OCA Board. And if you can believe it, planning has already begun for next year's event - before we've even caught our breath from this year.

Our thanks to all these folks who are always willing to do more.

LIZ GREENWAY
President

CONFERENCE NEWS

At the conference, some delegates expressed an interest in contacting Thursday seminar leaders for further information and training. If you wish to contact a Thursday seminar leader, please phone the OCA office.

Congratulations to Elaine Kalnbach of Dorion Bible Camp who won two Blue Jay tickets at the Conference, courtesy of Dale Intermediaries Ltd.

A pair of tortoiseshell rimmed glasses was turned in to the OCA office. If they are yours, please call 416-781-0525.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the membership, to thank the 1992 Conference Committee. Their hard work brought together an absolutely outstanding three days of fun, fellowship and learning. Well done!!

Volunteer!

As this conference comes to an end, we look forward to the upcoming Skills Weekend, Counsellors' Conference, Health Care Workshop and Ontario Camp Directors' Workshop at Bark Lake. These fabulous events, however, don't just evolve on their own. If you have a burning desire to help out on any of these projects please contact the Human Resources Committee and they will be glad to get you rolling. Cathy Hitchcock, Chair of this committee, may be reached at 416-670-4447. Otherwise, make sure you take advantage of these events. Your camp can't afford to miss them.

Advertising

Now that we look toward the summer season, and it is approaching at lightening speed, a focus for each camp becomes advertising. We would like to remind all camps that it is very important that you place in your ads a sign of your membership with the OCA (i.e., either the logo or the statement "Accredited Member of Ontario Camping Association".)

Doing this demonstrates to parents and other non-accredited camps that your camp is an accredited member. It also acts as a continuing advertisement that our Association exists.

We have come a long way over the past several years, but it is exceptionally important that we take advantage of all opportunities to promote ourselves to the public.

Thanks for your help and I'll see you in the spring.

ANDY RODFORD
Chairperson,
Membership Committee

ANY INTEREST?

Attention cellular phone users! If there are enough of us using cellular phones (either Cantel or Bell), the OCA can get us a better rate. We need ten users of more (25 would be great!). Contact the OCA office at 416-781-0525 and leave your name if interested.

There exists the possibility of having a Red Cross/Royal Life Saving instructors' and leaders' course offered for camp staff in the late spring (May or June). The course would take place over two weekends in the Toronto area (pool setting), and would be especially geared for camp. If interested, call the OCA office.

OCA PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Humour

1st...Grant Linney, Allsaw
2nd...David Latimer, Kilcoo
3rd...Mardi Tindal, Big
Canoe

Emotion

1st...David Neal, John
Island
2nd...David Latimer, Kilcoo
3rd...Jocelyn Palm, Glen
Bernard

Activity

1st...David Latimer, Kilcoo
2nd...Jocelyn Palm, Glen
Bernard
3rd...Tony Hughes,
Couchiching

Scenic

1st...Jocelyn Palm, Glen
Bernard
2nd...Tizi Riedel, Gay
Venture
3rd...Don Haag, Tawingo

A special thank you to all those who submitted camp murals for display at the conference. They were much enjoyed by the delegates.

Several photographs were not picked up at the conference, and are being held at the OCA office. Please call either Wendy or Fiora to arrange to have your photographs or murals picked up.



HEALTH CARE TIPS BY THE DOZEN!

It's time to pull out your calendar and reserve May 23, 1992 for the 12th annual OCA Health Care Workshop! This one-day event, hosted by the OCA Health Care Committee, will be held at Forest Valley Conference Centre/Day Camp in North York. With its usual flair, the workshop promises to update staff on pertinent medical and legal issues, in addition to the dozens of new ideas it offers for the new nurse, camp nutrition, and much more! All individuals with an interest in camp health care are welcome, especially those new to camping.

Directors are encouraged to inform your health care staff who may be willing to pay for this important opportunity.

Registration forms are available through the OCA office. See you there!

THIS 'N' THAT

Ontario Recreation Forum - a three-day provincial forum examining the role and potential of recreation in tomorrow's society. April 22, 23 and 24, 1992 - Burlington, Ontario. Call the Parks and Recreation Federation of Ontario (PRFO) at 416-495-4088 for more information.

Train the Trainer - a free two-day workshop providing information and creative strategies on AIDS education. For more information, call Louise Carberry, Toronto Dept. of Public Health, 416-392-0983.

"Integration and Experience in the Curriculum" - a lecture by Professor Bert Horwood, Queen's University. To take place September 24, 1992 at Queen's. For more information write Dr. Mac Freeman, Chair, MacClement Programme Advisory Committee, Faculty of Education, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont. K7L 3N6, or call 613-545-6260.

"Accessing Foundation and Corporate Funds: How to Write a Winning Proposal" workshop at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto, April 9-10, 1992. Fee: \$200 U.S. For further information contact Joan Paschal, 11 Dupont Circle, Washington, DC 20036, 202-328-5921.

PARC NEWS

Hello all you PARC "active living" people!! Coming to you soon - in the near future - in the month of April - the **GREAT CANADIAN CAMP IDEAS** book!! This is the camp activity book you have all been waiting for. Thanks to everyone who submitted their "Great Camp Ideas" and special thanks to our PARC Director, wild man Curtis Tye, for bringing it all together.

I have a special treat for all you camp people... Just how fantastic is your lifestyle? Take a few minutes out of your busy schedule and check out the enclosed brochure. Hope you enjoy it!

Note to Individual Members: if you would also like to receive a copy of this brochure (put out by the Canadian Cancer Society), please contact me at 613-393-2384.

PAULINE "THE PADDLER"
MCKENNA
Ontario PARC Rep

THE LAST WORD

A final word of sincere thanks to the delegates who attended the 1992 OCA Annual Conference, Kaleidoscope of Camping - all 380 of you! Our delegates included representatives from over 140 camps who travelled from nine provinces and the state of Florida (brave souls to arrive in the heart of a Canadian winter!) as well as several commercial members. We appreciate your presence and enthusiastic participation. You sang, danced, conversed, listened, played, hiked, swam and some even skated on three inches of water! The Conference Committee knows and the Sheraton Centre staff agree - camping people are a special breed! We also appreciate your evaluations which have already been collated and considered at our Steering Committee Meeting on February 12. As we review the reports and comments on 1992, gratified and inspired by your very positive feedback, we will surge ahead with the plans for next year. See you at the Sheraton on January 28-30, 1993!

CATHERINE ROSS
Chair,
1992 Annual Conference

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THE COVERS**



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Health Care Workshop.....
.....May 23, 1992


Counsellors' Conference....
.....May 23, 1992

Skills Weekend.....
.....June 5-8, 1992

1993 Annual Conference.....
.....January 28-30, 1993

**3rd International Camping
Congress.....**
.....March 2-5, 1994

**Directors are
Counsellors, Too!
Come to the Special
Director's Sessions
at the 1992 OCA
Counsellor Conference
(Oh Yes, and Bring Your
Counsellors!)**



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