



OCAsional News

Newsletter of The Ontario Camping Association
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Bell Tones

Can you remember such fine weather over the course of an entire summer? From all reports, with only a few exceptions, '93 was a great season for camping. Now that most of you are back in the office, I hope you are planning to help the OCA help you to take advantage of the season and make '94 exceptional! There is certainly much to be done. You can look forward to these events:

1. Directors' workshop
2. KUMBAYAH - The Third International Camping Congress
3. An expanded Public Awareness Campaign
4. Meetings for camps that are run by boards
5. Meetings for affiliated members
6. Comments from our Standards and Health Care committees

A new look!

As we celebrate 60 years in organized camping, and look ahead to a very exciting future, we're putting a fresh face on your newsletter. We welcome your comments!

concerning Camp medicals and third party liability

7. Camp Fairs
8. Fund Raising efforts to support the work of our office staff
9. Our AGM - which this year will be held before and not during KUMBAYAH

Of course, all of the above complement the ongoing work of the Association. Please give serious consideration to joining a committee or running for a Board position.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported our "name label" program this summer. Your efforts helped us raise funds which are required to keep our membership fees at a realistic level without affecting our efficiency. Ted Cole deserves the "kudos" for spearheading this program. Next year we are preparing an expanded program and hope that all of our camps can jump on the bandwagon.

It was pleasing to note the number of new applicants we had last season for Provisional Membership. Among those which have already been published you can add: Redwood Country Day Camp, Harbourfront Centre Camps and Kiddin' Around Day Camp. All of our Provisional Camps as well as those accredited camps scheduled for this summer have had a visit arranged by the Standards Committee. I want to thank all of those camps, visitors

and committee members in that program for their time and commitment toward the improvement of camping in our province.

Just before the summer began, OCA sponsored a day-long workshop for the staff of Toronto area day camps. Michael Brandwein was pleased to greet almost 300 staff members from 26 camps and day programs. Those attending, thanks to Michael, were left with a real desire to get on with summer. There are few trainers in North America who have such a positive and rousing effect on their audience. Just think - you too can benefit by joining Michael at KUMBAYAH!

Larry

In Memory

We are saddened to report the passing of Stanley Hodgins, Honourary Member of the OCA and friend. Stan was very active in the fields of education and camping. He directed the Kitchener Waterloo YMCA Camp Wabanaki and later purchased Camp Wanapitei in Temagami. There will be a public service and memorial service held this autumn. Memorial donations to the Malcolm Thomas Appeal (Camping Bursary Fund) in care of Wanapitei, Temagami, Ont. P0H 2H0.

Welcome New Commercial Members!

From Camp Oureau:

Dear Friends:

I am very happy and proud to announce that Jacqui Raill has been appointed the new director of Camp Oureau. Jacqui has been with us for 15 years on staff, the past three as assistant and then as associate director last summer.

Robin and I will remain as owners and managing directors of Oureau, but the time has come to pass the active directing to a younger person. I have directed Oureau for 23 years and now find that other projects take more and more of my time.

We look forward to seeing you at KUMBAYAH.

Yours in camping,

Madelene Allen

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Now available at the OCA

Please check out what's new in our library when you stop by to visit. We have current copies of many periodicals in our lending library, open to all members. On hand this month are the *Canadian Guider*, *Seasons*, *Quest - Nature Tours*, *Wilderness Medicine Newsletter* and many more! A special note to library users...please check your camps and homes for OCA library materials which are overdue. Many of our books are out of print and can't be replaced. We really appreciate your efforts in helping to keep the OCA library intact for all to enjoy.

Found Treasure

Certainly a highlight of the '93 season for Maragaret and Marcello Bernardo at Camp Wabikon came August 16 during some routine maintenance. The two found a letter under their trip shed dated July 2, 1960 written to a camper from his Buffalo-based father! Dad was responding to his son's first post card mailed home from camp. The Bernardos tracked down the family and sent along a copy of the letter. Happy memories!

New Books in Print

Alert Lifeguarding in Action

Contact the Royal Life Saving Society Canada
(416) 447-7276

Sourcebook for Management of the Gypsy Moth

Contact Forestry Canada, (705) 949-9461

History of the Matt Mann Swim Camps

(Chikopi and Ak-O-Mak)
Contact (305) 522-6340

Win \$200 writing about camping

Let your campers and staff know that they can win \$200 by writing a paper on camping! Read the enclosed flyer for details. Please send your entries to the OCA before January 15, 1994. Looking forward to great writing!

Polly Hodgetts
President,
Society of Camp Directors

Classified ads

Camp wanted for rent or sale. Please contact Stephen Corber, PO Box 30053, 250 Greenbank Road, Nepean, Ont. K2H 8X4.

Free to non-profit organization/camp: Water treatment equipment, chlorinating equipment, chlorinators, filters, pressure tank, contact tanks, and assortment of replacement parts. Service manuals. Contact W.F. Baldok, RR#1 Sebright, Ont. L0K 1W0. (705) 833-2319.

Wanted: The Anglican Church of Canada Diocese of Niagara requires a Camping Coordinator for Canterbury Hills (3/4 time). Responsible for the operation of the summer camping program, including program planning, staff supervision, marketing, administration. Qualifications: previous leadership experience in Christian camping, relevant post secondary education, commitment to unit camping. Position starts Nov. 1, 1993. Apply in writing to: Director of Program, 67 Victoria St. S., Hamilton, Ont. L8N 2S8. (905) 527-1316. Fax (905) 527-1281. Only those being considered will be contacted.

Wanted: Camp Director. A waterfront, land sports and arts based day camp located on the shores of Lake Simcoe, serving the local community since 1956, is currently looking for a dynamic director (seasonal plus some off season hours) who can combine solid leadership and management skills with extensive camping and programming experience. The successful candidate will be a highly capable individual with at least 10 years camping experience and at least one successful position as Director. Direct resumes and/or inquiries by October 7, 1993 to: Camp Arrowhead c/o 153 Lytton Blvd. Toronto, Ont. M4R 1L6. Fax: (416) 365-0041.

Summer Camp Location required: Property and buildings for summer months to accommodate 100 campers

plus staff. Commencing summer 1994. Good waterfront preferred. Contact Mark Phillips at 416-278-8134.

Calendar of Events

Oct. 4-10
Ontario Waste Reduction Week

Oct. 4
OCA Advisory Council Toronto

Oct. 25-27
Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse 8th Annual Conference Toronto
Contact (416) 921-3151

Oct. 30
OCA Directors' Day
Havergal College (Toronto)

Jan. 1994
OCA Annual General Meeting Toronto

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KUMBAYAH 1994

Kumbayah 1994, The Third International Camping Congress to be held in Toronto March 2-5, 1994 is a mere five months away! While you were busy with your campers and staff this past summer, the Steering committee and its many sub-committees have kept busy with plans for the Congress.

Watch for your full Registration Package in late October 1993. Here are some highlights:

- ◆ Early Bird Registration was successful in attracting more than 600 delegates before May 15th. What commitment!
- ◆ This will be a truly international event - included in the Early Birds were delegates from: Australia, Belgium, England, Greece, Japan, Russia, Taiwan, Togo and Venezuela. These delegates will be joining many more from Canada and the United States. Will you?

Include the following in your budgeting for next year:

Daily rates and rates for non-members are also available.

Early Bird Registration	Before May 15/93	\$395
OCA/CCA/CCI/ICF Members	Before Dec. 31/93	\$425
	After Jan. 1/94	\$450
OCA/CCA/CCI/ICF Students	Before Dec. 31/93	\$355
	After Jan. 1/94	\$380

Please note: These rates **do not** include hotel rooms. You must book separately with the Sheraton Centre. Room rates are Single \$106 and Double \$118.

- ◆ Attend a Kindred Group meeting! To date 11 Kindred Groups are planning to meet in and around the Congress. What a great opportunity to meet with other camps and programs from around the world who share your goals and philosophy. If you've always said "I really should attend one of those Kindreds", now is the time! Read all about Kindred Groups in the Registration Package.

If you have not received your package by October 18, contact:

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- ◆ Share your Registration Package with your colleagues. Join us!