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"THOU SHALT BE WILLING TO CHANGE WHEN THOU ART WRONG...
AND EASY TO LIVE WITH WHEN THOU ART RIGHT" - WALT LEE.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Conference is over. We've returned to our homes and offices. Kirsty Griffiths and the Conference Committee have done an amazing job.

We have been reminded that 1985 is International Youth Year. It's theme: Participation, Development and Peace fit our camping vocabulary extremely well. These words need to be treated as verbs - action words - felt, experienced, lived and understood throughout the coming Summer. That's our job. Our camping programs will reflect our commitment to the tasks implied in these words. Several of the major speakers at the Conference reminded us of our task. We have a marvellous opportunity to enable children and youth to live out these concepts; to move them from the lofty heights of theory to the day-to-day living reality across all Ontario.

International Youth Year is a time for young people, with our help, to nudge forward beginning to take their place on the leadership edge of life. Participation, Development and Peace - so, what can these mean to you and your camp staff and program?

K. GRANT KERR,
President.

FROM THE EDITOR

How you get the 'News'!

There have been some questions lately as to the date of the 'News' deadline and how it is put together, so I've decided to give you the whole scoop.

The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the next month's publication ie. the deadline for this issue, March, was February 15. On the 15th, June Bonvivero (the master behind the typing and lay out of the newsletter), packs everything up and ships it to me, here in Sheldon valley. Then after a few days of hacking and slashing and inspiration, I bottle it up and send it back (presumably, somewhat lighter) to June, whereupon she gets it ready for our printer, Flash Reproductions. After 3-4 days they send the finished product back to June. And if all goes well it should be in your mail box sometime during the first week of the issue's month.

Now while I am mulling things over up here at Sheldon, June may accept brief announcements to fit in if there is enough space left when I return the edited letter. It is too difficult to try to insert articles after the deadline date.

During the times of little news, we combined two months into one issue ie. the recent January-February issue. In a double issue the deadline slides from the 15th to the end of the month. I know that that must be confusing but double issues occur only once or twice during the year. Unfortunately it is difficult to predict double issues. When in doubt and you have a pressing article or announcement, please give June a quick call.

And if you like you may mail items directly to me: Martin Hunt, Editor-in-Chief, OCAsional News, Department of Information Services, Suite 1, First Floor, Sandy Slopes Farm, R.R. #1, Alliston, Township of Mono, County of Dufferin, Ontario, L0M 1A0.

MARTIN HUNT,
Editor.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

HERITAGE CONSERVATION CENTENNIAL

In 1985 the Centennial of Heritage Conservation in Canada is being celebrated, to acknowledge the reservation of the first national parkland in 1885.

From that initial 26 square kilometers of land near Banff, Alberta, the national parks system has expanded to become one of the largest in the world.

Camps can take part in heritage celebration in many ways, especially in light of the unique beginning and interesting traditions one finds in our camps.

For more information and a great little book on programming ideas '100 ways to Celebrate', write to:

Heritage '85 NPCCC
258 Adelaide Street East
TORONTO, Ontario
M5A 1N1

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

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ECLECTIC CAMPING

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC?

Motivation Magic...Stuffing Staff with Super Stuff...10 Commandments of Communication...these are some of the magical sessions by Michael Brandwein during Youth Camp Director's Institute held January 31 to February 3 at Bolton Camp.

Delegates from coast to coast participated in the kick-off event for International Youth Year. As youth camp directors we are vitally interested in promoting camp as a significant experience for children. Session leaders such as Barry Lowes, Ron Johnstone, Craig Copland, Martin Hunt, Dave Sands, Doreen Kronick, Norm Panzica, Alan Ingram, Marguerite Hudson and Bruce Harris provided home grown expertise on a variety of topics. Leaders from other provinces who also shared their special insights and talents were Arnold Cohen, Terry Burkhalter and Marg Law (Man.) and Ian Fowler, N.B.

Our Keynote Speaker was Michael Brandwein, a professional training consultant from Chicago, who did an outstanding job with his three sessions on Saturday. No one who was there will ever forget the importance of eyebrows! His special talents in magic, comedy, mime and drama were evident throughout his stay with us.

John Latimer, Institute Chairman organized a terrific event for the 100 participants. The Ontario based organizing committee deserves our thanks and praise for a tremendous start to 1985.

MARJORIE BOOTH,
Mooredale Day Camp.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

The College of Nurses of Ontario has prepared a statement entitled, Camp Nursing: Responsibilities of RN's and RNA's. (March 1984). This is very important information for all directors and camp nurses as it details the activities of the nurse at Camp in relation to the "Standards of Nursing Practice for Registered Nurses & Registered Nursing Assistants". (1976:1983).

This document may be obtained from:

College of Nurses of Ontario
600 Eglinton Avenue East
Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1P4.

Standing Orders (Medical Directives)

If you have not yet developed your Camps Standing Orders (Medical Directives) for the nurse or if you need some further ideas, the following pamphlets will be of assistance:

"Standing Orders for Camps"

Supplement to: The Nurse and the Health Program at Camp. Mary I. Casey - Revised 1983.

This pamphlet may be purchased for \$1.00 + .48 mailing costs from:

Tawingo Publications
R.R. #1
HUNTSVILLE, Ontario.
POA 1K0.

MARY CASEY.

FROM OUR PAST

The Archives Committee is concerned. It is trying to address the needs of a growing organization, to identify the forces and influences which shape the O.C.A. and to serve scholars and researchers who study camping.

The Committee is concerned that we are missing something. You can help.

The history of the Association as an organization is easy to assemble. All of the minutes of all of the meetings of all of the committees of the O.C.A. provide one picture of the Association. But, although those committees are made up of individual camps' leaders, what about those individual leaders' camps? How do we gather that history?

Someone in your camp is responsible for maintenance. Someone orders the buses or arranges transportation. Someone organizes the program. Someone bills the parents. Who, in your camp, gathers the written, printed, and photographic history of each year of operation? Without an archivist in your camp you must depend on oral history to piece together the past.

For more information on "Active Archiving" in your camp, contact the Archives Committee at the O.C.A. Office.

JOHN JORGENSON,
Vice-Chairman - Archives Committee.

HELP WANTED

Resident Camp/Community Program Director
London YM-YMCA
Salary Range: \$21,000 to \$25,000.
Placement: April 29th, 1985.

Camp Queen Elizabeth is located on Beausoleil Island in Georgian Bay, a great setting for 450 campers every summer. The Director works 75% in planning and directing pre-camp activities, 2-two week periods for boys and 2-two week periods for girls. The camp has had a long history of quality operation that we build upon. The Director also spends 25% of the time on planning and ensuring quality delivery of community programs in London.

We are looking for a person with the capability to give strong leadership to all aspects of both the resident camp and community program areas. Experiences which show successful management of program, staff, facilities, and budgets are essential.

Candidates must have a University Degree or equivalent education and experience.

Apply with resume to:

Mr. Terry Jones
Director, Community & Regional Services
YM-YWCA
382 Waterloo Street
LONDON, Ontario
N6B 2N8

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THIS & THAT

NEW STAFF PLACEMENT BUREAU OPENS AT O.C.A.

The Ontario Camping Association has improved its Staff Placement Bureau (formerly counsellor placement) and Directors will shortly start receiving a new computer printout listing all summer staff available and looking for jobs!

Each month, the Ontario Camping Association office will mail to member camps the current listing of available staff and it will no longer be necessary to keep editing previous lists. The new listing will show all of the staff presently available regardless of whether they are newly registered or on a previous month's list.

The way it works is this: All staff seeking work will register with the Staff Placement Bureau and their names will be automatically included in the next month's listing. In the last few days of each calendar month, if they have not yet obtained a job, they will call the O.C.A.'s 24-hour service number and ask to remain on the up-coming monthly listing (we have installed a special telephone line at the O.C.A. office which offers 24-hour answering machine service.) All of our listings will be entered in the office computer and printouts are, therefore, very simple to achieve.

To announce the new service, and the new Staff Placement Bureau telephone number (416-781-2767), we have prepared and mailed a special poster for bulletin boards, explanatory material and several application forms, to over 800 schools, colleges and universities in Ontario. There is a one time charge of \$5.00 to each job applicant and this will include all of their listings and services for the current season. (There is no charge, of course, to accredited camps for the monthly listings sheets).

Good luck in your hunt for good camp staff this summer, don't forget to let us know if you can see a way that the service can be further improved for future years.

SKIP CONNETT - LARRY BELL

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OCA HAS SUCCESSFUL EXHIBIT AT BOAT SHOW

The Public Relations & Promotions Committee held another successful exhibit at the Toronto International Boat Show from January 12th to 20th, 1985 and, although attendance at the Show was lower than previous years, many personalized camp printouts were given to participants in the computer program. A large number of people enquired about summer camp jobs and were put in touch with the new Ontario Camping Association Staff Placement Bureau.

The Show Committee thanks all of the Camp Directors and their staff who gave so readily of their time to look after the booth during the show - your generosity is appreciated very much by all of us.

On to the Sportsmen's Show - March 15th to March 24th, 1985!!

SKIP CONNETT, Chairman
Fred Okada
Michael Southam
Hal Hannaford.

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The Jeunesse et Sante of Belgium and the Ontario Camping Association has proposed a cooperative youth exchange where camp staff from our camps can host and be hosted by Ontario and Belgium. In the summer of 1985, a planning team, consisting of three Ontario representatives, will form the liaison team with the Belgium team. In July, the Belgium team will visit Ontario camps and the Ontario team will go to Belgium in August. The Ontario Camping Association invites those interested in being considered to become the third person on the team (joining Martin Hunt, O.C.A. and Dorothy Walter, Ministry of Tourism and Recreation), should write to the Liaison, Belgium/Ontario Exchange, at the O.C.A. office. Those interested must be available for the dates July 21-31 and August 10-20. A knowledge of French would be helpful. Although costs will be covered during the ten day visit to Belgium, a financial commitment may be expected.

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St. John Ambulance offers - Camp Course.

St. John Ambulance provides safety oriented first aid training, which is paid for by the W.C.B. St. John will train staff or counsellors in Toronto or at St. John locations throughout the province, during the months before camp opens. If 12 - 20 camp people are available at one time, St. John will organize a special class for them.

To qualify for payment camp operators need to fill out a W.C.B. form 0442 for approval of payment for training by the W.C.B. Once that approval is obtained, training can be organized.

Cardio pulmonary resuscitation training is also available from St. John Ambulance.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

DO THE NEW SWIMMING REGULATIONS IN THE NEW HEALTH LAWS HAVE YOU CONFUSED?

Ontario Regulation 242/84 Waterfronts plus Ontario Regulation 381/84 Pools will be discussed to clarify questions in the Waterfront and Pool safety areas.

Monday, March 25 at 7:30 P.M. at The Family Service Association, 22 Wellesley St. E., Toronto (just east of Yonge).

Representatives from the Red Cross, Royal Life, and the O.C.A. Aquatics committee will be there to answer questions.

Please come prepared with your questions and concerns.

See you there!

O.C.A. AQUATICS.

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FOR SALE

A heavy duty 6 canoe trailer with storage bins.....\$1,500.00 also assorted paddles & P.F.D.'s.

Contact:- Phyllis Hill
East York Board of Education
(416) 465-4631.

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LEADERSHIP COURSES

North York Parks & Rec.

For information on Price and Location of all North York Courses. Call Memorial Pool - 225-4183.

Instructor Course

March 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24, 1985.
April 12, 13, 14, 26, 27, 28, 1985.
May 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26, 1985.
June 7, 8, 9, 21, 22, 23, 1985.

Instructor Re-Cert.

March 31, 1985 9:00 - 4:00
April 28, 1985 - 3:00 - 10:00
May 5, 1985 - 3:00 - 10:00
May 26, 1985 - 3:00 - 10:00
June 16, 1985 - 3:00 - 10:00

N.L.S.

March 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17, 1985.
April 19, 20, 21, May 3, 4, 5, 1985.
May 31, June 1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 1985.

N.L.S. Re-Cert.

March 31, 1985 - 3:00 - 10:00
May 19, 1985 - 4:00 - 11:00
June 29, 1985 - 4:00 - 11:00

Markham Parks & Recreation - Call 249-6111

Instructors

June 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 1985.

Scarborough Parks & Recreation. Call 438-6872

N.L.S.

April 1st to June 15th. Mon. eve.
April 4th to June. Thurs. eve.
April 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21.

Instructor

March 11 - 15 Bental Pool
March 26 - May 28. Tues. Night. Midland Pool.

Instruction - Re-Cert.

April 27 - Midland Pool. 9 - 5.
May 26 - West Hill Pool. 10 - 6.
June 9 - Bental Pool. 10-6.

ECO-SKILLS '85

A workshop for leaders of nature/campcraft or environmental programs.

A fun-filled, informative weekend with lots and lots of useful program ideas.

June 7, 8, 9, 1985 - Contact the O.C.A. office for flyer and registration form.

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FINAL DIRECTORS EVENING FOR THE SPRING 1985 SEASON.

John Baird, Camp Walden will lead us through an evening of sessions that will improve our communication skills and techniques.

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 1985.

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

TOPIC: Communication Lab "C" Lab.

R.S.V.P. - This session is limited to 25 people so call now to reserve your space.

HOST/HOSTESS: Bruce & Lisa Wilson, Camp Oconto, 23 Noel Avenue, Toronto, 425-9796

Directions given upon confirmation of your reservation.

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O.C.A. 1985 CANOE SCHOOL

A Canoe School designed to teach how to teach canoeing in a camp environment. This School is being jointly put on by O.R.C.A. (Ontario Recreational Canoeing Association) and the O.C.A.

Friday, June 14 (after Dinner) to Monday, June 17 (after Dinner).

At - Camp New Moon in Muskoka
Cost \$95.00, \$90.00 ea subsequent from same camp.
O.R.C.A. - L.W. 1 & 2
Tripping 1.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS AT DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE.

- Food Product Nancy Cameron
- Back Pack John Pearse
- Sleeping Bag Peter Van Wagner
- Back Pack Carol Southern
- Sleeping Bag Michael Harper
- Paddle Frank Ford
- Pillow Lorena Sinclair
- 1st Aid Kit Peter Rasberry
- Dinner for 2 Jo-Anne Dwhytie
- 1 Day Trip for 2 - Dave Blandford
- Flashlight Ina Adamson
- Record Paul Fabok
- Toilet Paper Les Dickson
- Toilet Paper Marjorie Booth
- Electric Razor Dave Burkholder
- Paint Set Barbara Smith
- Posters Carol Southern
- Paddles Patti Thom
- Picture Lorena Sinclair
- Food Product Rosemary Gauvin
- Windbreaker Mark Ross
- 1st Aid Kit Selma Crane
- Food Product Dorothy McLaren
- Food Product Rosemary Gauvin
- 1st Aid Kit Rosemary Gauvin
- 1st Aid Kit Joe Forbes
- Camera Skip Connett
- Posters Trevor Tyson
- Food Product Trevor Tyson
- Computer Nancy Cameron

Our thanks to our exhibitors for their kind donations to the draw.

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REQUIRED:

Canoe School Instructors for the O.C.A. Canoe School - June 14 - 17 in Algonquin Park.

Interested? - Please call O.C.A. Office.

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PLEASE NOTE:- DUE TO LACK OF SPACE

WE HAVE HAD TO LEAVE OUT "DO TELL" AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION. WE WILL INCLUDE IT IN NEXT ISSUE.