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THE PRES. SAYS

The ACA-CCA Conference in Minneapolis, February 21-24 was a great experience and I was proud to represent the O.C.A. on this occasion. Many O.C.A. members gave leadership to sessions: Bruno Morawetz, Wayne Perkins, Dorothy Walter, Dave Wilkinson, June Labbett, Janet Adamson, Carolea Butters, Joe Kronick, Bob Slingerland and Jane McCutcheon. John Latimer not only gave several interest sessions but also was the speaker at the closing banquet on the theme, "Come Walk With Me My Friend". John was superb, as usual, and the 900 delegates registered due appreciation for his contribution. The Tawingo gang also made an outstanding Canadian contribution. Jack Pearse spoke frequently in his capacity as CCA President but will be well remembered for his songs and maybe for the odd joke! The music of Jane McCutcheon, Peter Raspberry, Jim and Tom Knowlton and Mark Baldwin will echo from the USA all summer long. This group led the Conference each day with their music and smiles. Thank you all for being such excellent camping friends and ambassadors. John Latimer worked for many months in preparing the Conference and in preparing us for the Conference. Dorothy Walter was the Co-chairman of all the workshop sessions and made a significant contribution to that aspect of this international event.

The event in Minneapolis was followed almost immediately by our own O.C.A. Conference in Toronto. This was another record event for which we can give high praise to Janet Adamson, 1979 Conference Chairman. Each year I wonder how the O.C.A. can offer better and better Conference opportunities; but we seem to succeed. 1979 set a new attendance record and we can thank: Janet Adamson, Chairman; Joan Lowden, Assistant Chairman; Dinny Biggs, Program Chairman along with Pat Dobec, Paul Abra, Karen Garscadden, Chris Gould, Pat Pearse, Althea Poulos, Walter Tose and Lin Wardle; Nick Florian for Finance; Bob Slingerland - Facilities; Bruce Fleury - Exhibits; Janet Brown, Nancy McDonald and Susan Dunn on Registrations; John Gullick on Promotion; Phil Lowes on Special Meals; Dave Sands for Special Events; Fred Okada for Publications; Eleanor Kay for Conference Kits; John Gullick for the Digest and Larry Bagnell for the Photo Contest. We appreciated the assistance of the Humber College Recreation Students who assumed a variety of duties. Jean McIlwrick and Nora Robinson dealt with all the registration and office responsibilities. Wow! You can see that a Conference just doesn't happen - all these people organized and many more led sessions. That's what O.C.A. is all about.

On the heels of the Conference summary we moved our office to 1806 Avenue Road. Again, Jean and Nora had us well organized to take up our new residence. The "moving team" included: Al Goodman (leader of the expedition) Fred Okada (fearless as always), Bruce Harris, John, Barbara and George Gilchrist. Personally, I left town and let the experts go to it. We are getting settled in and in the midst of all this the ballots for the election of new officers had to be mailed. By the way, don't neglect to mark and mail yours.

All Directors should have received the information concerning immigration regulations for foreign staff. Read this information carefully and follow the procedures as stated. We appreciate the work of Barry Lowes, Bruce Harris, Jack Pearse and Cliff Labbett who put our case before the federal officials. I also want to thank you, the member camp directors - - the return on the statistics forms was excellent 169 of a possible 187 responses. That's cooperation.

This is my last message to you via the newsletter. I've enjoyed this monthly opportunity to acknowledge those in our Association who work towards a better future for camping. Thanks, Eanswythe Flynn, for your editing expertize and Nora Robinson for putting it into print.

I look forward to seeing you at the O.C.A. Annual Meeting, April 10th. This year, each Committee Chairman has prepared a 10 year review in lieu of an annual report. These reports give us a perspective on how much has happened over the past decade and you will be surprised to see some of these reviews. The Education Committee have a special program planned following the Annual Meeting and dinner so do make a special effort to attend.

Cheers,

JOCELYN PALM

BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

Al Goodman, who has earned the title of "Prime Mover" of the venture, has written to say "Thank You" to his seven or eight helpers who lifted and hove desks, chairs, boxes and assorted machinery from 102 to 1806. The Staff, Executive and Board want to echo the sentiments to Al himself, when he says: -

"On Thursday, March 15th, we moved into our new office at 1806 Avenue Road. It was a huge job and I would like to express my personal thanks to all those who helped. Jean and Nora spent many hours boxing and packing. The move itself was a very heavy job but thanks to Fred Okada, Bruce Harris, John Gilchrist and son George the job was done in about five hours. Barb Gilchrist was on hand to help and above all provide coffee and sandwiches to the work crew.

On behalf of the entire membership - Thank You."

AL GOODMAN

By the way, the new office is palatial. Drop in when you're passing.

CAMPING FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED

Learning or Leisure

APRIL 25th and 26th, 1979 at WHEELS INN, CHATHAM, Ontario

Sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, Ministry of Community and Social Services (Southwestern Regional Centre), the speakers will take "an in depth look at existing camps operated by Government, Associations and private persons", study integration, programme and staff training for this field of camping. Speakers are Mr. Dick Smith, Recreation Director, Southwestern Regional Centre, and Mr. Gary Ouellette Director of the Community Services, Metro Toronto Association for the Mentally Retarded. Please write for folders and registration forms to:-

DEB OLIVER
Recreation Department, S.C.R., Box 1,000, Blenheim, Ontario

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ONTARIO PIONEER CAMPS SPRING WORKSHOP

MAY 25th to 27th, 1979 - at PIONEER JUNIOR CAMP

This workshop, sponsored by the Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario, Ontario Pioneer Camps and Tawingo Outdoor Centre, will be held at Pioneer Junior Camp. There will be instruction in Kayaking, advanced river paddling, introductory canoeing, back-packing and overnight trip, Math. oriented outdoor activities, fitness and the outdoors and rock climbing and rappelling. More information and registration forms can be obtained by writing to: -

JANE MacLACHLAN
Ontario Pioneer Camps, Port Sydney, POB 110
(705)385-2378

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY YEARS OF RESIDENT "Y" CAMPING

That's what the Kitchener-Waterloo YMCA Camp Reunion is all about, and the big celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 26th at Waterloo Y. There will be daytime activities and receptions. The evening includes a reception, dinner, door prizes, special speakers, displays, and dance and a walk down memory lane.

FIND OUT ALL ABOUT IT

Write to
Reunion Committee, Kitchener-Waterloo YMCA, Camping Department,
145 Lincoln Road, Waterloo, Ontario N2J 2N8

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CAMP WANTED FOR AUGUST 19th to 31st, 1979

Seneca College Survey Camp needs accommodation for about 100 students and staff. Kitchen staff preferred but can make own arrangements. Contact: -

BARRY KAVANAGH
491-5050 Ext. 403

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GET A HUSTLE ON

If your Director and staff members are eligible to attend the BARK LAKE LEADERSHIP WEEKEND. . . and that means Agency, Church or subsidized social welfare camp. . . . better let the Ministry know immediately, so that information about the programme can be mailed to you this month. Through the cooperation of the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation, Sports and Fitness Division, a very valuable conference is presented each year. This year's key Resource Person is Marion Balla, of the Ottawa Board of Education, a well known speaker and teacher.

DATES TO RESERVE - JUNE 7, 8, 9 and 10, 1979

Write today to:

*Camp Directors' Workshop, Ministry of Culture and Recreation
77 Bloor Street West, 8th Floor, Toronto M7A 2R9
Telephone: (416) 965-5665*

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EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

It's time to review the legal aspects of your camping policies and regulations.

- Are the staff and campers aware of the regulations governing camp activities and the emergency procedures at camp?
- Have you covered them all before camp opens?
- Are your regulations posted? Who will see them?
- Do you allow campers/staff to use camp equipment without supervision?

Contact the Education Committee if you have questions or suggestions.

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A good book recently published on PLAY LEADERSHIP is ideal for counsellor in training program material. Available from:-

*National Task Force on Children's Play - Canadian Council on
Children and Youth
323 Chapel Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7Z2*

On sale at the O.C.A. Conference was a bibliography covering all printed material pertinent to camping and outdoor education available in the O.C.A. office and related libraries in the area. This bibliography will again be available at the Counsellor Conference and at the O.C.A. office for a nominal charge of \$1.00. Great material for term papers and research!

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Camp Directors and Senior Staff!! Plans are underway for a Camp Night on May 14, 1979 designed to get senior staff in charge of activities and sections together to discuss program ideas and share concerns. Save the night and details will follow.

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Make sure you read the ten year reviews included in the Annual Report. The Committee Chairmen have worked hard on this project and it should be of interest in showing what the Association has been up to in this period of time.

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REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE EXHIBITORS FROM THE CONFERENCE, THEY SUPPORT US AND AID THE O.C.A. IN FUNCTIONING.

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CAMPING CLUES FOR PARENTS

While They Last!!

The "How-To" booklet to assist parents in the choice of a camp, filling in forms, preparing for camp, packing the trunk, co-operating with the Director, and so on, is now ready for distribution in limited quantities to Camp Directors. Those who live in Toronto or who come into town occasionally, may pick up quantities from twenty-five to one hundred by telephoning or writing of Eanswythe Flynn at 89 Oriole Parkway, Toronto, Ont. M5P 2G7, (416)487-2206. BETWEEN 8:00 and 9:00 A.M. IS THE BEST TIME TO CALL. Directors who live out of town may also have the same quantities but will be billed for postage and a minimal handling charge. It is suggested that these be ordered as soon as possible, so that Directors can give them to parents for their immediate use. Camping Clues becomes non-existent within a week or two of publication, so HURRY!

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THIS MIGHT BE FOR YOU

LONELY VOYAGE. . . . the story of Kamil Pecher's six-hundred-mile journey by Kayak following Norther Saskatchewan's fur-trade rivers. For us, we travelled on familiar ground as it followed in part P.G. Downes' fascinating Sleeping Island; then went on to mention lake, river and marsh named after a family friend, Sir Frederick Haultain, when he was official surveyor and Premier of Saskatchewan. In that far-off day this whole northern area became part of many an evening's family conversation with him at home. During his era, Ile-a-la-Crosse-Churchill-Nueltin-Pelican Narrows-Cumberland was a vast, un-named silence. It still is; and this expert canoeist and white water racer did it without companions. It's the loneliness that gets to the reader, page after page.

While Kamil aptly explains his techniques in manouevring some of the country's most difficult rapids, we would hesitate placing the book in the hands of the uninitiated young without the aid of wise and able instructors. The excitement could draw neophytes to the same adventure, to ignore oncoming storms as Kamil did instead of waiting them out. On the other hand, sound instruction is there for those in the know. One admires the courage and stamina of a man determined to reach his goal. Lonely Voyage serves to prove that all is not woe in our world of seeming nonchalance and ennui.

LONELY VOYAGE may be ordered through: -

Mr. Tom Best
c/o Van Nostrand Reinhold, Publishers Ltd., Toronto 751-2800

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From the Environmental Concerns Committee

ACID RAIN

WHAT you can do

In the January copy of "OCAasional News" you received an article on Acid Rain. I hope you read it. If you're involved in camping in Ontario it concerns you, especially if your camp is located in Muskoka - Haliburton or close to a large industrial centre. (If you didn't read it, please haul it out and do so).

More Acid Rain over --

You are not entirely helpless. You don't have to sit idly by while the lake on which your camp is situated slowly becomes acidified. The issue is complex and will not be solved tomorrow. But the direction the solution must take is clear. Its political. The Government must either provide the funds to research the causes and clean them up, and/or put the clamps on the known causes and force them to clean up their act.

You as a camp owner, director or senior staff should contact your MPP right away and let him/her know that you're concerned. Below is a suggested letter you might write.

Dear. . . .

As the director of Camp. . . . I am writing to express my concern over the growing level of acidification in our recreational lakes. I understand that most of the acid in our lakes is caused by acid rain and that the Government of Ontario is presently doing little to either identify the various sources of acid rain or to force known sources to cease from polluting the atmosphere.

The continued build-up of acid in our lakes is a threat to the continued healthy operation of our camp, of other camps in the province and to many aspects of the water-based recreation industry.

Please inform me of the action you are taking on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

*Director
Camp.*

- Send it to :
- 1. Your MP
 - 2. Your MPP
 - 3. Premier Davis
(with copies to Stuart Smith & Michael Cassidy)
 - 4. Hon. Harry Perrott,
Minister of Environment

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FROM LARRY BAGNELL

O.C.A. Representative on Canoe Ontario

On Saturday, February 24, 1979 at an O.R.C.A. (Ontario Recreational Canoeing Association of Canoe Ontario) meeting, twenty-five people made a decision (against the better judgement of the O.C.A.) to adopt a new set of Canoeing Levels and Program specifically for Ontario. Fortunately O.C.A. had about five people there to outline our position and we did make an official statement but it's a sad state of affairs when twenty-five people not involved in camping make a decision seriously affecting the 220,000 campers of Ontario.

At this point all we can do is suggest you carry on using the National C.R.C.A. levels (Canoe Ontario also recognize these). O.R.C.A. will probably learn that when you decide something (by whatever means) against the will or consent of the majority, then that program will ultimately falter. But while it does, canoeing will have suffered a confusing interim, a dis-service caused by our inability to join in numbers large enough to give us adequate representation.

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Please join Canoe Ontario - the O.R.C.A. section at: -

559 Jarvis Street
Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2J1
(416) 964-8655

Join one of these sections: -

- () O.R.C.A. (Ontario Recreational Canoeing Association)
(Camps should check this one)
- () O.W.W.A. (Ontario Whitewater Affiliation)
- () O.M.C.R.A. (Ontario Marathon Canoe Racing Association)
- () O.F.W.A. (Ontario Flatwater racing Affiliation)

You cannot join Canoe Ontario (O.R.C.A.) as a camp - only as an Individual and the cost is only \$5.00.

O.R.C.A. of Canoe Ontario now has about 180 members less than 20 of which are camping people. We could easily have 200 from just one camp. Represented in a fair proportion we could elect some members to the next Executive and finally have some camping input so that the unfortunate crisis of the last two months is not repeated.

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CANADIAN WATER SKI INSTRUCTORS' COURSE

Applications are now available at:

*CANADIAN WATER SKI INSTRUCTORS' COURSE - c/o The Ontario Water Ski Association
559 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2J1*

- REQUIREMENTS:-
1. A desire to impart knowledge of water skiing to the general public.
 2. Minimum age of 16 years as of June 15, 1979.
 3. Ability to demonstrate the equivalent of Royal Life Saving Society 'Bronze Medallion' swimming requirements (i.e., 400 yards continual swimming).
 4. Membership in the Ontario Water Ski Association.

Preference will be given to those who will be teaching at camps, lodges, clubs and recreation areas. Personal skiing skill is NOT a determining factor.

ENROLLMENT LIMITED TO 100 PERSONS SO APPLY EARLY TO ABOVE ADDRESS.

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FROM THE ONTARIO SAILING ASSOCIATION

About the Assistant Sailing Instructor's Course

<u>PROGRAM DATES:</u>	JUNE 9 - 15	Senior Sailing Instructor Program
	" 10 - 15	Sailing Instructor Program
	" 17 - 22	Sailing Instructor Program
	" 24 - 29	Assistant Sailing Instructor Program

At the ASSISTANT SAILING INSTRUCTOR LEVEL

You will receive guidance in:

- Elementary organization of a sailing school.
- Techniques to assess the abilities and experience of a new group of students.

IF YOU WISH TO TAKE THE ASSISTANT SAILING INSTRUCTOR'S COURSE IN 1979 YOU NEED:

- 1 Minimum 16 years of age.
- 2 CYA Bronze Sail 5 or demonstrated equivalent.
- 3 St. John's Ambulance First Aid Award or an equivalent nationally recognized first

- The application of various instructional techniques applicable to sailing.
 - Ensuring that the sailing student learns what he is being taught.
 - The dynamics of handling diverse groups of people.
 - Evaluation of the sailing student's progress.
 - The skills of communication.
 - Preparing individual lessons that can be used in sailing schools
 - Care and maintenance of equipment.
 - Use of drills and exercises in teaching sailing on and off the water for White Sail.
- 3 first aid certificate. (CURRENT CERTIFICATE REQUIRED).
 - 4 Royal Life Saving Society Boat Rescue Award or Bronze Medallion. (Current Certificate required).
 - 5 Written recommendation of a club or sailing administrator, CYA Advisor or Senior Sailing Instructor (or similar responsible person if these are not available) verifying any teaching experience the candidate might have and affirming the completion of prerequisites 1 - 4.
 - 6 Acceptance by the OSA Instructor Development Committee.

Your ASSISTANT SAILING INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM will be made up of two phases. You will be given intensive instructional training in how to teach and how to assist in the operation of sailing schools. You will also be thoroughly evaluated on your sailing knowledge and ability.

You will be taught by CYA instructor evaluators who in most cases are Certified Senior Instructors that have received additional training.

These people will work with you to assess and upgrade your sailing skills and demonstrate specific techniques for teaching sailing.

An evaluation of your sailing skills will also be made and if you demonstrate on the water and by a written examination that you can sail to CYA Level 5 (Bronze Sail) and show a willing attitude and sufficient maturity to handle the responsibilities of teaching, you will be granted CYA Assistant Sailing Instructor Certification. Your evaluator, making this recommendation, will be responsible for telling you both your weak points and strong points, and you will know prior to the final day of the Program if your sailing skills are adequate for certification.

FOR INFORMATION WRITE OR CALL:

ONTARIO SAILING ASSOCIATION
559 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2J1
Tel: (416)964-8655

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ONE PROGRAMME DIRECTOR FOR DAY CAMP

Must be at least 21 years of age. Can be a team of two. Such as husband and wife or two people who have demonstrated that they work well together.

Should have plenty of background with ages 2 to 12 in the area of camping.

Also needed - Males, especially over 19, for all positions.

Please call:- JERRY SHACK
(416)449-7740

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