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"IN MAKING CHILDREN HAPPY TODAY YOU WILL MAKE THEM HAPPY TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW,
BY THE MEMORY OF IT".

EDITORIAL

Writing you live and in person from the Sheraton Centre. We missed those of you who couldn't make it. But quick, grab some one who was there, and tap some of their left over energy. I'm sure that it will be abundant!

The Congress was; stimulating, fun, compelling, inspiring, unifying, a time for re-unions, moving, a medium of vision, tiring (particularly for those who were dragged out of bed by the fire alarm), enchanting, magical, educational, packed with creative thought, energetic, enthusiastic, entertaining, enlightening, a chance to meet someone from far away places i.e. Japan, U.K. U.S., Australia, Moose factory..., a challenge...and yes, all with the Kid at heart!

M.G.H.

RE: SCHOOL YEAR DATES

The O.C.A. has learned that the Ontario school dates have been standardized and that school will open on September 1, 1983 - before Labour Day - weekend. However, many school boards will probably choose to use September 1 and 2 as Professional Development days. You can check with various Boards to check their policy.

This has been passed by Parliament and it is very unlikely that this decision can be reversed. If this effects your camp adversely please advise the O.C.A. immediately in order that we can have figures of how many camps will be affected.

We have requested a document on the standard Ministry dates which will be available in the O.C.A. office for planning dates for future summers. However, please be aware that actual student days will still vary from Board to Board.

J.A.

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ONTARIO RETAIL SALES TAX ON CAMPERS FEES

CLIFF LABBETT - Legislation Committee

You are all well aware of the Ontario Budget of last May and the changes in the Retail Sales Tax that were made in this Budget, information Bulletin No.3-82, dated August, 1982, issued by the Retail Sales Tax Branch of the Ministry of Revenue explained how camps are to charge the tax.

Many camps within the Ontario Camping Association felt that the tax was too high and unfairly levied. The Legislation Committee made an appeal to the Ministry of Revenue on behalf of the membership in an effort to reduce the tax rate from 3% to 2% or even lower. This appeal has been turned down. This means that the rules as stated in the Bulletin of August 1982 - stand as printed therein.

To briefly review the tax rules - they are as follows -

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TED YARD - 'T.Y.'

1920-1983

The camping fraternity was saddened by the passing of a creative, pioneer leader in children's residential camping - W.E. Yard. T.Y., as he was affectionately and respectfully called by campers, staff and friends, died in early January after a long and courageous battle. He will be missed and he will be remembered. He dared to innovate and to build. Camping in Ontario took giant steps forward under his guidance and caring leadership.

Ted was a golden gloves boxer in Vancouver during the late 30's. He was invited to instruct at the Vancouver Y.M.C.A. on a volunteer basis. This soon led to an offer as full-time staff member. In 1943 he created the Sky Line Camp on Hollyburn Ridge. The boys who came from the West End Community of Vancouver had never been exposed to this kind of wilderness experience. They were divided into groups with names such as The Whistle Punks, The Snag Fallers and The Spark Chasers. Leaders were known as The Hookers and T.Y. was the Push. All of these terms came from the logging industry when steam was the motivating force.

When most people were completing their University education, Ted was starting. Prior to the 'Y' opportunity, he had worked for four years with Wilkinson Steel. However, the Y.M.C.A. knew they had found a diamond in the rough. Ted accepted the challenge and completed his University degree. In 1958 he attained his Master's degree at George Williams University in Chicago.

In 1946 Ted was appointed Director of Pine Crest, Toronto Central Y.M.C.A.'s camp in Muskoka near Torrance, Ontario. For 18 years he provided inspired leadership through his innate ability to organize, to work with committees, to seek out with uncanny accuracy the best people to undertake and complete specific tasks. While at Pine Crest, he started winter camping and encouraged father and son groups, in particular, to participate. Older boys were given a separate pioneer section where they could evolve a meaningful program geared to their ages and interests. A complete re-building job was accomplished during his time as Camp Director.

Ted was always a believer and active participant in the support systems of organizations. He was president of both the Ontario Camping Association and the Canadian Camping Association. He was on the Standards and Editorial committees. For seven years he was chairman of the non-profit Camp Director's workshop at Bark Lake, sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

I would be extremely remiss if I did not include that in this period of time Ted met, courted and married Shirley in 1947. This was to be a beautiful partnership of over 35 years - a step-by-step relationship and a positive sharing in the decisions that affected and challenged their lives together in the camping community and beyond. Adding to the strength of this family bond were four children - Judy, Jack, Ted Jr., and Tony.

In January of 1964, Ted and his family accepted the challenge of taking on the position of executive secretary of the Y.M.C.A. complex. He would remain here until 1967. New friends and new accomplishments would broaden his sphere of influence.

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TED YARD - 'T.Y.'

1920 - 1983

In the fall of '67 he accepted a teaching position at Seneca College. Ted continued to teach until 1974. These were the formative years when he, Shirley and the family took the plunge and embarked on their very own camp - Hollyburn, in 1968. This coming summer will usher in the 16th season of a dream come true. Embodied in this camp are a life time of dreams and realities. It is the sum total of a man's inspiration to provide the best possible camping experience for young persons in a North woods setting.

Ted, we'll miss you but we will remember you. I recall an action song that he used to like to lead. It went like this....

My hat it had three corners
Three corners had my hat
If it had not had three corners
It would not have been my hat.

'If T.Y. had not dared to create and build
He would not have been Ted Yard'.

Camping has lost a pioneer who dared to be different. A highly principled individual, he believed in and created an atmosphere for boys and girls to reach out and to grow fully. He will be missed by family and friends. He has left a legacy that is forever in the present and will continue to provide light into tomorrow.

DON ANDERSON - Camp Huronda

RETAIL TAX cont'd.

Where accommodation is provided for less than one month - charge 3% of the fee.

Where accommodation is for more than one month you have an option -

First option - Charge 3% of the fee.

Second option - Charge 7% of the amount segregated for meals. This can be done in two ways -

(a) break down your fee into two figures - example -

Meals	\$	300.00
Accommodation & other services		1,300.00
Tax on meals only 7%		21.00

OR

(b) In an appropriate place on your invoice state that of the total fee charged \$300.00 applies to meals and is subject to an Ontario Sales Tax of 7%

It is your responsibility to tell your clients what is taxable and the amount of the tax.

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It is possible for an out-tripping camp to segregate their fee and only charge tax on the meals and the charge for recreational equipment - i.e. canoes - both at a rate of 7%. Before doing this a camp operator would be well advised to check out their figures with their local Retail Sales Tax Office.

If you require further details consult Bulletin No. 3-82 or your local Retail Sales Tax Office.

ATTENTION CAMP DIRECTORS

THE FIRST PLACEMENT BUREAU LIST FOR '83 WAS MAILED OUT WITH IMMIGRATION INFORMATION FEBRUARY 3, 1983. PLEASE KEEP BOTH ON FILE!

O.C.A.'s 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY & ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1983 - 6:30 P.M.

COLUMBUS CENTRE - 901 LAWRENCE AVE., W. (at Dufferin)

Our past is proud, our future bright
We're having a party to celebrate right!

Which gives us cause for celebration
Pull out the stops - no hesitation!

For O.C.A. is fifty years old.
At least by the Archives - we've been told.

Food and Fun and Laughs galore
Balloons, Mementos and much, much more!

Fifty good reasons for having fun.
And we're inviting EVERYONE!!!

PLEASE MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US TO CELEBRATE.

Catherine Ross - Chairman Education Committee
(416) 491-3894

THANKS & CONGRATULATIONS -

A big THANK YOU to Judy Paul, who will be heading up this year's ECO-SKILLS workshop in the Spring.

Trippers, Nature persons et al start watching for the workshop date. The gathering is highly activity oriented and the exchange of ideas is a real hum-dinger for your nature and tripping programmes.

And speaking of the Environment, Congratulations to Jeff Reading who will be taking on the Chairmanship of the Environmental Concerns Committee. All of those who take the woods, lakes, and creatures to heart, please take note. Thanks to John Marsden for his guidance and work with the Committee. We look forward to your continued contact with the Committee.

M.G.H.

ATTENTION: NEW CAMP DIRECTORS

A summary and discussion period for new Camp Directors concerning Federal, Provincial and Municipal Legislature. Discussion Leader - Mr. Cliff Labbett. The date - Tuesday, February 22, 1983 at 7:30 P.M. Location - 3 Pine Forest Road, Toronto, Ont. Tel. (416) 489-1032. R.S.V.P.

OUTDOOR WOODSMANSHIP LEADERS' SCHOOL

The date has been set for this School - Evening of Sunday, May 22 until evening of Saturday, May 28, 1983. The location has yet to be decided. Please see attached Orange flyer.

"STILL GROWING TOGETHER"

Plan to attend the O.C.A. Counsellor Conference, SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1983 at SENECA COLLEGE.

NOTICE TO ALL READERS

PLAN EARLY! PLAN NOW!
MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR!
NOTIFY YOUR STAFF!

JUNE 9 - 12

OCA will again be conducting its much acclaimed Spring Canoe School.

A difference in 1983 - the school is sanctioned to offer (in addition to OCA Certificate of Attendance) Red Cross Small Craft Safety Instructor (canoe), ORCA Awards and RLSS Boat Rescue.

Location and fees to be announced later - book your spaces now - call OCA for the application forms.

What's Happening continued next page

DIRECTORS' WEEKEND - NOVEMBER 4 - 6, 1983

The Education Committee is pleased that Dr. Mary Keyes, Director of Physical Education at MacMaster University, will lead the Directors' weekend Workshop at Bolton, November 4 - 6, 1983. More information will follow in future Newsletters.

TENDERS NEEDED

OUTDOOR WOODSMANSHIP LEADERS' SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- is inviting tender for a site/camp to host the 1983 Woodsmanship Leaders' School. This 7 - day O.C.A. Course will be held from Sunday, May 22 (evening) until Saturday, May 28, (evening), and will include approximately 40 participants. Please include the following information on your application:

- a) Accomodation - type/numbers
- 3 meeting areas
- b) Meals - cook available?
- types/snacks?
- out-trip foods
- c) Wilderness Area - describe briefly
- d) Out-trip equipment - tents
- cook sets/pots
- utensils
- e) Support Staff on site
- f) cost per delegate per day

What would cost include (Accommodation/food etc.)

- Maximum number of delegates
- Minimum number of delegates
- g) other groups sharing site
- h) what office supplies and equipment are available for us? i.e. chalkboards, fly charts, A.V., paper, xerox.

We thank you for your application. PLEASE SEND IN BY MARCH 15, 1983 to the Ontario Camping Association, 1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2, Toronto, Ontario M5M 3Z1

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Since last month, the O.C.A. office is going crazy with entries and yes, this month's joke is another exercise in participation..... It comes from the far North where that perpetual Prince of Humour now resides. Ray Bowers has done it again!!!

Place your fists under your arms, move your elbows back and forth rapidly.....NOW spell I MAB!!!

THE AQUATICS COMMITTEE invites tenders for the provision of facilities for the 1983 OCA CANOE WORKSHOP WEEKEND, to be held in residence from after dinner Thursday, June 9, until after dinner Sunday, June 12.

- Tenders should include -
- cost per delegate for the course for accommodation and food.
 - nature of accommodation
 - Minimum/maximum number of delegates
 - other groups sharing site
 - site staff available and areas of expertise
 - types and numbers of canoes available
 - accessory equipment available (PFD's, paddles, etc.)
 - diagramatic layout of canoeing site
 - audio-visual equipment and films available for use on site.

Additional information is available from
AIRLIE ARMSTRONG - (416) 869-1157
HOWARD ROSENTHAL - (416) 223-1234

The deadline for submitting tenders is MARCH 14, 1983, at 4:00 P.M. Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Canoe School Tender" to Aquatics Committee Ontario Camping Association, 1806 Avenue Rd. Toronto, Ont. M5M 3Z1

Any tender must be open for acceptance for a period of 60 days from tender opening. The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The Committee is not bound to accept the lowest tender.

Hal Hannaford - Kilcoo Camp

TELL ME WHAT WE CAN DO IN THE WINTER

JOHN JORGENSON - *Camp Tawingo*

The difference between winter and summer in the outdoors is not as great as most people first think. It is colder. It is usually whiter.

Once you've dealt with the basic problems of accommodation, shelter and clothing, however, and you've adjusted your 'exposure' time out of doors to an acceptable comfort range then the usual objective still appears: To provide positive growth opportunities in a framework of enjoyable activities.

Like travel in the summertime, travel in winter has an intrinsic fascination. Skiing snowshoeing, winter camping replaces the more traditional canoeing, backpacking, and out-trips, and can be enjoyed equally as much.

Here are a few other activities which blend recreation and education to maintain a positive sense and affinity for winter and encourage an active and interested approach to learning and growth. But don't tell a camper that - just have fun!

1. TOBOGGAN STUDIES

(i) Inertia - What factors affect distance travelled? Why? Test some of the following factors: type of equipment (toboggan, tube, carpet, cardboard) length, number of passengers, texture of toboggan running surface, hill contour, conditions and temperature, etc.

(ii) Velocity - Over a measured distance, time the descent and calculate the speed in m/sec and km/hr. Compare it to a car's average highway speed. What factors affect the speed? At what point on the hill are you going the fastest?

(iii) Acceleration - From a non-push start the first researcher - the "timer" (on the toboggan) announces one second intervals to his fellow researcher - the "squirter" (also on the toboggan) as he squeezes food colouring onto the snow. The "field crew" then measures the distance travelled each second and hands over the data to the "computation team" for analysis and publication. The group can calculate speed (distance per second) and acceleration (speed change per second) and graph the results.

2. ANIMAL TRACKS

Small groups of two or three are each given task cards. From a start line they perform various manoeuvres (e.g. hop on one foot, piggyback a partner, leapfrog, etc.) after which they invite another group to conduct a detective-style snow track investigation. The suspects (the first team) are introduced, finger prints (boot prints actually) are taken and the second group must then reconstruct the activity.

What's the difference between walking and running, hopping and bounding? How do four legged animals move? Let's find some examples in the woods and reconstruct their activities.

3. LINE ORIENTEERING

The winter paths and approaches get packed in the snow and very shortly orienteering can be done without map or compass! The activity loses its challenge quite quickly when you simply follow a trail to the marker.

The map in line orienteering has the entire and exact route to be followed set out on it but it has no control stations marked (the converse is true on a regular orienteering map). Campers hike the packed route and look for control stations. When the markers are found the campers examine their map as well as the features visible nearby and pinpoint the stations position on the map. These locations are compared with the master answer map and points may be assigned based on the distance from the actual location. It is a fun challenge and it increases skills in map reading and observation.

4. SNOW PROFILES

If you keep a record of winter snow falls and weather changes then mid - or late - winter snow profiles can provide interesting histories of the season. Campers can slice down through a deep drift and look at changes in snow structure and density with probes, hand lenses, study kits and homemade A.A. equipment (Avalanche Analysis).

If you spread coloured tempera paint or fine ash on the surface of another study area then it will heighten the profile after the next snow fall.

These and other activities, interest, and fun are just a snow fall away! **DO TELL!**

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THIS & THAT

WE WELCOME TO O.C.A. THE FOLLOWING NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:

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| Anna Barry | Andrew Lynch |
| Clare Burns | Paula Nichols |
| Henry Pest | Laurel Hood |
| Paula Warder | |

ECO-ACTION

From: The Conservation Council of Ontario

NORTHERN ONTARIO DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE BASED ON SOUND ECOLOGICAL PLANNING.

Improvements in the process leading to public policy-making should underlie future development in the north says the CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF ONTARIO in a major brief to the Royal Commission on the Northern Environment. These revisions would bring about a better life for Ontarions north of 50°.

According to the Council this very policy-making process is not now in tune with the development process. The Council argues that current uncertainty on all fronts is but a symptom of this lack of synchronization. To render the policy-making process more effective as a steering mechanism will require, among other things, far more attention to human and environmental concerns, in addition to the attention already given economic and technological considerations. This will mean an altered view of both WHAT it is that is to be sought of development and HOW it is to be brought about. It will also require that far more attention be given to what is happening outside of Ontario and how it affects Ontario. In short, development activities should be more conducive to human fulfillment and self-reliance, sustainable over time and globally viable at any one time.

To render these principles of ecologically sound development operational, and tentative list of 28 policy considerations and ground rules is suggested. How these would work is then illustrated for the natural environment land use, technology, the economy and institutional structures and decision processes. Introductory steps are suggested. The 47-page report and 8-page summary of Major Conclusions and Recommendations is available from the Conservation Council upon request.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ON M.A.D. BLITZ!

Walter Tose - Chairman Membership Committee

In this our fiftieth year we are seeking to strengthen support for the O.C.A. through our Membership Anniversary Drive. Do you know someone who would be interested in receiving the O.C.A. and C.C.A. Newsletters as well as information about our conferences and workshops and seminars? How about your staff and camp friends?

From now until April we invite all O.C.A. members to submit the names and addresses of individuals who would be interested in finding out more about what the O.C.A. has to offer. All those whose names are submitted will receive the regular membership mailings until June at no charge and with no obligation. Our hope is that many will consider taking out a membership next year once they know more about the O.C.A. Please help to strengthen support for the Association.

HELP WANTED

Assistant Course Director - for combined OCA/ORCA/Red Cross canoe school for Camp Canoe Instructors/Assistants, June 9-12, 1983.

Qualifications - Experience teaching canoeing; present involvement in camping; desire to be involved in similar program in 1984; Red Cross and/or ORCA Canoeing Certification will be an asset.

Applications and requests for information:

Attention: Ms. Airlie Armstrong, Chairperson O.C.A. Aquatics Committee, Ontario Camping Association, 1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2, Toronto, Ont. M5M 3Z1

- O.C.A. (416) 781-0525
- Airlie (416) 869-1157

CAMP STAFF REQUIRED FOR BAYVIEW GLEN DAY CAMP

Counsellors, Swim Staff, Specialty Staff, Dining Room help required for the months of July and August.

Please call (416) 449-7740 for further information

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STAFF REQUIRED FOR EDUCAMP

We are looking for several mature individuals to fulfill a variety of positions. Educamp is located in Aurora, Ontario and caters to boys and girls from 6 - 16 years. Preference will be given to persons over 20 years old who have a minimum of three years camping experience. Program Director required must be over 25 years of age.

Contact: Abbie Armstrong, 55 Overland Drive
Don Mills, Ontario M3C 2G3 (416)444-6731.

NEEDED FOR SACRED HEART CHILD & FAMILY CTRE.

Group Workers/Waterfront Specialist/Outdoor Educationalist. Responsibilities - general and specific program planning; leadership guidance for group of 6 - 8 campers, etc.

Send resume to - William Arbuthnot
3275 St. Clair Ave., E. Scarborough, Ont.
M1L 1W2

WANTED - A Waterfront Director and a Canoe/Tripper Specialist for overnight Jewish camp in Gravenhurst for July and August. Contact: HELENE FELDMAN (416) 783-6744

O.C.A.'s 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

APRIL 25, 1983

REMEMBER WHEN?

...during a heated discussion about Camp Standards and whether or not showers were necessary, Al Cochrane glibly remarked -

"No problem, if we must have showers I can easily hook up a watering can".

...delegates at a Bolton Directors' Workshop were puzzled by the unusual glow on the Southern horizon and later learned of the Mississauga derailment.

Share your memories and amusing anecdotes of O.C.A.'s 50 years in Children's Camping with Cliff Labbett and the 50th Birthday Party Program Committee.

CLIFF LABBETT - 3 Pine Forest Road
Toronto, Ont. M4N 3E6
Tel: (416) 489-1032

WE ARE STILL WORKING ON THE MASTHEAD!!

M.G.H.
