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"THE SMALLEST GOOD DEED IS BETTER THAN THE GRANDEST GOOD INTENTION".

EDITORIAL

Isn't January incredible?! The Holidays were great, good times, family and old friends. And just when you thought that you had forgotten camp all together, a knock comes to your door and there in a basket on your doorstep is the next camping season, demanding that you pick it up! And you know that you can't resist it! It has beautiful starry eyes, a heart of a glowing campfire and a child's giggle that makes you melt. You're hooked and away you go again!

One of the terrific things about being in camping is that you don't have time for the usual post-Holiday let down. That irresistible camp bug gets into your blood and the excitement of making plans for the season takes you over: After watching John grow up from a little tike, it will be nice to see how he does as a C.I.T. How will Mary do with the challenge of a senior staff position? Is there anything, short of dog food, to replace macaroni and cheese...

The Fall was a pleasant time to let thoughts and evaluations simmer. BUT, the summer has arrived and so has camp!

YAHOOEE-DOOOEE!

M.G.H.

FROM OUR PAST

Fred A. Reimers
Director - Keewaydin Camp

TRAVELLING TO CAMP IN 1903

Can you picture yourself and 28 companions faced with a canoe trip of 100 miles just to reach your base camp and begin the season? This was the task facing the adventurous Keewaydin group of five counsellors, 17 teen-age campers, 6 native guides and one cook when they set out for a summer of canoe trips in the Temagami area in 1903.

Their season began with a rendezvous in Mattawa. Some of the group were "veterans" and knew each other from previous summers of canoe trips in Maine. Greg Clarke and three friends started the whole adventure in 1893 and their numbers increased each year until they decided to "go commercial" and seek a

permanent location. Influenced by one of their guides who was native to the Temagami area, they made an "exploratory" trip in 1902 and decided Lake Temagami would be a very desirable location for a permanent base camp.

Boarding a lake steamer in Mattawa with canoes and camping gear, they rode up the Ottawa River and a portion of Lake Timiskaming to the mouth of the Matabichwan River, where they got off the steamer and into canoes for "The Trip On". This trip, the subject of our modern Keewaydin campers' favourite song, took several days and included one portage of two miles.

Upon reaching the Temagami, the trippers established a base camp at Devil's Island and made trips from there. The following summer, a small building, the "Old Lodge",

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IT IS WITH SINCERE REGRET THAT WE NOTE THE PASSING OF MR. TED YARD SR., JANUARY 3, 1983, AFTER A LENGTHY ILLNESS. OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO HIS FAMILY.

FROM OUR PAST cont'd.

was begun, and from that grew Keewaydin's present base camp complex of some 40 buildings on the 37 acre island.

History has repeated itself with the founding of Keewaydin's Outpost Camp on a remote lake near the village of Armstrong in 1980. With one log building very similar to the Old Lodge, some say there has been a "new Beginning" for Keewaydin. The Outpost is reached by train, something the early campers did not enjoy until the Timiskaming & Northern (CNR) railroad reached Lake Temagami and public boat service began on the lake, eliminating the necessity for "The Trip On".

In recognition of Keewaydin's 90th Anniversary, some of the records and mementos of those years of "The Trip On" will be on hand at the Archives Display for the International Camping Congress in January.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT from John Latimer
Chairman - 1983 International Congress

By the time this reaches you, the First International Camping Congress will be really just a few days away.

Many hours have been spent in endeavouring to make this event one of the most outstanding to date in the history of camping in Canada.

I am asking the delegates from Ontario to help (No, this time I'm not asking for money!)

Over the years, I have attended many Conferences and meetings. Some have been great - others somewhat mediocre. It is my feeling that the latter meetings are characterized by a feeling of indifference, and even unfriendliness on the part of the organizing group. On the other hand, when ALL delegates are treated with a smile, a warm welcome, and an offer to help, the conference takes on a feeling, "I'm glad I'm part of the camping movement". My request therefore is quite simple, but very sincere.

Whenever anyone from Ontario sees someone wearing a label indicating that they are from 'out of Province', or see a star on

their Congress kit (indicating the same thing), please take the opportunity to say "Hello"...make them feel comfortable.

It is up to us to take the initiative. Strangers feel uncomfortable starting a conversation, whether it be in a meeting room, on an elevator, in a hotel hall, restaurant or lounge...and so it's up to us...Each one of us.

And when our visitors return home, perhaps they'll all say, "People in Ontario are really friendly".

That's part of the real meaning of camping!

Thanks for your help.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

VOYAGEUR AWARD PROGRAM

The Voyageur Award Program will give your campers a chance to log their canoeing distances and at the same time earn colourful and distinguished badges.

Distances paddled are recorded and witnessed on a special card and when distances of 100, 500, 1,000, 3,000 and 5,000 kilometers are logged the camper may send in his or her card for verification and for a small fee may obtain a colourful voyageur badge showing the distance in kilometers paddled.

The program is fun, inexpensive and challenging. For record cards and information write to CANOE ONTARIO, 1220 Sheppard Ave., East, Willowdale, Ont. M2K 2X1

Canoeing - Something for Everyone

Contact: Maire Walpert, Program Co-ordinator
Canoe Ontario, 1220 Sheppard Ave., E.
Willowdale, Ont. M2K 2X1 495-4180 Bus.
266-4282 Res.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

This is a kid participation joke. Stick your jaw out in front of you as far as possible and then spell; I MET.

A CALL FOR SPEAKERS

Get involved in the 1983 Counsellors' Conference
celebrating
O.C.A.'s 50TH ANNIVERSARY!
SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1983

If you would like to present a session to the Camp Counsellors attending this Conference please contact:

CATHERINE ROSS, 38 Bowater, Agincourt (416)491-3894
before January 20, 1983

The "more the merrier" to help us celebrate this special birthday!!
THANKS.

Catherine Ross - Chairman Program Committee

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* COUNSELLOR CONFERENCE '83 *
* Plan NOW to send your staff to the 1983 *
* Counsellor Conference, Saturday, May 28 *
* 1983 at Seneca College. The program and *
* registration forms will be mailed to you *
* late March. *
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THIS & THAT

"PROPERTY PROTECTION AND OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES"

Cliff Labbett for Legislation Committee

This is the title of a FREE BOOKLET published by the Province of Ontario which should be read by every Camp Operator. It is a guide to the Occupiers Liability Act 1980 and The Trespass to Property Act 1980 for Ontario. This booklet contains a copy of each Act plus an explanation of what the Act means with some specific examples. It gives details of the type of signs that are generally accepted for permitting certain types of use and of course restricting or prohibiting certain types of use.

The Camp Director as an owner or landlord has certain responsibilities to the public and he or she also has responsibilities when sending out canoe trips, hiking expeditions, hunting, fishing, cross country skiing, etc.

Copies of this booklet are available free of charge from the Ontario Government Bookstore at 880 Bay St., Toronto OR write the Publications Centre 880 Bay St., 5th Floor, Toronto, Ont. M7A 1N8

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BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS! GO M.A.D. WITH US

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce the MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY DRIVE. Your staff and camp friends can benefit from our M.A.D.'ness.

From now until April we invite all O.C.A. members to submit the names and addresses of people who would be interested in our Association Membership. From March to June all will receive the Association Membership mailings free of charge - with no membership fee obligation.

Look for more of our M.A.D.'ness in the February Newsletter.

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HYDRO CORRIDOR

The O.C.A. Office has received a document from the Ontario Hydro concerning a new Hydro Corridor being proposed for South East Ontario (Kingston Area). If this is of interest to you the document is available in the O.C.A. Office.

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PREMIER DAVIS PRAISES CONSERVATION COUNCIL'S
THREE-DECADE SERVICE TO ONTARIO.

"Your position as a voice in the environmental field of public policy is unique" said Mr. Davis, Premier of Ontario in an address to the 30th year celebration of the Conservation Council of Ontario yesterday in Toronto.

"When the Council speaks to Government..... those of us charged with administrative and political authority recognize that you represent a wide and varied group of individuals", he claimed and then went on to say that the value of the Council lies in its ability to guide and influence Government based on this breadth of membership. He reiterated a former Environment Minister by saying the Council "is the most respected body for developing consensus in the environmental field in Ontario".

"Over the past 30 years you have gained a credible voice in this process, one that is widely recognized and respected. And it is a voice that has had in my opinion a measurable degree of success in assisting this Government make the kind of decisions which have given Ontario such an enviable record or environmental achievement", he said.

The Premier cited the Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee which the Council persuaded the Government to establish. Its Chairman and terms of reference are to be announced shortly and the Council will be consulted by Environment Minister Keith Norton about appointees to the Committee. The Premier also announced that through the Minister of Natural Resources Alan Pope, the Government is attempting to work out a program of financial assistance to alleviate the Council's present difficulties.

Mr. Davis concluded by expressing the hope that the Conservation Council of Ontario will continue to put forward a credible voice representing the interests of environmental concerns.

The Conservation Council of Ontario is a non-government, non-political, public service body bringing together representatives of 32 Provincial Associations including the O.C.A. having concern for conservation, and individual experts in various phases of environmental and resources management. The Council provides for exchange of information and opinion, is an advocate developing conservation strategies, and plays a role as a public educator.

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ACID RAIN FIGHTER SURVIVAL KIT

Acid Rain continues to be one of the most critical environmental issues of the 80's. But as more data becomes available on the deleterious effects of this 'silent killer' we find that not only do our lakes and rivers fall prey to it's effects but man could also be an unknowing victim. Recent evidence suggests that certain respiratory ailments can be traced to sulphur particles being inhaled in the air we breathe. What can we do about it you say?

One plausible solution has evolved through the efforts of La Societe pour Vaincre la Pollution (S.V.P.), a Montreal based environmental group and their 'Acid Rain Survival Kit'. This kit consists of three parts, information, addresses and how to use them.

The information section of the kit provides a good information base relating to Acid Rain and it's effects. Much of the information is old but some is very recent, particularly that dealing with casual respiratory ailments in man. There is also a substantial bibliography provided on where to find critical documents, reports and films.

Section two provides an in-depth mailing list with sample letters. The mailing list includes addresses of over 100 Canadian organizations; the top 10 Canadian national magazines; the top 5 radio and television programs in Canada all with an interest in the Acid Rain issue. In addition we are provided with the addresses of 140 national organizations in the United States; 60 senators who are from States that are particularly susceptible to Acid Rain damage; the 6 top radio and television stations and the top 30 U.S. magazines. Armed with this comprehensive address list we are given the third part of our kit.

The success or failure of the 'Acid Rain Survival Kit' ultimately depends on the commitment of people who care for the natural world and what better place to start than with the camping community. Part three of the kit outlines steps each of us should take to make our Canadian and American neighbors aware of the seriousness of the problem (1984 is an election year in the U.S.) and enlist their help. We are also encouraged to write to those policy-makers, in Canada and the United States, who can affect the Acid Rain issue, making them painfully

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ACID RAIN FIGHTER SURVIVAL KIT cont'd.

aware that a huge percentage of the voting population feel that this is a very contentious issue and positive steps must be taken to significantly reduce sulphur emissions.

My thoughts on the 'Acid Rain Survival Kit' are mixed. On one hand, the potential to effect positive results in this most critical environmental issue has been provided to 300 Canadian organizations through the 'Acid Rain Survival Kit', the O.C.A. being one of them. On the other hand, the information and direction is only as useful as the numbers of people who will use it.

The choice is yours.

If you would like more information on the 'Acid Rain Survival Kit' write to the O.C.A. Environment Committee or La Societe pour Vaincre la Pollution (S.V.P.), 445 Saint Francois-Xavier, Montreal, Que. H2Y 2T1.

TED FAUTEUX
O.C.A. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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

Susan Clarry Walter Huebscher
 Lenita Sahlman

URGENTLY NEEDED

CAMP SOLELIM urgently requires -

One dock; One motor - capable of pulling water skier; Three canoes; One sailboat.

Please contact the Director at -

(416) 781-5156

INTERNATIONAL CAMPING CONGRESS
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

CAMPERS, COUNSELLORS, STAFF and DIRECTORS from around the world are invited to submit photographs which capture the spirit of camping. Designed as a means of sharing the diverse and exciting experiences in camping, the competition has been broken down into three categories: -

1. Campers' expression - Emotion
2. Nature and the Environment
3. Activities

Photographs MUST be received by JANUARY 21, 1983. Please submit to: --

JEFF READING
c/o Canadian Camping Association
1806 Avenue Rd., Ste. 2, Toronto, Ont. M5M 3Z1



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ATTENTION: NEW CAMP DIRECTORS

"IGNORANCE OF THE LAW IS NOT AN EXCUSE"

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

It's Here to Stay! So you might as well learn to live with it. It is easier and usually more economical to know the rules. A summary and discussion period for new Camp Directors concerning Federal, Provincial and Municipal Legislature.

DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1983

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: 3 Pine Forest Road
Toronto, Ontario

PHONE: (416) 489-1032

CLIFF LABBETT - Discussion Leader

R.S.V.P.

ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION - OUTDOOR WOODSMANSHIP LEADERS' SCHOOL

The Outdoor Woodsmanship Leaders' School (sometimes called 'The Woodsie School') began as a project of The Ontario Camping Association nine years ago to train camp staff in woodsmanship skills and leadership. O.W.L.S. has developed into a challenging, enjoyable and worthwhile course. Many camps send one or two of their staff to the school every year. Hundreds of camp staff have graduated from O.W.L.S. since the first school. The Outdoor Woodsmanship Leaders School is a service of the ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION for all member camps and affiliates.

WHO GOES TO O.W.L.S.?

The Outdoor Woodsmanship Leaders' School brings together the best young staff from camps across Ontario. They are counsellors and instructors with a year or two of experience who will be returning to camp for years to come. The O.W.L.S. leaders, who will be working with the students, are top people from a variety of O.C.A. Camps.

WHAT HAPPENS AT O.W.L.S.?

GOALS:

- to give its students a solid grasp of a wide range of land-based skills and knowledge.
- to ensure the students are able to provide leadership and teach their new skills and knowledge
- to show the students how to do wilderness and camp activities within the framework of acceptable environmental ethics.

COURSE CONTENT:

During the course, the students will talk about a few things, but they will DO a lot. These are just some of the activities that the students will do:

- wilderness navigation
- trail cooking and menu planning
- wilderness first aid and emergency management
- environmental games
- nature studies
- star lore
- acclimatization

RECOGNITION

Successful graduates of the Outdoor Woodsmanship Leaders' School will be able to do and teach all of the activities in the course. They will be awarded a Certificate in recognition of their achievement. Other students will receive a letter of attendance.

ONTARIO WILDERNESS LEADERS' SCHOOL GRADUATES BECOME BETTER CAMP STAFF!

O.W.L.S. graduates come to camp with new ideas, new skills and confidence. They have acquired an extensive inventory of camp activities from the course, and they have shared and discussed ideas with staff from camps across Ontario. The graduates have concentrated on 'hands on', practical skill sessions. They know they can do it well. When they come to camp they pass on their O.W.L.S. experience to campers and share it with their fellow staff. O.W.L.S. graduates do become better staff.

HOW TO APPLY TO O.W.L.S.?

Just fill out the attached application form and send it to: ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION, 1806 Avenue Road, Ste. 2, Toronto, M5M 3Z1. PLEASE ENCLOSE A DEPOSIT OF \$75.00 (*Made payable to the Ontario Camping Association*). A letter of acceptance, and information package and a clothing list will be sent to successful candidates.

OUTDOOR WOODSMANSHIP LEADERS' SCHOOL

1806 Avenue Rd., Ste. 2, Toronto, Ont. M5M 3Z1 Tel. (416) 781-0525

DATE OF SCHOOL - Sunday May 22 to Saturday May 28, 1983 TOTAL COST \$150.00

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