



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

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"NOT WHAT WE GIVE BUT WHAT WE SHARE FOR THE GIFT WITHOUT THE GIVER IS BARE" - J. R. LOWELL

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here it is early December and already the store clerks look harried and worn out. Christmas is a frustrating season for many of us -- caught between religious observances and the captivating call of commerce. We need to be aware of our actions. We need to be accountable for our decisions. We need to remember we serve as models for others. We need to remember who we are.

Christmas is not the simple remembrance of something that happened long ago; its meaning is not even found in the giving of gifts. Rather it is an experience that each of us can share now and celebrate with others.

For the OCA and calendar year 1984 is coming to a close. It has been an active year for the Association as we, together, accomplished a number of assigned tasks. Standards are under review; the new computer is working smoothly; our finances are in stable shape; the Office is well organized and efficiently run. I, too, am feeling better thank you! December will provide periods of rest and reflection; preparation and participation; happiness and hope.

May it be the same for each of you.

K. GRANT KERR, *President.*

### EDITORIAL

The snow is falling outside my window and the Valley takes on a fresher look. I'm in a contemplative mood having just returned from the annual Bolton Director's Workshop. It's not that there was anything devastatingly new in the presentations but it was very interesting to listen to different approaches to common subjects of mutual interest. Furthermore, it was affirming to hear about ideas to which you concur - I think that we need that from time to time. Those were the bonuses of the weekend. Most significant, however, (and I know that you've heard this line before) was the opportunity to share ideas and be with other members of the camping family. This was not a private club, rather as Bruno pointed out, a group, rare in society today, which willingly divulges its "secrets, tips and tricks" to each other.

At the risk of sounding elitist, I have an observation about we of the camping genre. There is a time for seriousness and a time for fun. It is very easy to be serious. It is much harder to maintain a sense of fun from earlier days. It seems to me that those involved in camp having been "raised" with a sense of play leaves us somewhat unshackled of many inhibitions. The Saturday night social at the workshop was a most entertaining couple of hours of games and much laughter. It was clear to see that the people, not much unlike yourself, were a special group who were quite willing to pass

on the magic and freedom of their Kids' hearts.

I hope too, that you can enjoy sharing the magic of this oncoming bright winter season. Cheers!

MARTIN G. HUNT, Editor.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS**

SUMMER SOLACE - YOUR SPECIAL MOMENT

As the winter chill descends on us, thoughts turn to family and the spirit of giving. I want to share a special moment from last summer with you, the recalling of which helps to ward off the blustery weather. Perhaps you might remember a similar event from your camp that has the same warming effect.

It was in the latter part of the summer when things were running smoothly but the first signs of fatigue began to creep in. After a particularly eventful day and a great dinner, I set off on an evening paddle around the bay.

As I rounded the bend from Sunset Bridge to Fralock Bay (special meaning for Pinecresters), it soon became apparent there was an animal in the water frolicking near the South Shore.

I paddled silently over to behold a lone beaver swimming and diving quite masterly near the shore. As I approached he slapped the water hard with his tail and dove. The sudden noise and commotion started me but I remained motionless none-the-less.

The beaver surfaced some ten feet from my canoe and continued this playful swimming about. As I moved ever so slightly to keep him in view he would slap and dive once again.

This behaviour continued for another few minutes until the beaver, tiring of the game, set off for its lodge.

That special bond with nature is an important part of our camping experience and one of my special moments from the summer of '84. Under that snow and ice which covers our lakes and shores is

perhaps another special moment waiting for you in the summer of '85.

TED FAUTEAUX.

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ODE TO MARJ BOOTH

*She travelled to Saskatchewan many a time  
The S.C.A. folks she did try to prime.  
She's a number one person we were all glad  
to see  
Her camping enthusiasm always flowed free  
She joined in our laughter and listened to  
our concerns  
She'll be welcomed to our campfires as they  
ever burn  
She gave us so much, we're sorry to see her  
go  
We send her best wishes and we want her to  
know  
Camping in Saskatchewan grew because you  
shared  
And we love you so much because you really  
cared.*

*Thanks so much Marj,  
from all of us at S.C.A.*

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THANK YOU, MARJORIE BOOTH

I first met Marjorie at an O.C.A. Director's weekend at Bolton. She was a part of that "rowdy" group representing "Y" camps. Marjorie was an enthusiastic, energetic and committed participant interested in improving her leadership skills to be better equipped to meet the demands of her job at the Montreal Y.W.C.A.

Marjorie brought all that energy with her as she assumed the responsibilities of Executive Director of the Canadian Camping Association. It would be difficult to find anyone as enthusiastic about camping or as committed to improving organized camps. All of us in one way or another have benefited because of Majorie's personal commitment to excellence in camping.

There are many of us throughout Canada who wish you the best in your future endeavours and say thanks for all you have accomplished during your five years as Executive Director.

My personal thanks to you for all that you mean to me and what you have personally done for camping in Canada!.

FRED OKADA.

### "DO TELL"

Tell me what I can do to improve our archery programme at camp.

The broken arrows, the soggy and scattered backstops, the ripped targets - are they all part of the heritage of the Mohicans? Not necessarily. Here are some "neat" ideas for what can be a "messy" camp programme.

The backstop does not need to be made of ripped hay bales, growing moldy and dissolving into a huge mound of loose and smelly grass. Take tentest (KB board) and rip it, with a saw, into strips 15 cm (6 inches) by full width. You may use recycled or new material. Construct a wooden frame to contain the stack of strips until your backstop is the desired height (1.5 metres). The finished product will be tentest stacked horizontally so that the edges face the archer and provide a target 15 cm thick by 1.5 metres high and 1.2 metres wide.

You can put the whole apparatus on wheels and adjust the distance to the archers. The material is neat, attractive, self healing and reuseable. Turn it over and you've got a second backstop. (Note:- Don't try to use both sides at once!)

Broken arrows? Turn a milk crate over a 30 egg tray and you have a storage quiver that will protect arrows from heavy feet. The arrows penetrate the base of the crate and rest in the cups of the egg tray. (Note:- remove the eggs first!)

Ripped targets? Use enamel paints and paint various sized bull's eyes directly onto the backstop.

"DO TELL" - JOHN JORGENSON - Camp Tawingo.

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*Our apologies to John for omitting his byline in the October issue.*

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### FOR SALE

XEROX 625 MEMORYWRITER

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All the functions of a typewriter plus an easy access memory. Storage of ten pages. Assume lease until 1988.

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### THIS & THAT

EXCERPT FROM THE FORESTER, HUNTSVILLE, ONT.  
October 3, 1984.

#### PROVINCE ANNOUNCES YOUTH TOURISM PROGRAM.

The program calls for a two week community college training period for young people who have never worked in the tourist industry before. They will then work for a 16 week period within the industry and, it is hoped, will continue to work after that training period.

A person between the ages of 15-24 who starts the program will first attend a two week training period at a community college. Georgian College in Barrie, for example, has a program of this nature in operation at the time.

He will be paid \$100 per week while he attends and will receive training in work attitudes, dress on the job, as well as skills in the particular field of work.

He will then go to work for an employer in the industry for a total of 16 weeks, for which he will also be paid \$100 per week.

"Unlike some Ontario Youth Opportunities programs that give young people experience in a variety of work situations, Youth Tourism is geared to a specific industry," Grossman told the recent Fall Marketing Seminar of the Ontario Ski Resorts Association. "Participation by resorts, camps, lodges and other tourist enterprises is extremely important to its success."

To be eligible for the program the youths must have been out of school for at least 3 months and to have been looking for full time work.

Submitted By:- DOROTHY WALTER.

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#### CALLING ALL OCA MEMBERS

Blue Lake and Rocky Shore is alive and kicking, thank you very much, and has been hailed by readers as "a most entertaining reference book", as "a great tribute to O.C.A.", as "a book with the heart and warmth of camping". Truth is, it is not one person's work. It was written, as most of us know, by countless interested persons who contributed history ideas and personal styles of writing to make it readable and

informative.

Support is needed from every Director, counsellor and camper at this stage, if the book is to appear where it belongs: in homes, in all University and College libraries across Canada, in study halls, Church libraries, business reception rooms, and education centres of all kinds. It will take personal contacts by all members to bring this to reality.

An easy task, really.....make Blue Lake a presentation piece whenever possible, and remember that our country abounds in older campers and staff members, some retired, who like to recall happy days and friends of the past. They would like to see in print the mammoth contribution O.C.A. has made in developing and preserving standards for the welfare of children and confidence for parents.

One more thought.....if every director buys one or two extra copies for sale or Christmas gifts, it won't be long before O.C.A. will be re-ordering; and it isn't beyond the realm of possibility that the purchase of five or more copies per member will result in a Second Printing to include more names and photos, modern additions and consequent up-dating.

And in today's world, how's \$8.95 as a good price for a good Christmas present?

C'mon Campers.....Let's Go...o.o.o..

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### "WHAT'S HAPPENING!"

FEBRUARY 21, 22, 23, 1985.

DON'T GO TO FLORIDA, GO TO THE -

O.C.A. CONFERENCE

CONSTELLATION HOTEL

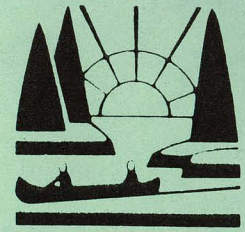
YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!

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### SOCIETY OF CAMP DIRECTORS AWARD PAPERS

The deadline has been extended to Dec. 15, 1984. There's still time to be eligible for the prize money. If you need further information please contact Janet Adamson at 481-7322.

# Camp Gay Venture



When was the last time you went to a singsong? A campfire? The Point? Candlelight. The last time you had a canoe trip, tuck, a half day? And when was the last time you heard your nickname???

Camp Gay Venture is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a staff reunion this spring. We need to know where you are.

Old GV staff mail coupon to:

Camp Gay Venture, 87 Inglewood Dr., Toronto, M4T 1H4

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

### TENDERS NEEDED - 1985 CANOE SCHOOL

The Aquatics Committee invites tenders for the provision of facilities for the 1985 CANOE WORKSHOP WEEKEND, to be held in residence from after Dinner, Friday, June 14 until after Dinner, Monday, June 17, 1985.

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 (P.F.D.'s, paddles, etc.)
- diagramatic layout of canoeing site
- a.v. equipment and films available for use on site.

Thank you for your interest - we will let you know by February 28th which site has been selected from the tenders.

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### COUNSELLOR CONFERENCE '85.

This year's Counsellor Conference is being hosted by Camp Robin Hood and will be held at the Robin Hood site on Saturday, June 1st. The theme of the conference is "Hands are Strong".

If you are interested in running a session or have any recommendations or suggestions concerning topics to be presented, feel free to contact us at your convenience at 736-4443. We hope to see you in June.

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AQUATIC COURSES AVAILABLE THIS WINTER IN METRO. DIRECTORS TAKE NOTE FOR YOU AND YOUR STAFF.

Enjoy them! Your O.C.A. Aquatics Committee!

CITY OF ETOBICOKE:

Gus Ryder Pool - Jan. 18, 19, 20  
Jan. 25, 26, 27

Olympium - March 11-15 (March Break)  
Phone - 626-6111

CITY OF MISSISSAUGA:

Cawthra Park Pool - Jan. 14 - April 1  
(Mondays)  
Phone - 278-2030

NORTH YORK:

Flemingdon Pool - Swimming Courses.  
- Jan. 18, 19, 20,  
Feb. 1, 2, 3.  
  
- Instructors.  
March 8, 9, 10 and  
22, 23, 24.  
  
- N.L.S.  
- Jan. 25, 26, 27 and  
Feb. 8, 9, 10  
March 1, 2, 3 and  
15, 16, 17.

EAST YORK:

Community Centre Pool  
on Pape  
- Bronze Medallion  
- Begins Tues. Jan. 8  
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
  
- Bronze Cross  
- Begins Jan. 10.  
Thurs. 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.  
  
- Leader  
- Begins Jan. 12.  
Sat. 11:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

Leaside Memorial Pool  
- Bronze Medallion  
- Begins Jan. 9  
Wed. 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

SCARBOROUGH:

Crash Courses - Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Award of Merit:- Monday, May 27 to Saturday, June 8.

Bronze Cross Certificate.

Bendale Pool - Sun., May 26 - 9A.M.-2P.M.  
- Sun., June 2 - 9A.M.-2P.M.

Wexford Pool - Sun., May 26 - 9A.M.-2P.M.  
Sun., June 2 - 9A.M.-2P.M.

FEE:- \$35.00. For information call 296-7085.

Red Cross Leader Courses.

Registration for this program is through our semi-private swim office at 1967 Ellesmere Road (Centennial Recreation Complex).

Registration Fee: \$40.00  
Exam Fee: \$5.00 (to be paid on exam night)

Course Information -

Bendale Pool - Wednesday evenings  
1st term - September 19/84-December 5/84  
2nd term - January 2/85-March 27/85  
3rd term - April 3/85-June 19/85

Cedarbrae Pool - Thursday evenings  
1st term - September 20/84-November 29/84  
2nd term - April 4/85-June 20/85

There will be a "two weekend crash course" held in each of the fall and spring terms. For dates, times and applications, call the Semi-Private Office at 438-6872.

N.L.S Courses.

Courses will be at Laurier Pool on Mondays, 6-10:00 P.M. and Midland Pool on Thursdays, 6-10:00 P.M..  
For information call 438-6872.

Instructor School.

Midland Pool - Tuesdays, 6:30-10:30 P.M.  
from March 12-16 (March break) and  
March 26 - May 28.

First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training.

The Scarborough Red Cross offers several courses in these areas. If you are interested for yourself or your staff please call - 438-5423.

NORTH YORK:

Bronze Bar Crash Course.

Flemingdon Pool - register at Memorial Pool. Fee \$31.00 for non-resident of North York. December 9 - 9:00 - 4:00  
February 24 - 9:00 - 4:00  
March 24 - 3 - 10 P.M.  
May 18 - 3 - 10 P.M.

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**HELP WANTED**

HALIBURTON HOCKEY HAVEN/QUANAHAR RINGETTE CAMP

Staff Wanted: Senior Staff

- Assistant Camp Director
- Program Director

Program Staff

- teaching & maintenance in the following areas:
- sailing/windsurfing
- canoeing/kayaking
- swimming
- tripping

Please submit resumes to:-

John Tinker  
Box 631, Thornhill, Ontario  
L3T 4A5 By January 31, 1985.

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CANTERBURY HILLS

Program Co-Ordinator for our Summer Youth Camping

- Requirements:- Knowledge and skills in:
- Youth Camping
  - Educational Planning
  - Program Unit Supervision.

Forward applications with resume and three references by December 15, 1984 to:-

The Rev. F. Gavin Barnett  
Director  
Canterbury Hills  
P.O. Box 7068, Ancaster, Ont. L9G 3L3

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CAMP ALLSAW

Director and Administrator.  
O.C.A. qualifications required:-

APPLY: Camp Allsaw  
9 Calais Avenue, Downsview, Ont.  
M3M 1N3

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CAMP DIRECTORS REQUIRED:-

Opportunity available for a unique challenge as a camp director. Our agency provides a summer camp experience to physically disabled adults. Candidates should have had several years experience at a senior level in organized camping, have demonstrated interpersonal and supervisory skills, be well organized and able to handle responsibility with maturity. Previous experience working with disabled people an asset but not essential.

To submit a resume or obtain further information contact:-

Kirsty Griffiths  
Co-ordinator of Camping  
Ontario March of Dimes  
60 Overlea Blvd.  
Toronto, Ontario, M4H 1B6  
(416) 425-0501

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**FOR SALE**

Summer Camp for Rent. One to five year lease available with option to purchase if desired. Summer capacity 146. Camp is located in the Hockley Valley near Orangeville, 25 miles north of the Airport. Call (519) - 941-4560, or write to Camp Hockley Valley, R.R. #1, Orangeville, Ontario, L9W 2Y8.

Articles for Sale: 50 steel bunk beds, 100 4" foam mattresses, 200 foam chip pillows with covers, 250 polyester/cotton bed sheets 50/50, 2 ping-pong tables, 2 table soccer tables, one used 30'x50' recreation tent, archery equipment: bows & targets. With the exception of the recreation tent, all items were used for 1 season only. Call (519) - 941-4560.

ONTARIO REVISES SWIMMING POOL LEGISLATION

Effective July 1, 1984, the following changes were made with respect to lifeguards and assistant lifeguards:

Under the Ontario Regulations 381/84;

1. A "Class A Pool" includes one at a recreational camp which in most cases will be an OCA resident camp.
2. A "Class B Pool" includes pools at day camps.

Both A & B Pools require the same number of lifeguards except where the class B pool is under 1.1 m in depth. Therefore, unless your day camp pool is very shallow, all of the following apply to all pools in OCA camps:

In the revised regulations, lifeguards in Class A & B pools must:

- be 17 years old
- be a holder of current lifeguard certificate no more than 2 years prior to employment

Assistant lifeguards must:

- be 16 years old
- hold a current assistant lifeguard certificate no more than 2 years prior to employment

A Lifeguard Certificate means:

- a) National Lifeguard Service Certification
- b) RLSSC Bronze Cross or YMCA Basic Life Saver (YMCA uses the RLSSC program, it does not have its own awards)
- c) Ontario Teacher's Aquatic Standard where holder is giving instruction under the auspices of a school board or board of education.

An Assistant Lifeguard Certificate means:

- a) RLSSC Bronze Medallion
- b) any of the awards of Lifeguard Certificate above

For recreational swimming, the following chart defines the required number of lifeguards.

Basic Standard		Alternative Standards			
Number of Bathers	Minimum number of Lifeguards and Assistant Lifeguards on duty who are not certified by the National Lifeguard Service	Number of Bathers	Minimum number of Lifeguards and Assistant Lifeguards on duty where at least one Lifeguard is certified by the National Lifeguard Service	Number of Bathers	Minimum number of Lifeguards and Assistant Lifeguards on duty where all are certified by the National Lifeguard Service
0 - 25	1	0 - 30	1	0 - 30	1
26 - 75	2	31 - 100	2	31 - 125	2
76 - 150	3	101 - 200	3	126 - 250	3
151 - 250	4	201 - 300	4	251 - 400	4
Greater than 250	One additional Lifeguard or Assistant Lifeguard for each additional 100 bathers or fraction thereof	Greater than 300	One additional Lifeguard or Assistant Lifeguard for each additional 100 bathers or fraction thereof	Greater than 400	One additional Lifeguard or Assistant Lifeguard for each additional 150 bathers or fraction thereof

(over)

One of the lifeguards or assistant lifeguards on the premises and within call must have a current NLS or first aid certificate.

A first aid certificate is:

- a) St. John Ambulance Emergency or Standard Certificate
- b) Canadian Red Cross Emergency or Standard Certificate
- c) RLSSC Aquatic Emergency Care Certificate
- d) Canadian Ski Patrol First Aid Certificate

IMPORTANT - ALL POOLS

An item added to the regulations this year was the requirement for the operator to have written emergency and operational procedures and to ensure that all lifeguards and assistants are trained in these procedures. It is, therefore, not enough to have the procedure written down, it must also be rehearsed.

Apparently, some public health inspectors are interpreting this regulation to mean the procedures are included in the staff manual.

IMPORTANT - CLASS A POOLS

Where there is only 1 lifeguard on duty at a Class A pool, there must be on call one or more additional persons trained in the emergency procedures for the pool.

ALSO

A public pool is exempt from the safety supervision requirements when the pool is being used solely for instruction by one or more groups each not exceeding 25 people. In this case, the swimmers must be supervised by a currently qualified instructor of RLSSC, Red Cross or YMCA and one participant must have "lifeguard qualification" and available to act in an emergency.

Anticipated Amendments on November 1, 1984.

It is anticipated that there may be further changes implemented November 1, 1984. At that time, OTAS may be removed as a lifeguard qualification leaving only NLS, Bronze Cross (both RLSSC) and YMCA Basic Life Saver (which is the Bronze Cross with a YMCA name).

Further, the instructional setting will probably allow Red Cross, RLSSC and/or YMCA Instructors to act as lifeguards if there is someone within call who is trained in the emergency procedures for the pool, and class size 25 or less.

CHANGES TO THESE REGULATIONS ARE ANTICIPATED BUT NOT YET MADE.



RE: Ontario Regulation 242/84

under the Health Protection & Promotion Act 1983

(Recreational Camps)

June 1984

This document was sent to all camps this Fall. These regulations do not come into effect until July 1, 1985.

As far as waterfront matters in these new regulations are concerned, please note there are now specific qualifications for a waterfront director to be current (within 2 years):

1. National Lifeguard Service Certification,
- OR 2. RLSSC Bronze and aquatic instructor certificate.
- OR 3. Any of the following with 2 years of aquatic supervision experience:
  - RLSSC Bronze Medallion or higher
  - Red Cross Leader or Instructor
  - YMCA Basic Life Saving
  - A certificate equivalent to the above

Further, number of supervisors and number of campers in the water are now defined:

<u>Supervisors</u>	<u>Campers</u>
2	1 to 25
3	26 to 100

over 100 campers, there shall be one additional supervisor for each 25 campers

Supervisors must be 16 years and hold current RLSSC Bronze Medallion.

As in the Swimming Pool Regulations, written instructions for emergency and operational procedures in the event of an emergency are required. All supervisors must be trained in these procedures.