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It is the Season for exchanging Greetings and Best Wishes to All. May you and yours have Happy Holidays and may 1967 realize the fulfilment of all your dreams.

Your Association has been growing in members and putting forth greater efforts to assure better Camping for children of Ontario. With your help 1967 - Canada's Centennial Year - will be an important year for Camping too.

Happy New Year

Adele Ebbs, President.

The good out-of-town representation indicated the approval of the Education committee's well chosen speaker, MR. REGINALD BUNDY at the Open Meeting at the Boulevard Club, November 23rd. We need more of these meetings so that the membership can become better acquainted. For this, the refreshments meetings are much too short but such good refreshments!

So.....

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE NEXT ONE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25th, '67
at the BOULEVARD CLUB - TIME
8:00 P.M.

PLEASE.....Keep this night open.

1 9 6 7 C A N A D I A N C A M P I N G
C O N F E R E N C E

Inn On the Park.....March 2, 3, 4, 1967

Conference time will soon be upon us and we shall be sending you all of the information and registration material in Jan.

We would like to remind you again at this time to book the dates and plan to attend the Conference.

The Conference Fee structure is as follows:-

FULL Conference Member's Fee (including Conference Digest)

Prepaid prior to Feb. 23..... \$14.00
After Feb. 23 \$16.00

SINGLE DAY Member's Fee (excluding Conference Digest)

Prepaid prior to Feb. 23 \$ 6.00
After Feb. 23 OR pd. at Conf. \$ 7.00

STUDENT fee (student defined as being any staff person attending full time school as a student) \$ 1.00

PER DAY

Persons registering for any part of the Conference will be welcome to attend any of the evening sessions without additional charges EXCLUDING SATURDAY BANQUET which is \$5.00 per ticket.

Members of other Provincial Associations or ACA are afforded OCA member privileges at the Conference.

Conference Digests purchased separately\$ 3.00 per copy

CAMPS WILL HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF PRE-REGISTERING MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFF FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE AT MEMBER'S RATES, PROVIDING THAT THE FEE IS PREPAID BY THE CAMP PRIOR TO FEB. 23.

NON-MEMBER'S FEES.....\$16.00 FULL Conf.
\$ 7.00 SINGLE DAY

The programme for this Conference looks very interesting; in particular there is a NEW step in the Saturday programme with us in Workshops which will require PRE-REGISTRATION in Arts & Crafts (LIMITED TO 25 PERSONS) and Orienteering (LIMITED TO 40 PERSONS).

The Arts & Crafts workshop will involve one Saturday afternoon prior to the Conference, plus the full Saturday at the Conference, and there will be a special charge of \$5.00 for attendance at this workshop. The fee will include lunch at the Conference on the Saturday.

The Orienteering Workshop will also be an all-day programme.

Any help a camp can make available for setting up displays would be appreciated. Drop Al Hersh a note c/o O.C.A. office.

ABOUT THE CENTENARY JOURNEY.....

.....As we approach the start of the Centennial Year plans for The Centenary Journey are beginning to take shape. There are activities in the works which can involve every Canadian camper, not just those on actual canoe trips. The biggest of these activities is the National Campfire to be held Wednesday, August 9th, 1967. On this night each camp will be provided with ideas for suitable programmes centering around the Voyageur theme. It is hoped that a common opening and closing can be written including a poem for the occasion by Miss Mary Edgar. At a pre-set time every camp across the country will light its campfire! Imagine a line of campfires lit simultaneously from St. John's to Vancouver Island! There may even be a programme on a coast-to-coast radio network to coincide with the lighting of the campfires.

Another facet of the plans call for a Rendezvous in the tradition of the Rendezvous of the Northwest Company at Grand Portage and later at Fort William, to be held at various locations along the route. The exact locations are still to be worked out, but possible sites include: Mattawa, (meeting with Quebec camps), North Bay, the towns along the North Shore of Georgian Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Fort William and Port Arthur, Fort Francis, Kenora, and a

and a meeting with Manitoba camps at the Provincial Boundary. If possible each Rendezvous will be coordinated with local Centenary Celebrations and with the National Campfire. Already plans are well underway for a Rendezvous of great proportions at the town of Little Current. The Director of a soon-to-be-member camp has arranged with the Lions Club of Little Current to put on a Voyageur Pageant involving the townspeople and the trip from his camp which will be travelling that part of the Voyageurs' Highway along the North Shore of Georgian Bay.

Come on, the rest of you long-time members of OCA. Let's see some more plans of this nature evolving! SOON!!!!

In the New Year, the National Committee will have available a flyer describing The Centenary Journey to parents. We want every parent of every camper who attends a Canadian Camp to receive one of these flyers! This will be a big job, and, a lot of responsibility for its success rests with the CAMP DIRECTORS. The Ontario Centenary Journey will supply the flyers in any quantity required by each camp. It will be up to the Directors to mail these out, with one of their regular mailings, to all parents. Please use the enclosed form to tell us how many YOU need. WE MUST HEAR FROM EVERY CAMP DIRECTOR BEFORE JANUARY 15th.

REMEMBER....Applications for 1967 participations will be accepted only if postmarked not later than December 31, 1966. GET YOURS IN NOW.....NOW.....NOW!!!

News from the Ontario Department of Tourism and Information:-----Two NEW films "Winter in Ontario" (14 min) and "Pioneer Village" (14 min). Both films are 16 mm sound and colour and are available FREE OF CHARGE upon request from the Film Library at 185 Bloor Street East, Toronto 5.

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THE AURORA CONFERENCE (Camp Directors Weekend) presents through our Educational Committee this summary of the proceedings. It is recommended that a similar Conference be held annually at about the same time (end of September) and that the attendance be increased from 28 to 50 Directors and Senior Staff.

The following recommendations have been submitted to the OCA Board and we invite your comments and please indicate which items you feel should receive priority. We wish to have these before January 9th 1967.

1. That more Directors be encouraged to become involved in OCA by:-
 - A) Assigning an old Director to a new one to encourage attendance at, and participation in OCA functions.
 - B) Establishing kindred groups within the organization.
 - C) Activating dormant members.
 - D) Obtaining a list from the Department of Health of newly established camps and their Directors.
 - E) A continuing program of meetings planned for new Directors.
 - F) Determining geographic location of members for Regional meetings.
2. Involvement of Senior Staff members in OCA by:-
 - A) Having each member Camp nominate a maximum of 5% of its senior staff to serve on a committee (e.g.) Conference, staff training programs, Centenary Journey, etc.
3. Strengthen Public Relations by:-
 - A) Finding a firm to sponsor a television program on the value of Camping.
 - B) Preparation of an OCA brochure outlining its aims and objectives to be sent to schools, libraries, parents, etc., and mentioning our Speakers Panel.
 - C) Issuing a letter of thanks to each counsellor for his or her contribution to Camping and/or sending an O.C.A. brochure for their information.
 - D) Each Camp displaying a sign advertising its OCA membership.
 - E) Changing the term "Private Camp" to "Independent Camp".
 - F) Having OCA list on its letterhead its affiliates, e.g.-Girl Guides, Retarded children, etc.
 - G) Sponsoring some charitable project.
4. Education and Training be developed by:-
 - A) Research on techniques of interviewing and hiring.
 - B) Research on behaviour patterns and stages of development in boys and girls at Camp.
 - C) Demonstrating staff training programs.
 - D) Exploring and discussing certification of Camp Directors.
 - E) Establishing a school for Directors.
 - F) Determining the qualities and qualifications for Directors.
 - G) Exploring the possibility of including leadership and out-door education in University and High School night classes.
 - H) Informing Guidance Departments in schools of opportunities in Camping.
 - I) Suggesting continuation of Bark Lake, Department of Education training in winter.

THE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION has a library of Recreation Books that are available for all Ontario citizens. Books can be secured through your Community Programs Branch local representative. Complete lists are at the moment being prepared and should be in various offices at the 1st of the year.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBERMARK YOUR NEW 1967 CALENDAR NOW.

OPEN MEETING: --8 p.m. Wednesday, January 25th at the Boulevard Club

CANADIAN CAMPING CONFERENCE

March 2, 3, 4 at the INN ON THE PARK, Toronto, Ontario.

O C A H O L I D A Y C L O S I N G

CHRISTMAS: Please note that the office will be closed from noon on Friday, December 23rd until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 28th.

NEW YEAR: The office will be closed all day Monday, January 2nd and will re-open at 9:30 a.m. January 3rd, 1967.