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PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Many thoughts flow through my mind as I write this Christmas message to you. What is so important about this thing we call Christmas that motivates people in all walks of life, both within our society and societies throughout the world, to cast off their worries and cares if only but for the briefest period of time, to acclaim good will to mankind regardless of faith or creed, and to permit children with their inborn beliefs to melt even the most indifferent of hearts?

All of us know the origin of Christmas when the child Jesus was born in Bethlehem but do we know why, even after all these years, the Spirit of Christmas compels even the battleworn armies to pause in their killing. Each of us has his own answer to this question and at this Christmas season I wish to share mine with you.

To me, Christmas is many things. It is music, singing, snow, turkey, cranberry sauce, plum pudding, Christmas trees, colored lights and tinsel. It is home, family, friends, warmth both without and within. It is gifts and the smell of the smoke of my uncle's cigar - and if I continued to search my mind and heart I could go on and on.

But if I had but one answer to the question, what is Christmas, I would have to say in all honesty that Christmas is love, that quality of human relationships that was the basic teaching of the man whose birthday gives us the name, and although as centuries have passed we have done much to clutter and cloud this basic truth, it continues to come forth and especially so at this time of the year.

And so my Christmas wish to each of you is that joy be yours, for joy is the result that comes from loving and being loved.

To you and those you love, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukah.

Yours in what I believe to be the true meaning of this season.

G.I. Robinson,
President.

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CAMP DIRECTORS' WORKSHOP - Nov: 7 to 9.
About 30 Camp Directors attended. We were pleased to see some new faces as well as some of our staunch old-timers. Present were -

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Babcock (Richildaca);
Mr. Bert Danson (Winnebago);
Vince Gillis (M.T.A.M.R.);
Mrs. Shirley Hall. (Bolton);
Mr. Sam Hambly (Allsaw);
Mr. Bruce Harris (Kawabi);
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Johnstone (White Bear);
Mr. Eugene Kates (Arrowhon);
Mrs. Eleanor Kay (Tapawingo);
Mr. Robert Killey (Couchiching);
Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Labbett (Oconto);
Mrs. Mary Liddell (Mi-a-Kon-da);
Mr. John Latimer (Kilcoo);
Mr. Elliott Markson (Arowhon);
Mr. Donald McLean (Boy Scouts);
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Raymer (Tanamakoon);
Mr. Paul Rushton (Trailfinder);
Mr. John Sanderson (Scugog North);
Mr. & Mrs. John Russell (White Bear Ranch);
Mr. Ivan Robinson (Toronto Y.M.C.A.);
Mr. Tom Bartlett (C.N.I.B.);
Mr. & Mrs. Carman Harrison (Otterdale);

and, of course, the Chairman of the Education Committee - Dorothy Walter.

To quote Tom Bartlett -
"Everyone tied up their canoe in the spacious Casa Blanca parking lot and were greeted with such warm hospitality that we thought it was summer again. Because of the good food the average weight gain was ten pounds! Many meaningful hours were spent discussing "Personal time, Professional Time and Management", under the leadership of Mr. Dick Knight, Asst. Director in charge of Personnel, Waterloo University, and we managed our time to allow for informal idea sharing."

The Society of Camp Directors has informed us that the second meeting took place at Hart House on Wednesday, November 26th. Thanks to the prevalent 'flu bug there were not as many there as had been hoped. However, those who were there had an enjoyable evening and heard some interesting speeches from some of the Society, who are also members of our Association.

PRESENT:

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome the following Camps to the Ontario Camping Association as ACCREDITED Members:-

CLOVELLY
COSELEN
GOFORTH
NOMININGUE

also the following ASSOCIATE Members -

CAYUGA
HILLTOP
DORION BIBLE CAMP
'Y' LAND
TAPATOO
KATIMAVIK
GENESEE
BOBBY ORR-MIKE WALTON SPORTS CAMP

R.L.S.S. AND RED CROSS - the R.L.S.S. Program Revisions are effective January 1st. 1970. This booklet is of immediate importance to all Instructors, Examiners and Affiliates. It contains the revised test items for each award level with explanations of the revisions.

LIFE JACKETS - Paul Chamberlain, Chairman of the Watercraft Committee reports that he is very satisfied with the number of answers which have come in to his questionnaire on Life Jackets. Don't forget, however, that no reply implies consent to whatever decisions are made. So if you have something to say, Say It Now!!!

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INTERCULTURAL CAMPING - interesting new research report on the Children's International Village will be in your hands shortly. Give it your attention. It's well worth reading.

ARCHIVES - the Archives Committee is now resting on its laurels. The Archives are safely housed at Trent University. If you have further material which you would like to submit, get in touch with either Dr. Mary Northway or Miss Margaret Govan.

FEES UP !

Ontario Camping Association Membership fees have gone up this year but membership in the O.C.A. is worth every penny of it. Don't forget to send your cheque in soon - thanks to those who already have done so.

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PLAY IT SAFE!

Memo from the Ontario Safety League may give you pause to think. All you good people who have been insisting that no rubber boots, or heavy coats or sweaters be worn in canoes and that, at all times, we must "stay with the ship", have probably been slightly jolted to realize that none of this applies in cold weather. Parkas and scarves and heavy slacks tucked into top boots are now the order of the day, should you face the risk of being dumped into cold water. And DO NOT stay with the ship. Ontario Safety League research indicates that most hunters who have stayed with their boat have perished from fatigue and cold. So check the calendar before you go 'round making rash statements! (That reminds me of Montreal, where you have to check the time and the date and know at least the days of the week en francais before you dare park anywhere!)

COMMUNICATE OR DIE - those of you who tried vainly to use Laurence Taylor's methods with your staff this summer, may have realized that what seemed easy to him didn't come quite so easily to you. Maybe you need to do some homework before next summer? There are copies of some of his material at the O.C.A. Office, available for 10 cents a copy:

"Why do We see it That Way?"

"Key to Communication"

"Participation in Your Small Meetings"

Heady stuff, and sometimes, so help me, it works!

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PICS WANTED.....The Canadian Camping Magazine need pictures for their new look. Glossy prints - any size. How about you in your new bikini?

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FUTURE:

CONFERENCE - Jocelyn Palm and her Conference Committee are steaming right ahead for our Annual Conference, being held this year at the Skyline Hotel, March 5, 6 and 7. Rumour has it that the Canadian Camping Association is having their Annual Meeting on the previous evening, Wednesday, March 4th. We hope for a good turn out.

As last year, there will be two streams - one for the people who are free to attend the whole Conference from Thursday to Saturday and another starting Friday evening and running through Saturday.

STANDARDS - a number of the Standards for Membership, which have been in use for some time, were made mandatory by the Board of the Ontario Camping Association in the Fall. You will be receiving notification of this shortly. These Standards are now ABSOLUTLY MANDATORY - so pull up your socks!

'Y' TEENS ABROAD - last summer's experiment was a smashing success and the 'Y' is planning a similar trip this year. Get in touch with the Y.W.C.A. 21 McGill St. Toronto 200.

DATES TO REMEMBER

OPEN MEETINGS. January 14th. 'Integrating the Special Child Into Our Camps'
February 12th. "OpenForum"
April 28th. Annual Meeting, Ontario Camping Association.

(Watch for more info. on these. In the meantime, place a large X on your calendar).

QUEBEC CAMPING ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - February 19, 20 & 21, Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal.

R.L.S.S. & RED CROSS INSTRUCTOR COURSES

Toronto and Hamilton.	December 5, 6 & 7	December 12, 13 & 14
Kitchener.	December 27 - 31	
London.	December 19, 20 & 21.	December 26, 27 & 28
Toronto and Hamilton.	January 16, 17 & 18	January 23, 24 & 25
Toronto.	February 13, 14 & 15	February 20, 21 & 22

Course costs \$12.00. Applicants must be 17 years of age and hold their Bronze and Red Cross Leader Badges.

Contact either the Red Cross at 460 Jarvis St. or the R.L.S.S. at 550 Church St. Toronto.

COUNSELLORS' CONFERENCE - the Conference is being held at York University on Saturday, May 9th. 1970. Jack Pearce is again in charge and would welcome your suggestions about content and possible speakers. Contact him through the O.C.A. Office.

WHITE PAPER - while it's true that the guy who is always kicking seldom has a leg to stand on, it would be advisable for all Camps (but particularly those which are incorporated as limited companies), get in touch with their auditors and find out the worst and start kicking. Maybe if we all present a united front, we can have some-exception made for camps as Educational Institutions. Let's all kick together. Anybody asking Benson for Christmas dinner? Doubt if 30 bucks a week allows one to run to turkey and plum pudding?

NATURAL RESOURCES AND THEIR MANAGEMENT.

Our Ontario Forestry Association Member Mr. J.D. Coats, informs us that a Course on the above subject offered jointly by the University of Toronto and the Ontario Forestry Association, will commence January 13th. from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. at 104, University College, St. George Campus.

Fec: \$50.00 - 13 sessions.

For further information and registration forms, contact:

Business, Engineering, Nursing & Special Programmes Section,
Division of Extension,
University of Toronto,
84 Queen's Park, Toronto 5.

C A M P D I R E C T O R W A N T E D

Shadow Lake Camp, owned and operated by the Metropolitan Toronto Association for the Mentally Retarded, requires a Camp Director for the 1970 Camp Season. The actual full time employment would be approximately June 15th. - August 31st. 1970.

An experienced Camp Director with previous exposure to the Mentally Retarded would be desirable, however several years of sound experience at senior camp positions is essential.

Shadow Lake Camp is located near Musselman's Lake, 37 miles from downtown Toronto. It is a co-educational camp, with 302 acres of land, housing approximately 100 campers and 50 staff during three - three week camp periods.

Applications should be submitted to:

Mr. R. Vince Gillis,
Director, Recreation & Camping Services,
M.T.A.M.R.
186 Beverley Street, Toronto 130. Telephone: 363-5171

The Camping fraternity was saddened to learn of the death earlier this Fall of Mrs. Taylor Statten, known to thousands affectionately as "Tonakela"

and

it is with deep regret that we announce the recent passing of Mrs. Marion Shackleton, Rainbow Valley Ranch, who as a dedicated and loyal supporter of our Association, was a Member of the Board and Chairman of the Library Committee. She will be greatly missed.

The sympathy of all of us in the O.C.A. goes to the bereaved families.

ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION

SUITE 13

501 YONGE STREET

TORONTO 5, ONT.

INFORMATION SURVEY

INTER-CULTURAL CAMPING

November 1969.

Ladies and Gentlemen: In order to provide us with an appreciation of what is being accomplished in fostering Inter-Cultural relationships within our Camps, please answer the following questions and return them to -

Mr. Don Groff,
Chairman, Inter-Cultural Camping Committee,
40 Kenneth Avenue, Kitchener, Ont.

N.B. Inter-Cultural does not just refer to relationships between different national, ethnic or language groups but can also refer to relationships between campers and staff representing different social or economic backgrounds (e.g. advantaged and disadvantaged youth.) Please keep this in mind as you answer the following. Supply too much information, rather than too little.

1. Name of Camp _____

2. Did your Camp offer an opportunity for fostering Inter-Cultural relationships during 1969 ? YES NO (circle)
during 1968 ? YES NO (circle) * do not answer if you responded to last year's survey.

3. Did the opportunity(ies) take the form of a special project (i.e. such as an exchange) ? YES NO (circle)
If 'yes', describe

4. Was the opportunity(ies) simply part of the usual camp operation, rather than a special project ? YES NO (circle)
If 'yes', describe _____

5. Did you have any special assistance in providing the opportunity (ies) YES NO
Check special advice.....by whom?.....
financial.....source(s)?.....
leadership.....from whom?.....
other (describe).....
..... over

6. Who initiated the idea? _____

7. Who was involved in the opportunity(ies) ?

Campers (number) (ages).....
Staff (number) (ages).....
Other.....

8. If you included an opportunity(ies) in 1968 and did not continue it in 1969, please state reasons.

9. Do you have any plans for opportunity(ies) in the 1970 season? Describe:-
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10. Did you evaluate the effectiveness of your opportunity(ies) ? YES NO
HOW ?

Is there a written report ? - of the opportunity(ies) YES NO
- of the evaluation YES NO

(This report might be part of a larger season-end report.)
Please enclose a copy of the report with this questionnaire.

11. Is there some way in which our Inter-Cultural Camping Committee could assist you ?

12. Other comments or information you would like to share:
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Thank you for your time and effort in completing this task! Watch the
OCAsional News for the results of the Survey.

Don Groff,
Chairman,
Inter-Cultural Camping Committee.



ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION SUITE 13 - 501 YONGE ST. - TORONTO 5 - ONTARIO - 922-0151

Dear Camp Director:

Many people are already hard at work planning and organizing for the 1970 O.C.A. Conference, to be held this year on March 5th, 6th & 7th. at the Skyline Hotel in Toronto.

As a member of the Conference Committee and in charge of the non-commercial exhibits, I am writing to ask for your assistance with one of these exhibits - "The O.C.A. Showcase".

The O.C.A. Showcase is an exhibit which portrays you and your camp to other members of the Association. Please help to make it truly representative of the membership. You can help by sending us the material we require to make it a success.

Please send us:

1. A COPY OF YOUR LATEST CAMP BROCHURE
2. A CAMP PENNANT AND/OR CREST
3. FOUR (4) COLOUR SLIDES OF YOUR CAMP. One of the slides MUST show the camp name clearly in the picture (camp gate, plaque etc.) All of the slides must have the camp name clearly printed on the cardboard border for identification.
4. EXPLICIT DIRECTIONS AS TO WHERE YOUR CAMP IS LOCATED. Enclose a map if possible. We wish to locate your Camp together with others on a master map of Ontario.
5. If you send information on canoe trips, we will require A LIST OF THE AREAS YOU USE FOR TRIPPING and, if possible, the routes used. We will locate these on a master map in order to aid those of you who are interested in trying new routes.

If you require any of the above material returned, please tell us which items they are, and enclose a self addressed return envelope of suitable size. We will take every precaution to ensure that any materials you wish returned will be done so without damage.

Please send the materials addressed as follows:

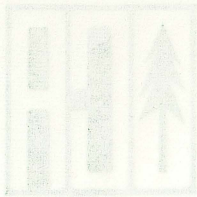
O.C.A. Conference,
Attn: Howard Rosenthal,
82 Bannatyne Drive,
Willowdale, Ont.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Howard Rosenthal,
Co-ordinator,
Non-commercial Exhibits.

December 17, 1969



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Howard Rosenthal,
Co-ordinator,
Non-commercial Exhibits,
A SECTION OF THE CANADIAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION

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Thank you

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