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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are just catching our breath following a breathtaking O.C.A. Conference at Ryerson. It's a good thing we are taking a breather, too, because we have a tremendous number of exciting events coming up - the O.C.A. Annual Meeting on April 8th, the Environmental Awareness Conference on April 26th, the Councilor Conference on May 24th, the Day Camp Staff Workshop on May 23rd, 24th and 25th, and the Woodsmanship School June 11th to June 19th. WHEW!!!

CAMPING'S ALIVE - AND SO WAS RYERSON

The 1975 O.C.A. Conference was a fantastic experience with all kinds of variety in programme, great innovations in social events, lots of idea-sharing and a record registration of 544 delegates. How about that! Ryerson was alive with eager participants in a simply super Conference which will be remembered for a long, long time. Gobs of congratulations to Conference Chairman, KIM BALL and a dedicated and diligent Conference Committee. I can hardly wait to get the 1975 Conference Report.

P.S. The Saturday Seminar on the Business of Camping, chaired by HAROLD NASHMAN of the Private Camps Kindred Group, was just about the best learning experience I have had in Camping. Thanks, guys. You gave us old folks a real lift.

NATIONAL DIRECTORY

Have you received your copy of the National Directory issue of the CANADIAN CAMPING magazine? Isn't it something else? What a publication that is! And a real boon to Camping, to our image and to our public relations. Special thanks to the hardworking crew who put it all together, especially, JOCELYN PALM, the Managing Director, HELEN STEWART, the Editor, MARY JANE BRADBURY, the Circulation Manager, DOUG DENT, the Advertising Manager and PETER GILBERT, the Directory Chairman.

VOTE AS YOU LIKE, BUT....

These next two years in O.C.A. history are extremely important and the incoming Board under the leadership of our next President, KIRK WIPPER, will need your solid support. Now is election time, so please be sure to vote as an indication of your willingness to play an active role in O.C.A. affairs.

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CAMPING IN THE ENVIRONMENT
Saturday, April 26, 1975

A one-day workshop geared for camping personnel who are in a position to initiate modern philosophy, practices and programmes for camping in the natural environment, a function of the Environmental Concerns Committee, will take place at:

Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology,
King Campus, R.R. 3, King City, Ontario.

Eaton Hall has excellent classroom, assembly room and dining facilities. The spacious natural grounds of the Seneca Campus (formerly the Lady Eaton Estate) provide excellent opportunity for outside hikes and workshops.

Programme:

- 9.30 - Opening Remarks and keynote speech.
 - 10.00 - Panel discussion on Environmental Management of Camps (everything from Sewage Disposal to Litterbugs)
 - 11.30 - Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment Ontario, Pollution Probe and other resource people.
- DISPLAY TIME
- 12.00 - Lunch, Environmental Sing-Song.
 - 1.00) Workshop Sessions. Delegates will
 - to) be able to attend any of three.
 - 5.00)

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

I. ACCLIMATIZATION

A personal encounter with nature. A sensitive and sensible leader will give individuals some added insight into facets of the natural environment and bring about some personal environmental growth. Ken Strasser, Head Naturalist with Metropolitan Toronto Conservation Authority.

2. ECOLOGY ACTIVITIES FOR CAMP

Fun, proven activities which camps can readily initiate. Compost boxes, organic gardening, swamp and lake investigations and other active ecology-oriented camper pursuits. Sam Hambly with other Camp Allsaw staff.

3. CAMPING WITH NO TRACE

An elaboration of those practices for canoe-tripping and backpacking which we must use to minimize impact on the natural environment. Types of tents and shelters, fire building, sanitation - the works. The excellent, recently produced film "Backpacking into Nature" will be shown. The booklet "How to Camp and Leave No Trace" by Gerry Industries will be provided. Gail "Snooks" Campbell, member of Environmental Concerns Committee, Woodsmanship Committee, and staff at first O.C.A. Woodsmanship School. Wally Schaber, owner-director of Black Feather wilderness canoe trips, Director of outings for National and Provincial Parks Association of Canada, new Chairman of the Wilderness Travel Committee of the O.C.A.

4. SETTING UP A NATURE PROGRAMME

Considerations for a building, for books, equipment - both purchased and camp made, good outside resources, staff qualities, trails, crafts, testing systems, activities - both day and night.

5. AFFECTING ATTITUDES TOWARD THE ENVIRONMENT

Considerations for staff training, all camp programmes, the role of the camp Director, slanting programme activities toward nature, Acclimatization (Steve van Matre style), indirect methods - environmental games, anecdotes.

Camping in the Environment (contd.)

6. SITE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

Simple, economical projects which camps can initiate to maintain paths, prevent erosion, refurbish playing fields and generally lessen the impact on over-used areas. This group will analyze parts of the Seneca King campus and be involved in actual work on a restoration project. Ralph Ingleton, Site Manager of Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre, Chairman of the Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario.

Delegate costs for this workshop will be low, as some financial support is being received.

O.C.A. TO REJOIN CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF ONTARIO

At a meeting of the O.C.A. Executive Board on January 13th, the following self-explanatory motion was passed:

(moved) "That the Ontario Camping Association rejoin the Conservation Council of Ontario so that the O.C.A. can be more active in deciding the principles with which the environment of Ontario will be shaped; further, that the \$50.00 membership be forwarded to the Council when appropriate and that representation to the Council be the responsibility of the Environmental Concerns Committee."

Bruce Hodgins, Camp Wanapitei has kindly agreed to be one of the two O.C.A. representatives to the Council. We can't "officially" rejoin until the Council executive passes it at their February 25th meeting, but that will be a matter of mechanics.

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

27 questionnaires were mailed in December to those on the original committee mailing list. Thank you to those who returned it.

No. returned: 10

I desire: Notice of Meetings - 9
Minutes & News only - 1

E.C.C. should stress: More Issues - 1
More Education - 0
Balance of these - 9

A revised list will be drawn up shortly including only those with an expressed interest.

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UNITED STATES COUNSELLORS

Each year we receive numerous requests for information about counsellors entering Canada at U.S. Border points. Each year the Department of Labour is in touch with O.C.A. for proof that our exemptions are necessary to the operation of camps. Our briefs have been presented, followed by discussion with our Legislative Committee government representatives, and it is now certain that the exemption has been extended on a fairly permanent basis. This applies only to Counsellors and programme Staff. As a precaution, we have been advised to suggest that camp directors send a letter of introduction to every counsellor who enters Canada, to be presented at port of entry, stating that he (or she) is coming in as a camp counsellor for the specific period of time.

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ANNUAL MEETING

All members should be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, arranged by the very active committee chaired by Mrs. John Gilchrist, on

TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH - from 5.30 P.M.
at
HUMBER COLLEGE

Dinner, scheduled for 6.30 p.m., will be followed at 8.00 p.m. by the meeting itself, highlighted by the Speaker,

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Annual Meeting (contd.)

Right Reverend Wilbur Howard, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, and his views on "What Can Camping do for To-day's Youth?"

DON'T MISS THIS ONE !

The address, by the way, is Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology, North Campus, Humber College Blvd., Rexdale, 7th Semester Dining Room.

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GEORGIAN COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL

Word has come to us that many courses have been arranged for this summer, and may be of interest to OCA members, since they are to be held in such places as Barrie, Collingwood, Huntsville, Parry Sound, Midland and Alliston. Subjects to be covered: Badminton, Canoeing, Canoe Tripping, Golf, Exploring, Horsemanship, Orienteering, Sailing, Swimming, Tennis and Wilderness Survival. Detailed information is available through Mr. David B. Phillips, Director, Summer School of the Arts, Georgian College, 401 Duckworth Street, Barrie, Ontario. Brochures will be ready this month.

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REVIEW OF OCA PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS ETHICS

Several requests have been made to the Ethics Chairman for a review of our Code of Ethics. In order that the Committee can deal efficiently and completely with the revision, the membership is requested to forward to Helen Stewart, Chairman, 240 Markland Drive, # 510, Etobicoke M9C 1R3, items or reasons for changes or queries, to give direction to the Committee. Your letter or telephone call (to 622-6639) should be in her hand by March 22nd. Every member should have a copy of this Code in his or her file. If not, copies may be obtained by writing or personal visit to the OCA Office -

ACT NOW !

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SELLING SUBSCRIPTIONS

We desperately need to increase the number of Canadian Camping Magazine subscribers. Can you help us? Take it outside the Association. Think of people who are interested in camping, the outdoors, youth training and many other fields. Show them the value of the magazine, and encourage them to become Associate Members of OCA. It is not necessary that they be camp directors or staff just interested individuals who are willing to support our ventures and projects. Go after the schools and libraries in your own district. Camp directors would do well to order ten subscriptions for staff use in their own camp libraries. Get with it ! Bring in those subscriptions !

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O.C.A. ANNUAL COUNSELLOR CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 24th, 1975

Centennial College, Scarborough

8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Theme: Kids N'Kamping

For further information please call the Chairman,

Miss Pat Pearse - 964-1271 (evenings)

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BE IT KNOWN THAT.....

There has been some confusion with parents, staff and the general public who wonder about Arrowhead Day Camp, situated near Big Cedar Point, Lake Simcoe. The director, Mr. Ron Fein, would like everyone to know that ARROWHEAD DAY CAMP is an OCA member in good standing, alive, well and operating as usual as a co-ed day camp for boys and girls age three to fifteen, and is NOT associated with the Arrowhead Ranch or Arrowhead Lake of Bays Camp whose accreditation had to be suspended recently by the Board of Directors. Mr. Fein can be reached by telephone at : 889-9614.

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NOMINATIONS FOR CANADIAN CAMPING
ASSOCIATION AWARD

Who, in your mind, deserves recognition for any outstanding contribution to the Canadian Camping scene in the years 1973, 1974 and 1975? Give this some thought, and if you would like to make nominations, please do so as soon as possible, and address them to the Canadian Camping Association, 102 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto, M4P 1E1. You may send in several suggestions if you wish, but each should include proof of accomplishment in a description of the nominee's work.

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"The most valuable trait one can acquire is the ability to make oneself do the things that must be done when they ought to be done, whether one likes them or not."

From the collection of Paul Rushton.

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RULES OF THE ROAD

We were pleased to hear from so many camp directors who helped us look for further information about transportation of campers and staff in open trucks. Ron Johnstone has sent us his findings: "There is no law that we are aware of that prohibits the carrying of passengers in the back of an open truck; but as a matter of practice, each camp owner should check out the liability aspects with their lawyer to make certain of their position before making truck-travel a camp practice. It is just not recommended because of our special duty of care owed to our campers."

Also, from Mr. R.J. MacKay, long-time friend of campers and camp directors through C.N.A. Assurance Company's camper policies: "In other than private passenger cars, station wagons or bus-type vehicles, if at the time of the accident more than three persons (exclusive of the driver) are occupants of the automobile, the insurance is null and void. Your automobile contract contains this information under "Endorsement Restricting Occupant Coverage

in Commercial Automobiles". Consult your lawyer and insurance agent for many other facts and details you should know."

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WOODSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR SCHOOL

A PROJECT OF THE
ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION
June 11 to 19, 1975

The Woodsmanship Instructor School is a deliberate attempt to give those with wilderness oriented land skills an integrated perspective of mankind's interrelationship with the natural environment and the knowledge of how to communicate these skills and perspective to others. An extensive programme includes theoretical and practical sessions.

Requirements of the candidates for the school are that they have some experience in woodsmanship and be recommended by someone who is aware of their skills and potentials. All candidates must be 18 years or older.

The location for the 1975 School will be Camp Kandalore (located between Minden and Dorset on Highway # 35).

For further information and/or application, contact any of the following planning committee members:

Snooks Campbell, 43 Cecil Street, Toronto, M5T 1N1 Tel: 368 9889	Andrea Dillon c/o Camp Kandalore, Minden, KOM 2K0 Tel: 1-705-489 3419
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Tom Roach,
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7 Engleburn Place,
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