



# OCAasional news

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you know that Chevy Chase went to an O.C.A. Camp? Did you know that Margaret Atwood, Peter Mansbridge and Leonard Cohen went to O.C.A. Camps? Wow -- are we on our way to promoting our public image -- you bet we are!!! Please send in your list of celebrities if you have not yet done so -- we are on to something big, folks!

Happy 1989 -- yes, the calendar flips to a new year, and Summer Camp 1989 is suddenly a little closer to reality than we remembered! How can we best prepare ourselves? It's easy: come to our January 26-28 Annual Conference for Directors and Senior Staff at the Inn on the Park Hotel in Toronto. It promises to be an exciting opportunity for fellowship and learning. You will be missing an exciting three days if you do not register soon.

January 1989 also brings us the election of our new Board of Directors -- the final stage of our Operational Review. Please come to our Annual General Meeting to welcome your new Board, and to say "adieu" to those volunteers who now retire from active involvement on the O.C.A. Board. They deserve your support!

Finally, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome aboard our new OCAasional Newsletter Editor: Janet Adamson, Director of Camp

Gay Venture, Past President of the O.C.A. and the C.C.A. (you see, there is no such thing as Past). Janet begins her editorship with the February 1989 issue. Thank you, Janet, for your your continued support and commitment to the Ontario Camping Association. You are one talented lady!

JANE McCUTCHEON  
President

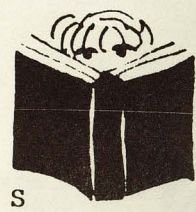
## RETAIL SALES TAX

Our December Newsletter article on the 3% Retail Sales Tax has prompted many phone calls from our membership. Here are the facts as we understand them!

Most camps are required to collect sales tax on camper fees on the basis of Ruling 13 (January 12, 1982) amendment to the Retail Sales Act. Here is an excerpt from a 1982 notice the O.C.A. sent to its membership:

### ONTARIO SALES TAX ON CAMPER FEES RE-IMPOSED

The temporary exemption of Provincial Sales Tax on camper fees which was given in 1978 has been re-imposed effective January 1, 1982, along with hotels and other establishments providing lodging. It only applies if the fee is in excess of \$50.00



per week and the person stays less than 31 days.

Your Association made an appeal to the Ontario Government back in November 1981 for an exemption to this tax and on April 1, 1982 finally received a reply. The answer was "NO".

You have two choices - one is to charge 3% of your gross camper fee for a period less than 31 days, i.e. four week fee - \$600.00: the tax is \$18.00.

Second choice - you must show on your invoice the amount of fee applicable to meals, counsellor services and lodging. Then charge 7% on the value of lodging. Example:

Meals	\$250.00
Counsellor Service	300.00
Lodging	50.00
7% Sales Tax	3.50
TOTAL	\$603.50

It is very obvious that in this hypothetical case it is much cheaper to use Option No. 2. However, you must be prepared to justify to the Tax Department that your breakdown of fees is correct. If you are unable to do this, they may charge you the balance of tax applicable.

Also, if any of the meals have a value in excess of \$6.00 they are subject to tax of 10%.

All these details are given in Ruling 13 under the Retail Sales Tax Act for Ontario, p. 261.

If you are going to use Option No. 2, may we suggest you contact the tax department first with your calculations and obtain their approval. You should make contact with the District Office for your area.

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It is our understanding that some camps are exempt from the Sales Tax. We are now trying to clarify with the Government to whom the total exemption applies. We will notify the membership as soon as we have the notice in writing. In the meantime, we suggest you continue to do as you have done since 1982. I wish we could be more specific, but we cannot until we have a ruling.

JANE McCUTCHEON  
President

## BETWEEN THE COVERS

Once again the C.C.A. Bookstore will be set up at the O.C.A. Directors' Conference from January 26-28, 1989. All of the new titles will be on hand, including: some up-to-date information on AIDS, a child development series, PARC fitness material, the I Love Camp tape cassette, and a book packed with every kind of fun imaginable (games, stunts...and more!).

Drop by the booth and stock up with your pre-summer and summer resource needs. Our knowledgeable volunteers can direct you to appropriate books and answer your questions on content if you are unsure.

Lastly, the popular sale bin will be full of deals galore! Don't miss out on the opportunity to talk with us in person. Being a mail order operation, this kind of first hand information is rarely available. We look forward to seeing you there!

C.C.A. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

## THIS ' N ' THAT

### Children's Charity Group from Scotland Hopes to Visit O.C.A. Summer Camps in 1989

The O.C.A. has received a letter from the organizers of a Children's Charity Group from Scotland requesting the opportunity to visit Ontario Camps as part of a trip to Canada this summer.

If you would be interested in opening your gates for a visit from these children, please contact the O.C.A. Office for more details. Let's promote cultural exchange!

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### Canadian Nature Tours

Canadian Nature Tours, operated by the Federation of Ontario Naturalists since 1976, offer you a chance to learn first hand about our fragile environment. For more information, contact:

Canadian Nature Tours  
Federation of Ontario Naturalists  
355 Lesmill Road  
Don Mills, Ont. M3B 2W8  
(416) 444-8419/FAX: (416) 444-9866

## HELP WANTED

### Career Opportunity Director - Children's Summer Camp

An exceptional career opportunity to run one of Ontario's leading summer camps. The director's job is to provide leadership and direction to summer staff, and year-round management of all aspects of a high-quality, skill oriented, co-ed children's camp. The person will be skilled, energetic, and confident, with experience in camping. This is a rare opening for a job with considerable challenge, job satisfaction, attractive lifestyle, and very generous remuneration. Send resume to: Camp Director Position, 191 Roxton Road, Toronto, Ont. M6J 2Y4.

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### Program Director Illahee Lodge, Cobourg, Ont.

Full-time, live-in from mid-May through early September. Applicants should be knowledgeable about the situation and needs of older adults, have experience in working with older people in group settings and have supervisory skills.

### Property Manager Illahee Lodge, Cobourg, Ont.

Full-time, from early May through September. Applicants should be knowledgeable and experienced in different aspects of maintenance and property management. Responsibilities include planning, supervising and executing entire maintenance program, supply, pool operation, housekeeping program, etc.

To apply for the above positions, contact:  
Richard Moore  
Director of Senior Services  
Family Service Assoc'n of Metro Toronto  
22 Wellesley St. East  
Toronto, Ont. M4Y 1G3.  
(416) 922-3126

## IN APPRECIATION

### Thanks to Directors

In the Spring of 1989 a survey was sent to all O.C.A. Directors asking several questions about the Nurses' Workshop and how it could be improved. This material has been and still is very valuable to the Committee of Nurses who plan the workshop. The Committee Members send a sincere thank you to all who took time to make such thoughtful responses.

MARY CASEY

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Future Visions Annual Conference February 15-17, 1989, Toronto

Join the leading edge of recreation professionals at Future Vision '89 - a vista of opportunities.

Explore the latest research, the innovations, future trends and current issues which are shaping the future of recreation services.

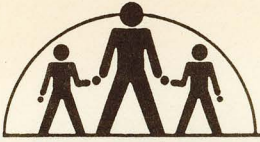
For more information, contact:  
The Ontario Recreation Society  
1220 Sheppard Ave. East  
North York, Ont. M2K 2X1  
(416) 495-4101

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### Alberta Camping Association Annual Conference March 10-12, 1989

The 39th Annual ACA Conference is designed for Camp Directors and Board members. The focus will be on: Standards, Personnel and Programs. In addition, every effort is being made to provide a range of displays at the Exhibit Showcase to keep delegates abreast of products and services.

For more information, write:  
ACA Conference '89  
c/o Camp He Ho Ha  
Box 97  
Seba Beach, Alta. T0E 2B0



# ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR DIRECTORS & SENIOR STAFF

TOGETHER  
TOWARDS  
TOMORROW

Thursday, January 26 to Saturday, January 28, 1989  
INN ON THE PARK TORONTO, ONTARIO

Happy New Year! For your New Year's resolution, we have a great idea...come and stay at the Inn on the Park for the full 1989 Annual Conference.

The Conference Committee and many other members have contributed hundreds of hours to make this Conference a Winner! Well, we all hope that you will come to the Conference. Celebrate the New Year by meeting the other camping pro's at this important event. See you there -- January 26-28!

Exhibitors' Day, January 27, 1989

We are delighted to announce to all Conference delegates that we have the largest number ever of exhibitors; in addition, there is a good number of first-time exhibitors eager to demonstrate to YOU their products and services.

The Exhibit Hall will be opening its doors earlier this year: be there at 10:00 a.m.! The luncheon, sponsored by the exhibitors, is also a "must-attend" feature.

**A Canadian  
Camping**

# cabaret

**Friday  
January 27, 1989**

Who's going? Delegates of the O.C.A. Conference, members of the C.C.A. Board, camp staff, friends of camping, commercial members of O.C.A. and anyone looking for an evening of fun and entertainment.

Why? It's a C.C.A. Benefit • It's an Auction • It's a Cabaret • It's a 100th Birthday Celebration for YMCA Camping.

Our NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is worth supporting and it needs your support, as the C.C.A.'s ongoing work is entirely funded through membership fees and donations.

Highlights of the **SILENT AUCTION** include:

CAMP KEEPSAKES from across the country (T-shirts, mugs, pins, etc. from camps all over Canada) • HOCKEY TICKETS • THEATRE TICKETS ...

The **LIVE AUCTION** will feature such items as:

TRIPS and TRAVEL • A NOMINIQUE CEDAR STRIP CANOE • 25 LBS of LOBSTER (at the time and location of your choice) • 1989 C.C.A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE Registration • 1989 O.C.A. SKILLS WEEKEND Registration • 1990 O.C.A. CONFERENCE for Directors and Senior Staff Registration • A SITE PLANNING Package ...

Where is it? The Toronto Argonaut Rowing Club, Lakeshore Blvd. East, Toronto.

What's included? Transportation from the hotel, reception, buffet dinner, Camping Cabaret Evening with entertainment provided by Canadian Camping Celebrities.

How do I get involved? Tickets available through registration for the O.C.A. Conference for Directors and Senior Staff at just \$35.00 (all inclusive).

Bring or suggest donations for the Auction.

Tax receipts available on request. Please contact Diane Blair (416) 485-8288.

Your assistance is appreciated.