



# OCAsional news

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"THERE'S ONE BORN EVERY MINUTE - B.T. Bailey

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The OCA phone rings - it's Helen Stewart! She's at home and feeling much better. The call was to send her greetings to all of us and express her deep feelings of gratitude for the support, care and nurture she felt from us over the recent past. It was good news indeed to hear from her.

I've just returned from the ACA National Convention. It was a grand occasion with excellent workshops and creative speakers. There's something life-giving to be amongst kindred spirits - even for a little while.

Some of the current ACA research in the camping field indicates that camping is in good health, although some interesting factors emerged. Their Market Survey has revealed that the three top concerns of camps across the USA in 1983 were enrollment, staff and finances. It also showed a number of trends that were listed in 15 categories. Some of these included: the "businessization" of camps, year-round use, the mainstreaming of disabled individuals, the use of computers and other forms of technology, the value of day camps, and holistic camping. Sound interesting?

These indications are not new - but we all need to continue, together, to address those pertinent to our situation.

The OCA Board will monitor this matter and report later.

Watch for the Nominations Report and Ballots which are being mailed shortly. Be sure to participate in the elections as they are an indication of the strength of the organization. And note the placement of the Annual Meeting at the Counsellor Conference on May 12th. We need your presence.

My word, may spring hasten to the horizon!... this weather is something else!

K. GRANT KERR,  
President.

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## EDITORIAL

Did you have trouble with carpenter ants last summer in your cabins? Well you haven't seen nothin' yet! The O.C.A. Board was alarmed by a report recently released by M.N.R. Apparently a stronger breed of carpenter ant, the tree ant (Arbor Antis), will be ravaging our northern woods much the way the tent caterpillar did a few years ago.

In anticipation of the problem the M.H.W. has issued a new requirement for attaining your health certificates. All wooden structures at camp must now have solid steel supports so that each building will be 1.2 metres above the ground. Furthermore, any other wooden



structure i.e. docks, outdoor stages, camp-fire circle benches, etc., must be covered entirely with aluminum. Gotcha! I hope you had a happy April Fools Day. Take advantage of this tall tale month to come up with new campfire stories and special events' ideas for this summer. See you soon!

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TO THE EDITOR:-

In any organization, the volunteer plays an integral role, fulfills a necessary void whenever one needs to be filled and it is safe to say that without the volunteer we all suffer!!

Occasionally, there are those who take this role without hesitation, without any need for recognition and perform way beyond the call of duty. The latest example - Fred Okada. When the conference committee realized there was no chairman and when the OCA Board looked around, who turned up - Fred. He is there when willing and although he has gone through the agonizing exercise of reorganizing conferences before - he would not let any of us down - he simply did it again! This was no easy task. This year's conference had to follow the International extravaganza of last year - and everyone was expecting a let down; everyone but Fred, and was there a let down? - absolutely not!! Attendance may have been off, but the quality of the program, the facility, and the organization was superb - and that is a reflection of Fred.

It is about time that proper recognition be given to a man who refuses to let anything get him down. He remains an example to us all!!

HAL HANNAFORD - DIRECTOR,  
KITCOO CAMP.

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**ECLECTIC CAMPING**

**PROLOGUE -  
CAMP IONA TASK FORCE ON WATER SAFETY.**

Camp Iona is a wilderness camp situated in the heart of Muskoka. One of three Presbyterian Church run camps in the Synod of Toronto-Kingston. Camp Iona operates both in-camp and off-site canoeing programs. In January, 1983

the Synod executive asked each camp to review and re-evaluate their existing water safety policy (in specific, the use of lifejackets and personal floatation devices - P.F.D.'s). The appointed task force embarked upon a four-month study which included sending questionnaires to 110 O.C.A. camps which listed canoeing as an activity, contacting organizations and individuals known to run programs in water safety, camping and canoeing and applying a liberal dose of common sense.

The results of this study have been prepared in a series of four articles which will outline the results of the questionnaire, the analysis of the results and, finally, the recommendations of the task force on the water safety policy of the camp.

The policy decisions of Camp Iona are not necessarily those of all members of the O.C.A. We have developed a very effective water and canoe safety program which serves our camp's requirements very satisfactorily. We hope that all members of our Association will read the following series with an eye on the water and canoe safety policy of their camp. This review of our policy has proved invaluable and it is our sincere desire to convey our thoughts and ideas to you.

This first article comprises a listing of the questionnaire questions and the response statistics to each question.

Next issue, we'll discuss the results and analysis of the questionnaire!

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REGIONAL NEWS

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Recently, I visited the Sault Ste. Marie and London Regions to attend the Regional Committee Meetings. The attendance at the meetings demonstrates an interest in the need for Regional Development and area workshops for Camping Staff. It is exciting to hear the plans and to see the enthusiastic Committee Members in "action" as they begin planning the Spring 84 Leadership Development Workshops.

I encourage the full O.C.A. Membership to receive the dates of the events below and pass along information to camp staff living in these Regions. All events are very worthwhile to the development of campstaff. I'm certain that the benefits will be yours as well for the staff will be exposed to many new and creative camping



program ideas.

SALLY M. MOORE,  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Upcoming Regional Events

OTTAWA

Hogsback Counsellor Workshop -

Date: Saturday, June 2, 1984  
Time: 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
Place: Hogs Back Park, Ottawa  
Fee: 50¢ to attend

Stargazing Workshop -

Date: Monday, June 11, 1984  
Time: 8:30 P.M. - 10:30 P.M.  
Place: Museum of Science & Technology  
Ottawa.  
RSVP: Contact Joe Pavia to attend.  
No fee.

For more information contact the Ottawa  
Area Representative:-

Joe Pavia, Ottawa YM-YWCA  
180 Argyle, Ottawa, K2P 1B7  
(513) 237-1320

LONDON

Counsellor Workshop -

Date: Saturday, May 26, 1984  
Place: Circle R Ranch, Delaware, Ont.  
Time & Fee: To be established.

For more information contact the London  
Area Representative:-

Cathy Russell, Circle R Ranch  
P.O. Box 85, Delaware, Ont. NOL 1E0  
(519) 471-3799

SUDBURY & SAULT STE. MARIE

Counsellor Workshop -

Date: June 8 & 9  
Place: Galilean Bible Camp  
Time & Fee: To be established.

For more information contact the appropriate  
Regional Representative:-

SUDBURY - Dale Pepin  
Box 1087, Copper Cliff, Ont. POM 1N0  
(705) 682-2957

SAULT STE. MARIE - Bev Robinson  
184 Hugill Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.  
P6A 4E8  
(705) 949-6933

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MORE REGIONAL NEWS

SAULT STE. MARIE REGION

The Sault Ste. Marie Regional Committee met for the first time on Thursday, March 1, 1984. Six Camps were represented and regrets were received from the other three Camps. Sally Moore was present and chaired the meeting. This committee will meet again on Thursday, March 22, 1984 and at that time will look at setting up our Mall Display to promote camping which will be May 7 12, 1984. We will also look at some Leadership Development and where the committee wants to move from here.

SAULT AREA CAMPFERENCE - March 2 & 3, 1984

14th Annual Campference 1984 was an exciting event. Forty people from six different Camps attended. Sally Moore brought the group together on Friday evening with community building. On Saturday everyone gained a wealth of information and experience in the workshops of Gaming, Singing, Special Events, Who Is the Counsellor, Leadership Training, Food & Menu Planning, Managing Yourself and Discipline. The Leadership of Craig Copeland O.C.A. and C.C.I., Sally Moore O.C.A., Bill Shipp A.C.A. and Aileen Hadden (local) gave us a lot of new ideas and their warmth and friendship helped to make the event a success.

Thanks to the support and encouragement of OCA, the Campference has been successful over the past 14 years. We look forward to exciting things happening in this region...onward 15th Annual Campference.

Bev Robinson, Regional Rep.

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**THIS & THAT**

Aquatics Committee requires "New Committee Members". If interested please contact Lisa Wilson at 425-9796.



ATTENTION!!!

All of you who attended our 50th Birthday last April should contact the office if you have not already received your copy of "Blue Lake and Rocky Shore".

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A NOTE FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE:-

In a few days you will receive under separate cover material from the Standards Committee. We urge you to give this information your immediate attention. We sincerely hope that with every member's input and your personal involvement the visitation programme will be more meaningful than ever before. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

BRUCE HARRIS,  
Chairman, Standards Committee.

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/ HELP WANTED /  
/ /  
/ Program Director required by Educamp. /  
/ Must be skilled in a variety of camp /  
/ activities, especially teaching camp /  
/ songs and organizing Sports Events. /  
/ Please contact: Abbie Armstrong /  
/ at (416) 444-6731 or (1) 895-2664 /

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS

The 1984 Counsellor Conference, Saturday, May 12th, Seneca College, Toronto.

Theme - COUNSELLING - WHAT A SENSATION!!!

Sessions will be offered on many aspects of counselling and camping.

Special Event - An attempt at the North American Camping lap sit record.

MAKE SURE YOUR CAMP IS PART OF THE SENSATION.

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Date: June 3 - 9, 1984.

Canadian Environment Week.

O.C.A. CANOE SCHOOL

Location: Camp Oconto, 60 km. north of Kingston  
Date: Thurs. June 7 to Sunday, June 10  
Fees: For registrants from the same camp registering at the same time - fee will be as follows:-

1st registrant	\$95.00
2nd & 3rd	90.00
4th & additional	86.00

Fees include meals, accommodation, equipment, handout materials and books.

Applications: Contact - Ontario Camping Assoc.  
1806 Avenue Rd. Ste. 2  
TORONTO, Ont. M5M 3Z1  
(416) 781-0525

Course Staff: - Bill Elgie and Assistants.

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Canoe School Staff Needed: - Interested people please contact the Ontario Camping Association office.

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ANNUAL MEETING - May 12, 1984.

The 1984 Annual Meeting of the O.C.A. will be held on Saturday, May 12 at Seneca College in co-operation with the Counsellors' Conference.

Registration forms will be forwarded shortly.

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WORKSHOP FOR CAMP NURSES

Bolton Outdoor Education Centre - May 25 - 26, 1984. New and experienced nurses from residential and day camps, doctors, directors and interested others are welcome. The main speaker is Dr. J. C. Fallis, long-time camp doctor and Director of Emergency Medical Service at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Get a new insight into the role of the nurse and the aims of the health program. Come to share and learn.

Registration forms enclosed. Camp Directors please see that this information is forwarded to your camp nurses.

MARY CASEY.

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CAMP KITCHEN MANAGEMENT - May 12 - 13

University of Guelph. Fee - \$68.00.  
Applications due April 11, 1984



ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION

Suite 2, 1806 Avenue Road, TORONTO, Ontario M5M 3Z1 416-781-0525

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Dear O.C.A. Member:

Eco-Skills '84 is a Workshop for nature and environment program leaders at O.C.A. camps. Last year Eco-Skills '83 provided those who attended with valuable resources, ideas and strategies for environmental programming. This year, with Eco-Skills '84 we hope to do the same.

The Workshop will be held at Hockley Valley Camp near Orangeville, Ontario. It will run from Friday, June 8 after dinner, until Sunday June 10 after lunch. The cost per participant is \$45.00 which includes meals and accomodation.

Helping children to develop an appreciation of the natural world is an important goal for many camps, consequently leaders who can provide positive opportunities where campers can experience the out-of-doors are very important. This Workshop is designed to provide that necessary leadership training.

What will the program be like? Here are a few of the sessions from Eco-Skills '83

"Aquatic Adventures"

"Night Walks"

"Designing an Environment Program at Camp"

"Environmental Wide Games"

"Environmental Awareness Campfire"

"Acclimatization: Touch the Earth"

The resource staff presenting the sessions are dedicated, experienced and enthusiastic outdoor education/camp leaders. They will offer workshop participants a wide array of imaginative and interesting games, activities and programs.

What will you or your staff receive from this Workshop? The following are some of the key benefits:

-new program ideas or old ideas with a new twist

-resource information

ideas on how to make nature programming an integral part of the camp life

-an opportunity to discuss problems, concerns and successes with staff from other camps

-knowledge about the environment

-an opportunity to develop a philosophy of environmental programming.

Eco-Skills '84 is an excellent way to facilitate a greater awareness about the natural environment at your camp. Use the application form overleaf. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The limit is 40 participants. Registration will be accepted until May 19, 1984

If you would like more information please contact:

Judy Paul

R.R.# 1 CAMPBELLCROFT, Ontario

LOA 1B0

Sincerely,

Judy Paul  
Eco-Skills '84 Coordinator  
O.C.A. Environmental Concerns Committee

APPLICATION FORM ON BACK



ECO-SKILLS 1984

A Two day workshop for leaders of environmental programs

WHEN: Friday June 8 to Sunday June 10, 1984

WHERE: Hockley Valley Outdoor Education Centre

COST: \$45.00 per person (includes accomodation and meals)

REGISTRATION: Ontario Camping Association  
1806 Avenue Road, Suite 201  
TORONTO, Otnario;  
M5M 3Z1

CO-ORDINATOR- Judy Paul  
R.R.# 1  
CAMPBELLCROFT, Ontario  
LOA 1B0

HOME 416-797-2560  
WORK 416-797-2721

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Eco-Skills 1984 APPLICATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Experience Leading Programs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dr. Richard Volpe, Professor of Educational Psychology, University of Toronto
- OCA 3 POLICIES - WHAT'S FAIR FOR ALL? - Al Goodman, Camp New Moon  
Session examines how policies are developed, presented and maintained
- OCA 4 ENLIGHTENING LEADERSHIP - Marjorie Booth, Executive Director  
Canadian Camping Association, Discovering your Leadership Styles.
- OCA 6 OUTSIDE CATERING VS. RUNNING YOUR OWN SERVICE - Phyl Lowes, Cliff Labbett
- OCA 7 ALL BUGS AT CAMP ARE NOT MOSQUITOES - Mary Lou Patrick, Hospital for Sick Children  
Communicable diseases - their spread and controls in a camp setting
- OCA 8 THE OTHER END OF THE PORTAGE - Kirk Wipper, University of Toronto  
Some trail markers that should be considered by the camping movement
- OCA 9 THE CHILD OF A BROKEN HOME: REALITY IN THE '80's - Allan S. Cooper, Q.C.  
Family law in Ontario relating to children at summer camp
- OCA 10 PLEASE SIR I WANT SOME MORE - ATTENTION - Barry Lowes, Camp Tiberlane  
Deals with camper behaviour designated to gain attention
- OCA 11 ON VOLUNTEERS - Bob Meredith, Howard Society  
Recruitment, screening, training and evaluating your volunteer program
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Discusses the liability of the Director in negligence and contracts.
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How to avoid the pitfalls of expensive computerization
- OCA 14 KEEPING THE LID ON-AND REPLACING IT WHEN IT BLOWS - Edward P. Gooden, Director of  
Programming - Creative Centre for learning and development
- OCA 15 YOU CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE - HOW A DIRECTOR CAN KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON - Bert Fine
- OCA 16 STAFF TRAINING BEFORE THE SUMMER STARTS - Diane Blair, Camp Gay Venture
- OCA 17 SEXUAL VALUES AND ATTITUDES IN CAMP - Jay Haddad, Canadian Camping Association  
Cate Lazarov, Socio-sexual orientation counsellor
- OCA 18 INTEGRATING HANDICAPPED, EXCEPTIONAL OR ILL CHILDREN INTO REGULAR CAMPS -  
Doreen Kronick, Camp White Pine
- OCA 19 FOOD AND NUTRITION FOR CAMPERS - Anne Kenedy, Public Health Nutrition
- OCA 20 YES, THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED CAN BE INTEGRATED - John Latimer, Kilcoo Camp  
The speaker will discuss "Camp Awakening"
- OCA 21 UNDERSTANDING PEER PRESSURE - Don Smyth, Drug and Alcohol Abuse services
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- OCA 25 REAL PEOPLE DO TRIP - "B" Rootham, katimavik  
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- OCA 26 KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Dr. Mary E. Keyes, Director School of Physical Education and  
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ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION

(NOT JUST HEALTH---WELLNESS!)

(A Workshop for nurses, directors, doctors and others interested in the health program at Camp).

MAIN SPEAKER: Dr. J. C. Fallis, Camp Doctor and Director  
Emergency Medical Services, Hospital for Sick Children.

PLACE: Bolton Conference Centre,  
BOLTON, Ontario

DATE: Friday evening, May 25, 1984 at 7:30 P.M.  
to Saturday, May 26, 1984 at 3:30 P.M.

COST: \$35.00 (includes Saturday breakfast & lunch). (Please make cheque payable to Ontario Camping Association).

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 12, 1984 AT THE:-

ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION  
1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2  
TORONTO, Ontario, M5M 3Z1.

- PLEASE BRING:
- Examples of cost or time savers, helpful hints
  - First Aid Kits, Nursing Manuals
  - Camp Photos

Label with description and your name. Display table for these and time to share!

**THIS IS YOUR ONLY CORRESPONDENCE! WE WILL SEE YOU ON FRIDAY, MAY 25!**

(Detach here)

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YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Director ( )  
Doctor ( )  
Nurse ( )

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CAMP YOU ARE REPRESENTING \_\_\_\_\_

SUGGESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION TOPICS:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PASS THIS ALONG IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND!