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"IF SPRING CAME BUT ONCE IN A CENTURY INSTEAD OF ONCE A YEAR, OR BURST FORTH WITH THE SOUND OF AN EARTHQUAKE AND NOT IN SILENCE, WHAT WONDER AND EXPECTATION THERE WOULD BE IN ALL HEARTS TO BEHOLD THE MIRACULOUS CHANGE." - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a privilege and an honour to serve.

A privilege for it affords me the opportunity to work with and meet so many committed members of the camping family. The honour of serving the Ontario Camping Association comes as I look at the names of those who have preceded my term. These are names that are a part of the history of camping not only in Ontario but across this whole country.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to enhance the image of O.C.A. and to ensure that the campers enrolled in member camps are involved in a quality camping experience.

I'm committed to use this space in the newsletter to inform you, the members of O.C.A., of what I'm doing and of what's happening within our Association.

With this in mind here's a reminder to camp directors of the new procedure to have your camp approved by the Ministry of Health.

Excerpt from Ontario Regulation 242/84.

Notice of Camp Opening

Every person who intends to operate a recreational camp for the first time shall give written notice of his intention to do so to the medical officer of health at least sixty days before the camp is to be opened.

Where an operator intends to open a recreational camp that has been closed for a period exceeding thirty days, the operator shall notify the medical officer of health of the proposed opening at least fourteen days prior to the re-opening of the camp.

If your operation extends throughout the year you need not follow this procedure. But it would be good P.R. to inform the local medical officer of health that you are moving into your summer program.

When the local M.O.H. sends an inspector a copy of his report will be left with you as proof of his visit. There will be no license issued, instead a copy of the report will be requested as part of the O.C.A. accreditation visit.

I'm sure that you are all gearing up for another great summer and I would like to wish you a safe and successful season.

FRED OKADA,
President.

FROM THE EDITOR

Spring came early to the Valley this year. The fragrant lilacs are about to bloom. The snakes having found the freedom of the surface and sun are seeking refuge once again...from the hands of curious kids. The land takes on a myriad of changes. I recently observed another rite of Spring - the O.C.A. annual meeting.

Members gathered to hear the business of the Association and witness the change over of Board members whose tireless efforts help to keep this organization alive and dynamic. Following the scrumptious meal which Ceciley had arranged for us, we listened to words which were amusing and thought provoking in Hal's inspiring after dinner address.

This meeting also brought a change of Presidents. It has been fun sharing this page with Grant, who now joins the most respected group of Past Presidents. And a hearty welcome to Fred! I look forward to his words here in the 'lifeline'.

Once again summer is jumping at the door, waiting to come in! I will be busy representing the Association as we work towards an exchange of counsellors between Ontario and Belgium, during the summer of 1986.

We'll be back with the October issue (deadline September 15) in the Fall. In the meantime - HAPPY SUMMER!!

MARTIN G. HUNT,
Editor.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

If we sell you our land, love it as we loved it, care for it as we've cared for it, and with all your strength, with all your might, and with all your heart - preserve it for your children, and love it as God loves us all.

(Blackfoot Indian Chief)

Eco-Skills is a unique experience. Indeed, for the past three years the Ontario Camping Association has sponsored and

supported Eco-Skills in an attempt to promote environmental understanding and programs at camp. The three day workshop provides an opportunity to discuss ideas and concerns about the environment. Eco-Skills is particularly helpful to both those camps wishing to begin an environmental program and those which already have a well established one. The qualified and enthusiastic resource staff of Eco-Skills ensure professionalism and experience.

Environmental awareness has become a necessity in today's world. Creative ideas and methods of stimulating environmental awareness at camp are discussed and demonstrated during the workshop. There has only been positive feedback about Eco-Skills and like any other good environmental program, Eco-Skills is fun.

Justin de Vries
Kevin Paul
Co-Ordinators: Eco-Skills 85.

Applications are available from the O.C.A. Office.

"DO TELL"

NIGHT HIKES - PART 11

PREPARATION

1. Scout your route. Know exactly where you intend to go with deviations from established trails decided well before hand. Know how to 'bail out' on alternate routes should this become necessary.
2. Know your group. The night means different things to different people and none of your planned activities should threaten a campers sensibilities nor should you ask a group to do something which they may have difficulty handling.
3. Prepare yourself. Gather all the items you will need for night exercises and take along a flashlight for emergency use.
4. Prepare your group. Let them know what is expected of them and the importance of full participation.

THE NIGHT HIKE

1. Your hike away from the lights of camp should be in a line with participants spread out and as quiet as possible.
2. Your manner at all times should be quiet and relaxed, almost secretive. The response of the group will soon be the same.
3. The exercises that you choose should flow well from one activity to the next.
4. Time will pass quickly but you should not stay out too long unless fully prepared to do so.
5. End the hike before interest wanes.

ENDING THE HIKE

1. Gather the group before you return to lights and activity. Summarize briefly and draw out reactions from the group.
2. Sometimes the hike can shift easily into a general discussion about other things which affect the group.

IDEAS FOR NIGHT HIKE ACTIVITIES

1. Firefly Talks:-

Capture insects or fungus with phosphorescence (cool chemical light) and gather in a fairy circle for secret talks.

2. Trust falls:-

In the centre of a close circle of people one person stands stiffly and tips against the circle wall and is tipped back and forth "trusting" his fellows to hold him up.

3. Colour "Cone" fusion:-

Daytime colour discrimination is the work of cone cells in the eye which do not function in the low light levels of the night. Rod cells distinguish shades of light primarily in black and white.

4. Sounds Like....:-

For fifteen seconds we will make no sound. Don't rustle clothes...just listen! How many sounds did you hear? From what direction? How far away?

5. Winter Green Moonglow:-

There is a chemical in winter green lifesavers that emits light when it reacts with nitrogen after you bite into it. The sparks are fun to see and taste great too!

JOHN JORGENSEN,
CAMP TAWINGO.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Institute for Earth Education
First International Conference
September 25 - 29, 1985.

(WARRENVILLE, IL.)-- The Institute for Earth Education announces its first international conference for September 25 - 29, 1985 at the McKeever Environmental Learning Center in Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania.

Earth Education is the process of helping people live more harmoniously and joyously with the natural world. Based upon the Acclimatization materials and approach, this new effort offers more tools and greater support for the practitioners of focused, purposeful environmental learning. From Steve Van Matre's opening speech, "Environmental Education: Mission Gone Astray," to a special new ceremony celebrating the fall equinox, this will be a landmark gathering of prospective Earth Educators.

Here are some of the sessions you can select at this important kickoff event: experience an entire day of a "Sunship Earth" program, learn about the whys, whats and ways of Earth Education, join a day-long "Muir Trek," and participate in the new one-day Earth Education workshop where you'll receive a firsthand introduction to a new classroom-based program, "Earth Caretakers." During the conference you can also discover how to become a "certified" Earth Educator and join a worldwide network of others, develop an "Earthwalk" to use at home, share new natural experiences, and observe a practical demonstration on how to set up your own two-hour ecological concept-building adventure, "Earth Secrets."

To receive more information on the conference and the Institute, write: The Institute for Earth Education, Box 288, Warrenville, IL. 60555, U.S.A.

SUBMITTED BY: Rick Romman.

OTTAWA AREA CAMP COMMITTEE
COUNSELLOR TRAINING.

Saturday, June 1st, 1985.

8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

- All Counsellors may attend
- Cost .50 cents - O.A.C.C. Member Camps
- \$1.00 others.
- Where: Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. at Hog's Back Pavillion near the Falls.
- Lunch is provided.

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STAFF LEARN HOW TO TEACH
CANOEING!

O.C.A. Canoe School will be held June 14-17 at Camp Pathfinder in Algonquin Park. Basic knowledge of canoeing is a necessity - here you will learn how to teach, learn new games, races & tricks!

For information call the O.C.A. Office, 781-0525.

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A TASTE OF ROBERT SERVICE

The one-man campfire entertainment, in the garden of the cabin of the Bard of the Yukon, is again available to summer camps during the summer of 1985. For more information contact:- Charles Hayter, 188 Kingston Road, Toronto, Ont., M4L 1S7.

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ONTARIO ROCK CLIMBING ASSOCIATION

Instructor Workshop Weekend.

Date: Friday, June 14, 15 & 16, 1985.

6:00 - 7:00 P.M., Registration. Course commences 7:00 P.M. Friday evening.

Description: Candidates may be evaluated at either the Instructor II, I or Top Roping level as outlined in the O.R.C.A. Certification guidelines.

Place: Milton Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area.

Cost: \$100.00 Members, \$110.00 Non Members.

Course outlines and application forms are available from:

Dave Moore
Workshop Co-Ordinator
308 Ridge Drive
MILTON, Ont.
L9T 1X3
(416) 878-7125.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The C.C.A. is having a 50th Birthday Celebration in the Summer of 1986. If you have any suggestions or ideas for the Big Day please send them into the C.C.A. office, c/o Birthday Celebration.

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NATIONAL PARKS CENTENNIAL COMES
TO HARBOURFRONT

Parks Canada will join with Harbourfront to bring the National Parks Centennial to Toronto from June 28 to July 21.

As part of the Molson Great Lakefest Parks Canada will open a 24 day celebration that will provide hours of entertainment and education for all ages. Action displays, stage plays, vignettes, musical groups, wildlife demonstrations, a battle of the brigantines and an invasion by nineteenth-century Yankee militia will all be part of the fun and activity.

Each of the four weeks will be devoted to a particular facet of Canada's heritage beginning with our national parks from June 28 to July 4. The second week will represent our national historic parks and Canada's heritage of people, places and events. Week three will feature the heritage canals and other marine activities, and in week four the focus will broaden to include a look at Canada's role in world heritage preservation.

Make plans now to join in the celebration of 100 Years of Heritage Conservation at Toronto's Harbourfront.



Y.M.C.A. CAMP PINE CREST

It's Camp Pine Crest's 75th Anniversary, and we're celebrating.

We're searching across Canada for former Pine Crest campers and staff who will join us on October 26 for a Camp reunion in Toronto's new Metro Central YMCA.

Come and rekindle some of your fondest Camp memories and put yourself back in the Pine Crest picture.

Please contact us for complete details:-

Camp Pine Crest
YMCA Camping Service
20 Grosvenor Street
TORONTO, Ontario, M4Y 2V5
(416) 922-7474.

Camp Pine Crest 75th Reunion -- an event matched only by Camp itself.

FOR SALE - FOR RENT

- Small private church camp available for rent for one week - August 6 to 13.

- Some staff provided for program needs, all kitchen and maintenance provided.

- Located on an island in Georgian Bay near Honey Harbour.

- Contact Karl Freeland - evenings (416) 755-6121.

- Reasonable per person price structure or flat rate for entire group.

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BEDS FOR SALE

Double Deckers and Camp Cots 30" x 72"

CALL Joe Kronick in Toronto, 447-4125.

Double-Deckers, \$60.00; Cots \$30.00

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PLEASE NOTE THE C.C.A. BOOK STORE
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APPOINTMENT ONLY. PLEASE CALL (416)
781-4717.

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HELP WANTED

Tom Lewis, B.A., B.Ed., interested in full time employment in the field of Outdoor Education.

Experience:- Outward Bound; Project D.A.R.E.; Ontario Camp Leadership Centre; numerous residential camps.

Mr. Tom Lewis
124 Glen Road
TORONTO, Ontario
M4W 2W2
(416) 921-0148.

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WANTED: A SAILING INSTRUCTOR OR EXPERIENCE IN SAILING

Reply to:

Before June 15th	After June 15th
Lareta Sedgwick	Lareta Sedgwick
Box 464	Pleasant Bay Camp
Norwood, Ont.	R.R. #3
K0L 2V0	Consecon, Ont.
(705) 639-5258	K0K 1T0
	(613) 399-5877

THIS & THAT

We have received a Calendar of Events and a List of Speakers re International Youth Year from the Minister of State Youth.

These publications are available in the O.C.A. Library. Also a listing of Youth Groups across Canada.

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C.S.A.P. Box 69, Schomberg, Ontario, Canada, L0G 1T0. Telephone: (416) 939-2362 if busy call 939-2360.

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The Sault Area Campference was held on Friday, March 22, 1985 and Saturday, March 23, 1985, 63 people were in attendance representing Camps in the area.

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DON'T FORGET

Counsellor Conference
Camp Robin Hood
June 1st, 1985.

Sally Moore and Fred Okada represented the O.C.A. and brought to the group enthusiasm, support and friendship. Sally began the event with her enthusiastic style of community building, and people became a community very quickly and this helped to set the tone for the event. Saturday morning started with the theme address "Why Work With Kids In Camping" given by Mr. Ted Windle from Camp Aush-bik-koong. The rest of the day was spent in workshops such as: Gameing, Orienteering, Outdoor Survival, Counsellor Role, Promotion, Program Ideas and Creative Crafts. Fred Okada spent the Saturday looking at the O.C.A. standards with a group representing the Board of Directors from various camps. People had the opportunity to look at displays, and share ideas over coffee breaks and lunch hour.

It was felt the event was a great success and we look forward to the 16th annual event next year.

Thanks Fred & Sally.

BEV ROBINSON, Sault Ste. Marie Regional Rep.

Workshops are being planned in Canoeing and A Bronze Course, for information please contact Bev Robinson at (705) 949-6933.

1ST-HUMOR-STAFF-Douglas Miron-Camp Sudaca

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