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## "THERE COULD BE NO CRUELLER PUNISHMENT THAN TO BE BORN INTO THIS WORLD AND THEN TOTALLY IGNORED" **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Wow! Time really does pass by quickly when you are having fun. The summer of 1986 is history. Another summer to learn from as we look towards the 90's. My summer went extremely well, campers had a great vacation while the staff continued to grow throughout the summer. I can hardly wait to share our experiences over the fall and winter.

As usual there is a heavy schedule of events planned for you so keep your eyes open and mark the dates in your book. A quick reminder that our **Annual Conference** is being held on **January 15, 16, 17, 1987** at the **Inn on the Park in Toronto**. It's being held early because of the Second International Congress in Washington, D.C. during the first week in March. Nothing can surpass the first congress but I'll be there just in case. Hope to see many of you there.

Over the summer a number of issues have come to light. Program safety and the need to continually review our guidelines to minimize the possibility of an accident in activities such as riding, windsurfing and boating are but some of the concerns that will be examined by the appropriate committees. Please help us by responding to their request for assistance.

Thanks to all of you who have answered my questionnaire. The response has been excellent. If you haven't please consider completing it now. The information we have collected is not only interesting but extremely helpful. Thanks again for your involvement in your association.

FRED OKADA,  
President.

## **EDITORIAL**

During an outdoor lunch this summer, out of the corner of my eye, I observed a young camper, trip and fall flat on her face near the edge of the lake. Her friends immediately gathered around her, asking her if she was OK. When she didn't respond, I thought I should investigate. I moved over, touched her shoulder gently and asked, "Amanda, are you alright?" No doubt surprised to hear the director's voice, she quickly turned over, grinning from ear to ear and said somewhat sheepishly, "OK I'm OK. I just wanted some attention."

Amanda's frankness was refreshing and I couldn't help but smile at her innocent charade. But it reminded me of an important lesson in human relationships - we all need attention. In his book "Loving Each Other" Leo Buscaglia takes five chapters to say what Amanda said simply in five words. The incident was a perfect introduction to a session with the counsellors-in-training the next morning on campers' needs.

CATHERINE ROSS,  
Editor.

## WHO WERE YOUR CAMP NURSES?

Camp nurses are not an easy group to contact because of frequent turnover and isolated workplaces. Last year camp directors very kindly submitted the names of the nurses on their staffs during the current summer. A newsletter was sent to all and some enthusiastic responses were received. These names form a useful mailing list for the spring workshop. Again I am asking directors to send the names and mailing addresses of this summer's nurses to the O.C.A. office. - MARY CASEY.



We're back! (Just) And what an experience it was! For those of you who might know about the O.C.A. "Venture into the International Camping Community," here's the latest!

This past summer 12 Belgian Counsellors with the youth organization Jeunesse et Santé, were hosted, most graciously here in Ontario by Camps Bolton, Minwassin, Simpresca, Sparrow Lake, Connemara and the Ontario Camp Leadership Centre. I think the Belgians were quite taken with the facilities, waterfronts and beautiful settings of the Ontario camps.

In August, with the generous support of the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, who co-sponsored the exchange with the O.C.A., and with the support of Camps Bolton, Minwassin, Oconto, Otterdale, John Island Camp, London P.U.C. Day Camp, Ponacka, Simpresca, Sparrow Lake and the Ontario Camp Leadership Centre (whooh!), 11 Ontario Counsellors and myself were hosted by the Jeunesse et Santé in Belgium. We had a fun, interesting, enlightening, revealing, learning and an all around generally delightful time. We were particularly touched by the warmth of reception by both the staff and the enthusiastic and most appreciative campers. Our waistlines were particularly touched by the incredibly good food and the "Fifth Meal" we ate like Kings.

And creativity? As the Belgians were overwhelmed with our beautiful settings and facilities, we were overwhelmed by the myriad of creative ideas and activities they brought to life from relatively little resources (methinks a lesson doth lie therein!) A compilation of ideas soon to come to your local C.C.A. bookstore, as compiled by our exchange crew.

So what's next? We now have the way to put together independent exchanges between camps in Belgium and camps in Ontario.

However, for more news stay tuned to this station and watch for our amazing, technicolour presentation at the Annual O.C.A. Conference.

Special thanks go out to Fred Okada, Grant Kerr, Dorothy Walter and for those times when we just had to get there Camp Robin Hood, Bolton Camp and Justin deVries.

Santé!

MARTIN HUNT,  
Co-Ordinator.



Bring the wealth of the out-of-doors to more people. Your camp residence could extend its facility use beyond the summer months. School groups could use it for outdoor education purposes. Other organizations might enjoy having a place to get together and conduct their own sessions. What must you consider to initiate such programs?

Both Use of Resident Camps for School Programs and Outdoor Education Guidelines for Camps provide concise lists of the pertinent considerations. By looking at your available resources, staffing and the administrative aspects, you can assess whether or not such programs could be possible at your campsite.

Other C.C.A. publications which focus on the year-round aspect, are some of the inexpensive Fund for Advancement of Camps papers. Namely, Year-Round Camping Through Adventure Education Programs, Youth Development through Outdoor Adventure Programs, and Whatever Happened to School Camping. They will provide you with an idea of the kinds of programs which can be developed at your campsite. The next issue of BETWEEN THE COVERS will focus on program resource books for outdoor education.

Use of Resident Camps for School Programs (\$2.10 members, \$2.50 non-members)  
Outdoor Education Guidelines for Camps (\$1.00 members, \$1.20 non-members)  
Year-Round Camping Through Adventure Education Programs (\$1.35 members, \$1.60 non-members)  
Youth Development through Outdoor Adventure Programs (\$1.35 members, \$1.60 non-members)  
Whatever Happened to School Camping? (\$1.35 members, \$1.60 non-members)

Books listed in "Between the Covers" are available from the Canadian Camping Association Bookstore.

Orders that are \$20.00 or less must be prepaid with \$2.00 added for shipping. Contact the C.C.A. office by mail or phone.

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## ANNOUNCING 1987

### OCA CONFERENCE FOR DIRECTORS & SENIOR STAFF

JANUARY 15 - 17, 1987.  
INN ON THE PARK, TORONTO

Six in-depth seminars, over 50 interest sessions, general sessions, exhibits and entertainment.

Featuring:- Three-day Conference-Hotel Package. Plan to stay!

Conference Preview & Registration information will be available after October 22nd, 1986.

### **"WHAT'S HAPPENING!"**

### NEW FORMAT FOR DAY CAMP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Over the years the Day Camp Committee has been fortunate to have a small nucleus of dedicated members who directed the affairs of the committee and ran various educational events. Today day camping is growing at an astonishing rate across Ontario. Municipal, Agency, Church and Private programs are being established as the value of this camping form is being recognized. Many of these camps have for various reasons chosen not to become accredited camps (their loss!) However, many of the Directors and Senior Staff know the values of association with the OCA and have chosen to become individual members.

To accommodate the needs of these individuals and to instil an atmosphere of sharing and comraderee the Day Camp Committee has decided to change its meeting format and will now hold 4 open meetings during 1986/87; each meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.; OCA business will be covered in the first half hour; a 2 hour workshop geared to Directors and Senior Staff will then follow.

### MEETING DATES FOR '86/87

OCTOBER 22/86 - 7:30 P.M. at FOREST VALLEY DAY CAMP, 60 Blue Forest Drive, Downsview.

TOPIC: DAY CAMP ADVERTISING (WHEN, 3 WHERE & HOW)

LEADER: BERT FINE & ADAM FINE & JENNIFER FINE OF FOREST VALLEY DAY CAMP.

DECEMBER 3/86 - 7:30 P.M. at NORTH YORK CITY HALL, Committee Room #4, 5100 Yonge St., North York.

TOPIC: THE STAFF MANUAL - CONTENTS & DELIVERY TECHNIQUES (BRING YOURS)

LEADER: MIKE COSENTINO OF CAMP NAORCA.

FEBRUARY 25/87 - 7:30 P.M. at CAMP ROBIN HOOD OFFICES, 158 Limestone Cres., Downsview.

TOPIC: INTEGRATION OF SPECIAL NEEDS CAMPERS & CAMPERS WITH BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS INTO THE DAY CAMP.

LEADER: JOHN HARDER OF GLENBROOK DAY CAMP.

APRIL 22/87 - 7:30 P.M. at NORTH YORK YMCA, Bayview & Sheppard, North York.

TOPIC: STAFF & CAMPER EVALUATIONS & THEIR VALUE IN DAY CAMPING.

LEADERS: JIM BONK OF THE YMCA OF METROPOLITAN TORONTO

A reminder letter and a more detailed agenda will be forwarded to those OCA members who have indicated an interest in day camping. To assure you are on that mailing list call 736-4443 and leave your name or send the Day Camp Committee Chairman a note c/o the OCA office.

LARRY BELL,  
Chairman Day Camp Committee.

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### **HAVE THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!**

Under the Patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Charles, Operation Raleigh Canada is seeking young people to join a round-the-world expedition.

All young Canadians (17-24 years) are eligible to apply.

For further information send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:-  
Operation Raleigh Central Canada  
P.O. Box 100-292  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4W 3E2  
(416) 923-4356.



## ART COMPETITION REMINDER - CAMP IN THE YEAR 3000.

Has your camp submitted its valuable collection of art yet? The summer is over and now is the time to organize your camp's works of art for the 1st Annual OCA Art Competition to be held at the Annual Camping Conference. Each camp is invited to submit up to four (4) pieces, suitable for hanging, with a maximum size of 18" x 24". Drop off your entries to the OCA office. The submission deadline is January 5, 1987. Don't miss out on this opportunity to show off your camp's creativity, talent and humour. For more information, contact the OCA office.

CECILEY PARKER,  
Conference Committee.

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## SECOND INTERNATIONAL CAMPING CONGRESS - WASHINGTON, D.C., March 2-6, 1987

1987 Research To Action  
Call for Papers (Poster Session)

The purpose of the "Research in Action" poster sessions is to exchange information between persons (researchers and camp directors) regarding systematic studies (evaluative or research) in the areas of management and human development as it applies to organized camps for children and adults. Potential presentors are encouraged to submit contributions of interest to both researchers and directors. Those individuals wishing to present should submit an abstract of the proposed presentation no later than November 1, 1986. The potential presentation will be evaluated by a panel of researchers and directors on the basis of the abstract proposal. For information on submitting proposals call the OCA office (416) 781-0525

## **THIS & THAT**

Landowners interested in purchasing trees through the Ministry of Natural Resources are able to enter into a 15-year agreement with the ministry provided they own at least two hectares of unused land.

Under the agreement the ministry conducts a site evaluation, site preparation, tree planting and tending for a cost of \$60.00 per hectare.

Further agreement information may be obtained by calling your nearest MNR District office.

## CAN YOU HELP US IN FINDING THE FOLLOWING TITLES CURRENTLY MISSING FROM THE OCA LIBRARY?

Integrated Camping  
From 6 to 12  
Ecosketch  
Good Times Around the Campfire  
Nature-Oriented Activities  
Raindrops Keep Falling on my Tent

The following books have been missing for some time.

Cookery for Kids, Kamp 'n Kicks  
A workbook for Camp Counsellors  
Camp: The Child's World  
Counselling Your Friends  
Working with the Handicapped Leader's Guide  
The Concise Book of Winter Camping  
Council Fires  
Games for Girl Scouts  
Kids in Trouble  
Discoveries in God's World

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

"CAMP TOWHEE would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their sincere efforts of help and assistance during our recent disaster.

We were able to rent space at Camp Kandalore and were operating in conjunction with their camp this summer. In the meantime, lots of energy is also being put into rebuilding at our previous site, where we will return for next summer.

People were so generous in offering supplies, help, equipment and support to us at this time. We thank you all."

Valerie Davis-Kelly, B.A., C.C.W.,  
Program Supervisor,  
Camp Towhee/Outreach.

## **HELP WANTED**

**The Mansfield Outdoor Centre (Mulum Hills Camp)** has an opening for a full time Outdoor Education Instructor/Assistant Camp Director. Duties include instructing in our residential outdoor education program from September to June and assisting in directing our international summer camp. As well as training and experience in the above areas, the successful applicant will have a genuine enthusiasm for kids, learning, and the outdoors. Please forward resume to Mansfield Outdoor Centre, Box 95, Mansfield, Ontario, L0N 1M0, or call Bob Berti at (705) 435-4479.