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"ONE KIND WORD CAN WARM THREE WINTERS" - Japanese Proverb

COLE'S NOTE

OHIP PAYROLL TAX

Starting in the new year, all of us, both profit and non-profit camps, will be paying a tax to the Provincial Government to replace existing OHIP payments. The amount of tax will depend on your total payroll, but, under the current legislation, the minimum will be .98% and the maximum 1.95%. All of you will be receiving from the Provincial Government the guidelines under which this tax will be collected and operated. This tax replaces all OHIP payments by you personally and any staff that you might have been covering.

Bruce Nashman, of the Legislation Committee, and myself met with the Ministry of Revenue to find out what information we could about the tax; it appears as if there will be very few exemptions and no camp that I know of would fall

into any of the exempt categories. This payroll tax to OHIP does not provide foreign staff with coverage to the medical plan. It is simply another tax that we are all going to have to pay and that is being channelled into the Ontario Medical Program.

Most of us will end up paying more than we did before; some of you no doubt will end up paying a little bit less, especially if you covered a number of people in your operations for OHIP. The government will not consider giving children's summer camps exemptions, even though 98% of our staff are part-time. Their position is, since everyone requires medical care, then everyone should pay, especially since personal payment of premiums is being eliminated.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please read the material the Ontario Government will be sending out shortly, or

contact Bruce Nashman of the Legislation Committee directly. You can reach Bruce at the Camp Wahanowin office.

It appears as if there will be more and more legislation, both Federal and Provincial in the next few years affecting all of us. We will do our utmost to keep you abreast of how each piece of legislation affects camping and we will also do our best to lobby governments on issues that have a direct impact on the camping community.

See you next month!

Best wishes,

TED COLE
President

LET'S
INTEGRATE
TOGETHER!

Recently the Ontario March of Dimes Camping and Recreation Department launched an outdoor recreation program called Mainstream Adventures.

The primary objective of Mainstream Adventures is to provide integrated recreation opportunities for physically disabled persons in the outdoors.

To date, Mainstream Adventures has joined forces with Harbourside Sailing School offering five-day offshore sailing packages. As well, a pilot project was offered in conjunction with the Canadian Outward Bound Wilderness School. Four head-injured fellows along with three staff paddled, camped and enjoyed the beauty of Algonquin Park during a long weekend in September.

Future programs include sea kayaking, hiking, climbing, white water paddling and much more!

For more information regarding Mainstream Adventures, please contact the Ontario March of Dimes, Camping and Recreation Dept, 60 Overlea Blvd., Toronto, Ont. M4H 1B6.

Please note!!! We want to hear from you! If you and your organization has a story to tell concerning past, present and future happenings with disabled folks and would like to share them with the rest of the camp community, please

mail them to the above address. Your contributions are sincerely appreciated.

CATHERINE SMART
Chairperson -
Integration Committee

EASTER SEAL
SOCIETY
CONSIDERS
FUTURE OF BLUE
MOUNTAIN CAMP

Changing needs and aging camp facilities at the Easter Seal Blue Mountain camp have prompted the Society to explore a variety of options for its future.

"Rapid development in the Georgian Bay area has increased the value of the site to the degree that the Society has to look at the possibility of a 'sell and rebuild elsewhere' scenario as well as one of expanding and upgrading the existing camp facilities," said Easter Seal executive director, Peter Ely.

The Society is looking at alternative sites for the camp of about 200 acres with lake frontage and within 2 hours of Toronto.

"We are hoping that by taking a look at all the alternatives we will come up with with best decision for Blue Mountain and the campers. It may be that the best move is to stay put but with the present economic climate we have an obligation to our clients and supporters to ensure the best use of the Society's assets," added Ely.

Doug Astley, Easter Seal board member and chairman of Blue Mountain camp, stated that while the camp has a 52-year history of support, the children's needs have to take priority when making a decision about relocating or staying put. "Over the years, the types of physical disabilities the campers have are increasingly complex and severe. We looked at how to best accomodate this fact and our initial survey resulted in the present decision to look at all the options open to us. Whatever the outcome of our deliberations, the Society will not make a move from the present camp site until a new facility is fully operational."

For further information, please contact:

Peter Ely,
Executive Director,
(416) 421-8377
1-800-668-6252

NOTICE TO ALL
CAMP DIRECTORS

The O.C.A. office staff would like to know if you will be offering "March Break" camp programs in 1990. As interested parents call the office, we will then be able to pass this information on to them. Please call Jean or Fiora, at (416) 781-0525, and let us know the dates and other details of your programs.

HELP WANTED

The University of Calgary, Faculty of Physical Education, invites applications for a full-time tenure track position in Outdoor Pursuits at the Instructor rank, commencing July 1, 1990. Duties and responsibilities would include instruction of kayaking, climbing, back-country skiing, backpacking, leadership, counselling, programming, and administration. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Masters or higher level degree required.

In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada.

The University of Calgary has an Employment Equity Program and encourages applications from all qualified candidates.

Applications, including a curriculum vitae, and the names of three references should be submitted by December 15, 1989, to:

Dr. W.L. Veale, Dean
Faculty of Physical Education
The University of Calgary
2600 University Dr., N.W.
Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4

REQUEST FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The OCA's News submission deadline is the 15th of each month. We would welcome news of your committee, and articles concerning camping in Ontario.

OCA PHOTO CONTEST

Don't forget to submit your photos and scrapbooks to the OCA office by January 10, 1990. They will be displayed and judged at the Annual Conference for Directors and Senior Staff.

Categories for photos are as follows:

Scenic; Emotion; Humour; or Activity.

Pictures **must** be mounted with a maximum size of 16" x 20".

MOOREDALE CAMP FAIR

Mooredale House is holding a resident camp fair on Thursday, January 19, 1990. Any resident camp is invited to participate. Call Marj Booth for more details - (416) 922-3714.

THIS AND THAT

Anyone interested in obtaining a 1989 Camper Mailing List and Files please call the O.C.A. office for further information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

For your convenience, two rooms will be available on Saturday, January 27, 1990, following the afternoon sessions, for conference delegates wishing to change attire prior to the banquet and evening programme.



The Workshop Sessions which are a feature of the 1990 Conference will amaze you! We have brought presenters from across Ontario, Canada and the United States to stimulate you with new and provocative ways to make your camp better this year.

From the recent mailing of the Fall Preview Package, you will know that we have 52 workshop sessions planned. The breadth of topics covered are the result of 15 O.C.A. members who met throughout the spring to generate a program which would educate and excite you.

The Workshop Committee designed the program to cover topics for day and resident camps, coed camps and those for boys and girls. We played the "what if I work as a _____" game to make sure that we have something for all your senior staff, not just for the Directors and administrators. We hope that we have piqued your interest because we want to see you at the Inn on the Park in January!

Remember, December 15th is the deadline for the "early bird" discount fees. If you need more forms, just call the O.C.A.!

See you in 1990!

MARJORIE BOOTH
Chairperson -
Conference Committee

O C A C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

January 24, 1990.....
.....Talk on the Proposed
Goods and Services Tax (At
the Inn on the Park Hotel)

January 25-27, 1990.....
.....OCA Conference for
Directors & Senior Staff
(At the Inn on the Park
Hotel)

June 8-11, 1990.....
.....OCA Skills Weekend
(At Bark Lake)

W E L C O M E N E W M E M B E R S

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all our organization has to
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