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## Salute to Kirk Wipper

**Honorary Life Member and Past President of the OCA, former Director of Camp Kandalore, and recipient of the Order of Canada**

by Catherine Ross, OCA Honorary Life Member

On Saturday, November 2, 2002, the family, friends and colleagues of Kirk Wipper gathered for lunch to celebrate the recent presentation to Kirk of the Order of Canada.

The event, organized by Joc Palm (Glen Bernard Camp) and her committee, brought together people of all ages, interests and professions who represented the many passions that motivate Kirk: his family, camping, canoeing, conservation, the environment, education and lifesaving.

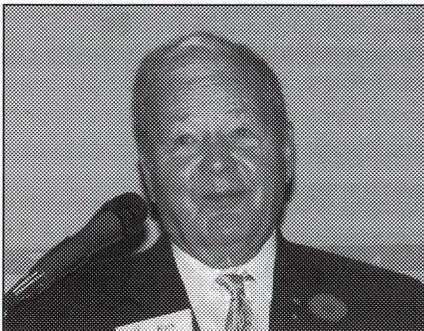
Through stories, song and slides, we learned about the richness of Kirk's life and his remarkable achievements. Dorothy Walter began by describing his early camp experiences at the Ontario Camp Leadership Centre – Bark Lake.

We later learned that Kirk was responsible for bringing the Direct Method of Artificial Respiration into Canada following its introduction into the United States.

Larry Bell shared the story of an early contact (literally!) with Kirk when Larry was a first-year student at the University of Toronto in the Faculty of Physical Education and Kirk was his professor. Larry's forte was swimming not gymnastics. However, with Kirk's encouragement, Larry attempted to vault over a box horse. Kirk was straddling the horse at the time. Regrettably,

instead of vaulting over Kirk, Larry vaulted onto Kirk. Both plummeted to the floor with Larry landing on top of his professor. Kirk's response saved Larry further embarrassment: "That was a great variation on a roll. You don't have to attempt a giant circle on the high bar!"

We watched a video recorded by Carolyn Bennett, MP, who although unable to attend, sent a salute from Ottawa with her congratulations. We also viewed a tape of the actual presentation of the Order of Canada by Governor General, Adrienne Clarkson.



**Kirk Wipper**

photo: Patti Thom, Camp Tanamakoon

We heard how Kirk had shared his love of canoeing, tripping and the wilderness with countless young people. We learned about Kirk's contribution to our Canadian heritage through his collecting and preserving of canoes and kayaks, now part of the exhibits in the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough.

As Neil Broadfoot, Artist-in-Residence of the Canadian Canoe Museum,

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## The View from Here



Brian Blackstock,  
OCA President

*"A RISING TIDE LIFTS ALL THE BOATS." \**

When we were running our small camp on Lake Mazinaw, it was an important source of strength to know we were part of the OCA. It also reassured our parents knowing that "their camp" adhered to the many OCA standards. Ours was one of the smaller "boats" on the water, but when added together, they presented a significant force. We were also there for one another if help was needed. Over the years the OCA has become an increasingly important part of the educational and recreational scene in this province, and every month or so we add to that in many small ways. Every time one OCA member makes a contribution to our Association, he or she helps us to be increasingly effective in our efforts to help our camps become better and more able to meet the needs of our campers.

Recently, some of our members have been doing just that . . .

- Joc Palm (Glen Bernard) and Patti Thom (Tanamakoon) and their committee organized a fine tribute to KIRK WIPPER (founder of Kandalore) to honour his recently being awarded the Order of Canada. It was an occasion which reminded us about how fortunate the OCA is in having so many talented women and men who have led us so well.

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### 2003 Annual Conference for Directors and Senior Staff

February 27-March 1, 2003, Sheraton Parkway Hotel, Richmond Hill, ON

The 2003 Annual Conference is shaping up to be a great event! Our education program, exhibit hall, kindred sessions, and time together will help us recharge\_programs, recharge\_staff, and recharge\_ourselves! We'll be sending registration and program information in December – until then, here is a sneak peak at some of our dynamic keynote speakers:

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#### keynotes.preview

Thursday, February 27:

##### **Dr. Dan Kindlon, PhD**

Department of Child Psychology,  
Harvard University

Author, *Too Much of a Good Thing – Raising Children of Character in an Indulgent Age*

All parents want the best for their children. Unfortunately, according to Dr. Dan Kindlon, co-author of the 1999 best-seller *Raising Cain*, many parents indulge their children too much – relieving them of chores, buying them too many toys, and protecting them too much from disappointment. As camp professionals, this works contrary to what we are trying to do during the summer.

*Too Much of a Good Thing* shows how parents with the best intentions of making their children happy actually increase the chance that their children will be depressed. Dr. Kindlon's research shows that children often lack the strong character that is essential for well-being because they are not getting enough TLC – time, limits and caring.

Thursday, February 27:

##### **Ron Morris, M. Ed.**

Educator and Independent Consultant  
Author, *With All Due Respect*

Uncovering the secrets of discipline. Are you tired of bargaining with children just to get a little cooperation? Are you frustrated by their lack of respect? Ron's refreshing presentation will provide you with many practical strategies for teaching children to be responsible and cooperative. You will learn how to discipline without all the deal-making, the arguments, and the confrontations.

Saturday, March 1:

##### **Jay Frankel**

President & Founder, True to Life Training

Jay's career spans over a dozen years in corporate training & development as well as a 15-year camping background from camper to supervisor. His training career began at Gap Inc. where he was responsible for training implementation in the Northeast United States for all leadership, management and sales initiatives. He left The Gap to become Director of Training and Development for Viacom Inc.; he played a key role in the creation of a start-up division that merged all the brands of Viacom into one creative retail concept, including MTV, Nickelodeon and Star Trek brands. Today, with a team of behaviour specialists and instructional designers, True To Life Training develops creative training solutions for companies nationwide. Their interactive, often entertaining training style creates a truly unique training experience.

Saturday, March 1:

##### **Michael Brandwein**

Educator and Speaker

Back by popular demand! Michael is one of the leading trainers of persons in camping and education. He has made presentations in 49 U.S. states, most provinces of Canada, and on five continents. Known for his practical, energetic, use-it-immediately approach, Michael is a frequent keynoter for national organizations that serve youth, family, educators, and others, including both the American and Canadian Camping Associations. He has received two national honors from the American Camping Association and his 400-page book on camp training, *Training Terrific Staff!*, is a best seller.

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## Hotel Information

We will be returning once again to the Sheraton Parkway Hotel for recharge\_together, and want to let Conference delegates know about the special rates for accommodations at both the Sheraton Parkway and the Best Western Parkway Hotels. *Call now to book your room!*

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### Brockville Y Day Camps

Sharon Cameron or Steve Armstrong  
Brockville and Area YMCA-YWCA  
345 Park St., Brockville, ON K6V 5Y7

### Chilawee Trails

Kathy Clark  
75 Reaney Ct., Kanata, ON K2K 1W7

### Elite Basketball Camps

Stephanie Splitter  
22 Canelli Heights Ct., Thornhill, ON L4J 8V5

### Hardwood Hills

Kevin Jones  
R.R. #1, Oro Station, ON L0L 2E0

### Hidden Bay Leadership Camp

Shannon Henry  
15203 Yonge St., Aurora, ON L4G 1L8

### Camp Joshua

Lyssa & Stephen Caine  
145 Hill St. W., Fergus, ON N1M 1G2

### Camp Muskoka

Justinian Scott Creed  
1745 Fraserburg Rd., R.R. #5, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1X3

### Camp Prospect

Giancarlo Marchi  
19 Bishop Dr., Barrie, ON L4N 6Y6

### Camp Quality - Northern Ontario

Lorraine O'Brien  
Box 2021, Station A, Sudbury, ON P3A 4R8

### Royal Ontario Museum Summer Club

Susan Norris  
100 Queen's Park, Toronto, ON M5S 2C6

### Camp U of T

Beth Ali  
55 Harbord St., Toronto, ON M5S 2W6

OCA Healthcare Committee Q & A

# Flu facts

submitted by Wendy MacKenzie, OCA Healthcare Committee

This is the third year that the provincial Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has offered free influenza vaccinations to the general public. "Already this season there have been two influenza outbreaks in Ontario. Even if people were vaccinated last year, they should still get their shot this year," said Associate Medical Officer of Health Dr. Barbara Yaffe. "Each year a new vaccine is made to match the most current strains of the influenza virus."

### What is the flu?

Influenza, the flu, is caused by a virus. People who get the flu typically have an abrupt onset of fever, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, cough, and weakness, usually lasting two to seven days. The cough and weakness can last up to six weeks. Often this makes physical activity and even day-to-day activity difficult.

### Who's at risk?

Everyone is at risk of getting the flu, but for the following people, it can be more serious:

- anyone 65 years of age or older
- anyone living or working in long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes, homes for the aged, chronic care hospitals

- anyone with chronic heart, lung or kidney disease
- anyone with diabetes, cancer, immune system problems or red blood cell problems including anemia
- children and teenagers (aged six months to 18 years) who have been treated with acetylsalicylic acid (ASA) for long periods
- persons with HIV

### What is the flu shot and what does it do?

The flu shot contains three different types of influenza virus (two strains of influenza A and one of influenza B). The body needs about two weeks to build up an immunity to the virus, and immunity may last four months or longer.

### Why promote the flu shot every year?

The influenza virus changes each year, so a different vaccine has to be used each year too. Also, the protection from the vaccine wears off after about six months so people need a new shot every year.

### Where can I get a free flu shot?

Call the Ministry Infoline at 1-800-258-1154 or visit <http://www.gov.on.ca/health/> and click on the "Let's Beat the Flu" banner on the right-hand side of the page.

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### The View from Here, continued from page 1

- Catherine Ross (former Mi-A-Kon-Da owner/director) and Barb Gilbert (past OCA President) took on two thorny problems and using their special skills brought them to sound and sensible solutions.
- Dave Graham (Kandalore, OCA Vice President) recently returned from the CCA/ACC meeting in Quebec where he furthered the cause of the OCA and of camping across

Canada.

- Larry Bell (Robin Hood) and Steve Heming (YMCA Wanakita) are breaking ground trying to determine if there is sufficient interest among our members to initiate a Camp Facilities and Maintenance Conference. (PLEASE fill out the form enclosed with this newsletter.)
- Dozens of individuals are even now in the process of organizing our important educational events: the Annual Conference, the Camp Health Care Workshop, the Spring Training Conference and the Skills Weekend, all of which each year make our OCA camps stronger, safer, more diverse, and able to offer an increasingly large number of opportunities and activities to help our campers become more socially and physically able, more confident and better able to be important participants in our world.

So . . . you can see from all these individual contributions once again taken together as a tide they really do lift all our boats. To each of you, "Many thanks, and may a clean wind always fill your sails."

\* Paul Krugman, New York Times, October 20, 2002

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## **2003 Writing Award**

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### **THE AWARD**

The Writing Award is sponsored by the Society of Camp Directors with support from the Ontario Camping Association and Trent University Archives.

It is open to anyone who has camp work experience, or who is studying organized children's camping or its related disciplines.

The award is \$300.

One or more awards are presented annually at the fall meeting of the Society of Camp Directors. Recipients may be asked to present or discuss their papers. All submissions will be deposited in the Trent Archives, to become valued additions to the collected body of camping knowledge.

### **THE PAPER**

The approach may be current or historical, and the topic may be drawn from any of these broad themes:

- Recurring or emerging issues
- Camping practices
- The perspective from a related discipline
- Social or technological change
- The relationships between camping and the broader community

The components of children's camp operations include the camper, leadership, program, administration, marketing, finance and facility. Related disciplines can include Recreation, Outdoor Education, Environmental Studies, First Nations Studies, Canadian History, Religious Studies, Gender Studies, Social Work, Social Sciences, Administrative Studies and Facility Management.

The paper should be based on one of these three research methods:

- Academic research from the current literature in the related disciplines;
- Field and quantitative research conducted in the Canadian camping field,
- Historical archive-based research from Trent or other recognized camping archives

Papers must be original work, typed or word-processed, double spaced and between 2000 and 5000 words, and may include appropriate charts, diagrams and illustrations.

### **SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION**

Evaluation criteria include the depth and breadth of research, the strength of analysis and synthesis and the quality of scholarly writing. Papers are evaluated by an academic and professional representing the Society of Camp Directors, the Ontario Camping Association and Trent University.

**DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2003.**

**SUBMIT ONE COPY OF YOUR PAPER TO:**

**Prof. Bruce Hodgins, PhD, Trent University, Peterborough, ON, K9J 7B8.**

Camp Directors: Please copy this sheet for any of your staff who might be eligible.

# Caring OCA camps come together for Towhee

by Ann Tang, Integra Foundation

This spring 10 Ontario summer camps worked to send kids to a camp that wasn't even theirs. They teamed up to help send kids to Camp Towhee, a therapeutic summer camp in Haliburton specifically designed for children and teens with learning disabilities. In only its second summer, this fundraising campaign drew the interest of twice as many camps as from its first outing in 2001. This collaborative philanthropy is a source of pride for these camps.

Joanne Kates, Director of Camp Arowhon and President of Integra, spearheaded the campaign saying, "As a camp director, I know what camp does for kids: In the dining hall as they sing like crazy with their friends, at the climbing wall as somebody reaches the top, in a canoe when they finally master the J stroke – all day, every day in the summer-time, I have the privilege of seeing the huge smiles on their faces when they get it. Children with learning disabilities have a much tougher time getting it. All kids need a break from the stress of the school year – but kids with learning disabilities need more than a break, they need the support and opportunity to make even one good friend."

Bayview Glen Day Camp, Kilcoo Camp, Camp Manitou, Camp Mi-A-Kon-Da, Camp Northway and Camp Wendigo, Camp Tamakwa, Camp Wahanowin, Camp Wanapitei, Camp Wenonah and Camp Arowhon all rallied to enlist the support of their camper families. Thus far an amazing \$12,000 has been raised.

This specialized program costs over \$5,500 per camper and though the Ontario Government subsidy covers about 80% of that cost, the size of its grant has not changed in the past 10 years. In the meantime, the list of children in need of Towhee's program has steadily grown. Operated by Integra, a non-profit children's mental health centre, Towhee provides kids with an environment where they can relax, learn about themselves, try new things, and interact with people who understand – fellow campers who have faced the same challenges and camp staff who have been thoroughly trained in

helping kids face such challenges.

Research has shown that a Camp Towhee can make a profound difference in the lives of these children; for many it's the first time they feel safe, far from the taunting voices and criticisms that are the hallmark of much of their time at school. For many campers, Towhee is the site of their first friendship. Camp Towhee's integrated approach to campers' complex needs makes it a widely touted model of innovative treatment.

Children come in the thousands to Muskoka and Algonquin camps every summer – from Canada and the U.S., Europe and Central America. These campers and their families benefit so much from the beauty of the Ontario northland and obviously realize that this is a privilege to be shared.

Any OCA camp interested in supporting this project should contact Ellen Nichols at Integra Foundation by phone at 416-486-8055, ext 248 or by email at [enichols@integra.on.ca](mailto:enichols@integra.on.ca).

## OCA Spring Training Conference May 24, 2003

Spring may seem far away right now, but dreams can take us through the winter towards next season! Directors, please circle your calendars now for the 2003 OCA Spring Training Conference, to be held at Seneca College - King Campus, on Saturday, May 24th, 2003. Please make sure you mention this date during your hiring process, as many camps do.

The Spring Training Committee still wants volunteers to help us to prepare for the Conference. We meet every 3-4 weeks in the Toronto area, and it's lots of fun! We welcome ALL levels of staff. To make a suggestion, or volunteer, please contact the Conference Chair, Michael Bakker, at: [mrbeanatcamp@hotmail.com](mailto:mrbeanatcamp@hotmail.com) or 1-877-895-1700 x295.

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## Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Committee

The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails (HHWT) Committee (formerly the Frost Centre Area Coordination Committee) is dedicated to providing assistance to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) in the protection, preservation and management of the canoe routes, campsites and access points of the 24,000 hectare area of Crown Land in Haliburton County (historically known as the Frost Centre Area). This area of Crown Land has been identified as an Ontario Living Legacy (OLL) area for "enhanced management" in part to recognize its significant backcountry recreational values. The objective of the HHWT is to foster a positive atmosphere of cooperation and understanding between the various interest groups and the MNR through the exchange of information and "on the ground" initiatives related to the management of the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails.

As campers, please be aware that there are recent restrictions issued for the area as to the number of campers allowed at designated campsites. There is a maximum of 10 people / 3 tents unless stated otherwise on signs at the campsites. The HHWT committee would like to emphasize that if you find all campsites full on a lake, you should move on to the next lake.

### Accomplishments to Date and Status of Current Projects

*Recreational Land Management Options:* How to minimize and prevent environmental impacts and to preserve the area of Crown Land in Haliburton as pristine while not to impede on the rights of people to access public land? This is the big question and the reason why the Frost Centre Area Coordination Committee (the precursor to the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Committee) was established.

Many options have been considered at the committee meetings, including: 1) leave as is, 2) turn into a provincial park, 3) MNR re-assume management, 4) volunteers assume management, 5) shared responsibility, and 6) land use permit (LUP). The pros and cons of each option and existing examples were explored. The decision to develop a recreational management model and plan including an land use permit is the only viable option at this time.

The land use permit will be between the MNR and the municipalities/townships. Currently, the townships own the shore road allowances (bulk of campsite locations) and the MNR owns the Crown Land (typically islands where campsites are located). Generally, an LUP provides authority to use the land for a specific purpose. This means that once a LUP is in place, restrictions may be set for the authorized responsibility as outlined in the Terms and Conditions. An LUP is the current tool that authorizes uses such as Crown recreation camps, garbage dumps, trails, storage areas, and

parking, etc. We plan to present the townships and the MNR with a recreational management model/plan including an LUP in 2002.

*Public information and discussion forums* provide an overview of the HHWT committee's projects and a chance for discussion on topics, such as conserving, regulating and educating. This year the forums were on May 11, June 15, and July 20.

*Information Management Project:* The intention is that each summer a package will be handed out to people who use this area of Crown Land in Haliburton County for canoe and camping trips. It includes a copy of a camping information form to be filled out by users before each trip, and recommendations on backcountry etiquette. They can be found at access points or contact the HHWT committee. The completed information forms will inform the HHWT committee when and where groups or individuals intend on camping overnight. The purpose of this form is to track use and assist in developing an information database to aid in management recommendations and decisions. Up-to-date information about campsites, portages and canoe routes for users will soon be posted on the HHWT website.

*Inventory and Usage Level Project.* Phase I: An inventory and assessment of campsites, portages and canoe routes was completed in the summer of 2001, as well as the installation of vault toilets at Big Hawk and Little Hawk access points. Phase II: campsite and portage signs will be installed by next spring indicating changes to designation. Phase III: access point improvements are planned for summer 2003.

*HHWT has partnered with the Frost Centre* for Basic canoeing and tripping educational workshops. These courses were held at the Frost Centre in July.

### Get Involved

The HHWT committee is always looking for new members and has an open door policy at meetings for the general pub-

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## Classifieds

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Camp BUCKO is a nonprofit organization that provides, in conjunction with our host camp, an annual one-week residential program for children who have survived significant burn injuries. In operation since 1995, we now need to relocate. Please contact us if you may be interested in working with us and our pretty amazing group of campers! Contact: Chris Curtis (Director) at 416-767-5385, or email [chris.curtis@sickkids.ca](mailto:chris.curtis@sickkids.ca).

### **Camp Director - Camp Menesetung:**

Camp Menesetung is located 4 km north of Goderich, Ontario on beautiful Lake Huron. The camp has been providing a Christian Camping experience for people of all ages for 70 years. We are currently looking for someone with the required skills and knowledge to be the Camp Director. The job would involve administration, program, and personnel responsibilities. For more information or to submit a resume contact: Barb Knox (Board Chair), R.R. #1, Blyth, ON N0M 1H0, email: [knobar@sympatico.ca](mailto:knobar@sympatico.ca) or Barb Hicks (Current Director), Box 345, Clinton, ON N0M 1L0, email: [spoonministries@cabletv.on.ca](mailto:spoonministries@cabletv.on.ca).

**Camp Director** required for Camp Hyanto (Lyndhurst, ON) from the beginning of June to the end of August 2003. Qualifications: faithful Christian; management experience with children's camping; completed post-secondary education; strong abilities with administration, leadership and interpersonal relations. Please send résumé to Camp Hyanto Executive Advisor, 90 Johnson St., Kingston, ON K7L 1X7.

**Camp Narnia**, Shawnigan Lake, BC, a private, independent camp since 1986, seeks an individual or couple with extensive camp experience who wish to relocate on Vancouver Island. Experience required in various aspects of camp operations. Work may include property maintenance, food services or camp administration. Accommodation arrangement and salary negotiable. To apply, contact: Carol Toal, camp owner/director by phone: 250-743-0448; or email [campnarnia@islandnet.com](mailto:campnarnia@islandnet.com); or fax résumé to 250-743-0428. For further information about Camp Narnia, view our website at [www.islandnet.com/campnarnia](http://www.islandnet.com/campnarnia).

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lic. If you have interests or concerns about the management of the area of Crown Land in Haliburton County (Frost Centre Area), the HHWT committee strongly encourages you to participate in meetings or become an active committee member. You will be in good company with members who are access point operators, representatives from local marinas, Chambers of Commerce, Cottage Associations, Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association (HHOA), Haliburton Association of Recreational Canoeists (HARC), Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network (HTTN), Youth Camps, Municipalities and Townships, The Frost Centre and Minden Area, MNR. For information on projects or dates and locations of the meetings, visit the committee's website at [www.frostcentre.on.ca/HHWT/HHWT.htm](http://www.frostcentre.on.ca/HHWT/HHWT.htm).

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explained, perhaps the greatest gift Canadians ever received from the First Nations people was the canoe. Kirk understood this, but saw it disappearing before our eyes. He had a vision and he did something about it. He built a museum.

About canoes Kirk says: "When you were young remember what you first paddled in. Better still remember whom you paddled with, who first taught you. Finally and perhaps most important remember how close that canoe brought you to nature. Where did you go? What did you do when you got there? Leave no trace . . . and what did you bring back . . . within you?"

From humble beginnings in the rafters of Kandalore's dining hall to 568 canoes and kayaks in the Canadian Canoe Museum today, Kirk's dream is there for all of us to see.

Kirk's forty camping colleagues, in addition to 120 other guests who attended the event, left with a greater appreciation and understanding of the widespread influence of this soft-spoken, dignified, giant of a man.

## Have you requested your OCA Name Label Order Forms yet?

Every year, hundreds of camper parents buy inexpensive, durable OCA Name Labels for their childrens' clothes. And then the OCA Board invests profits from the Name Label Program into the OCA projects, conferences, and training seminars that benefit you, your staff and your camp.

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## Another OCA Educational Opportunity!

### **Breakout sessions covering topics such as:**

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- Ropes Course: design, elements, gear, safety issues
- Current Water Issues: regulations, systems, costs, contractors
- Sewage: regulations, systems, costs, contractors, toilets (traditional vs. compost), etc.
- Garbage: hazardous waste, landfill issues, costs
- Housekeeping vs. Maintenance: balance
- Construction Stream: stick, modular, wood, log, metal, maintenance-free, plumbing, electrical, roads, landscaping, forest management issues
- Food Service Stream: kitchen design, equipment, staff
- Full Facility Management: what it means, systems, inventory, cost savings
- Zoning, taxes, your property and the law
- OCA Standards, Province's perspective: impact
- Today's site managers and service staff, who they are, their role on the staff team, and what they need to know



# Camp Facilities & Maintenance Conference

An annual or bi-annual conference specifically for site and food facilities managers, their staff and camp directors/managers

## **The OCA proposes the following:**

- three-day conference
- at a reasonable rate - approximately \$125, room and board included
- an opportunity for OCA Commercial Members to exhibit and participate at a reasonable rate
- to be held at a camp whose site will be open to view and offer discussions about the development of its facilities and kitchen
- the possibility of a visit or visits to nearby camps which have special points of interest
- quality speakers

**See questionnaire  
on the other side  
of this flyer.**

**We need to know if this conference will be of value to OCA Member Camps - Please help by completing the following questionnaire and forwarding it by fax to 416-485-0422.**

Who are you?

- Director
- Site Manager
- Food Manager
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate)

Would you prefer a weekday conference from Wednesday to Friday:

- March 19th to 21st
- March 26th to 28th

Would you prefer a weekend conference from Friday to Sunday:

- March 21st to 23rd
- March 28th to 30th

Is there another time you would prefer?

Please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_

Would the price of \$125 (accommodation and food included) for this conference be acceptable?

- Yes
- No

Would a visit to another camp during the conference be worthwhile?

- Yes
- No

**Comments**

Please provide any additional comments in the space below.

Would you attend or send someone else to the proposed Camp Facilities & Maintenance Conference?

- Yes
- No

What other topics should be included?

Which of the proposed session topics do you think should be deleted?

# Have you requested your OCA Name Label Order Forms yet?

Every year, hundreds of camper parents look to the Ontario Camping Association for inexpensive, durable Name Labels for their childrens' clothes.

But OCA Name Labels don't just help parents - the Program helps your camp as well. Did you know that since 1994, the OCA has made **over \$170,000.00 in profit** from the Name Label Program? The OCA Board invests those profits into the OCA projects, conferences, and training seminars that benefit your camp and your staff.

Distributing Name Label Order Forms to your camper parents is easy: just mail out the Forms in your registration or confirmation packages. An OCA staff member will send you as many Forms as you need.

Call the OCA Office today at 416-485-0425  
and ask for Name Label Order Forms.  
We'll send you as many as you need.



# VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE OCA HAPPEN ...SO... JOIN US!

If you would like to:

- Get yourself or your staff involved in OCA
- Keep informed of what's happening in the camping community
- Meet people who share similar interests
- Have fun and make a difference in the world of camping...

...then PLEASE join the OCA as a volunteer!

The Ontario Camping Association is fortunate to have so many individuals who generously donate their time and efforts. However, we can accomplish so much more with all our members' help.

We welcome new contributions to one or more of the following committees (please check only those that interest you and that you are not currently involved with):

- Archives** - documents the heritage of children's camping in Ontario for the benefit of future generations
- Conference '03** - OCA's premier annual event for directors and senior staff
- Editorial (Newsletter)** - keeps OCA members up-to-date on timely issues & information affecting their sector
- Health Care** - encourages OCA camps to maintain high standards for camp health care
- Human Resources** - recruits volunteers and provides both educational exchanges and social events for members
- Membership** - encourages Ontario camps to become part of a recognized advocate for children's & youth camps
- Public Awareness** - promotes activities and interests of the Association to the public and private sector
- Skills Weekend '03** - a training weekend and information exchange for program staff
- Special Needs Resource** - so ALL campers have choices!
- Spring Training (Counsellor Conference) '03** - a pre-camp shot-in-the arm for counsellors and program staff
- Standards** - assist in administering the accreditation program which sets OCA camps apart

Please complete a copy for each potential volunteer.

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name

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address

city

prov

postal

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day telephone

evening telephone

email

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camp affiliation

position

Please mail or fax this form to the OCA Office:  
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- Distributed by the OCA's Human Resources Committee



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