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WESTERN REGION

Whistling Swans, deer tracks and a sunny warm spring day greeted COEO members at the Pinery on March 5th when our planned cross-country skiing became a Spring Hike to explore the dunes along Lake Huron's shores.

Many thanks to Dennis Wendland for inviting COEO members to his workshops.

Thanks to Dennis and to Terry Knight for the planning and preparations for the Maple Syrup Festival on April 4; a terrific family experience!

Remember Western Region members, we are in the process of planning workshops for the coming year. If you have any contributions you would like to share suggestions or requests for events, write or call -

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COMING EVENTS

BIRDING AND WILDFLOWERS - May 15

Come to Point Pelee and observe the spring migration. Also enjoy the vast diversity of vegetation which will be budding forth. For more information contact the Regional rep.

WILDFLOWERS AT WRIGLEYS CORNERS - May 17, 7 - 9 p.m.

For further details, contact Dennis Wendland, Laurel Creek Outdoor Centre, 519-885-1480



HIKING AT CYPRUS LAKE - June 11

Explore the trails and grottos of the scenic Bruce Peninsula. Camping is available. More information can be obtained from the Regional rep.

FRESHWATER ECOLOGY AT WRIGLEYS CORNERS - June 14, 7 - 9 p.m.

More details available from Dennis Wendland, Laurel Creek Outdoor Centre, 519-885-1480.





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MEET DIANNE MCLIMONT

Dianne's early education was in the rural schools of Simcoe County. She carried her love of the outdoors with her when she moved to the city. Outdoor education was an integral part of Dianne's studies at Lakeshore Teachers' College. She has obtained her degree in Biology from the "niversity of Western Ontario, and has begun her Masters in Outdoor Education from Northern Illinois University through COEO.

Having been a classroom teacher for ten years with the London Board of Education, Dianne has experience teaching grades 2 to 5, including music, choir, science and special education. Dianne has planned outdoor education field trips and programmes, involving students from K to 13, which involved day trips and overnight outings under canvas or at residential centres.

Dianne's outdoor education qualifications have been put to use on committee work also. She assisted in the development of science units and a Ministry of Education document. She has been involved in planning annual Science Fairs and was Chairperson of the Outdoor Education Committee for the London Board.

Travelling and career development seem intermingled in Pianne's life. She travelled on Field Trip '80, an educators field trip to both rugged and exciting areas of Northern Ontario and Quebec. She has enjoyed holidaying across Canada, putting her cross country skiing, backpacking and hiking skills to use. Ask Dianne about her backpacking trek on Baffin Island.

Dianne has a particular interest in pioneer skills: weaving, dyeing, corn husk dolls, broom making, bread and bannock making. In what spare time she has, Dianne knits, sews, gardens, refinishes furniture, swims and canoes at her Muskoka retreat, and continues her community volunteer work involving children.

Dianne has such an extensive and rounded outdoor education background, Western Region would do well to call on this valuable CQEO resource person. After all, Dianne's the Western Region rep, and she's working hard to plan activities in each area of this vast region.

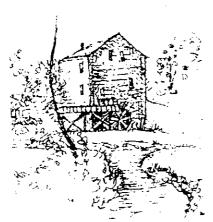
BACKUS HISTORICAL COMPLEX

Members of COEO - Western Region are invited to participate in the following events sponsored by the Long Point Region Conservation Authority at the Backus Historical Complex.

The Backus Conservation Area is 400 hectares of natural area with a wide variety of unique features. A museum complex of some 20 buildings has sprung up around the 1978 Backus Mill, the oldest continuously operating flour mill in Ontario. Stone ground whole wheat flour is ground daily by a 3 ton water wheel. A special feature of the complex this year will be demonstrations of several pioneer skills such as soap making, butter churning, working with livestock, etc. A team of 3 people have been hired on a special grant to perform these demonstrations daily.

The area also boasts the largest mature example of carolinian forest in all Canada. More than 260 hectares of this southern hardwood forest can be explored through 10 km of self-interpreting trails winding throughout it.

Camping, fishing, picnicing and other recreational activities are available in season.



MILLING DAYS May 21 & 22, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

A working day in the old style. Watch the breaking of the soil with horse-drawn plough. Milk a cow. Churn butter. Make soap and candles. View demonstrations of stone-ground flour milling, log sawing and shingle making. Ride a horse drawn wagon through the museum complex.

SPRING FESTIVAL June 12, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Celebrate some of the old rituals of spring. Dance around the maypole and learn of its tradition. Ladies bring a box lunch to be raffled off at the Box Lunch Social. Help with the spring planting by machine and by hand. Demonstrations of wool carding, fleece washing, spinning and weaving. Displays of coverlets and quilts. Wagon rides.

For more information, contact the Long Point Conservation Authority, 519-426-4623.

CENTRAL REGION



YEAR END BBO FOREST VALLEY OUTDOOR CENTRE Tuesday June 7, 5:30 p.m. SILVER CREEK VALLEY CONSERVATION
EDUCATION CENTRE
"LIFE IN THE POND"
Thursday May 26, 7:30 p.m.



FAR NORTH

For your information Science North is opening May 1984 in Sudbury. At the present time I am exploring the possibilities of the Far North hosting a conference to introduce teachers, especially Outdoor Education and Science teachers, to the services of the centre and other facilities available in the area for those planning school excursions.

A complete informational package of activities to introduce teachers to the centre, the outdoor education possibilities of the centre and facilities available to schools is in the initial planning stage.

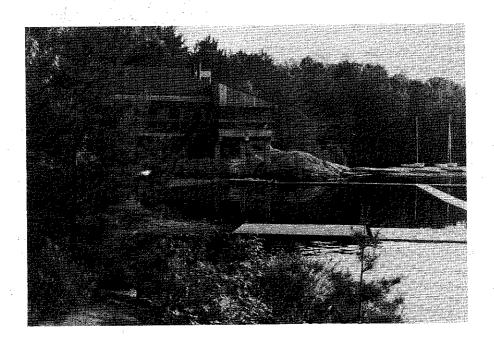
If you would like more information, or can offer assistance, or have suggestions for other COEO activities or projects please contact: Shel Lowe

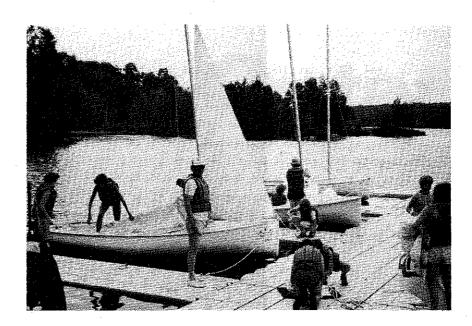
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A BARK LAKE EXPERIENCE

In June, a pamphlet appeared in the staff room announcing an outdoor leadership camp for teachers to be held at Bark Lake in August. For three successive years I had taken my Special Education students on a four day residential visit and although these had been highly successful, I was concerned with my lack of skills in canoeing and orienteering. My games were becoming repetetive and generally I required some stimulation. Would a Bark Lake experience be able to provide some answers to my needs?

The eleven days that I spent at Bark Lake will be remembered and recalled as a milestone in my life, one that I will be able to draw upon many times in my future. Not only did we receive a comprehensive and practical approach to Outdoor Education - i.e. in terms of being able to improve waterfront skills in swimming, canoeing, sailing and kayaking; leadership training through discussion and co-operative games; orienteering activities and a variety of useful craft sessions - but there also progressively developed a sense of sharing, caring and interaction with collegues all over Ontario.







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My impression is that this particular group of teachers was not unique or special for the space and tone of the entire camp was established by a highly qualified staff who not only demonstrated a high calibre of professionalism and leadership qualities but exhibited limitless enthusiasm, energy, patience and understanding. These qualities were necessary, for in addition to the basic programme, the staff offered a variety of options in the early mornings and late evenings. These diversified activities included everything from night hikes, owl prowls, indoor games, photography, first aid and safety to campfines, 50's jitterbugging and massage techniques. Each staff member seemed to possess expertise in two or three different areas and the fact that we could avail ourselves of their knowledge and resources was truly beneficial. A whole new body of literature became accessible and I have spent the fall months reading voraciously.

At times, the experience was almost overwhelming and I felt a sense of anxiety as my energy and physical capacity was tested to what I perceived as its limits. Many times I questioned whether I would be able to meet the demands and be successful. I feared failure and yet in retrospect this has increased my sensitivity to how a youngster might feel when confronted with a new and unfamiliar situation. Too often as adults we forget this sensation.

The Bark Lake camp culminated in an Out Trip where we were able to apply all the skills in a practical situation. At that point, each individual experienced a feeling of success at being able to accomplish a task that had previously appeared to be elusive. Our newly aquired abilities and knowledge assimilated and it was amazing how much I have been able to use both within the classroom situation and outside it. The memories of Bark Lake - the programmes, the knowledge, the relationships and the accomplishments have become an integrated part of my professional life.

PENNY PURCELL

Hike Ontario

if you decide to explore all the hiking trails in Ontario, walking say 20 kilometres every day, how long do you think it would take? If your guess is less than 3½ months, you've missed a trail or two!

The opening of the Bruce Trail in 1967 Inspired a flurry of trail building in scenic areas ell over the province. Today, there are eleven different trails, each with its own personality, traversing more than 2,100 kilometres of rocky headlands, woods and farms.

Canadians took to trails to express the mood of the Sixties. It was a time when we realized how flabby we were and started to think of fitness as an important goal. Technological damage to the environment was increasing and we began worrying about the quality of life, pollution and ecology. Flower children were rejecting materialism and following a simpler back-to-nature lifestyle. Overnight, Canadians discovered that walking is not only healthy but fun.

Landowners too were moved by the spirit of the times and generously allowed trails to be built over their properties, sharing with city people the beauty and tranquility of the countryside. Hikers in return adopted a Trail Users' Code, a promise to respect private land and preserve the environment.

Ontario's hiking trails were all built by volunteers and the eleven clubs that continue to maintain them are all run by volunteers. To keep hikers from wandering off the trail and getting lost, clubs mark the route blazes -- vertical stripes painted on trees and rocks. They also offer their members guidebooks containing maps. Organized group hikes with a leader are often part of a club's program with the schedule published in its newsletter.

If you've never hiked before, you may wonder how to go about getting started. You'd be wise to join a group for at least your first few outings. You don't need lessons or expensive equipment, but some things are essential, such as waterproof boots. Without them, chances are you'll come back with wet feet, cuts from rocks or a sprained ankle. Your hands should be free to hold on when climbing, so carry your lunch, thermos and an extra sweater in a knapsack. It's smart to bring rainwear even when the sun is shining, and some basic first-aid supplies just to be on the safe side. Unless your already in top shape, start with short hikes and increase distance with experience.

But whether you're a novice hiker, seasoned backpacker, photographer, student of natural history, or a family on an afternoon outing, you'll find something to enjoy on Ontario's trails. Write your nearest club for more information, then get out and

HIKE ONTARIO!



AVON TRAIL ASSOCIATION Box 384, Stratford, Ontario N5A 6T3

The AVON TRAIL follows the Avon River through Stratford with a side loop that passes the Festival Theatre. Thirteen kilometres are within Wildwood Conservation Area, the rest crosses agricultural land including farms of the Mennonites near Kitchener. Links Thames Valley Trail at St. Mary's with Grand Valley Trail at Conestogo.

BRUCE TRAIL ASSOCIATION Box 857, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3N9

The BRUCE TRAIL, Ontario's oldest and longest trail, follows the Niagara Escarpment from Niagara to Tobermory. Geologically fascinating, the Escarpment also provides endless scenic variety: lookouts, grottos, waterfalls, caves, meadows, forests, and, for the history buff, ruins of abondoned dams, kilns and mill houses.

690 kilometres.

ELGIN HIKING TRAIL CLUB Box 11, St. Thomas, Ontario N5P 3T5

The ELGIN HIKING TRAIL, the shortest and most southerly trail, winds northward through the valley of Kettle Creek from Port Stanley to the St. Thomas area. Rare wiidflowers, birds, semitropical fruits and varied terrain are excellent subjects for photographers.

25 kilometres.

GANARASKA TRAIL ASSOCIATION Box 1136, Barrie, Ontario L4M 5E2

The GANARASKA TRAIL follows the Ganaraska River, crosses the Great Pine Ridge and traverses the drumlin fields west of Peterborough. It passes through the Kawartha Lakes and skirts the Minesing Swamp where waterfowl, mink, muskrat and beaver can be observed. Passing through the Wasaga sand dunes, it follows the Wye River across Historic Huronia. 200 kilometres.

GRAND VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION Box 1233, Kitchener, Ontario N2G 4G8

The GRAND VALLEY TRAIL follows the Grand River north from Brantford through Paris, with its cobblestone architecture, past Pennsylvania Dutch farms near Kitchener, Cambridge and Waterloo and ends in spectacular Elora Gorge. Rare butterflies may be seen in Roseville Swamp; coyote, white-tailed deer or red-shouldered hawk in Natchez Hills.

GUELPH TRAIL CLUB Box 1, Guelph, Ontario N1H 6J6

The GUELPH RADIAL TRAIL leads northeasterly from Guelph along an abandoned route of the Toronto Street Railway to Limehouse, where it joins the Bruce Trail. The SPEED RIVER TRAIL follows the river southwest from Guelph to Cambridge Unusual concentration of glacial landforms, eskers, moraines, drumlins and outwash features provide unique sights.

65 kilometres.

MAITLAND TRAIL ASSOCIATION Box 443, Goderich, Ontario N7A 4C7

The MAITLAND TRAIL follows the Maitland River from Goderich to Auburn. The trail passes through Huron County forest, Falls Reserve and Wawanosh Conservation Area, as well as Benmiller, Robertson and Morrison Tracts - all pioneer country.

32 kilometres.

QUINTE-HASTINGS RECREATIONAL TRAIL ASSOCIATION Box 1333, Belleville, Ontario K8N 5J1

The QUINTE-HASTINGS TRAIL has linear and loop routes for hikers and skiers. The trail explores the Trent River Valley, then swings North East through the scenic Oak Hills, to end at Madoc. A Geologist's paradise.

65 kilometres.

RIDEAU TRAIL ASSOCIATION Box 15, Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V6

The RIDEAU TRAIL, Ontario's most easterly trail system, is named after the Rideau Canal and River, Extends from Lake Ontario at Kingston to Richmond Landing on the Ottawa River. Traverses the wild and sparsely inhabited Canadian Shield - a vast territory of granite, endless forests and countless lakes.

385 kilometres.

THAMES VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION Box 821, Terminal B, London Ontario N6A 423

The THAMES VALLEY TRAIL follows the THAMES River sout from St. Mary's, through the heart of London, past the University of Western Ontario. Contrast between neat, flat farmlands and steep, wild riverbanks; between formal city parks and debris-covered flood plains, between old historical London and its modern skyline.

56 kilometres.

VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION Box 66, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 5L2

The VOYAGEUR TRAIL, when complete, will be Ontario's longest trail through rugged wilderness of great rocks, forests and deserted beaches. From South Baymouth on Manitoulin Island through Sault Ste. Marie to Thunder Bay. Killarney and Lake Superior Provincial Parks, Pukaskwa National Park, Agawa and Michipicoten Falls are points of interest.

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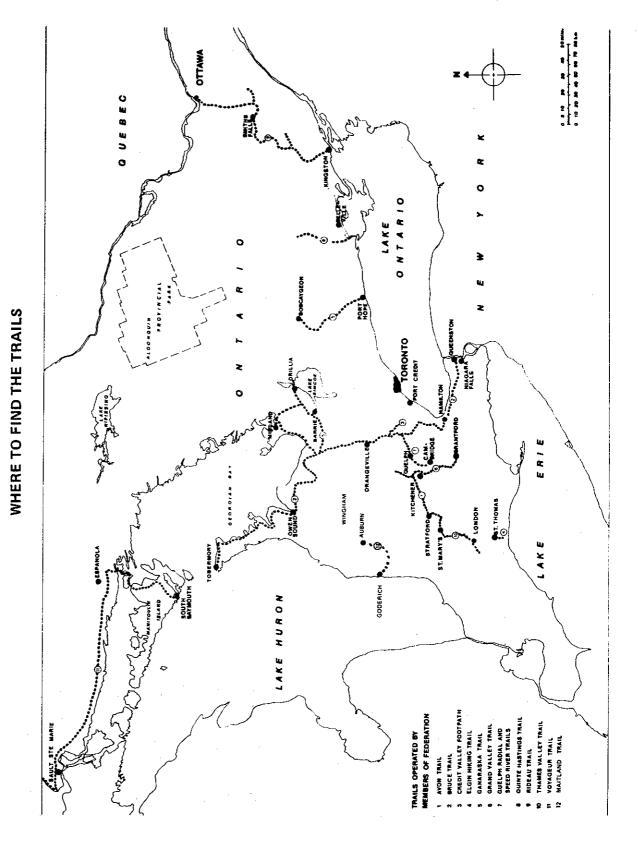
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GO-TO-BLAZES

Last year, the Bruce Trail Association held its first annual Go-To-Blazes Day in which a record number of volunteers gave the 700 kilometers from Queenston to Tobermory a spring-cleaning.

One key section of Trail near Dyer's Bay had been closed for over a year. On this day, over 7 kilometers of trail construction were completed by the Outers' clubs from Centennial C.V.I., Guelph and Centre Wellington D.H.S., Fargus. The 8 kilometers of trail to the east of this section were polished by a group of Grade 13 Environmental Studies students from North Toronto C.I.

Again this year, another Go-To -Blazes Day is being held on May 14, sponsored by F.O.H.T.A., the Federation of Ontario Hiking Trails Association. Its purpose is twofold: to improve the quality of hiking trails in Ontario and to communicate the outdoors ethic - a respect for the land and a responsibility for caring about its quality.

During the preceding week, and especially on Saturday May 14, it is planned to clean up every kilometer of hiking trail in the province. No major construction projects are contemplated, merely light maintenance chores of touching up blazes, picking up of litter, and the clearing of winter deadfall.

It is a job with which any school group - a classroom or a club- could assist. Your students will enjoy the fellowship of working together while assiting in a worthwhile project.

It is hoped that your group may be interested in participating in this years Go-To-Blazes Day. To obtain further information or to volunteer your group's servives, please call or write

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION:

RETROSPECT & PROSPECT

REVIEW

Before considering the challenges of the 80's, let us return for a few minutes to the description of the present situation in Ontario OE and recall the main points. It is probably safe to say that the period of rapid growth and bold imnovation is over and that we have entered a period of consolidation or stabilization. OE has become institutionalized. No one knows how many school boards now have sites, programs and full-time people but there are hundreds. Programs are diverse, public acceptance and support is broad, every curriculum document revised in the last fifteen years has a direct requirement of outdoor experience or an indirect encouragement of OE where appropriate. The Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario is strong.

Many thousands of students are benefitting from some form of OE. There are countless opportunities for the development of expertise in our community colleges, universities, faculties of education and post-graduate work. However, lest we become smug and complacent, let us realize that profound changes are taking place. There are many things we did not do and did not finish and there are new challenges to be met in the 80's. I would like to identify some of those that I see.

THE GAPS

Permissive legislation and Ministry encouragement which has resulted in present strength and diversity has also permitted almost total lack of programs and services in some areas. Frustrated teachers who have energy, concern and capability but no support whatever from their boards and administrators can do little more than the sporadic occasional field trips that I had as a student.

Thousands of students are missing what should now be basic to an education and the right of all. The often used cliche that each teacher and each school does their own OE is little more than empty rhetoric. Twenty years of experience has shown that to develop a solid, continuing and comprehensive program the support of recognized sites, buildings, and specialized support people are essential. Thus, I would urge that the Ministry of Education reassert its leadership role now dusty from disuse and ensure that areas of deprivation be required to establish some recognizable form of OE for their students.

Dr. J. R. McCarthy who played an important role in the Department of Education prior to 1973 stated recently; "I recognize the economic and financial problems that exist today but I remain unconvinced that there could not be a greatly expanded program given proper organization and the will to see that it is implemented."

There is no need for the late starters to reinvent the wheel. We have a great amount of accumulated experience in this province which brings me to my next point.

A MODEL OF OE AND A CLARIFICATION OF VOCABULARY

A second task for the 80's should be the development of a sophisticated model of OE which could be a model for late starters and a standard against which established programs could assess themselves so that they too can continue to grow and improve. As part of this process we need a clarification of vocabulary so that we have a common understanding of terms such as outdoor education, environmental education, environmental studies, conservation education, nature study and field studies. Such a model would only result from a comprehensive survey of what is going on in Ontario OE from some good research so that we know whether or not we are doing what we say we are doing. Late starters should be encouraged to use a master planning process so widely used in business and industry. Master planning ensures that we do not stop short of our goals but that we achieve them in rational, manageable stages, constantly assessing the value of what has been achieved and revising the distant and elusive targets as we go. Late starters might also utilize the concept of external consultants in order to benefit from the successes and avoid the weaknesses of those with experience. I am sure that a joint effort by the Ministry and COEO could now develop such a sophisticated model.

A RESEARCH BASE

In a recent article by Claude Cousineau published in Anee and the Journal of Outdoor Education, Claude speaks of "doers" and "thinkers" in OE. A third challenge of the 80's must be to develop a good research base in Ontario so that we do not all become "doers". It is very easy once going and busy and reasonably successful to let one's time and energies get dominated by the necessary and mundane. Remembering to order new string for the tetherball, towels for the washrooms and thermometers for the weather kit demands time and energy once applied to innovation and program development. Even in a time of restraint we must reassert the importance of reflection, dreaming, sabbaticals, seminars, conferences, journals and graduate work. I would hope that in the 80's we could find financial support that would permit some experienced outdoor educators to leave their jobs for periods of time to do research, reading, study and writing that is essential to the development of a strong philosophical and theoretical base. Along these lines, I commend the work of Claude Cousineau at the University of Ottawa, Jim Smithers, the former editor of Anee at Lakehead University, the York University Faculty of Environmental Studies with their excellent graduate programs and Bud Weiner and the University of Northern Illinois who have added so much to encourage "doers" to be "thinkers" as well.

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My fourth challenge for the 80's is directed at the executive and board of COEO. I would recommend that COEO return to its primary objective of service to regions and members. I sense in recent years a trend toward perpetuation of the executive and the continued support of a few large visible projects such as Anee, the NIU contract and the MEI conference. These are extremely important projects which must be continued. However, there were three regions in Ontario that were not represented on the board for a whole year. It is inexcusable that an executive would permit this condition to exist for so long. Also, there are now many people and OE centres never seen at conferences. I also sense a change in the balance of membership. Where are the people from the camps and parks that added so much vitality and diversity to this organization? I challenge COEO in the 80's to apply some vigorous energies to maintaining early strengths - the pioneering spirit, the sharing, the flow of ideas, innovation and cross fertilization - COEO in cooperation with the Ministry of Education can provide assistance to those areas of deprivation mentioned earlier and COEO in cooperation with the universities can work towards a research base and adapt new objectives to meet new needs.

I would like to propose to the executive a few strategies which I think might go part way toward remedying these weaknesses:

- 1. COEO must examine its role in a changing society and educational system and decide whether it is going to remain as COEO or evolve toward a CEEO. If we are to remain as COEO we must identify the Outdoor component of Environmental Education and emphasize the unique features of outdoor learning and teaching. If we are to evolve into a CEEO it will be necessary to carve out new relationships with other existing organizations. The decisions will not be easy since there are strong arguments for each.
- 2. Regions need to be strengthened and regions only exist as they have people or projects as focal points. Therefore, I would suggest that COEO try what STAO did a few years ago when it became a large organization. That is, that in odd numbered years we have provincial conferences and in even numbered years we have several regional conferences ideally a conference in each region.
- 3. To re-establish our early support from outside the educational community let us co-sponsor an upcoming provincial conference with the Ontario Camping Association and the Park Interpreters.

POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

A fifth challenge for the 80's is the need for EE to gain some integrity and recognition in the eyes of the politicians and public. Such political recognition and intergrity could result from many factors but I think that we need one large visible organization to represent the case of EE. Such an organization should represent all branches of government with stakes in EE - Energy, Education, Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources as well as business, industry and all levels of education. I hope that the negotiations presently going on between Trent University and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education might result in the formation of a Canadian Association for Environmental Education which could serve this purpose.

I have sensed that people with environmental sensitivities, knowledge and commitments tend to be idealists - they want to do "right", hesitate to recognize that education goes on in a political arena where money, power and recognition often get things done faster than rationality does. We may have to compromise idealism a bit in order to ensure a sound foundation and future for OE and EE.

CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

The sixth challenge for the 80's will be in the area of curriculum. Recent curriculum revisions by the Ministry of Education have provided excellent support for outdoor education. I hope that this trend continues and the pattern of organizing curriculum into core, optional and locally developed units continues. This system permits the inclusion of new units of study as new environmental problems and concerns emerge. The next significant change required in the present curriculum structure should ensure that all students are provided with a sound well-designed program of EE from the primary through the senior grades to the post-secondary level. Such a structure must be based on a well-informed definition of EE, make extensive use of OE components and use content and methods resulting from our accumulated experience and a sound research base.

Thus, I find no fault in present curriculum support for OE but would like to see the development of a umbrella document - perhaps called "Environment Across the Curriculum" which would a) identify the need for EE; b) identify the major societal and global issues; c) summarize present curriculum guidelines which contain OE and EE section; and e) urge that school boards, administrators and teachers ensure a well co-ordinated program of EE with OE components for all students.

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The seventh challenge for the 80's must be to extend OE and EE to the adult population and the general public. I have sometimes said in a cynical moment That too much good education is wasted on the young. I do not really mean that but I do think that good education now available to the young that was not available to their parents should somehow be accessible to those parents. I do not have a solution to propose for this challenge. However, we do have agencies which could reach the general public with interpretive programs namely the Provincial and National Parks and Conservation Authorities. I was disappointed to see in a recent publication of the Ministry of Natural Resources - "The Southern Ontario Coordinated Program Strategy" that in their plans for the next 20 years they propose specific policies and programs for forestry, mineral aggreagate, minerals and fossil fuels, fisheries, wildlife, provincial parks, general recreation and land administration but there is no mention of education or interpretation except as a sub-heading under provincial parks. Even there the statements of intent are very soft -

"to provide opportunities for exploration and appreciation of the outdoor natural and cultural heritage of Ontario" and further we find,

"to maximize opportunities for unstructured individual exploration and appreciation of the outdoor natural and cultural heritage of Southern Ontario through a wide range of interpretive and educational programs."

Such plans are commendable but when we see their rank in relation to the other priorities mentioned, one wonders if much will be done.

But the potential is certainly there. In 1981, there were 2 million visitors to Ontario Provincial Parks. During the summer, at a park near where I live, 4167 visitors attende programs conducted by the visitors service staff, but 1030 of those or almost 25% were campfire programs. Even so there were 3000 who were exposed to some aspects of natural and cultural history. Park staffs although dedicated and enthusiastic about their work are usually seasonal employees with very little background and experience in the techniques of interpretation and education.

A great deal more could be done by these agencies in public education. As well outdoor education centres if adequately staffed and with suitable organization could very well provide weekend and summer programs for people no longer attending school.

TWO OTHERS

There are two minor concerns that all of us who are involved in full-time outdoor education and leadership positions must bear in mind too. We must keep in close contact with what is going on in the regular schools or we will find that we are isolated from the main stream of education. There are exciting new findings in education of the gifted and in the areas of classroom management and learning theory. Do not let your collegues in the regular schools eclipse or surpass you.

My generation of outdoor educators must also be aware that we are aging and we may not be as resilient, energetic, adventurous or as much fun as we once were. We must search for strategies for providing opportunities for young, energetic but less experienced teachers to make their valuable contributions to this important work.

CONCLUSION

I would like to quote from a letter I received recently from Dr. J. R. McCarthy who was with the then Department of Education from 1944 to 1973.

"At the present time there is a great need for people in education who have a vision for the future rather than people who look for solutions to educational and societal problems by looking in the rear view mirror. We are in need of those who are risk takers on behalf of children and who will be their advocates in councils where they have no voice. Fortunately, many people in Outdoor Education meet these requirements. I am optimistic that the future will be bright if the views of these people are able to overcome the lethargy, ignorance and expediency of those that have forgotten the real purposes of the educational system. Then we may be able to provide the "great education" which research has already made possible but which we are so far from having achieved. Best wishes to you and your collegues in your endeavours on behalf of children."

And finally, quotes from two posters which my daughter keeps on her bedroom wall

- " I am not afraid of tomorrow for I have seen yesterday and I am enjoying today" and,
- " If a man does not keep pace with his companions perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.

Let him step to the music that he hears however measured or far away".

Henry David Thoreau

Let us continue to step to the music that we hear. It is no longer so far away and there are many more that have joined our pace but we have not yet reached the destination. Let's quicken and strengthen our pace, refocus our sights on the next distant goal and proceed with vigour as we have done in the past.

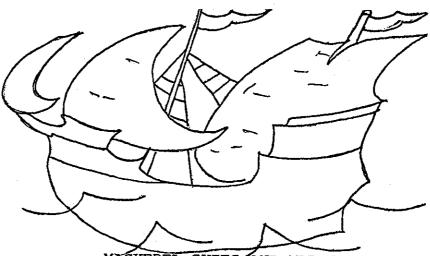
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WEATHER FOLKLORE

Weather is all around us, we can't ignore it especially when teaching outdoor education. Although weather studies can be most interesting, the study of folklore, in addition to the scientific studies, can make weather more exciting.

Many of these sayings have a basis in fact, some have no truth whatsoever. The best source I have found for sayings such as these is:

The Weather Book by Reuben A. Hornstein, published by McClelland and Stewart in co-peration with Environment Canada and the Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada.



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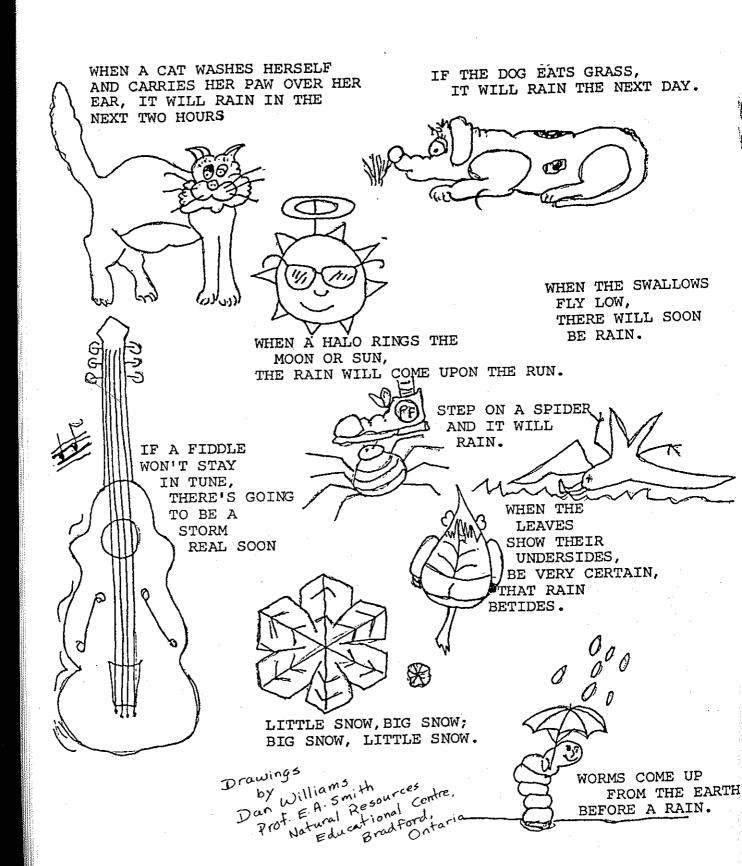
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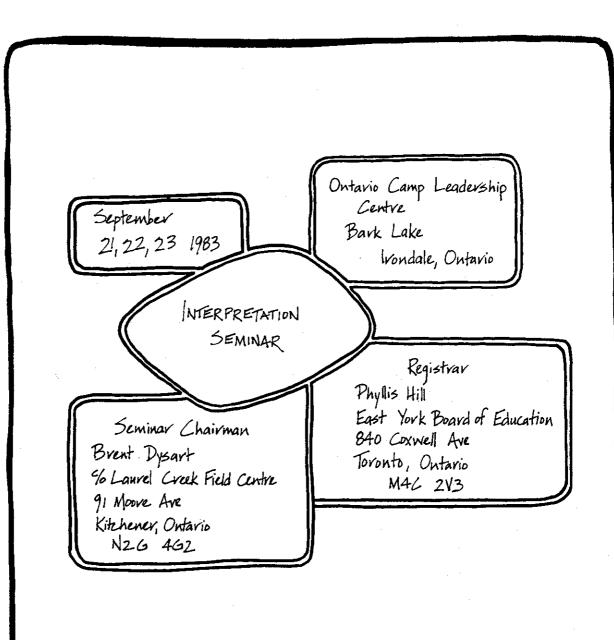


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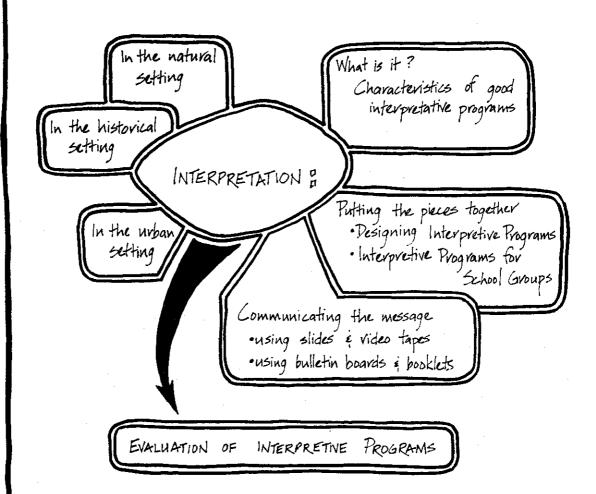
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OUTDOOR CENTRES

Over the past four years as a teacher at a residential outdoor centre I have observed visiting teachers make considerable use of points and awards in their programs, and I have come to a philosophy as to their appropriateness in Outdoor Education. Hopefully by passing on this philosophy readers will reflect on their own motivations for presenting awards. Two anecdotes will set the stage for this reflection.

On a recent hike with Grade 6 children I observed a child helping others up a steep section of the route. Before I had a chance to feel good about his initiative I overheard him say to his friend, "I'm doing this so our group will get some points for co-operative behaviour ".Another situation is familiar to many teachers. Following an explanation of an orienteering course a child will ask "What will I win?"

Points and awards are components of a classroom system of learning that is sometimes unnecessarily carried over to the outdoor experience. Often the classroom situation is so far removed from what the child feels is relevant to his life that he must be prodded to learn and behave properly with numerical and alphabetical symbols of success and failure. The child completes an assignment to receive a good mark or to avoid a bad mark rather than for the joy of learning. An outdoor experience can be a refreshing respite from this system. The outdoors is a rich resource of potential learning experiences in which children flourish. Questions are self-generated. Curiosity is genuine.

The boy scout and girl guide tradition of giving badges for learning the names of constellations or for demonstrating how to pitch a tent is of questionable value. Granted the child feels good about receiving and displaying a badge but the hidden lesson is that there is no purpose in learning unless something tangible is received in return. We underestimate the potential of children to wonder, to question, to investigate, to learn, without the aid of external motivators. Children should be given the opportunity to study the marvels of the universe because they are marvelous, and how to pitch a tent in order to experience the thrill of outdoor living.

Another controversial use of awards is for successful competitors. The problem with awards given this way is their exclusivity. They are usually reserved for the athletic and intellectual elite. Winners are celebrated and losers ignored. Usually the same children are losers in competition after competition. The orienteering program at our centre has been revamped to tackle this problem. First, a beautiful, professional-looking certificate, presented to the fastest orienteering team, has been relegated to the bottom of the filing cabinet. Second, the course was restructured to facilitate a non-competitive experience. The system (competetive) was changed and the symbol (awards) was eliminated. The reason: children enjoy searching for markers with the aid of a map. Period. Why mess up a good thing?

So the conclusion we should draw from all this is to not give awards, right? Wrong. Thought should be given as to objectives for giving awards and how to use awards to meet those objectives. Awards can have a very positive impact on children. In fact, any residential outdoor session that does not include an award presentation is missing out on an ideal opportunity to boost kids' self-esteem. Everyone needs to be reminded that they are special individuals and accepted members of the group. Furthermore, an awards session is an appropriate closure to a residential experience. It says, "Look at the good times we had ". Children return home feeling good about themselves and the experience.

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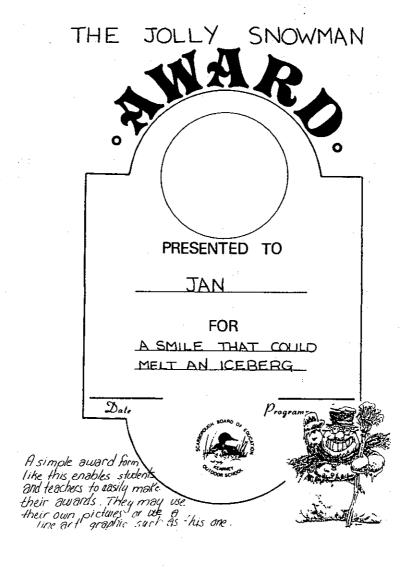
Teachers may want to consider the following ideas when making up awards. 1) Give an award to everyone or no one. 2) Include awards that have no ulterior motive than to say, "I like you the way you are." The idea of rewarding a child for just being himself is a rare attitude in education. Approval seems to only come when something positive has been accomplished. Moreover, we often forget that not only does success breed positive self-esteem but that positive selfesteem breeds success. 3) Avoid reinforcing stereotypical characteristics of an individual. A child who has the reputation of being the class whiz does not need further reminder of this fact. The "Wise Owl Award" would be inappropriate. Show him that he is appreciated for more than his academic prowess. 4) Have fun with awards. Give Debbie the "Pooper Scooper Award" for barn animal care beyond the call of duty. Give Tim the "Pretzel Man Award" for his ability to twist his body intp never-seen-before positions while cross-country skiing. 5) To avoid a heavy final night work load and a "What was that funny thing that happened to Jane two days ago?" situation, record award ideas as they come to mind throughout the session.

A new dimension is added by involving students in award making and giving. On the first day of the session put the names of each child, teacher and instructor into a hat. Each person selects a name which is kept secret to others. At the end of the session each participant makes and presents an award for their chosen name. This serves as a creative exercise for children, it encourages them to watch for positive behaviours in each other and it saves the teacher a great deal of work and time. Furthermore the impact of an award from a peer may be greater than from a teacher.

Line Art catalogues, available in school boards' audio-visual centres have nifty drawings that can add pizazz to awards. An outdoor centre can make up multiple copies of selected line art drawings that could be selected by visiting teachers and students for their awards. Blank circles are also useful for those who want to draw their own pictures. A sampling of pictures and examples of how they may be used as awards is included.

Awards in their proper context are terrific. But don't wait until awards night at an outdoor centre to tell a child you like him. Anytime is the right time.

Rick Hay Scarborough Outdoor School





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THE FEARLESS NIGHTSTALKER AWARD for midnight scrambles to the outhouse



THE CULINARY EXPERTISE AWARD for exotic dishes prepared in the wild



THE EASTMAN KODAK AWARD

for excellence in picture taking

while walking, resting, eating, talking, climbing, ...



THE HAWKEYE AWARD for finding and identifying every species known to man

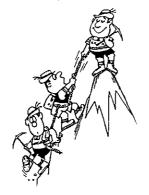


THE NEW DISCOVERY AWARD for displaying hidden talent in the entertainment field

THE RIP VAN WINKLE AWARD

for sleeping through 10 pillow fights a rousing chorus of 100 bottles of beer in the wall and Mrs. Brown's lecture on the virtues of sleep

THE VERY INJURED PERSON AWARD for the most injuries ever suffered by one person over a four day period



THE EVEPEST EXPEDITION AWARD for finding & climbing every hill in the vicinity



THE WONDER WOMAN AWARD

for single handedly portaging a canoe through a mosquito infested swamp



THE MOST CONGENIAL HOPPER AWARD for serving 10,000 pancakes without complaint



THE OUTSTANDING BIRDWATCHER AWARD for spending hours on end observing birds - especially the birds in room 3



THE "HEY THIS TASTES GOOD" AWARD for surviving 3 days on yellow birch alone



THE LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE AWARD for always having a good sense of humour even when climbing Percy's Peak in a downpour

ENVIRONMENTAL MUSIC

Music is an excellent way to teach an appreciation of nature and to reenforce some of the concepts that we are teaching in the outdoors. Musical activities can be done in the out-of-doors or can be done as a follow-up activity. Musical activities (other than campfire programs) have been neglected in most outdoor programs. A good place to begin is with a good collection of records and music books. The following are suggested as a beginning for a environmental music library:

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TIMBERLINE, music and lyrics by Wiz Bryant

CANADIAN ESTABLISHMENT, instrumental music by Ron Harrison

JUNIOR JUG BAND, Chris and Ken Whiteley

KID'S RECORD, Valdy

BABY BELUGA, Paffi and Ken Whiteley

SPACE CHILD, David Suzuki narrates, a host of musicans

A DAY IN ALGONOUIN PARK, Federation of Ontario Naturalists

THE SWAMP IN JUNE, Federation of Ontario Naturalists

LISTEN TO ME, Jim and Rosalie

AT THE MUSIC PACTORY, Jim and Rosalie

TONY BIRD OF PARADISE, Tony Bird (Prom South Africa, record was recorded at Vancouver Folk Music Festival)

SPIN, SPIDER, SPIN, Patty Zeitlin
A SONG IS A RAINBOW, Patty Zeitlin
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SING ALONG WITH JACK PEARCE, Jack Pearce, Camp Tawingo Publications

SING ONE MORE TIME, Jack Pearce

CANADA IS (series) Dolcie Colby, John Harrison and Carol Kerr

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In future issues we would like to feature musical activities and songs
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ADVENTURE PROGRAMS & LIABILITY

an article by Arthur N. Frakt written for the <u>Journal of Physical Education and Recreation</u> Volume 49, No. 4 April 1978.

Competent professionals supervising participants who are of an age to appreciate risk and whose skill and physical condition permit them to meet the challenge of the particular activity have resulted in few cases of legal liability. Because these activities take place in "unimproved" natural settings there is less legal liability than if the activities took place in an attractive man-made environment. The more a property owner does to make the property safe and attractive the more liability they will incurr in case of accident.

If adventure programs promote activities as "high risk" this would create a red flag which might influence the courts to expand the "strict liability" of ultra hazardous activities to cover such programs. Normally "strict liability" has been associated with the use of explosives or dangerous chemicals.

Traditional legal doctrines of "voluntary assumption of risk" guard against excessive liability in adventure programs because normally the participants are aware of the hazard involved.

No modern court will hold that any recreation program can absolve itself of all legal responsibilities for injuries but a court is more likely to give credence to "voluntary assumption of risk" or informed consent when the plaintiff is one who knowingly chose to participate in a non obligatory leisure activity. This is not to say that professionals become less diligent in safeguarding programs but it does mean that adventure programs are no more likely to result in liability than any other activity. Liability will ensue where there is:

- 1. a failure to fully and clearly explain hazards of the activity to the narticipants
- a failure to limit participation to those who have attained the maturity, physical conditioning, and level of expertness that a particular activity demands
- 3. a failure to provide the kind of professional leadership and instruction that would meet reasonable standards of those engaged in such activities generally.

In conclusion the carelessly operated program still runs the risk of excessive liability. The provision for low cost limited trip or personal injury insurance should be explored and adherence to professional standards of recreation safety should be maintained. Safety precautions consistent with the goals of the recreation program and the provision of insurance should meet the varied purposes of providing safe and challenging programs. These measures would limit the likelihood of unjust liability claims.

Ralph Ingelton

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A Sample "Suspect Sheet"

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	Detective:
BARK: Colour Texture	LEAF:
Cracks - depth - direction	FINGERPRINT YOUR TREE - RUBBING
Bubs: Colour Size Description	- IMPRESSION
BRANCHES: Alternate Opposite	I suspect my culprit is
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FOR A VICIOUS STABBING ATTACK ALIAS SIR LANCE-A-LOT





Description - Dangerous. Armed with a sharp offensive weapon.



Description-Bark dark and shallowly grooved but grayish and smooth on younger parts. Alternating buds with green to bright red buds.

FOR IMPERSONATING LEMONADE ALIAS SCARLET O'HARA



Description - Very hairy twigs. Dark, smooth bark with many raised cross streaks.

FOR BEING HARD HEARTED ALIAS SCALY DAN

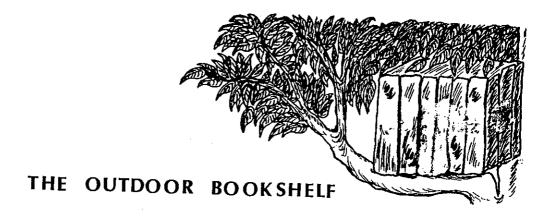




Description - Brown shreddy bark.



Description - Tight bark with a network of fine smooth ridges.



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Although it is implied throughout the text a specific list of the important things to look for when purchasing cross country equipment would be helpful. Too often cross country equipment is purchased at large chain stores and the sales staff are not trained to give specific information. The end result is an unhappy skier. Perhaps the simplest recommendation would be to purchase ski equipment at a reasonable sports or ski store.

Having taught cross country skiing to University Physical Education and Outdoor Recreation students for the past 14 years and used a variety of reference material for these classes. I can easily recommend this to my students as a basic classroom text.

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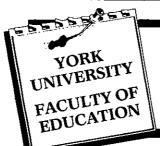
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CANADIAN ENVIRONMENT WEEK

June 5 - 11, 1983

Canadian Environment Week begins on World Environment Day, June 5, marking the llth Anniversary of the ".N.'s Conference on The Human Environment in Stockholm. Scientists have since confirmed that the earth's resources are seriously threatened by pollution, overexploitation and mismanagement.

Environment_Canada will be undertaking some special activities during that week. In Ontario the theme is "Action = Results, It Starts Today With You". Action kits will be sent to all municipalities and information kits are being prepared for boards of education. For details and more information contact the Ontario Regional Office, 7th Floor, 25 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto, M4T 1M2. Telephone 416-966-6406.



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CANOE RACE WEEKEND

5th Annual Marsh Mash

Marathon Canoe & Kayak Race

15th Annual Swamp Stomp

> Nottawasaga River Canoe Race

Sat. June 18, '83 | Sun. June 19, '83



Hwy 11 & Holland River, Bradford PLACE Angus Community Park, Angus

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

27 km. on protected water in the Holland Canal . 12 km. for junior and recreation

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21 km. down the Nottawasaga to Edenvale Conservation Area on Hwy. 26

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The Not-In-My-Backyard Syndrome

A two-day Symposium on Public Involvement in Siting Waste Management Facilities Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University May 13-14, 1983

Now more than ever before, people are demanding direct involvement in decisions affecting the quality of their lives and their environment. They are looking for open accessible decision processes and they expect decisions to be fair.

If these expectations are not met, public controversy can result. The waste management field provides some dramatic examples. While broad agreement exists on the need for safe, efficient means of disposing of wastes generated by our urban-industrial society, far less consensus exists on specifically what kinds of facilities are required and where they should be located. Governments and waste management companies argue that their policies and projects are technologically sound, present no significant health hazards, are only sited after extensive study, and will be carefully controlled and monitored. People living nearby, however, often oppose such projects on the grounds that the site selection has not taken adequate account of environmental and social impacts, that no safe level exists for certain pollutants, and that regulatory agencies can't guarantee that there won't be problems.

"Not-in-my-backyard" has become a convenient label for such public opposition. NIMBY may be seen as an expression of narrow self interest (put it somewhere else) as people's natural desire to protect their environment, or as logical response to an ill-conceived project. Public and private proponents of waste management projects have sometimes proceeded in ways that justified the latter claim. More often they have simply assumed that if technical feasibility can be demonstrated public acceptability will follow. Overlooked is the equity concern ("why us") that arises when a few are asked to bear the burden of costs created by many.

There is an urgent need to find ways to avoid or settle NIMBY disputes reasonably, equitably and quickly. Without workable planning processes and a spirit of co-operation, social and political conflicts will increase and waste management facilities are unlikely to be available when needed. The result ironically could be further environmental damage and widespread health hazards.

This symposium provides a forum where the various parties involved in or affected by waste management disputes can examine the nature of public opposition, consider its causes and implications, and explore ways of dealing with the problem of siting waste management facilities. Day One will focus on diagnosing the NIMBY Syndrome and the waste management dilemma. In Day Two participants will examine alternative approaches to preventing and resolving waste management controversies. Keynote speakers are Rev. Ted Creen, Stouffville and Dr. Donald Chant.

Attendance at this Symposium will be limited. To ensure your participation, registration should be made before May 4, 1983. The fee of \$175.00 includes lunch and dinner on Day One coffee and refreshments, materials and proceedings. There is a special discounted fee for members of ratepayers associations and non-profit environmental groups of \$55.00. If further information is needed contact Audrey Armour, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, 416-667-3552.

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Please remit registration fee and membership if applicable to:
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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Theme Session: THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1983

PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL NATURE AREAS

Speakers:

Doug Vincent — Provincial Parks — Awenda Provincial Park

Greg Gemmell — National Parks — Georgian Bay Islands National Park

Eva Kayser — Canadian Wildlife Service — Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre

FRIDAY, MAY 13—CONCURRENT SESSIONS A 9:00-10:30 and 10:30-12:00

- Grain Handling and Flour Milling
 A visit to the Canada Steamship Lines Elevator and the Ogilvie Flour Mill on Midland's waterfront to see how wheat is handled and processed into flour.
- 2. The BOG SLOG Herb Connell, Science Teacher

A visit to a kettle lake which is a natural bog in full natural succession to observe the flora and fauna of the bog and experience a natural water bed.

3. Man And The Environment

An overview of the Penetanguishene Bay area and the Town of Penetanguishene to observe the natural conditions that encouraged the development of this town. This tour is directed by John Bayfield, co-author of the book, "This Was Yesterday," a pictorial history of the Town of Penetanguishene. John is head of Geography at E.S.P.S.S.

FRIDAY, MAY 13-CONCURRENT SESSION B

- The Wye Marsh By Canoe
 Explore the Wye Marsh in large war canoes
 with a naturalist from the Wye Marsh Wild life Centre as guide.
- Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre Nature Trails
 Take a leisurely walk along the self guiding nature trails of the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre.
- "Your Sewage And Mine"
 A visit to the sewage treatment plants of Midland and Penetanguishene to see two different types of sewage treatment processes.

Plenary Session I:

Glaciation of the Great Lakes

Speaker: Roger Chittenden — an amateur photographer, geographer and naturalist.

Plenary Session II:

"17th Century Wye Marsh Resources"

Speaker: Jamie Hunter, research curator at Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons.

-CONCURRENT SESSIONS C

- 1. Glacial Shorelines Tour
 Roger Chittenden and John Bayfield will
 lead a walk from the shoreline of Lake
 Algonquin to the shoreline of Georgian Bay
 crossing several other shorelines on the
 way
- Woodlot Management
 With a forester from MNR, visit a woodlot
 which has been marked for thinning, where
 some cutting has been done. Test your
 skills in forest tree identification.
- 3. The Huron Indians
 Visit the site of a Huron Indian village overlooking Georgian Bay to appreciate its environmental advantages. The leader is Jamie Hunter, research curator at Ste. Marie Among the Hurons in Midland.

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1983 CONCURRENT SESSIONS D

- 1. Use of an Outdoor Education Area
 Visit the Copeland Forest with Bill Fell to
 see what co-operation between M.N.R., a
 board of education and a few devoted
 teachers can generate for the outdoor education of our students.
- 2. Wetland and Waterfowl Management Visit the Tiny Marsh with an employee of M.N.R. to see how a "useless" marsh has been turned into an attractive nature preserve, hunting area, recreation area and outdoor study area by co-operation between M.N.R. and Ducks Unlimited.

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