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STREAM BIBLE CAMP • CAMP MINI-YO-WE
CAMP MISQUAH • MOOREDALE DAY CAMP
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& CULTURE DAY CAMPS • CAMP NOKOMIS
CAMP NOMININGUE • CAMP NORTHER

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McMaster Camps: March Break & Summer



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is truly special to celebrate the achievements of many of our camp colleagues. We are all celebrating the success we have all had working with children and youth in such positive ways.

We must honour the new initiatives that many of our OCA volunteer committees have taken on throughout the year. Let us celebrate the fact that we are in an industry that is all about making a positive difference in the life of a child, providing opportunities for employment and enabling us to collaborate with such bright and energetic individuals. Let us all be thankful that we have this great opportunity to celebrate these amazing accomplishments.

On behalf of the OCA Board of Directors and our office staff, we thank you for attending this Awards Banquet. I would also like to thank the Awards Committee Chair Jeff Brown and his committee Liz Greenway, Tapawingo – YWCA, Patti Tom, Tanamakoon and Lisa Wilson, Oconto for putting together this great program. Bravo!

Sincerely,

Eric Shendelman,
OCA PRESIDENT

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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YMCA GTA: Pine Crest

On behalf of the Awards Committee I would like to express a sincere thank you to those who submitted nominations in the various award categories this year. We all know the importance of taking time to pause and reflect on the amazing work that is being done in our camps and equally so in our Association. As the Chair of the Awards Committee, it was inspiring to see the nominations and a pleasure to work with the Awards Committee volunteers, the OCA office, Heather Heagle and the Board.

Thank you for taking the time to attend this wonderful and important event in support of your colleagues and your Association.

Congratulations to this year’s awards recipients from all of us at the OCA... keep on growing!

Sincerely,

Jeff “Capt.” Brown
AWARDS CHAIR



This award was created by the OCA Board to recognize the contribution of Dorothy Walter to the growth and development of the Association. It is the most prestigious recognition offered by the OCA. Dorothy died in December of 2006, however, her legacy of leadership lives on in the form of the good work done and fine examples set by the past and future recipients of this high recognition.

The award is presented, not necessarily annually, for providing outstanding service over a period of time. This outstanding service must include, but is not limited, to:

- Board and/or Committee leadership;
- Workshop and/or Conference leadership; and,
- Publication of articles regarding the field of camping.

AWARD RECIPIENT:

Leon Muszynski, CAMP AROWHON

Leon has more than met the criteria for the Dorothy Walter Award of Excellence. He has been the co-director/owner of Camp Arowhon for many years. He has been a Board Member since 2008 and was a Director until 2011, he was interim Vice President (2011-12), and then became Secretary/Treasurer for the past five years (2013-18). Leon has been on so many committees including Finance, Year-round Standards, Government Relations and Environment and has



Jonah Babins Magic

DOROTHY WALTER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 2016: Bev Unger
- 2015: Alf Grigg
- 2014: Howie Grossinger
- 2013: Eric Shendelman
- 2012: Liz Greenway
- 2011: Barb Weedon
- 2010: Sari Grossinger
- 2009: Bruce Hodgins
- 2008: Dave Graham
- 2007: Bruce Emmerton
- 2006: Jeff Bradshaw
- 2005: Pearl Bell
- 2004: Brian Blackstock
- 2003: Ellen Nash
- 2002: Jocelyn Palm
- 2001: Jill Dundas
- 2000: Janet Adamson
- 1999: Mary Casey
- 1998: Bob Smith
- 1997: Catherine Ross
- 1996: Ted Cole
- 1995: Marjorie Booth
- 1994: John Jorgenson
- 1993: Patti Thom
- 1992: Barb Gilbert
- 1991: Jean McIlwrick
- 1990: David Sands
- 1989: Jane McCutcheon
- 1988: Larry Bell
- 1987: Dorothy Walter

provided opinions for many other arising issues over the years. He has endlessly worked with the government to prevent negative changes to minimum wage, the temporary foreign worker program, and in 2010 he fought against licensing canoes with Transport Canada and again in 2013 with the Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP) licensing for camp motorized watercraft. In the past few years, Leon has been a speaker at the OCA's Annual Conference.

Leon is a strong role model for boys and young men at camp and beyond. Many of the campers look to him as the "Camp Dad". He is passionate about and exemplifies the notion that developing as a well-rounded male involves being connected with the full range of human emotions. He challenges his learners to push well past the societal norm that "I have to be tough".

Leon is passionate about camping, puts his heart and soul into everything he does, and is a true statesman and gentleman.



Camp Tawingo



HONOURARY LIFE MEMBER

The OCA is honoured to present the names of camp leaders, who over many years, have trail blazed, built bridges and set precedents, which have assisted others in the Ontario camping industry. Honourary Life Award Nominees hold a place of special significance in the traditions and successes of our Association. New paths and bridges created and implemented by current camp professionals rest upon the solid foundations laid by these courageous pioneers. Honourary Life Members in our Association are a permanent part of our camp lives.

Recipients shall have met the following criteria:

- Ten (10) or more years of distinguished service in the field of camping.
- Held positions on the Board or have chaired committee(s), task force(s) or special project(s) for at least 10 years.
- Held an executive position of a camping organization or agency for at least 10 years.
- Retired from active service in camping or reached 55 years of age.

AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Barb Gray, EASTER SEALS ONTARIO

When thinking healthy about camp communities in our Association, Barb has made a significant impact on the Ontario Camps Association. Following graduation from Nursing, Barb achieved her Masters in Nursing from the University of Toronto. She began working as Charge Nurse at Easter Seals Camp Norwood in 1988 and over the years held many positions from Camp

PAST RECIPIENTS

- Ada E. Adams
- Janet Adamson
- Madelene Allen
- Henri Audet
- Bill Babcock
- Jean Babcock
- Larry Bell
- Pearl Bell
- Marcello Bernardo
- Margaret Bernardo
- Cheryl Bernknopf
- Joyce Bertram
- Brian Blackstock
- C.R. Blackstock
- Diane Blair
- Marjorie Booth
- Jeff Brown
- Carolea Butters
- Mary Casey
- Bill Chapman
- Elaine Cole
- Ted Cole
- F.B. (Skip) Connett
- George Connolly
- Rob Crew
- Bert Danson
- Joseph B. Danson
- Hart Devenney
- Mark Diamond
- Adele Ebbs
- Harry Ebbs
- Mary S. Edgar

Clarence Ferguson
 Bert Fine
 Scotty Fleming
 Eanswythe Flynn
 Shirley Ford
 Wally Forgie
 Howard Gibb
 Barb Gilbert
 Peter Gilbert
 Barbara Gilchrist
 John Gilchrist
 Al Goodman
 Margaret Govan
 Liz Greenway
 Alf Grigg
 Jay Haddad
 Irwin Haladner
 Ferna G. Halliday
 Sam Hambly
 Mary Hamilton
 Bruce Harris
 Rob Heming
 Stephen Heming
 Barbara Hnatiak
 Polly Hodgetts
 Bruce Hodgins
 Laura Belle Hodgins
 Stanley E. Hodgins
 Maj. John Hoyle
 Cecil H. Irwin
 Mickey Johnstone
 Ron Johnstone
 John Jorgenson
 Eleanor Kay
 Grant Kerr
 Joe Kronick
 Cliff Labbett
 June Labbett
 John Latimer
 Peggy Latimer
 Barry Lowes
 Philomena Lowes



Sans Souci Riding Centre

Director/Site Manager to her current position as Manager of Provincial Services (Recreation) and Camp Director at Easter Seals Camp Merrywood.

For the past 21 years, Barb has been an active member of the OCA Health Care Committee. In addition, she sits on OCA's Special Needs Resources and Standards Review Committees. She has been a Standards Visitor for 17 years. She is a member of the College of Nurses, RNAO, Association of Camp Nursing and Peg NIG. As well, Barb is a Fellow of the Society of Camp Directors and past recipient of OCA's Volunteer Recognition Award.

Barb is a key presenter at the OCA's Health Care and Annual Conferences. Indeed, she is our guru on Occupational Health and Safety and educating first time nurses. Barb has published many nursing related articles in the OCA's Newsletters. She is the "go-to person" to liaise with RNAO and the CON.

She is a skilled and passionate leader at camps with challenging medically fragile kids. Barb has given countless hours and energy to continue the growth and development of this Association. She currently holds the position of Chair of the Health Care Committee.

Bev Unger, CAMP ROBIN HOOD

This busy Health Professional has made a significant impact on the Ontario Camps Association via her contribution to continually improve health in our camp community. For the past 17 years, Bev has been the Camp Health Coordinator at Camp Robin Hood. Previously, she held the position of Director and Senior Manager at Easter Seals Ontario. Her passion for Special Needs dates back to 1982 when she worked her way up from counsellor to senior staff and Special Needs Coordinator at Camp Naorca.

Bev has chaired the Health Care Committee from 2013 to the present. She has been a Member of the Health Care Committee since 1993 and was the chair of the Health Care Conference in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Bev has presented sessions at several Day Camps, Health Care, Counsellor and OCA Annual Conferences. She is a regular contributor to the OCA's Newsletters. Bev has also served on many OCA committees including the Special Needs Resources and Crisis Response Planning Committees. Currently, she is a Fellow and Board Member of the Society of Camp Directors. As well, Bev is a Standards Visitor. Most significantly, Bev has been a recipient of OCA's Volunteer Recognition Award in 1996 and 2014, the Dorothy Walter Award of Excellence in 2017 and, the Association of Camp Nurses Camp Nurse of the Year Award in 2016. Having medically fragile kids at camp is not always possible, yet with Bev's determination and skill in this area she has made this dream come true for so many challenged campers and staff.

The development of Camp Health Care over the past years has grown exponentially due to Bev's leadership. In view of the time and effort Bev has given to the OCA, it is clear how much she continues to promote and develop the highest standards for healthy camp communities.

Marilee MacFarlane
Jane McCutcheon
Don Marston
Sally Moore
Bruno Morawetz
Leon Muszynski
Ellen Nash
Harold Nashman
Mary Northway
Fred Okada
Howard Oretsky
Jocelyn Palm
David Palter
Elsie Palter
Jack Pearse
Ron Perry
Charles Plewman
Stephen Polevoy
Ann Prewitt
Elizabeth Raymer
Ralph Raymer
Ivan Robinson
Catherine Ross
George Ross
John Russell
Milly Russell
C.T. Sharpe
Bob Smith
W.H. (Win) Smith
Robert Sneyd
Ethel Statten
Bill Stevens
Helen Stewart
Patti Thom
Peter Van Wagner
Dorothy Walter
Wendell White
Stan Wild
Bruce Wilson
Lisa Wilson
Kirk Wipper
Margaret Wipper

RON & MICKEY JOHNSTONE YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 2016:** Sam Graham,
Easter Seals Ontario:
Camp Merrywood
- 2015:** Ashley Baer,
Youth Leadership
Camps Canada
- 2014:** Megan Hutton,
Camp Otterdale
- 2013:** Nathan Seroski,
Canterbury Hills Camp
- 2012:** Jordy Beale,
Camp Walden
Josh Howard,
Camp Tamarack
- 2011:** Meghan Irvine,
Camp Tawingo
- 2010:** Jen Murdock,
Camp Manitou
- 2009:** Michael Stewart,
Camp Wenonah
- 2008:** Veronica Fine,
The Hollows Camp
- 2007:** Vanessa Marcotte,
Camp Bellaleo
Michael Rieger,
Camp Otterdale
- 2006:** Gabrielle Raill,
Camp Ouareau
- 2005:** Colleen Irvine,
Camp Tawingo
Barry Van
Dompsele,
Trent Summer
Sports Camp

Working as a team, Ron and Mickey Johnstone made significant contributions to the Ontario Camps Association and the Canadian Camping Association/ Association des Camps du Canada, permanently enriching and enhancing both Associations. Their continued commitment to the development of camping across Canada and their skills in the area of youth leadership development, have left us a lasting legacy.

This award is presented to camp leaders who meet the following criteria:

- Are between the ages of 17 and 30.
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership of youth through innovation and creativity.
- Apply their innovative skills in an OCA Accredited Camp.

AWARD RECIPIENT:

Abeir Liton, GO GREEN SPORTS & LEADERSHIP CAMP

Over the past seven years since our organization was founded, Abeir rose to become our leader, driving us to pursue our philanthropic, recreational and eco-arts programming to Newcomer youth and develop each participant's leadership skills. Go Green camps are run year-round by the Go Green not-for-profit at a privately financed facility completed in 2015. Abeir started as a Grade 6 student in 2010 when he helped fundraise as a student ambassador with local businesses and the community. We were finally able to hire Abeir full-time two years ago when he led our



Boreal River

indoor March break multi-sport camp. Abeir will be pursuing an Arts major in Politics in the fall of 2017 at U of T. His title recently changed from Assistant Director to Executive Director to reflect the role Abeir plays in the advancement of our camp.

Because of Abeir, this fall we became an OCA Accredited Camp. Through his online use of Typeform.com, ConstantContact.com and HRDownloads.com, Abeir truly raises the bar. He recruits and develops our staff, which consists of 30 youth aged 16 to 24, delivering programs to more than 350 participants aged seven and up. This year, he organized six full days of training including a weekend at Coaches Association of Ontario's Super Clinic in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, a weekend of archery skills with Saugeen Shafts, mental health training with SickKids Centre for Community Health, team-building sessions with Adventureworks! and a weekend focused on our Camp Culture Manual.

Abeir brings fun and humour, which builds spirit within our organization.

- 2004:** Lindsay Tucker,
Camp Big Canoe
- 2003:** Drew Gulyas,
Camp Oochigeas
- 2002:** Ben Peebles,
Green Acres Day Camp
Kevin Way,
Kilcoo Camp
- 2001:** Sol Birenbaum,
Camp Robin Hood
- 2000:** Markus Fehr,
Camp Manitou
- 1999:** Emily Foster,
Camp Kandalore
- 1998:** Jeff Ruby,
Camp Tamakwa
- 1997:** Jory Nash,
Camp Northland -
B'nai Brith
- 1996:** Heather
McCormick,
Glen Mhor Camp

INTERNATIONAL AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 2011: Stephen Fine, Ph.D.
- 2009: Jeff Bradshaw
- 2004: John Jorgenson
- 2000: Jack Pearse
- 1995: Jane McCutcheon



Ryde Lake Camp

This award is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the international camping community through their leadership and their support of the camping philosophy.

The International Award will not be presented this year.

This award was established to recognize the contributions of volunteers and volunteer members. The award is presented to individuals whose service and commitment to the organization have merited special mention and to acknowledge a significant and special contribution to the work of the Ontario Camps Association in the year of presentation.

AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Rob Crew, HONOURARY LIFE MEMBER

Rob was the Standards Review Committee Chair for five years. In addition, he was the Executive Director of Sparrow Lake Camp for 15 years years. Camps are his passion. Rob is also a Standards Committee Member since 2010 and was instrumental in re-writing the Year-round Standards. Currently, he is working on a Camp Director’s Handbook. His contributions of time and expertise are limitless. This summer Rob volunteered to assist the OCA office by driving from Barrie to the OCA and working at the office two days a week. He has assisted greatly with this year’s Standards Visit reviews and supports all of the initiatives taking place in the Association. In addition, he is a great person to work with.

Julie Gallie, CITY OF TORONTO, CLAIREVILLE DAY CAMPS

Julie started her volunteer career with the OCA in 2014 by becoming a Board Member for the Annual Conference Committee. Julie has remained on both the Board of Directors and the Conference Committee. As the conference Volunteer Coordinator, Julie has been instrumental in recruiting and training volunteers. Delegates have commented on how incredible and supportive the volunteers are at these events and how seriously they take their roles and responsibilities with Julie’s help. As a dedicated person, she is involved in every initiative that arises. Julie has been with the City of Toronto, working in various areas, since 1996. In 2008, she became the Director for Camp Humriva

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 2016** Eugene Chong
Rob Crew
Karen Hartnett
Mara Kates
Kelly Mathews
Bruce Phillips
- 2015** Brian Blackstock
Mark Diamond
Michael Diamond
Colin Leonard
Jonathan Nyquist
Miles Villneff
- 2014:** Mike Greenfield
Alf Grigg
Sari Grossinger
Kate Horton
Tracy Morley
Mike Sladden
- 2013:** Nancy Cohen
Matthuschka Sheedy
Bev Unger
- 2012:** John Bergman
Cheryl Bernknopf
Sol Birenbaum
Marc Cooper
Leon Muszynski
Jonathan Nyquist
- 2011:** Jen Anderson
Jen Cockburn
Mark Diamond

Jen Dundas
Kevin French
Rick Howard
Paul Lucianni
Andrew
MacDonald
Colleen McLean
Tracy Morley
Jen Dundas
Kevin French
Rick Howard
Paul Lucianni
Andrew MacDonald

Colleen McLean
Tracy Morley

2010: Brian Edmonds
Sari Grossinger
Ellen Nash
Tia Pearse

Sara Petker
2009: Rose Attard
Bruce Emmerton
Barb Gilbert
Peter Gilbert
Paul Grossinger
Robyn Hochglaube
Bruce Hodgins
Jenna Larman

Jeremy Laverty
Graham MacLellan
Megan Snape

2008: Claire Bodkin
Marc Cooper
Colleen Irvine
Kate Strachan
Barb Weeden

2007: Mark Diamond
Janet Fine
John Malcolmson
Darryl McKenzie

and now is the Director of Claireville Day Camps. For over eight years, Julie has actively participated in the special needs community in Toronto and with the OCA's Special Needs Resources Committee (2010-present). She develops and implements the Campfire of Inclusion (2011-present), Counsellor Conference Committee (2012-16), Standards Committee (2017-present) and the new Camps Committed to Inclusion Project, ADO Grant (2016-present). Julie has contributed greatly to almost every aspect of the OCA.

Karen Hartnett, C.Y.O. CAMP MARYDALE

There are many contributions that Karen has made to the Association. Six years ago, Karen volunteered to become an Annual Conference Committee Member. She first co-chaired with Kristy Drost from C.Y.O. Camp Brébuf. After two years, Karen chaired the committee on her own. Currently, Karen is on the Board of Directors and is the Board Liaison for Educational Programs. She is still involved with the conference, particularly with the Charity Raffle event. Karen is a very active Board Member and is an active participant at all meetings. Karen believes in OCA's vision and mission and works hard to achieve the Associations goals.



C.Y.O. Camp Marydale



Kelly Mathews

SENECA COLLEGE KING DAY CAMP & OUTDOOR CENTRE

Kelly Mathews has been Director of Seneca College: King Day Camp for the past six years and a Camp Director for the past 27. During her time in camping, Kelly has been a huge supporter and most importantly a dedicated volunteer in the OCA. Kelly has been a part of the Conference Committee for six years; three as Chair of the committee and three as Social Chair. She also plays a key role in ensuring that the raffle fundraiser is a complete success! Kelly has been a Board Member for the past year and is moving into her second. Kelly was also Chair of the Mentorship Committee, a role she took on after being a mentor for two years and as an instrumental contributor to the success of the mentor program. Most recently, Kelly has taken on the role of Chair of the Archives Committee.

On top of all of her efforts as a Camp Director, Board Member and volunteer, Kelly has written two books. Her first book, *Eaton Hall: The Pride of King Township*, was published on June 20, 2016 and her second book, *The Road to Marylake*, was released on October 23, 2017. Kelly also set a record in 2016 for the fastest Oak Ridges Moraine Trail walk (300 km in seven days - end to end) and raised almost \$10,000 for the Oak Ridge's Trail Association.

Kelly, the time and commitment you make to the Association does not go unnoticed. We appreciate all you do for the OCA, your community and the camping industry!

Lisa Phillips
 Marci Shea-Perry
 Eric Shendelman
 Ron Tenthory

2006: Rob Carmichael
 Stephen Fine
 Leslie Inglis
 Marisa Mancuso
 Catherine Ross
 David Ward

2005: Jeff Bradshaw
 Jeff Brown
 Mari-Beth Crysler
 Jacqueline Harrison
 Jane McCutcheon
 Stephanie Seagram
 Robin Squires
 Jennifer Wolfenden
 April Young

2004: Cheryl Bernknopf
 Barb Gray
 Alf Grigg
 Steve Heming
 Kim Mitchell
 Robert Murray
 David Sheffe

2003: Sol Birenbaum
 Brian Blackstock
 Sam Butcher
 Howie Grossinger
 Brian Shelley
 Patti Thom
 Lisa Wilson

2002: Michael Bakker
 Jalynn Bosley
 Kim Brooks
 Rhonda Dalrymple
 Markus Fehr
 Leigh Fettes

- Ellen Howard
 Pam Lamont
 Sarah Powell
 Martha Williams
- 2001: Sam Butcher
 Barb Gray
 Craig Hartley
 Barb Hnatiak
 Ellen Howard
 David Lever
 Howard Oretsky
 Jocelyn Palm
 Cathy Smart
 Robin Squires
- 2000: Linda Enright
 Wendy MacKenzie
 Joe Richards
 Duncan Robertson
 Bill Stevens
 Patti Thom
 Barb Weeden
- 1999: Pearl Bell
 Barb Hnatiak
 Scott Torrance
 Eoin Wood
- 1998: Sari Bell Grossinger
 Brian Blackstock
 Sarah Oosterhuis
- 1997: Janet Adamson
 Larry Bell
 John Bergman
 Jeff Bradshaw
 Dave Graham
 Pauline Hodgetts
 Ellen Nash
 Elaine Paterson
 Patti Thom
- 1996: Peter Gilbert
 Todd Greenbloom



Brandon McClounie, YMCA GTA: CEDAR GLEN OUTDOOR CENTRE

Brandon is thoughtful, knowledgeable and a person who is very quick to provide the most succinct information and materials. Brandon has sat on the Year-round Standards Committee and recently developed the OCA's Outdoor Education Committee. He has renewed the Mentorship Committee. His comments and suggestions at Board meetings are invaluable. Recently, he organized all of the AODA In-Person Workshop venues around the province at different YMCAs to assist the Camps Working Towards Inclusion Project. He was also instrumental in providing speakers for the workshops. It is a pleasure to work with him.

Tracy Morley, CAMP AWAKENING

Tracy Morley has been an instrumental part of the OCA. Tracy was a Board Director for two years (2012-14) and a committee member for the Additional Needs (Special Needs) Resources Committee (SNRC) for more than eight years. Throughout her time with the SNRC, Tracy has been directly responsible for the Campfire of Inclusion event. Under her leadership, a significant number of camps have begun working towards inclusion programming. Membership of the SNRC has risen and a substantial increase in attendance has been made at the Campfire of Inclusion. Tracy is also taking a leadership role with AODA training, grant writing and ensuring all camps working towards inclusion are supported.

Melissa Ray, CAMP CONCORD

After being part of the OCA's Special Needs Resources Committee for many years, Melissa volunteered to chair the committee, which is no small undertaking without a co-chair. We are thankful for her guidance and commitment to ensuring timelines are met and we are able to deliver workshops at OCA conferences, run the Campfire of Inclusion and so much more.

Melissa always has a smile on her face and is willing to take on whatever task is asked of her. She breaks down barriers so that everyone has choices in the type of camp programs they can access. With her expertise, camps are supported in their quest to include campers/ staff of all abilities. Melissa, we want to recognize you with this Volunteer Award. Thank you!



Camp Wenonah

Flora Hawryluk
Bruce Muchnick
Jen Palacios
Nick Wells
Maija Zeibots

1995: Jim Blake
Caryl Colton
Cathy Hitchcock
Phil Huffman
Barb Jorgenson
Adam Kronick
Joyce McDonald
George Ross
Bev Unger

1994: Marjorie Booth
Jill Dundas
Mykl Greenbloom
Allan Nelson
Joe Pavelka
Catherine Ross

1993: Mary Casey
Ted Cole
Brian Edey
John Jorgenson
Elaine Kalnbach
Rick Romman
Deirdre Speers
Dave Ward

ARCHIVES AWARD



PAST RECIPIENT

2016: Bernadine Dodge

This recognition award is to be given to a group or an individual who, in the opinion of the OCA Archives Committee, has made an outstanding contribution to the Archives of the Ontario Camps Association located in Trent University.

Candidates receiving this award may be selected from outside organizations, camps, individuals, groups, committees, etc., and will be recognized in the year following their contribution. This award will not be presented on an annual basis, it would be offered as a special award when appropriate.

Archives Award Criteria are as follows:

- A very significant gift of archival value.
- A financial contribution which allows the Archives to be notably enhanced of wider accessibility to the public.
- A book of some form of written work which uses OCA archival material and is made available electronically or in print to the public.
- A film or visual production using archival material which enhances public awareness of the value of camping. Pictures, archival collections, professional articles, research, event outlines, etc.

This award was initiated in 2017 as awareness of 2017 being Canada's 150th Anniversary and it was the vision of Brian Blackstock.

This award will not be presented this year.



PREFERRED VENDOR RECOGNITION AWARD

This award recognizes Preferred Vendors who make significant contributions to the OCA beyond their company's partnership with the OCA.

AWARD RECIPIENT:

Rob Carmichael, CAMPBRAIN

Rob is Chief Executive Officer of CampBrain and has been a Preferred Vendor with the OCA since 1998. Rob has quite a history with the Association, beginning with a five year stint as Secretary/Treasurer in 2002. Rob was a Director on the OCA Board (2015-17) and is now a Vice President (2017-19).

What is so great about Rob is he provides support to the OCA in so many other ways. He is a continual speaker at the Annual Conference. He is on the Finance Committee and provides new ideas and initiatives for the organization. In addition, he is one of the Association's main Sponsors. For the past three years, Rob has provided funding for Keynote Speakers and is generously doing so again this year!

Rob is a pleasure to work with and is one of the most ideal candidates to be presented with this award.

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 2016 FCA Insurance Brokers
HiTech Merchant Services
Just Direct Promotions
- 2015 Foodbuy
On The Water Design
- 2014: Dialcom Communications Ltd.
Portage Promotionals
- 2013: FCA Insurance Brokers
Adventureworks! Associates Inc.
- 2012: Saugeen Shafts
- 2011: Sigma Productions
- 2009: Oconto Paddles
RightSleeve Marketing
- 2008: Our Kids Publications
- 2007: FCA Insurance Brokers
Sirius Wilderness Medicine
- 2006: KAP Publishing
- 2002: G.B. Catering

Our Kids
Publications
Sysco Serca
Foods Services

2001: CampBrain
Challenges
Unlimited

2000: Kettlewell Paddles

1999: John F. Marshal
& Co.

1998: G.B. Catering Ltd.

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1995: Harpur's
Threadlines Group
Kettlewell Paddles

1994: Chrismar Mapping
Services

Scadco Designs Inc.

Serca Foodservices
Inc.

Tandy Leather Co.



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Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council

OCA MILESTONE AWARDS

The Ontario Camps Association has always prided itself on recognizing individuals who have blazed trails, led new initiatives and volunteered their time and expertise. Many of our OCA volunteers and pioneers have been recognized due to their hard work and commitment to the organization.

The Awards Committee is excited to recognize individuals, Preferred Vendors and Accredited Camps that have reached a “Milestone Year” in the industry. OCA Accredited Camps and Preferred Vendors can submit requests directly to the OCA office for this recognition.

ACCREDITED CAMP MILESTONE AWARD

Congratulations to the following OCA Accredited Camps on their Milestone Anniversaries:

MILESTONE AWARD RECIPIENTS	YEAR	ANNIVERSARY
Keewaydin Camp	1893	125
Moorelands Camp	1917	100
Easter Seals Ontario	1937	80
Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council: Woolsey	1937	80
YMCA Northeastern Ontario	1937	80
Camp Bimini: United Church	1947	70
Hurontario	1947	70
Camp Kandalore	1947	70
Camp Massad	1947	70
Ponacka	1947	70
Tanner: United Church	1947	70
Camp Lau-Ren: United Church	1952	65

MILESTONE AWARD RECIPIENTS	YEAR	ANNIVERSARY
Medeba Summer Camp	1952	65
Ryde Lake Camp	1952	65
TMS: Discovery Day Camps: Elgin Mills	1952	65
Frenda	1967	50
Grand River Conservation Authority: Apps Mill Nature Centre	1992	25
Belwood Lake Conservation Area	1992	25
Guelph Lake Nature Centre	1992	25
Laurel Creek Nature Centre	1992	25
Rockwood Adventure Camp	1992	25
Camp Quality: Northern Ontario	1992	25
Trails Youth Initiatives	1992	25
Seneca College: King Day Camp	1992	25
Youth Leadership Camps Canada	1992	25
5 Star Camps	2007	10
Kidnetix	2007	10



Moorelands Camp

PREFERRED VENDOR MILESTONE AWARD

This is the first year that the Association has had a list of Preferred Vendors' Milestone Anniversaries. To begin this process, the Awards Committee would like to recognize past and current milestones.

Congratulations to the following Preferred Vendors on their Milestone Anniversaries:

MILESTONE AWARD RECIPIENTS	YEAR	ANNIVERSARY
Coach Canada	1956	60
Realty Executives On The Bay Inc. Brokerage	1974	40
G.B. Catering	1980	35
Alexander Battery Corporation	1981	35
J&J Crafts	1985	30
Algonquin Outfitters	1987	30
Camp Connection General Store	1990	25
Challenges Unlimited Inc.	1990	25
Splashables Inc.	1990	25
Fogh Marine	1991	25
Liberty Clothing	1992	25
Saugeen Shafts	1995	20
FCA Insurance Brokers	1996	20
Hammond Transportation Ltd.	1996	20
We Cater Inc.	1997	20
Bunk1	2001	15
Oconto Paddles	2001	15
Spectrum Educational Supplies	2001	15
Bennett Golf Cars	2007	10
Mabel's Labels	2007	10

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