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OCA Newsletter June 2017



A Message from the Prez

Summer is almost here. This, to me, is one of the most exciting and busiest times of the year for camp professionals. All of your hard work during the year with hiring, planning, programming, registration, facility, maintenance, equipment, etc. etc. will soon culminate with the start of camp. The OCA has also been working hard all year to ensure that everyone is ready and prepared, not only to receive your campers, but also to highlight the importance of reviewing the new Year-round Standards, and that you have received the support and resources available to help with policies and procedures. Please know that you are part of an organization that is here for you before, during and after the summer months. I am looking forward to visiting a number of camps this summer to see and hear the excitement of such a magical place we all know as CAMP.

We hope that you will join us in celebrating Canada's 150th celebration at camp during the first week of July by singing O' Canada, Happy Birthday or your camp song. Please send us your videos or pictures (jen@ontariocamps.ca) for us to display on our website and social media outlets. May 2017 be a fantastic summer for all of us.

If you should have any questions or concerns throughout the summer please don't hesitate to call the

OCA office or email me directly at eric@ontariocamps.ca.

Wishing you all a safe, fun and enjoyable summer ahead.

Enjoy Every Camp Day!!!

Yours Truly,



Eric Shendelman

OCA Calendar

As a gentle reminder for all Members, please note the following information:

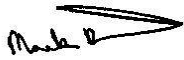
- Standards Visits begin in July and continue through to the end of August. If you are being Visited, please complete Step 1 of your online Answer Sheets by Thursday, June 15th.
- Membership Renewals will be emailed to your attention on Thursday, July 27th. Please submit your payment and complete the information in your Wild Apricot profile before Friday, September 29th.
- Awards information and nomination forms will be attached to your Membership Renewal email. Please complete and return the nomination forms by Friday, October 13, 2017.
- 2018 Election nomination forms will be sent to you in September. There are six vacant positions for the Board of Directors: Vice-President (1), Secretary/Treasurer (1) and four Directors (4). This is a great opportunity to join your Association's vibrant Board!
- Mark your calendars for both the Annual General Meeting, January 24, 2018 at 3:30 pm, followed by the Awards Reception at 5:30 pm and Dinner at 6:00 pm in the Hilton Toronto-Markham Suites Hotel.
- The OCA 2018 Annual Conference will take place January 24, 25, and 26, 2018 at the Hilton Toronto-Markham Suites.

OCA Refugee Summer Program

As someone that was fortunate, or should I say unfortunate, being in business and law before running a camp, it is so apparent to me (and likely obvious to all of you) that having one's vocation as a director or staff in a Children's Summer Camp is one of the most fulfilling, impactful and meaningful life experiences possible. So once again I am inspired and moved by the generosity of our OCA Camp community that has offered over 350 Camper sessions to Refugees from Syria for summer 2017. When you combine this with the hundreds of spots given to those who otherwise can't afford camp it once again hits home how the values that we pass on in the summer camp community to our children start at the top from its leaders, managers and directors. This altruism and kindness is a direct result of you!

On behalf of your fellow camps and the OCA, a heartfelt thanks to all of you for allowing this to

happen. You all should be so proud and know that you truly are making a positive difference in the lives of so many new Canadians across Ontario.



Mark Diamond
Chair, Refugee Summer Program



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Message from **HiTECH**

You are probably in the thick of things, getting ready to welcome a brand new group of kids to camp for the 2017 season, which is so exciting. But let's not forget that the 2018 camp season will be here before you know it.

It's never too early to start thinking about next year. Start saving now.

We provide full camp management integration services. So, if you are using camp management software, you can utilize my services to collect credit card payments at a lower rate.

Have a healthy, fun, and safe summer from all of us at HiTech Merchant Services.

See you at the OCA show, January 25th, 2018!

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Please welcome the following new Preferred Vendor:

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Did you know...

Foodbuy is sending Kids to Camp!

Foodbuy has partnered with "Kids In Camp" to send kids to camp in 2018! Their goal is to send 40 kids to OCA Accredited Camps. We are proud of Foodbuy's support of our industry. To read further details [click here.](#)

A promotional banner for Foodbuy. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with a wooden fence in the foreground. On the left, the text 'Let's Partner To Save Your Camp Money' is written in blue. In the center, the 'Foodbuy' logo is displayed in a large, blue, stylized font. On the right, there is a small version of the OCA Preferred Vendor logo. At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains the contact information: 'Contact Heather at Foodbuy | foodbuycamps@foodbuy.ca | 1.800.465.2203 x 7211'.

OCA's next Newsletter will be sent to you on September 15th.
Please send your articles or information by September 1st to
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