

# CAMPBRAİN

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## OCA Newsletter March 2017



### Message from Your OCA President

Hello Camp Folks!! I hope everyone is enjoying this warmer-than-expected winter. It was great to see so many of you at our January conference. It was a great success. We were fortunate to have a dynamic conference committee this year who provided great speakers, amazing guests from around the world, great social events and a fantastic exhibit hall with the support of our dedicated Preferred Vendors.

I have always said that if you can take a handful of tips, a great resource or meet a new friend or colleague you have done well at the conference. We always welcome your feedback, both positive and constructive to make next year's event even better. If you were unable to complete the surveys provided, feel free to send your feedback along to [info@ontariocamps.ca](mailto:info@ontariocamps.ca).

On behalf of the Board of Directors, OCA Members and office staff, I'd like to thank Adam Kronick for all of his time and effort over the last four (4) years as President. I look forward to continuing the good work of the OCA as your new President. We will continue to develop and plan in the areas of **Educational Events, Government Relations, Marketing, Special Needs, Standards and Communication**. There is much to be done and we are so thankful that we have such a dedicated and creative team to work with on the following important initiatives:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Committee Chair</b>
Archives	Janet Adamson
Awards	Jeff Brown
Bylaw Review	Howie Grossinger
CCA – OCA Representative	Rob Carmichael
Community Engagement	Patti Thom
Educational Events	
Annual Conference	<b>Annual Conference</b> Kelly Mathews
Health Care Conference/Committee	<b>Health Care Conference</b> Bev Unger
Counsellor Conference	<b>Counsellor Conference</b> Heather Davidson
Educational Research Task Force	Stephen Fine
Environmental	Jeff Brown
Finance	Leon Muszynski
Health Care	Bev Unger
Government Relations	Mark Diamond <b>Temporary Foreign Worker Program</b> Jonathan Nyquist <b>Transport Canada</b> Craig Perlmutter <b>Service Canada – Operational</b> Mike Sladden <b>Early Years</b> Howie Grossinger
Marketing	<b>Marketing Task Force</b> Mike Stewart
Membership	Eugene Chong
Mentorship	Brandon McClounie
Nominations	Howie Grossinger
Preferred Vendors	Bruce Phillips Jonathan Nyquist
Special Needs	Melissa Ray
Standards	Matthew Bernardo
Standards Review	Miles Villneff

At this time we are in the midst of organizing this year's Standards Visits by matching Camps to Visitors, implementing numerous training sessions for both the Visitors and "Visitees", mentoring our Provisional One and Two Camps and continuing to inform our Members with pertinent information that affects camps and the camps industry.

Please take advantage of the following valuable educational events this spring!  
They include:

- i. CampFire Of Inclusion - Thursday, April 20th  
Toronto Botanical Garden - 777 Lawrence Ave. E., ON M3C 1P2  
**Registration and speaker presentations coming soon!**
- ii. Mental Health First Aid Workshop - Saturday, April 22nd & Sunday, 23rd  
OCA Office - 70 Martin Ross Ave., North York, ON M3J 2L4  
[Click here to register](#)
- iii. Health Care Conference - Saturday, May 13th  
Bayview Glen Upper School - 85 Moatfield Dr., North York, ON M3B 3L6  
[Click here to register](#)
- iv. A Two Day Counsellor Conference - Saturday, May 27th & Sunday, 28th  
Seneca College King Campus - 13990 Dufferin St., King City, ON L7B 1B3  
[Click here to register](#)

Remember to have fun, play safe and enjoy every camp day!!!

See you down the road or Campingly Yours,



Eric Shendelman



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## The Intercamp Classic is Back - Get Your Camp Involved! Sunday, May 7, 2017

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Intercamp Classic supporting Kids in Camp charity will be happening this year on Sunday, May 7, 2017. This year, it'll be taking place at Esther Shiner Stadium & the connected North York Civic Fields located at Bathurst St. and Finch Ave. in Toronto. At this year's event, participants representing camps from across Ontario will compete in various sports tournaments:

**Softball** - Offered to university aged students and to camp alumni (ages 18+)

**Flag Football** - Offered to high school and university aged students

**Handball** - Offered to all ages (there are divisions for high school, university and alumni ages)

This year, the event has the goal to send even more kids to camp and together we can make it possible! The official event website [www.intercampclassic.com](http://www.intercampclassic.com) has more details and is where people can register, fundraise and donate. All donors will receive a charitable tax receipt sent to them. To see what the Intercamp Classic is all about, check out last year's [Recap Video](#).

Approximately 800 campers, staff and camp alumni will be participating and over 1,000 people from the community will be in attendance. The participating teams will be playing on behalf of 16+ Ontario camps. We'd love your camp to be involved!

Each team typically consists of nine to twelve participants. **Each participant is asked to fundraise a minimum of \$120.** In exchange, each player is guaranteed a minimum of 3 games and receives a jersey, food/drink/snack tickets, and access to entertainment including music, a raffle, inflatable games, and more. There are also great prizes available for the top fundraising individuals and teams.

All net proceeds from the Intercamp Classic support Kids in Camp (KIC) charity, which helps subsidize families in need giving their children the ability to attend an O.C.A accredited camp. As we know, the physical, emotional, and social skills that these kids develop at camp will be truly invaluable.

For more information about KIC see [www.kidsincamp.com](http://www.kidsincamp.com).



Walkerton Clean Water Centre is offering Small Systems

Hands-on  
Workshops on the following days  
and times:

October 24, 2017 – Huntsville  
November 2, 2017 – London  
March 20, 2018 – Walkerton

Please click on the following links for further information:

[wcwc.ca/registration](http://wcwc.ca/registration)  
– search “Workshop”

Attached flyer

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