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OCA Newsletter December 2017



Message from Your OCA President

The summer of 2017 is now in the memory books and many of you have your planning in place for exciting camp experiences in 2018. The OCA is busy preparing for the upcoming 2018 Annual General Meeting, Awards Dinner and Conference at the Hilton Hotel - Markham Suites.

From September to January it is always an exciting time of year as committees are meeting on a continual basis. The Year-round Standards are being reviewed, programs are being planned and

conferences are being attended.

In October, I attended the World Conference on Drowning Prevention in Vancouver. It was an amazing three (3) days of learning, networking and hearing about what countries from around the world are doing to stop this growing epidemic. Canada has unveiled its national plan ([click here to read plan](#)) and camp associations across our country will be working together to ensure our pools and waterfronts continue to be safe and free from safety hazards, injury and death. I also attended the National Leadership Forum in Vancouver in November. There we networked with camp professionals from across our nation and learned more about what is happening in various provinces in the camp industry. This group is interested in continuing conversations on how to share ideas, resources, research and education pieces that will benefit all camps in Canada.

The 'Thanks To Camp' marketing campaign is well underway and we can look forward to hearing the latest and greatest news at our conference. We will also view the new video that was created. Thank you to those camps that participated in this great initiative and I look forward to seeing more of our OCA camps getting involved this coming year.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon at the following events at the Hilton Hotel - Markham Suites. Please click on a link to register for one of the events or to review the information for the Annual General Meeting (link ii):

- [i. Annual Conference - January 24, 25 and 26, 2018](#)
- [ii. Annual General Meeting - January 24, 2018](#)
- [iii. Awards Reception and Banquet - January 24, 2018](#)

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and successful year ahead in 2018.

Eric Shendelman, OCT

Have fun, play safe and enjoy every camp day!!



Eric Shendelman



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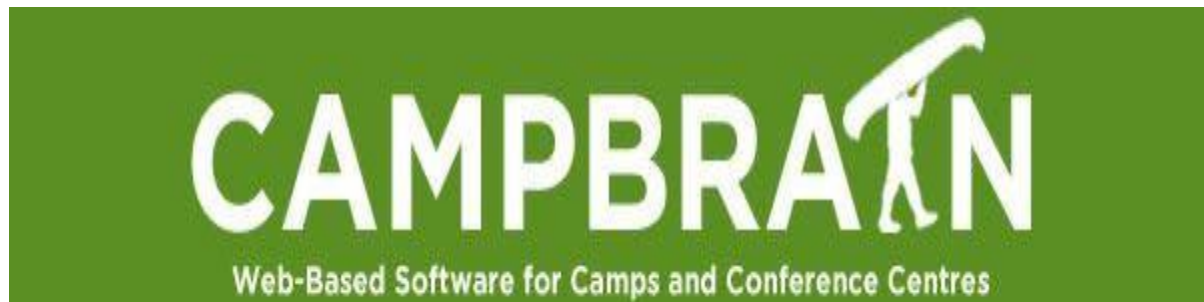
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