



TRIM 'n' DANCE

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Acton Citizen's Band Hall

For more information call:
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Esqueing Pony Club REGISTRATION & INFORMATION NIGHT



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
7:30 P.M.
Esqueing Town Hall
Stewarttown

Nothing like "roughing it" in the park

by
Bill Smiley



Canada has almost as many square miles of parks as it has of parking lots. I am not against this. I love parks and I hate parking lots (somebody got me in one the other day to the tune of a busted fender, anonymous, of course.)

We have huge national parks, full of mountains and stuff that nobody ever goes near, except a few hardy outdoors wretches. They're too rough for us ordinary human beans.

Then we come down to the manageable parks, like Algonquin where you can canoe and make bonfires, and your chances of death are much less from wolves and bears than they are from stepping on a broken beer bottle.

Then we have parkettes, where you can go and bake in the sun and watch your kids trying to break a leg on one of the Star Trek climbing machines or the unbalanced teeter-tottlers.

All of this is, of course, leading somewhere. It is leading directly to The Great Camping Trip in the Park.

We had our grandboys for two weeks this summer. It was great. They are a little older, a little smarter, and they scarcely break anything any more that is carefully hidden away. They don't even fight any more. Well, only when there is an issue at stake and one wants to kill the other with a large stick.

But it was very restful, compared with other summers. Last year, the total damage was about \$400. This year it was only about \$130. This was somewhat offset financially, by the fact that the food bill soared astronomically. Each of them eats more than my wife and I put together.

Fortunately, they were enrolled in an excellent day camp (guess who paid the fees) and all that was required was to rout them out of bed, make them put on some semblance of decent clothes from the warehouse they immediately turned their room into, get their breakfast, make their lunch, have a good dinner ready when they got home from camp, and try to maneuver them into bed by midnight. Nothing to it. Except washing all their clothes every

was one pup tent, suitable for one.

Frantically phoning friends, I located another tent that would sleep three, plus more sleeping bags. It was still feasible.

I haven't mentioned that Hugh had arrived for the camping trip with one arm in a sling. He'd fallen off his bike in the city and had to hit the emergency ward when he arrived here. Wrist broken or badly sprained. But spirits undaunted. He was going to carry through.

I went out in the car to pick up some food or something, and suddenly I had one of those brilliant ideas that hit a guy twice in a lifetime. No ideology, with one arm, wandering around in the bush, looking for a place to sleep, with two tuckered little guys, each carrying 80 pounds, losing the faith rapidly.

I went home and laid it on the line. "You're going to camp in Little Lake Park." I'd checked it out by this time. There were tent sites, running water, toilets, a barbecue, a great view of the lake, and swimming.

Hugh, bless him, was going to go through with the original plans. But he put it to a vote, and the boys, bless them, said "Little Lake Park" which is almost in the middle of town.

So they had a great camping trip. Set up their tents, got a fire going, and had three great days of summer. Gran, who had almost gone catatonic at the first proposal, dragged up some pots and stuff, and we visited them (six blocks away) only three times a day, bringing them only ice, food, charcoal, candles and a few other treats.

Fourth day it rained. Wet tents, wet sleeping bags. Wet children. Mud. However, after we brought Gran down from the roof, it sorted out. The sun came out, the sleeping bags went over the clothesline, the tents were spread out to dry, the kids, clothes were packed, and undaunted Hugh took them off on the bus to sleep at his place in the city, which is just one jump ahead of a leaking tent.

FINAL REGISTRATION

for **ACTON LEGION MINOR HOCKEY** on **Thursday, Sept. 22** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

at the **Acton Community Centre** (\$5.00 Late Registration Penalty)

The Acton Legion Minor Sports and the Acton Minor Hockey Assoc. are jointly holding a Skate Exchange and Equipment Sale on Saturday, October 1, 1983 from 9 a.m. 'til 12 noon at the Acton Community Centre

FOR FURTHER INFO CALL CAROL ROBINSON 853-0414

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