

news briefs

CARIBOU NEWS

For the ever increasing number of paddlers going on extended trips through the Barren Lands, seeing caribou is always one of the highlights of their adventure. A well-produced bi-monthly magazine exists that contains a wealth of information and pictures on these fascinating deer of the North, and in particular the Kaminuriak and Beverly herds. Part of the magazine is translated into Inuktitut syllabics.

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THE SPANISH RIVER

(An announcement by the Ministry of Natural Resources). We at M.N.R. recognize the Spanish River as something special. It's an area that's special for clean, fast water, abundant fish and game, great scenery, and valuable timber and mineral resources. These resource values make the river attractive to canoeists, campers, anglers and hunters, trappers, tourist outfitters and their clients, and industrial users.

As our way of recognizing its importance, we're preparing a land use plan specifically for the river. The Spanish River Special Area Plan will provide direction for future land use activity and resource management on the Upper Spanish River up to the year 2000. The planning area includes the East and West Branches of the river from Duke and Biscotasi Lakes downstream to Agnew Lake, north of Espanola. We'll be looking at existing use, development potential, and specific issues such as access, river crossings, and water management.

The consultative process has already begun. A Public Advisory Committee, with local representatives from various interest groups and the resource industries, has been assisting us from the start. If you want to find out more about what's being planned, you can write to us at:

Spanish River Special Area Plan
Ministry of Natural Resources
Northeastern Region
199 Larch Street
Sudbury, Ontario
P3E 5P9

or call Bob Felker at 705-522-7823.

WINTER TRAVEL COURSE

A Course in Traditional Winter Travel by Toboggan and Snowshoe will be held from Friday evening, January 3, till Sunday afternoon, January 5, 1986, at the L. M. Frost Natural Resources Centre. This course is sponsored by the Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario and costs \$200 per person (all meals, accommodation, the use of specialized equipment, displays, handouts, and expert instruction). An optional field test and written examination for certification will be given for \$25 at the conclusion of the course.

An overnight trip is planned to provide training in equipment handling and safe operation of wood-heated tents and emergency shelters. Participants will be able to examine a wide range of sleds and toboggans, as well as a collection of over 25 different styles of native-built snowshoes. This course will be the best one ever offered concerning the rapidly expanding field of traditional winter travel by toboggan and snowshoe.

The first 20 paid registrations will be accepted. To register, mail a cheque or money order, payable to: Craig Macdonald, Frost Centre, Dorset, Ontario, POA 1E0; phone 705-766-2885.

WCA MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Membership lists are available to any members who wish one for personal, non-commercial use. Please send \$1.00 to: Cash Belden, 77 Huntley St., Apt. 1116, Toronto, M4Y 2P3.

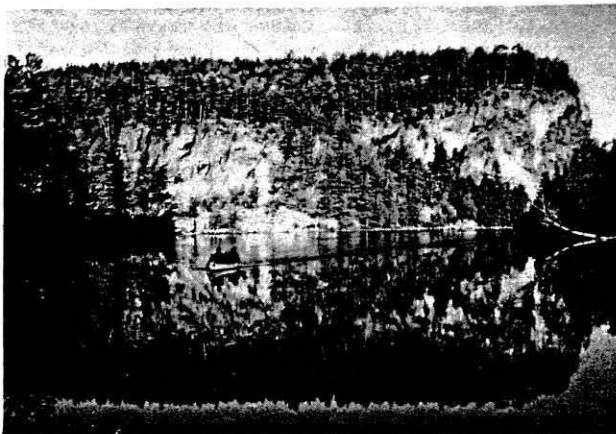
WCA CRESTS AND DECALS

Attractive crests and decals, showing the WCA logo in two shades of blue and white, are available to members. The crests measure 51 mm x 102 mm and cost \$3.00 each. The decals are 76 mm x 152 mm and sell for \$1.00 each.

Both crests and decals will be on sale at WCA meetings and events. Members wishing to order by mail should send a cheque or money order payable to the Wilderness Canoe Association to: Bill King, 45 Himount Dr., Willowdale, Ontario, M2K 1X3. Please include a stamped, self addressed envelope, or add 35c for postage.

WCA PHOTO CONTEST 1986

You've still got a few months to work on your entries for this friendly and instructive competition. The four permanent categories are: 1. Wilderness, 2. Wilderness and Man, 3. Flora, 4. Fauna, and the extra category is: Child-(ren) and Wilderness Canoeing.



CANOETOONS

Paul Mason's "Canoetoons", the canoeing cartoons that you have seen in Nastawgan, are available as greeting cards from Trail Head, at both their Ottawa and Toronto stores.

NASTAWGAN : THE BOOK

Several people are hard at work to get this interesting book out on time, and signs are that the publishing date in November will indeed be met. The book, Nastawgan: the Canadian North by Canoe and Snowshoe, is an illustrated collection of fourteen historical essays focusing on different aspects of wilderness travel in the shifting Canadian North, and is published by Betelgeuse Books.

N.W.T. TRIP INFORMATION REQUESTED

A request was received from Canoeing the N.W.T., an affiliate of the Northwest Territories Canoeing Association, for firsthand reports on recent canoe trips in the N.W.T., with the emphasis on general advice and specific details re. rapids and portages. This information could be used in a comprehensive manual on paddling in the N.W.T. which is presently being compiled. If you have meaningful information to contribute, please contact Jim Edmondson, N.W.T. Canoeing Association, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

1986 CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Three positions on the Board of Directors will become available this spring, with elections for a two year term to be held at the A.G.M. The office is open to all paid-up members who have reached the age of majority, or will do so within ten days of election. Candidates should notify the Secretary of their intention to run. Although nominations may be made up to the time of election, candidates are requested to declare themselves prior to the deadline for the winter 1985 Nastawgan so that they can publish a brief platform.