



CISV Waterloo Champer

Children's International Summer Villages -- Waterloo Chapter

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Zehrs – The 4% Solution!! – by Ted Bleaney

CISV is the first group in Waterloo Region to participate in a new program run by Zehrs. This is in addition to the save-a-tape program! The program includes: Zehrs, Loblaws, Fortinos, nofrill, & ValueMart.

You don't have to spend a penny more than you usually spend on groceries at Zehrs ... and CISV will get 4% of the gross sales!!! (This is 10 times more than the save-a-tape program generates!)

Note: the return is actually a sliding scale that increases with annual volume. In 2002 it may only be 3%, but in 2003 it will easily be 4%!

If you spend an average of \$125/week, you will get \$208 in fundraising PLUS put \$52 into the Bursary Fund (total of \$260)!

If your child goes to a Village and it costs \$2500, and if you and only 5 family/friends each spend \$125/week for 2 years, YOU WILL COVER THE COST FOR THE VILLAGE ... PLUS put over \$620 into the Bursary Fund! (total over \$3,100!)

JB National Camp 2002! – by Robin Inkster (Guatemala City Village, JB National Camp)

In August three junior branch members from Kitchener/Waterloo represented CISV Waterloo at the Ottawa JB National Camp for one week.

These kids were Catherine Hay, Erin Franklin and Robin Inkster.

There were delegates from almost every branch across Canada and a delegation from the U.S.A. I always wanted to spend time with my friend Ikran and my friends Olivier and Olivia, but we almost never had time. We could stay up as late as we wanted as long as we could get up and do things in the morning.

We were put into groups to plan

How does the program work???

- You purchase "pre-paid gift cards" & use them to buy your regular groceries at Zehrs
- They come in denominations of \$50, \$100 & \$250
- They are like cash in Zehrs
- They have "declining balances" and are good for 2 years

Once a month:

- Ted will take orders the 2nd Tuesday of every month
- The "pre-paid" cards will be available the following Tuesday
- Ideally, you estimate your average monthly groceries and just buy that many cards once a month!
- Ted has order forms for anyone who wants to ask friends and relatives to participate, and help them fundraise!

activities. There were life guards, so we could go swimming. We played soccer; men and girls v.s boys and women, and we also played tether ball. We had two dances, a fiesta, and a funky night.

The last day was very dramatic. Everyone was crying and hugging and we all wished National Camp never ended!!!

I miss my friends from "The West Coast Rules", and "O- town", "Tee Dot", "WKR", "Looney Tooney Saskatoon", "London", "Freddy Beach", "St. G.", and every where!

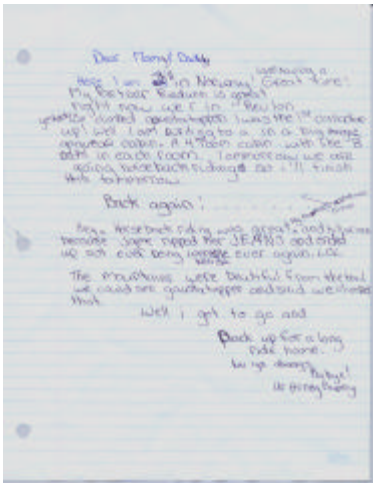


Grass-Covered Roof!

Did you ever wonder why Norway is so green?? Check out this cabin where our delegation stayed with the Norwegian delegation during their trip to Gaustatoppen. Going up to water the roof is common during a Norwegian summer. Some areas require planting of a grass roof in order to build a "hut".



Letters Home – Excerpts! – by Norway Interchange 2002-2003



Dear Mommy & Daddy
 Here I am still in Norway! I am having a Great Time! My partner Riedunn is great. Yesterday we climbed Gaustatoppen (highest mountain in Telemark). I was the 1st Canadian up! I am writing to "u" in a big gorgeous cabin. A 4 bedroom cabin with, like, 8 beds in each room! Tomorrow we are going horseback riding so I'll finish this tomorrow.

Back again!! Hey, horseback riding was great. My horse's name was Nimo. The mountains were beautiful from the trail, and we could see Gaustatoppen, and said "We climbed that"!

Luv ya always, Bye Bye! Ur Honey Bunny (Jessica Strauss)

Dear Mom & Dad,

Today was a sweet day! We went to the Diplom Is factory (ice cream). Diplom Is is the main brand in Norway, and it is very good. When we arrived we got these white lab coats and hairnets to wear (very fashionable). First we saw the factory floor where the gadgets and machines made, packaged and boxed the ice cream. We then went to the freezer. It was -20c and some ice cream is kept there for over 2 years! Then came my personal favorite part, the eating. We had pop and all the ice cream we wanted.

Love from Andrew (Franklin)

Dear Burns Family,

I just came back from Oslo, the capital of Norway. We did lots while we were there.

First thing when we arrived we went to the jumping hill where the ski jumping in the 1952 Olympics was held. I could not believe the size of them up close. While we were there we went to the ski museum and went to the top of the jumping tower.

The next thing we did was go check into our hotel. We were on the 18th floor so we had a pretty good view of Oslo.

After we checked in we headed straight for the town, and it had to start to rain! We walked down to the royal castle. It was really pretty. We got to see all the guards standing outside. After walking around the castle we got to see the harbour. There were lots of boats, restaurants and cafés. We went to this Italian restaurant called Costa. The owner kept coming up to us and talking in 7 different languages!

The next morning we got up and enjoyed a nice breakfast and went back to town. We went to visit the church that the Crown Princess and Crown Prince got married in. It was a beautiful old church with a very decorated ceiling and beautiful organ. You can't forget shopping! They had wonderful boutiques all around the main street. I really enjoyed my time in Oslo. It was a wonderful experience.

Love, Jayme (Burns)

"Today was a sweet day!"



PRANKS! - by Mike Reginato (Norway Village 2002)

At Camp, pulling pranks was part of the fun. The biggest and best prank was done by: Teo and Pedro from Guatemala, André and Börd from Norway, Enzo and Tino from The Phillipines, Fredrick and Philip from Sweden, and Justin and I from Canada! Tino supplied the shaving cream and I supplied the balloons and the pin.

First we tiptoed over to one of the girl's rooms and filled the balloons with shaving cream. Then we made a small hole in the balloons, so the

shaving cream would slowly seep out. Next we crept to their beds and tucked the balloons under their covers. We did the same to the other two girl's rooms. We then wrote on their windows with shaving cream and toothpaste, "**Boys Rule and the Girls Drool**" and stuff like that. When the girls found out they immediately attacked us and in the morning we had to clean it all up. The toothpaste was all hard and we had to scrape it off with a chisel! It was horrible, but well worth it!



Norwegian Exchange – reprint from Ayr Post



A 13-year-old New Dundee boy, André DePlonty, has returned home after spending a month in a Scandinavian country, learning a different language and culture. The son of Richard and Lori DePlonty, he was one of seven boys and girls from Waterloo Region accompanied by an adult leader who were selected to participate in an exchange in Norway with the Children's International Summer Villages. The non-profit worldwide organization founded in 1951 promotes international understanding through children and has about 200 chapters in 70 countries of which 10 are in Canada.

We didn't sleep a wink," said André of the seven-hour flight from Toronto, stopping in Amsterdam, Holland, en route to Sandefjord, Norway. The youths stayed with their Norwegian partners in the province of Telemark with André living with Aslak Bakkeland and his family in the village of Bo. His host family spoke Norwegian and English and he enjoyed their food, but found it a little difficult to adapt to the six-hour time change. He and his partner made several trips to the largest waterpark in Scandinavia located only two km from their home. They also traveled to Oslo and visited a Viking Museum.

The Canadian and Norwegian groups got together for a mini-camp, staying in tents and going on hikes. They climbed to the top of the 1,883 m high Gautatoppen, the highest mountain in Telemark, went swimming in the ocean and visited a silver mine and ice cream factory. The groups also held a "National Night" during which the Canadians cooked favourite foods of their country, such as pancakes with maple syrup and apple dumplings. They also presented a skit called "I Am Canadian".

Before leaving for home they held a "Weeping Night" and dance to say the "Good-Byes". André found that he had a lot in common with his Norwegian friend in spite of the language difference and the boys are looking forward to next summer when Aslak will come to Canada and spend a month with the DePlonty family. It took two days for his luggage to arrive after he returned home when he treated his family to some typical Norwegian food including brown cheese, mustard and malta jam.

André appreciated the financial support he received from the New Dundee Optimist Club and the Women's Institute.



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Information Nights!

Please invite families & friends who have children in the right age group (10-19) to attend our Information Nights on November 21 & 22. This is also a chance for current members to find out more about programs which your children might be interested in, such as Village, Summer Camp, Interchange & Seminar Camp. Potential Leaders & Junior Counselors should also attend. If

you think your child's teacher might be interested in leadership, please give them an invitation. Invitations can be obtained from Paul Lacey, 725-4405. Paul also receives email requests via our CISV Waterloo website. Paul also requested that if you know your child's school principal, that members contact them, in first week of November, to ask that the invitations be handed out.



"My Favorite Things were..."

Welcome Back Party - by Lianne Franklin

We had a great turnout for our annual Welcome Back Party this year. We were welcomed by our Chairperson, Joe Sieber, and honored with the presence of Jeff Parliament who is a board member for CISV Canada.

We enjoyed presentations from our 2002 traveling delegations. These young people and their leaders traveled to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Guatemala, and Austria. Our two seminar camp delegates were unable to attend, but Joe passed on feedback that they both had a great time "discussing issues that the Seminar Camp delegates feel need to be discussed", over a 21 day camp. The delegations shared displays of pictures & memorabilia from their trips.

The presentations followed a typical theme of "My Favorite Things". Joe commented that the Summer Camp group which went to Linz Austria was only 45 minutes from the location where "The Sound of Music" was filmed, and who can forget that popular tune... We saw costumes that the delegates had traded for, such as a Norwegian Troll costume, and a Swedish National Costume, complete with wooden shoes. We saw trader items (hats, towels, t-shirts, skipping ropes, more wooden shoes, ...) that the delegates had traded for. One of the groups had bracelets on their wrists which I believe the Brazilians made for everyone. There were 3 knots which they made 3 wishes on. When the bracelets fall off, the wishes are supposed to come true. The bracelets haven't fallen off yet... We heard stories about their favorite parts

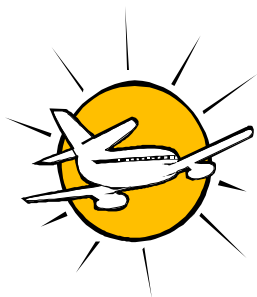
of the camp; friends they made, emails waiting for them when they returned home, memories from excursions, and "Weeping Night" (the last night together with their new friends...). Ask Ellen & Robin about the "Chicken Bus" in Guatemala next time you see them!! And ask Joe about his Chicken Bus in Romania...

The Norway Interchange group shared "Dear Mom & Dad" (or Dear Mummy & Daddy) letters, describing their climb up Telemark's highest mountain, their trip to an Ice Cream Factory, the towns where they stayed, family week activities, and shopping –one of their favorite things... After this presentation Joe said he learned a couple of things:

1. You can go to sleep if you count sheep.
2. If you chase sheep you don't go to sleep until 4:30 AM!

Thank you to all the delegates & leaders for *sharing* with us! We love to hear your stories!!

After the presentations, the adults held a meeting, while the JB Executive ran games & activities for the children. We know they were having fun, because we could hear them right next door; in fact we had to shout to be heard at times during the meeting! Thanks JB Exec for all of your hard work!! This is the first of several JB events for 2002-2003 that this energetic & committed group of young people plans, organizes & executes.





*"We simply can't do
it without you!!!"*



*"(A village is also)
memories that are
etched into our hearts
and minds forever!"*



Your Role as a Member of CISV Waterloo in 2002-2003! – by Carolyn Keating

Thank you to all those who have helped fill out the roster of positions on the local board and committees. Your response last week and at the Welcome Back Party on Sunday is much appreciated!!

To assist those of you who are still considering your choices, below you will find a list of the spots still available and an attachment outlining the Roles and Responsibilities. Please feel free to call for clarification if necessary:-)

We are in need of the following:

Board Positions:

- VICE-CHAIR (1)
- INTERCHANGE CO-ORDINATOR (1)

Committee positions:

- SOCIAL COMMITTEE (1-2)
- GOODWILL (1)
- RISK MANAGER (1)

Selection Committee members:

- village (2-4)
- interchange (2-4)
- summer camp (2-4)
- junior counselor (1-2)

The time and energy you give as a volunteer will help children like yours to participate in CISV programs! We simply can't do it without you!!!

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The Time of My Life! – by Felice Yuen (Leader: Hamar Norway Village)

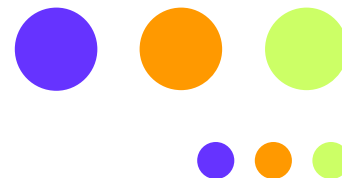
"Here in this Village you may see Children Living Happily" ... and that I did at the Soria Moria Village in Hamar, Norway. This summer, Leah, Lisa, Justin, Mike and myself- Felice, went on a journey of a lifetime to live for 4 weeks with 66 other people from 13 different countries. I've been in CISV for over 11 years now, and I've had the opportunity to experience the Magic of CISV as a child delegate before. However, this was my first time as a leader and the Magic continues... WOW! To be able to watch the kids grow and see what they are able to accomplish is simply amazing. To know that I have had a hand in nurturing and facilitating their ability to communicate and cooperate with others and work

towards cross-cultural understanding and peace is so rewarding. As leaders, we also had to learn to work together and support each other as we tried to make this the best experience it could possibly be. A CISV Village is more than sleeping, eating and doing activities towards world peace and understanding. It's also a feeling so strong that enables friendships to last a lifetime and memories that are etched into our hearts and minds forever. Leah, Lisa, Justin and Mike –you guys ROCK and you will always have a special place in my heart. In the words of Green Day (and a song from our lullabies): "It's something unpredictable, but in the end it's right, I hope you had the time of your life." 'Cuz I sure did!!

New Fundraising Program for 2002-2003! – by Ted Bleaney

Goals:

- Make it easier for families to stay in CISV by making it more affordable (e.g. make it easy for them to cover their annual fee)
 - Allow existing members to plan and save for future programs
 - Allow new members a reasonable time to “earn back” a program
 - Ensure we are building funds for hosting a Village locally
 - Grow our Bursary Fund to help families that otherwise could not afford to participate in CISV
 - Make the program easy to understand
 - Ultimately ... try to make CISV accessible ... and reduce COST as a reason for families to not participate!
- How?
- All fundraising by ALL members will be tracked in “fundraising accounts”
 - All fundraising will be allocated 80% to the members “fundraising account” and 20% to the Bursary Fund for the next year (the split will be reviewed annually)
 - Fees will be set to include realistic costs for:
 - International levies, National levies, leadership training courses, running local chapter events and ... savings funds to host future programs locally (e.g. Village, Summer Camp, etc)
 - Fundraising programs must support the local chapter
 - ... Fundraising programs can NOT cost CISV general funds
 - any expenses or shortages will be deducted before allocations
 - ... to keep the allocations rules simple, some programs may actually leave a small amount in general after allocations
 - Members can “earn” their annual membership fee, program fees and program travel costs for airfare and insurance
 - we are looking at making as many CISV related costs as possible eligible to be covered by fundraising!
 - Membership fees and program costs must be paid when due, but you can then request to be reimbursed if you have enough in your “account” to cover the cost
 - Just like last year ... you can continue to do fundraising and “earn back” costs up to the end of the year after a program runs
 - As long as you keep your membership fees paid-up, you can carry fundraising forward up to 5 years



Fundraising is a mandatory cost for participating in CISV programs, and allows our chapter to host Villages and other programs which is required of every chapter. However, members can earn back their annual membership fee, program fees and program travel costs for airfare and insurance.

Fundraising Programs for 2002-2003!! – by Ted Bleaney

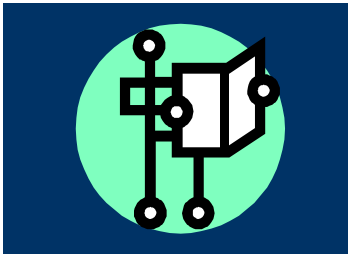
1. **Bingo:** (Paul Dahmer co-ordinating / Wendy Bleaney scheduling). Open spots need to be filled for **Sun. Oct. 13th 2:30p.m 5 slots (NEED HELP!)**, Sun Nov. 17th 5:45p.m. ,Sun Dec. 22nd 11:00a.m.,Sun Dec. 29th 2:30p.m.
2. **Family Photos/Portraits;** Lori DePlonty co-ordinating; Nov 2 photo-shoot, Oct 23 deadline for sales; see back page for more information
3. **Poinsettias;** Joe Sheldon co-ordinating; Sales will kick-off in late October; Delivery for very end of Nov; NB “late” sales will be accepted at the Information Nights
4. **Macmillan’s;** Carrie Bott co-ordinating; Sales will kick-off in late October, delivery for very end of Nov
5. **Elmira Chicken** – in the new year;
6. **Zehrs and Sobey’s tapes;** Beth Arnott co-ordinating. Tapes pre-counted and bundled into \$1000 – count for delegate. Loose tapes go directly to General Funds
7. **Zehrs Grocery Cards;** Ted Bleaney co-ordinating. See front page for more information.

SURVEY RESULTS

Vincenzo’s / Mint Smoothes for Christmas – Not as broad appeal, but some interest. Would consider running if we have a volunteer to co-ordinate. Paper products ... even less appeal and not likely at this time.



Helping with Bingo provides fundraising credits to your “account”. Training to be a “Bingo Captain” provides extra credits. Please ask for details.



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*Deadline for next
issue is Feb 1, 2003.*

We're on the Web!

Check Out:

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Mark Your Calendar

Board Meetings (everyone welcome):
Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3 (7:30 pm
Waterloo Church of Christ)

Family Portrait Sheet Due: Oct 23

Family Portrait Date: Nov 2

JB Activity: Oct 25, Dec 13 (?), Jan 31,
Feb 28, 7-9pm

NBM: Nov 8-10, Ottawa

Champer Notes! – by Lianne Franklin

Would you prefer to access the Champer from the CISV Waterloo website, or receive a printed copy by mail?? There is a question on the membership form for you to specify your preference. Feel free to contact the editor directly to request a

Information Nights: Nov 21, Nov 22, 7-9pm

Leadership, JC Applications Due: Dec 13

Village, Interchange, Summer Camp Applications Due: Dec 13

Selection Dates: Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25

NOTE: Dates are subject to change. Watch email for final dates & locations

change. The next Champer deadline is **February 1st**. Please encourage your travelers and your delegations to submit an article. We would LOVE to hear for you!! Thanks for the awesome response this time!!

Family Portrait Fundraiser – Deadline October 23!

Lori DePlonty is co-ordinating a new Family Portrait fundraiser this year. The photo shoot is **Nov 2**, at Forest Hill United Church, 121 Westmount Rd. E., Kitchener. Call Lori at 696-3431 to get certificates & a sheet for gathering information from those you sell the certificates to. Certificates are \$19.95, and provide one 10x13 family portrait, and credit towards additional photos.

You can also choose to buy additional pictures, choosing from multiple poses. The proceeds from your certificate sales (\$10.00 from each), and extra photos will be credited to your fundraising account. Lori will co-ordinate the times and phone everyone with their timeslot. The deadline is **October 23** to return the sheets to Lori.

CISV Canada Website

Check out the awesome CISV Canada website. It's full of interesting articles & information on CISV Canada. Our Champer, as well as many newsletters from other CISV Canada chapters are

also available. The members only area is accessible using the following: User Id: nbm2002, Password: ottawa. www.cisv.ca
CISV Canada

About Our Organization...

"Children's International Summer Villages is a *Unique* Youth Exchange Organization. As a charitable, independent, non-political, volunteer organization promoting peace education and cross-cultural friendship, CISV is unique in both scope and age range.

The organization evolved initially from a firm conviction that lasting peace is possible if individuals and groups can learn to live together as friends. For CISV, the key to making this vision a reality was to start working with children and youth. Programmes were developed which offered young people opportunities to meet their peers from

other countries and to form intercultural friendships.

CISV has subsequently established global credentials as a reputable youth exchange organization, through which, since 1951, over 150,000 delegates, from 100 countries, have participated in official international programme activities.

Locally, programmes give people the chance to learn about cultures in their own communities and to explore important themes related to peace and understanding."

Source: CISV International 2000 Annual Review.