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The first issue of Extending Education (volume 1, number 1) was published in January 1944. It began with an introductory statement that explained the "thesis of this new outdoor education movement" (p. 1) as "those things that should be learned and can best be learned through direct experiences in life situations outside the classroom should there be learned" (p. 1).

Sharp explained that Extending Education was not intended to be a newsletter, but would instead provide "a series of monographs, each one devoted primarily to a treatment of some significant demonstration of camping education in action" (p. 1). While that focus remained true, there were several *newsletter-like* items also included throughout its publication. Volumes 1-4 were published from 1944-1949 by National Camp/Life Camps, Inc.

There were no issues published between 1949-1960. During that time, National Camp relocated in 1950 from Girls Camp in Sussex, NJ, to Pole Bridge Camp in Matamoras, PA. Life Camps were closed in 1953 by Time/Life, Inc. National Camp and Pole Bridge continued until Sharp relocated the Outdoor Education Association to Southern Illinois University in 1959 and began a professor position there. Two additional volumes, 5 and 6, were published in 1960 and 1961. L.B. Sharp passed away in 1963. A scan of the front cover of each issue is provided in this chapter. Due to the importance of their content, the first volume 1(1) from 1944 and volume 4(1) from 1949 were scanned in their entirety.

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[Vol. 1 \(1\). January 1944.](#) Entire Issue. [Statement of Purpose: "It is our purpose to discover and describe outstanding examples of outdoor education wherever they may be, and to do everything possible to extend what we believe to be the education of the future. No promise is made of regular publication, but an attempt will be made to release several issues a year. Those who are interested in outdoor education are invited to aid us by sending us information about significant

demonstrations of this vital new movement." ~~ L.B. Sharp] [Copyright in public domain due to date of publication - without notice or without renewal by NatlCamp.]

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Published by the Outdoor Education Association, Inc.

[Vol. 5 \(1\). August 1960. Sharp, L. B. \(1960, August\).](#) The four principles of outdoor education. Extending Education, 5(1), 2-4. [Copyright in public domain due to date of publication - without notice or without renewal by OEA.]

[Vol. 6 \(1\). September 1961. Sharp, L. B. \(1961, September\).](#) Outdoor education is off the pad. Extending Education, 6(1), 4-5. [Copyright in public domain due to date of publication - without notice or without renewal by OEA.]