

The Camp Waupaca 2001 Reunion Time Capsule

A Camp Waupaca 50th Anniversary Reunion Stream of Consciousness

By Paul Warshauer (with thanks to Dick & Lynn Garb, Larry Lifson, Mike Lurie - Rev: 9/04/01)

AUGUST, 1998

Paul Warshauer (camper/staff 1966-1988) and **Mike Lurie** (camper/staff 1970-1981) took down the signs at the corner of Stratton Lake Road and Highway 22 after a successful reunion. They sighed, shook hands, then drove off vowing that this would be the last reunion unless they both had more help. During their 4th annual visit to Waupaca in 1999, their interests were piqued again when they realized that in the year 2001, 50 years would have elapsed since the founding of Camp Waupaca. "Well, what the heck, perhaps we should do one more reunion". As we made some exploratory phone calls, Lynn Garb, (wife of **Dick Garb**, Camper/staff 1962-1984) agreed to help with the 50th anniversary Yearbook. Other interested parties were surveyed in a very non-scientific manner. All agreed and told **Paul** and **Mike** to "do the Fiftieth"...

AUGUST, 2000

During their 5th annual visit to Waupaca, **Paul Warshauer** contacts Camp Young Judaea and inquires about the impending historical 2001 event. He is told to contact them next year. Meanwhile **Mike Lurie**, **Dick Garb** and others began finding other alumni and getting their stories. A new director came and went from Young Judaea – OY...

Contacts were made in September of 2000 and the lines of communication were opened. Would the reunion be better on Memorial Day or on Labor Day? Should we do a mid-week reunion? Would a midsummer reunion be better? We opted for a mid-August date after months of stalled negotiations and discussions with Young Judaea and their Board members...

A new CYJ Director, Ben Sadek, took the job and began negotiating with us in good faith. He told us we would have to have some sort of minimum. The numbers changed and finally **Paul** and **Mike** signed a contract guaranteeing that at least 100 adults and 25 kids would attend the weekend. What about those who just wanted to visit for the day? No, CYJ wouldn't do it but we need it for the locals and staff who live in Waupaca!...

After furious negotiations, and after **Paul** corrects their standard contract, we closed the deal in June of 2001. Insurance quotes came in high and **Paul's** company, The Jefferson Street Theatre, agrees to underwrite the entire event. Menus were discussed, ski and swim times agreed upon, and finally the enrollments began to come in. **Mike Lurie** checks the PO Box in Minneapolis each day, and reports to **Paul** about the daily activity..."A single registration has poured in!", an excited **Lurie** says. Some give special donations, others agree to help find lost alums. **Dick Garb** is a super sleuth, using the Internet to ferret out long lost alumni. **Linda Fastow-Dosey** (nurse, 1981) talked her son Andrew

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(age 15) into attending. **Steve Prebish** (camper 1976-1981) worked on talking his wife into letting him attend. **Rose Mary Clotiaux** (nurse, 1969-1977) from New Orleans packs and repacks her suitcase, including her legendary salt tablets for heat and Phiso-Hex for impetigo...

The big day approaches and we do not make our minimums. **Lurie** and **Warshauer** meet in Chicago days before the reunion to cook the books and realize they are several thousand dollars short. Phone calls go to financially gifted alums who generously open their checkbooks to guarantee the success of this last reunion. Some folks who agreed to attend cancel and our numbers plummeted. We might have to cancel - OY! But what about **Ricky Weinberger** (camper, 1970s) who was flying in from Los Angeles, or **Paul "Turkey" Goldstine** (camper/staff, 1968-1976) from Pennsylvania? What could we do? **Paul Warshauer** negotiates with Ben and CYJ agrees to accept a reduced flat fee. It would be tough, but the reunion MUST go on!...

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8, 2001

The reunion activities actually began today when, at 9:21 AM, **Ricky Weinberger** lands at O'Hare on Spirit (El Cheapo) Airlines. The rule for official reunions is when two gather in Waupaca's name. We pick up sleeping **Rick Passman**, (camper/staff, 1963-1976) on LSD (Lake Shore Drive) and begin our drive to Waupaca through construction zones in near 100-degree heat. We lunched at the Roxy Restaurant in Oshkosh and gassed up (not just the car!). The lads read that the weather would cool off just for us at Camp Waupaca. **Greg Berke** (camper, 1976-1981) called **Paul** on the cell phone six times..."Can we bring a dog? Is there extra room? What hotel do we stay at?"...after all of that, he still doesn't attend!...

On to Waupaca! We stopped at the rest area just outside the Waupaca airport and **Rick Passman** beams with glee as he realizes that we were so near to camp!. We buy cheap shoes for our trip at a Waupaca outlet store, and then check-in at the Village Inn and swim, then rest a bit. A trip to JRs Bar and we get a bucket of beer. The reunion has now truly begun!...

THURSDAY AUGUST 9, 2001

Up by 7:00 at the Village Inn and off to breakfast at the Waupaca Woods Restaurant in the small mall. A drive to the Casino Bar, the site of many a night of counselor debauchery but it was closed. Next door is Ding's Dock. **Passman** and **Weinberger** go down the Crystal River. They tell everyone that they went fast and lapped some of the old timers. **Paul** goes to the library to receive FAXES from the insurance company...

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Ralph Saunders (camper, 1960s-1970s) and **Ken Saunders** (camper/staff, 1969-1985) get lost leaving Chicago but finally arrive at the library, and **Ken, Ralph,** and **Paul** go to the Wheelhouse for lunch. **Paul** gets a cell phone call from **Passman** and **Weinberger**. They have just come off of the river, and are calling from inside the Wheelhouse restaurant. **Paul, Ken,** and **Ralph** are outside on the patio! So they walk through the door and meet up!...

After lunch, the group piles into two cars and drive to the Red Mill to go under the waterfall. **Passman** sets a new camp record by jumping under the waterfall and going through it TEN times! **Ken Saunders** gets some nasty cuts. We complain about our knees, backs and other maladies, but we are still boys so we keep jumping and doing the waterfall thing!...

Off to the Clearwater Harbor Bar for refreshments, then to Camp Waupaca by 6:00 PM! We get a call while on the way from **Mike Lurie** and we wait at the gate to meet up in our three-car convoy: a white Cadillac, a black SUV, and a gold Toyota are lined up outside of the gates just like on parent's visiting Day. We remember how **Leroy Clotiaux** (husband of nurse Rose Mary Clotiaux) guarded the gates on Parents Day from over-anxious parents, waiting to see their little boychicks whom they haven't spoiled in 5 weeks. We remember **Jon Juron's** father who tried to sneak in on a Saturday night prior to Visiting Day and got stuck in his car and high ended...

Current camp director, Ben Sadek meets us at the gate and says "Welcome back to your camp!" Sniff sniff. What a *mensh*! The advance team takes over Cabin ONE and unpacks. It is a little like the first day of camp, with all the boys claiming bunks and shelves..."I want a board under my mattress". Then we spiffy up and drive downtown for a great dinner at Simpson's Indian Room Restaurant. Twelve of us gather, including **Andrea Wanty** (Kitchen, 1970s-1980s), **Bob Mowen** (staff, 1965-1988), and **Cory Kramer** (wife of Waupaca printer Darold Kramer). We also see, for the first time, one of the camp nurses, **Rose Mary Clotiaux**, who has come all the way from New Orleans! Great storytelling and we head back to camp. The **Saunders** boys set up their tent by the old rifle range. The stars are incredible as we are away from the city lights. We dream of earlier times...

We remember with fondness the memories of those who can no longer join us: **Joey Berman, Steve Chavin, Chris Clotiaux, Leroy Clotiaux, Chuck Cooper, Roman Danielson, Scott Diamond, Bob Dickenson, Fred Glen, Irene Guthu, Erv Kasian, Ross Much, Chris Ray, Jon Reder, Terry Rifkin, Wally Tomchek, Anne Towne, Bill Wanty, and owners Manny Desnet, and Irving Skipper Kuklin.** May the spirits of these and others not mentioned rest in peace...

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The *schnorer* group in Cabin One awakens at 6:00 AM. **Mike** and **Paul** walk the camp grounds at 6:15 AM and see the old place with older eyes. The first showers in the newly remodeled bathrooms are wet and warm with extra hot water capacity thanks to the dual hot water heaters. The urinals in cabin one have not been completed yet, so use the crappers. Off to the King's Table restaurant for breakfast of ham, bacon, and all non-kosher items before our kosher meal service begins. At camp, the advance team moves into the infirmary (used to be **Manny's** house). **Mike** makes name badges and we set up shop near the office on a picnic table...

Warren Metzdorff (staff and legend in his own mind from 1971-1988) and his wife Anna, arrive early at 11:00 AM and check-in. The Fed Ex trucks arrive with shirts, hats and caps from Scorpio Products in Chicago. courtesy of **Jeff Korman** (camper/staff 1967-1974). We set up the picnic table display near the site of the old canteen! It is long gone but we still hock merchandise like the boys of yesteryear: "Get your hats and shirts! Here's a FREE early bird shirt for signing up before July 1!"...

Many former campers and staff say that the place looks smaller but the people don't look any different (some with a few strands of gray, others with a belly). The campers and counselors from the 1950-1980s arrive. The waterfront is now open, and swimming, water-skiing, and tubing are popular with all. Some question the age of the boat driver..." Say, how old is that blonde kid anyway?"...The kids, campers and their wives all get a crack at skiing and tubing. **Rick** Theiler (staff, 1982-1985) and his son Clay both barefoot on Lake Stratton. **Ricky Weinberger** scavenges for parts and finally sets up the old Sailfish sailboat and takes it for a spin. The ski boat runs out of gas but not before nurse **Rose Mary Clotiaux** goes around the lake on the tube; she is asking the drivers to go faster on each turn! What a trouper!...

Others reminisce and **Bob Mowen** and **Wayne Towne** (staff, 1956-1982) have plenty of catching up to do with all the campers who remember them so well! **Jordy Leff** (camper, 1960-1969) arrives and wants a good bed to sleep on! He tries to muscle in on the Class A accommodations. He settles for a nice night in the CIT Village...

Wash up for dinner and all assemble at the flagpole. All line up alphabetically for introductions. **Linda Fastow-Dosey** has fixed the flagpole rigging so that an ancient rope (from our reunion in 1998) moves up the ancient pine timber and goes through the ancient pulleys. All help by moving logs from a circle to the back white rocks. After dinner we set up the Near Diamond and have a softball game:

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men, women and children all play. Pitcher **Rob Gerowitz** (camper/staff, 1964-1979) is beamed in the mouth by a line drive off the bat of **Larry Lifson** (camper, 1966-1969) but recovers, promises not to sue us. Relief pitcher **Jordy Leff** does a good job. Pitcher **Larry Lifson** is the winning pitcher. **Stan Friedell** (camper, 1969-1974) is the player of the game with a three-run homer...

We go to a campfire at the horseshoe where we hear from many campers and counselors about how much of an impact camp had on their lives. Little **Mikey Chavin** (camper/staff, 1965-1977) remembers what a terror he was years ago and thanks all of his counselors. **Wayne Towne** tells a grizzly bear story with a twist at the end. **George Lamm** (staff, 1970s) sings the infamous Egg Song and a wonderful rendition of "I'm Going to Camp Waupaca in My Mind". **Joel Kettler** (camper, 1961-1966) tells the children around the campfire about Wisconsin State Law which becomes the mantra for the entire weekend: "Wisconsin State Law says that after lunch, even if it's 98 degrees, you must lay motionless on your bunk for at least 30 minutes, and Wisconsin State Law also states that if you fail to remain motionless in your bunk, you will lose your canteen"...

Some of the families go back to their bunks and put their kids to sleep. It has been a long day for most of them. Others go out to the far fields to see the Perseid meteor shower or parts of the Aurora Borealis. Still more end up at the Harbor Bar in King. **Tom Gumpert** (staff, 1979) tells us the REAL story of the last night of camp and his log in the fire escapade from years ago. **Harlan Rips** (camper, 1961-1966) explains the Omaha connection and a Talmudic view of body piercing. A few of the men meet some older women. Former campers felt lucky to be drinking with their former counselors. It is strange, say some, to be having a beer with **Ricky Garfinkle** (camper, 1976-1980) or with **Todd Laff** (camper, 1977-1979). We are fortunate to have some designated drivers...

SATURDAY AUGUST 11, 2001

Mike Lurie walks through camp and awakens the troops ala **Manny Desnet** (Owner, 1966-1988): "Good Morning, men" It's another beautiful sunshiny day in Camp Waupaca. Everybody up. Flag-raising in 20 minutes." We remember **Manny** who would call rain liquid sunshine. We line up by cabins at the flagpole, make introductions, then into the remodeled dining hall for waffles & syrup...

Steve Prebish, **Larry Gordon** and his family, **Joe and Larry Rosen** (Owner & son/camper & counselor, 1951-1960), all arrived early and schmoozed and wowed the crowds! **Marc Ringel** (camper, 1958-1966) and brother **Paul Ringel** (camper/staff, 1961-1970) raise hell as they remember their camping years! The **Saunders** boys finish their reunion early, as usual, and head for O'Hare. **Dave Weiner**

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(CIT, Counselor 1951-53) arrives and we are informed that he was the inspiration for the Camper of the year. "It was political!", he bellows...

An impromptu football game at 10:00 AM sees **Mike Hollobow** (camper/staff, 1974-1979) and Jacqueline Theiler as players of the day!...

Water-skiing and tubing began early..."If it is not in my little black book, you cannot ski", **Warshauer** bellows. David Garb does a 180 on the knee board. Many campers & staff show their photos and memorabilia by the picnic table, including **Larry Weiss'** (camper, 1965-1968) "Camper of the Year" plaque that his mother sent to him while cleaning the basement. During the morning, secret meetings are held to select **Larry Lifson** and **Paul Turkey Goldstine** as Big Chiefs, **Steve Prebish** and **Glen Spear** (camper, 1972-1976) as Little Chiefs. At lunch, we do a water throw by the Little Chiefs and the now infamous silverware bump and drop by the Big Chiefs: "The war is heating up!" **Ed Lubejko** (staff, 195x) confesses that he was **Ricky Passman's** horseback riding instructor and tells other stories! What a lunch! Some Lakers continue and for the first time in 34 years, **John Rosenberg** (Omaha camper, 1963-1967) and **Joel Kettler** swim across the lake and back!...

Larry Gordon rushes into town to make copies of the Super-Duper Relay. We had visitors all day who streamed in and out sharing the wonderful Waupaca past. They include: **Gary Nahm** (camper, 1973), **Mitchell Ex** (camper & Counselor 1958-1966), **Jim Avery** (staff, 195x-196x) who still refuses to divulge the secrets of the Braves program, **Dennis Bravick** (staff 1986-1988), **John Everman** (staff, 1980s) computer maven way back when and still now, **Brenda Wanty-Campbell** (kitchen, 1977-1982) who worked in the kitchen with her mother many years ago, but still is as pretty as she was back then, **Marvie Landis-Wisniewski** (Kitchen, 1979-1981), a kitchen gal who brought great photos from the past, **Linda Caldwell-Forseth** & **Shirley Caldwell-Thompson** (kitchen, 1952-1955). Both ladies worked in the kitchen in 1952-1955 and had a great visit with **Joe Rosen** and **Don Danielson** (staff, 1952-1954) in the Mess Hall, **Columbus Caldwell** who along with his father Clifford dredged the marl, otherwise known as muck, from our lake making a great beach, **Don Danielson** and his wife, and **Ed Lubejko**...

At 3:30 PM, the Blue & White Super-Duper Relay commences by making two teams at the flagpole. Two lines form and Program Director for a day **Paul Warshauer** divides the camp into two teams. Some of the wives cheat to get on the same team as their husbands. Others don't want to be on the same team. **Larry Lifson** takes his team to the horseshoe, **Paul Goldstine** takes his to the cabin 15 area. They assign people for each event including the dreaded **Craig Fuller** (staff, 1970-1972) "Instant

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Tantrum Event" and the **Dave Kerstein** (camper, 1960s) "Run Like Hell from **Terry Rifkin** (camper/staff, 1950s-1960s) Event"...

At exactly 5:08 PM, the relay begins with **Mike Hollobow** sinking the first free throw. **Rose Mary Clotiaux** and **Linda Fastow-Dosey** do a stop and start job with the "Ace Bandage 3-legged event relay", but **Lynn Garb** and **Beth Theiler** do their leg race without a hitch! **John Everman** was visiting but we put him to work finding *chazzari* cones for the relay event. The participants themselves have to scramble to find nails for the **Erv Kasian** (staff, 1970-1979) "Most Powerful Craft shop" event. The wise guys on the tennis court, **Dave Weiner** and **Larry Rosen**, figure they have got it down, but **David Wax** (camper, 1970-1977) and **Shelley Weiss** (camper and counselor, 1965-1969) volley it in the air seven times instead of letting it bounce, saving precious seconds for their team. Would **Ron Lavine** (camper/staff, 1964-1988) allow such tactics? **Todd Laff** and Jacqueline Theiler run like the wind. Former Camp Waupaca expert archer **Steve Shyman** (camper, 1970s) hasn't lost a beat, sinking the 3 arrows in the blue or better section of the target...

Larry and **Shelly Weiss** do the tantrum canoeing craziness but strategize that they can jump out in the muck where it is shallow. **Glen Spear** (former camper of the Yea winner) and partner **Ricky Garfinkle** do the canoeing deal legit!...

Andrew Dosey swims the marathon around the raft. **Jen Garb** runs fast and a LONG way from the beach to the swing set (near the site of the old horseshoe pit). The famous "Little Beaver" event (pitcher to batter to shortstop to first base) was done by both teams on their first attempt! One **Larry Gordon**, **Jake Gordon**, **Dick Garb**, **Steve Kerstein**, **Steve Prebish**, **Lee Multack**, **Rick Theiler**, and **Steve Kuklin** (camper & Counselor, 1951-1966)...

On to the flagpole for the final event, Boil water boil, as **Chavin**, **Gerowitz**, **Lamm**, and **Lifson** for the White team, and **Theiler**, **Kerstein**, **Prebish**, and **Goldstine** for the Blue team build their fires, using knowledge gained from wars past. Officials **Wayne Towne** and **Bob Mowen** monitor the cans of soapy water as the water begins to boil. Both cans boil over simultaneously! Can this be? **Goldstine** and **Lifson** race, well more like hobble, to the office to ring the bell together. The officials confer and both teams are declared victors! A perfect ending for a terrific program. The Chiefs are both gracious and thank everyone. The running time of the relay is a record 28 minutes!...

We "warsh up for dinner", (as we remember **Mike Euer's** (staff, 1968-1988) legendary announcements on the PA) and have a great flagpole ceremony where all the participants line up

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according to the years they attended camp. We have the pups who worked or went to camp from the 1980s on one side and the AK Bench with folks who were at camp from 1951! Great intros of all. Thanks to videographer **Dan Lyon** (camper, 1955-1963) who, we hope, captured most of the weekend on tape!

A chicken dinner (under CYJ cook Jim's watchful kitchen eyes) with a capacity crowd (70 or so diners). We sing our songs with THREE pianists: **Dave Weiner**, plays the Waupaca Fight Song, a song he claims that he stole for our fight song, **Joel Kettler** plays Green Canoe, and **Bob Mowen** plays Titanic. What a joyous noise! The melodies come rushing back although some have to hold their song sheets at the end of their arms! The cooks make Camp Waupaca a birthday cake, although "Waupaca" is misspelled as "Wapaca". Camper **Rob Gerowitz** gets a birthday cake, too. **Loretta Kuklin** (Owner, 1951-1966) cuts the Camp Waupaca cake.

A softball game begins right after dinner at the Near Diamond with our captains **Rick Theiler** and **David Wax**. As they pick teams trying to be fair, pitcher **David Kerstein** catches a sizzling slam off the bat of **David Wax**; the pitch was clocked at a speed of well over 48 mph. Still, pitcher **Dave Kerstein** handles it and throws a man out on second for a double play and is declared player of the game. The Razzle dazzle award goes to ad-man maven **Dave Weiner** for clever base running while yelling and distracting the second baseman. We clean up the Near Diamond, and many collect some wood for a campfire built by **Towne** and **Mowen**.

Many get up to share their thoughts and reflections. We hear great stories and tales from camp founders **Joe Rosen** and **Loretta Kuklin**. **Rob Gerowitz** reads his Top Ten List of why camp was great, **Warren Metzдорff** sings Three Jolly Fisherman. **Wayne** tells a Potawatomie story, kids roast marshmallows. **Mike Lurie** tells how **Dr. Sam** and **Dr. Jerry Salan**, Jewish doctors, end up in small town Waupaca. **Paul Warshauer** retells his infamous Zeus entry to the Olympics stories: "**Warshauer**, have you ever ridden a jet ski?"..."Yes, **Manny**, I have."..."Sign the waiver, **Warshauer**". All sing Day is done to close the campfire...

The older group of campers end up at the Harbor Bar where we take over several tables amidst a western wedding party in progress. **Chavin** and **Warshauer** smoke Cuban cigars; home was never like this! Little **Ricky** and **Rob Garfinkle** (camper, 1973-1978) don't really look that much older than they did as campers after a pitcher of Point Beer. We chat, tell stories and see **Benjy Zalay** (camper and terror, 1970s). Back at camp, others end up on the far fields betwixt the Flickerball goalposts to admire the shooting stars. Others stayed at the horseshoe swapping old memories until the wee

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hours. Others are content to stay with their kids. **Larry Gordon** plays Mr. Mom for the weekend with his three darling kids. His pal, **David Wax**, stays behind from the drinking and carousing to be with his good friend and his kids. What a *mensch*. Like many of us, they stay up really late to talk over old times. Sydney and Rachel Gordon sleep soundly until...

SUNDAY AUGUST 12, 2001

Paul "Froggie" Warshauer, who has now lost most of his voice, comes through the cabins waking everyone up at 7:45 AM. Folks are sure slow to get up and arrive at the flagpole, although we all manage to straggle in. We line up by distance traveled to the reunion. **Wayne Towne** from Keshena, Wisconsin, to **Steve Shyman's** girlfriend from Colombia, South America! Good breakfast and coffee with REAL Half-and-Half (a contractual request from **Paul Warshauer**). Last shot to sing as we do Rise and Shine...

After breakfast and packing up to leave, most end up on the beach to watch the last skiers and tubers. **Larry Gordon** and son Jake Gordon chat by walkie talkies, others hang out by the picnic table where new controversy stirs around **Warren Metzdorff**: "Did the kids and staff really like that song you brought back from Club Med?" Nonetheless, **Mike Chavin** rushes to **Warren's** defense (winking and blinking) on the 10,000 water-skiers claim, which has now risen to 10,002!...

Slowly the reunion fades as people pack up their wet bathing suits. Some of us remember **Manny** and **Lil Desnet** handing out plastic bags so that the wet suits and towels wouldn't ROT inside the footlockers going back to Chicago! Last sales of hats and shirts. The **Gregg Pavalon** (camper, 1969-1970) family takes over the archery range. We have a small lunch crowd for hamburgers and hot dogs. The last of the reunion group packs up supplies and by 2:00 we are all gone from camp. **Mike** and **Paul** take down the cardboard sign at the corner of Stratton Lake Road and Highway 22. They each take a piece of the historic poster board, who knows when we shall ever see Waupaca again? Someone else will have to do a reunion as they are tired out, but filled with great memories...

We will long remember the happy faces that attended, **Michael Rosenblatt's** (camper, 1971-1975) adorable 6-year-old son at the campfire, **Dick Garb's** son after he did his first wake board, the look on **Larry Lifson's** face as he and **Paul Goldstine** rang the Super Duper Relay at the same time, the contented look from **Joe Rosen** who now knows that he and **Irving "Skipper" Kuklin** built a place that made a difference in so many lives and in so many ways! These are the Kids that came from Stratton Lake. We'll keep in touch until the *Trail's End* . . .

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