

Official Camp Waupaca 2026 Reunion Official Itinerary (rev 080626)

(Events and times subject to major or minor changes, with or without notice)

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(NEW! See FAQ on page 3!)

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Noon "Advance team" arrives at [Graffiti's Sports Pub](#) in Steven's Point for lunch and drinks
2:00p Check into various local hotels
6:00p Opening Reunion cocktails at the Harbor Bar
7:00p [Chef Chu's](#) (formerly the Windmill) for dinner (under protest)
9:00p Adult beverages at various waterholes at Rick Passman's pleasure
10:30p Taps (NOT at camp)

Thursday, August 13, 2026

6:30-9:30a Breakfast buffet at hotels (check local listings for times)
10:30a Finalize catering arrangements for food at Camp
12:30p Lunch at Brainard's Bridge - bring your own lunch (put link)
2:00p Official visit and donation of artifacts to the Waupaca Historical Society, look through old newspapers
3:00p Grocery shopping & visit to camp to drop off
7:00p "Official Opening Banquet" at [Simpson's Indian Room Restaurant](#) (no host)
9:30p "Unofficial Field Trips" to LDE (Local Drinking Establishments)
10:30p Taps (NOT at camp)

Friday August 14, 2026 – Reunion Day 1

8:30a Breakfast at [Waupaca Woods Mall Restaurant](#)
10:00a Advance Team heads to camp to set up for the reunion
10:30a Annual visit to Fleet Farm, Piggly Wiggly, Pick & Save, etc.
Noon OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAMP WAUPACA
Please check in with Mike Lurie: (763-464-4872) or Paul Warshauer: (312) 550-7868.
Call or text (roaming rates may apply).
ALL DAY Guided tours of camp, Scavenger Hunt, trail walks
1:00p Lunch in the Mess Hall (sub sandwiches) - Patron of the Lunch: _____
2:00-5:00p Areas open: boating, archery (2-3 PM only), tennis, tours of camp available by appointment
5:00p "Warsh up" for dinner (to be spoken in a Southern accent in memory of Mike Euer!)
5:30p Flag Lowering at the Flag Pole
5:45p Dinner in the Mess Hall (🎵🎵🎵) - Benefactor of the Dinner: _____
7:00p First Campfire on the Far Field, bring your own s'mores fixins'.
[Feel free to drive if you are unable to walk, there is plenty of parking available.](#)
[There will be golf carts for transportation to the far fields.](#)
10:00p Taps, quiet time, and "Unofficial Field Trips" to LDE (Local Drinking Establishments)

Saturday August 15, 2026 – Reunion Day 2

Please check in with Mike Lurie: (763-464-4872) or Paul Warshauer: (312) 550-7868.

Call or text (roaming rates may apply).

ALL DAY Guided tours of camp, Scavenger Hunt, trail walks
8:30a Flag Raising at the Flagpole (Cabin Reports)
9:00a Bagels, lox, cream cheese, assorted fruits and juices, fresh coffee, etc.
10:00a-noon Areas open: boating, archery (10-10:30 only), tennis, tours of camp available by appointment
10:30a SOFTBALL, with Norm Rose, Commissioner (see FAQs)
11:30-noon Memorial service for campers & staff who are no longer with us (*Kaddish* to be recited if desired)
Noon Lunch in the Mess Hall (🎵🎵🎵) - Angel of the Lunch: _____
1:30-2:30p Official Annual council meeting at Horseshoe at Camp Waupaca (all welcome)
2:30-5:00p SUPER DUPER RELAY (Teams assigned, practice, ending with "boil water, boil" and bell ringing)
5:15p Flag Lowering at the same place it was this morning
5:45p Dinner (🎵🎵🎵) - Benefactor of the Dinner: _____
7:00p Braves Ceremony & "Magic" Campfire at Horseshoe for BRAVES NEW AND OLD (see FAQ's).
Tell us your camp stories!
10:00 Taps, quiet time, and "Unofficial Field Trips" to LDE (local drinking establishments)

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Sunday, August 16, 2024 – Reunion Day 3

Please check in with Mike Lurie: (763-464-4872) or Paul Warshauer: (312) 550-7868.

Call or text (roaming rates may apply).

ALL DAY	Guided tours of camp, Scavenger Hunt, trail walks
9:00a	Flag Raising at the Flagpole (Cabin Reports)
9:30a	Bagels, lox, cream cheese, assorted fruits and juices, fresh coffee, etc. (🎵🎵🎵)
10:00a-noon	Areas open, boating, archery (10:00-10:30 by appointment), tennis, tours of camp available by appointment
11:00a	Scavenger Hunt ends, winners announced at horseshoe
Noon	Lunch (leftovers) in the Mess Hall (🎵🎵🎵)
12:30-2:00p	Free time, all areas open! Say farewell...
2:00-2:30p	Clean-up all areas (cabins, restrooms, rec hall, dining hall, waterfront)
2:30p	Final flag lowering. Final good-byes. Everyone checks out. <i>"Until the Trail's End . . ."</i>
6:30p	"Official Closing Banquet" (TBD)

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FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Questions? Call or text Mike Lurie (763) 464-4872, or Paul Warshauer (312) 550-7868.

1. This is the 75th anniversary of Camp Waupaca. Who founded the Camp and when did **Manny Desnet** take over? Who runs the camp now?
 - A. Camp was created by **Irving "Skipper" Kuklin** and **Joe Rosen** in 1951. They operated the camp, with great help and advice from their wives, from 1951-1965. In 1961, **Joe Rosen** sold his shares of camp to **Nate Greenberg**. In 1966, **Manny Desnet** and two silent partners, **Arnold Gassel** and **Bernard Cohen**, purchased Camp Waupaca and continued its operation until 1988. It continues to operate as Camp Young Judaea but has no affiliation with any previous Camp Waupaca personnel and is not currently open to the public.
2. How is this reunion event being financed?
 - A. We rely on donations and modest reunion tuition from our members to finance most of our activities. **Sadly, we lost a very generous donor a few years ago.** Whenever the request for funds was published, he would send us \$500, no questions asked. This camper requested to remain anonymous and we continue to honor his wish. **Mike Lurie** has been our treasurer since 1996, and is extremely frugal with our funds. He often donates his own money to pay for things like website hosting, and paying for postcard mailings. The postcard you received this spring cost over \$500 to produce (You didn't receive a postcard? [CLICK HERE](#) to update your postal mailing address.) What we're trying to say is: we do not have a source of funding outside of charging tuition for attending this event.

Here are some of the expenses we expect to incur for this reunion:

- Professional videographer / photographer (this reunion is too important to not be well documented) - \$1500
- Meal service (CYJ will not have the ability to provide food for us, so we will need to provide food for the event) - the amount depends on how many people will be attending.

In addition to supporting the reunion, we also have artifact digitization constantly in progress. We currently are waiting until we have enough money to digitize 4 Sony reel-to-reel video tapes created during camp. That will cost approximately \$1000 to complete.

You do not need to attend the reunion to help out financially!

If you DO donate, you will be mentioned prominently during the reunion, and on our website and social media.

Here are some suggested "levels" of financial participation in honor of our waterfront and all previous waterfront directors:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Admiral	\$500
Captain	\$250
Lieutenant	\$100
Ensign	\$50
Seaman	Any amount from \$1 to \$49

If 50 campers donate \$25 each, that's \$1250! This adds up quickly. To make a donation, please contact CWRG treasurer **Mike Lurie** at (763) 464-4872.

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3. How is the food working this year?

- A. If we receive enough donations ahead of time, the CWRG will plan the meals, order, and pay for the food. We are looking for “Meal Chaperones”. This means you go into town and pick up food at the designated time. Hopefully we will have enough “chaperones” (volunteers) so you only have to take this responsibility once during the reunion weekend. The reunion group will provide plates, napkins, cutlery, cups and soft drinks. We have donated a Keurig coffee maker with plenty of flavored and plain coffee and tea pods.

If you are interested in supporting one (or more) of the meals financially, please let us know!

4. Where do we stay during the reunion?

- A. There are options here. At our first reunion at camp back in 1996, most people opted to stay in the cabins. It created a festive environment reminiscent of when camp was in session! 30 years later, most people choose to stay in local hotels. Feel free to pitch a tent somewhere in camp too, like the **Ken** and **Ralph Saunders** brothers and **Steve Shyman** and his wife.

NOTE: We have a block of rooms at two area hotels. Any unclaimed rooms as of July 14 will be released. You can find this info on our 2026 reunion page.

5. Is this only for campers, or will there be counselors there too?

- A. **EVERYONE** is included in our reunions! We are lucky to have quite a few staff members attend each off-rental year, and I'm sure that they will be well represented this year for the BIG 75th anniversary celebration. We are counting on **Dick Garb** to serve as our relay official (see next question).

6. Is the itinerary the same “old boring rehash” of the past reunions?

- A. NO!!! We sent an anonymous survey to everyone this spring, and 72 people replied. We heard a common theme in the comments: more activities, less sitting around. The itinerary includes the following **new activities**: Scavenger Hunt, self-guided or “subject matter expert” (SME) guided tours, trail walks, softball, volleyball / Newcombe, and archery to the list of activities, in addition to swimming and boating. Sorry, water-skiing will not be available. We will also hold a ceremony remembering all the alumni we have lost.

The signature event will be the Super-Duper Relay event on Saturday afternoon. The more people who participate, the better! We are counting on **Dick Garb** to be our official once again this year! We will finish the relay with the traditional water boil event, and the Big Chief of the team that boils their water first will ring the bell signifying victory!

7. Can we consume adult beverages at the reunion?

- A. Alcohol must be consumed subtly and with discretion. Anyone displaying excessive drunkenness may be asked to leave the reunion. Please take all beverage containers with you.

8. Can I smoke while at camp?

- A. Smoking is not allowed in any buildings. CYJ will assign a designated smoking area. Please “field strip” your cigarettes. Take cigarette and cigar butts with you when possible. **DO NOT LITTER WHILE AT CAMP!**

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9. Do we have to participate in all activities?

A. No, but for the Super-Duper Relay on Saturday afternoon, we would like to have "all-hands on deck" so it is more fun. It will only be a two-hour commitment ending with the famous "Boil, water, boil!" event, including the ringing of the bell by the winning Big Chief!

10. What is a "tour of camp"?

A. This is a new feature for campers who want to show the camp to their families. It is also a chance to reminisce. The tour can either be self-guided, or you can request a docent to take you on a tour and show you the esoteric aspects of camp! This will entail a lot of walking, so wear appropriate footwear.

11. What is the "Brave Ceremonial?"

A. This is also a new event! For many former campers this was a semi-serious ceremony where campers were honored for their contributions to camp and its program. Big Chief Paul Warshauer will lead the event. For existing braves, feathers and headbands will be installed. There is an honor system for old braves as records do not go back too far. New Braves will be honored for their contributions or accomplishments during the past two days.

12. What the heck does this mean (located at the top of the itinerary): "Events and times subject to major or minor changes, with or without notice"?

A. Over the years, we learned that a fixed itinerary does not always meet the needs of everyone in the group. After changing the itinerary so many times each day for so many years, we put in this disclaimer to avoid arguments. Now we decide the itinerary as we go by group acclamation, subject to Paul & Mike's final say-so. To verify our current location at any time, you can call or text Mike (763) 464-4872, or Paul (312) 550-7868.

13. Is this really the last organized reunion at camp? You said that in 2021, and 2016, and maybe even 2011.

A. What better way to go out on top than with a gala 75th diamond jubilee anniversary reunion celebration of Camp Waupaca for Boys!! Yes, this is the end of the line for **Paul Warshauer** and **Mike Lurie**. If some of the younger guys want to take over, we will support them in every way we can. Though this will be the last organized rental reunion, we will continue to go back to Waupaca every summer, as we have since 1996. We always try to get a day visit into camp when we come to Waupaca. Sometimes we can, other times we cannot. If/when we DO get the privilege of visiting camp, we always take up a collection so we can make a donation to CYJ for their generosity.

14. What will we be doing while we're at camp?

A. Some program areas will be open, like tennis, archery, land sport areas, etc. The waterfront will be a "use-at-your-own-risk" situation, as there will be no lifeguards on duty. You can swim and boat/canoe. There will not be any powerboats for water-skiing.

On Saturday afternoon, we will recreate the Blue & White War Super-Duper Relay! The attendees will be divided into the 2 teams, and we will select Big and Little Chiefs for each team. There will be authentic Blue & White War cheers! The teams will assign the relay race roles to the participants, and each team will have some time to practice their events. At about 3:30, the teams will square off on the basketball court to start the relay! We are counting on Dick Garb to be our official once

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again this year! We will finish the relay with the traditional water boil event, and the Big Chief of the team that boils their water first will ring the bell signifying victory!

On both Friday and Saturday nights, we will hold campfires at the Horseshoe. This is where we share stories and feeling about our time at camp.

15. What will we be eating while at the reunion?

A. The Camp Young Judaea kitchen staff will not be at camp while we are there, so we plan on bringing in food from local establishments, like Wheelhouse, Chef Chu's, Subway, Klinger's Real Barbeque, and possibly Simpson's Restaurant. We are still working out these details.

16. How much will it cost to attend?

A. Great question! Next question, please . . . Seriously though, in order to cover our 3 biggest reunion expenses (rental fee, meal service, insurance), we are pricing attendance as follows:

Full weekend: \$150 per person

Saturday only: \$100 per person

Friday only: \$75 per person

We are not making any money here, and we could really use some donations.

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