

## HERE'S CAMP (continued)

The field is equipped for every popular sport enjoyed by boys. Among the sports played on Camp Waupaca's fields are baseball (both softball (16-inch) and official hardball), basketball, football, volleyball, soccer, tennis, badminton, horse shoes, and an assortment of lesser known, but none the less popular sports such as "kick ball," "speedball," and "newcome."

WATERFRONT The swimming area is divided into three sections: beginning, intermediate and advanced. Beginning water is about three feet deep, intermediate ranges to five feet in depth, and advanced territory includes the raft, where the water is from 10 to 12 feet deep.

No camper is allowed past the raft, no matter how good a swimmer he may be. The various sections are roped off with buoys and piers. The raft, anchored about 100 feet off shore, contains a diving board which is pointed toward shore.

The camp possesses over a dozen boats, plus a number of canoes and a sailboat, which are used by campers during their classes in boating as well as in their free time period directly after dinner. Every camper going out in any water vehicle, no matter how good a swimmer he may be, must wear a life preserver.

A lookout tower, over two stories in height, is situated on the shoreline between the two piers of the "H" pier system.

Camp Waupaca stresses safety above everything else in its waterfront program, and no part of the waterfront is ever opened unless senior counselors are present, and in their discretion everything is under control.

INFIRMARY Camp Waupaca has a completely equipped, isolated infirmary. A registered nurse is in charge, and she is in constant residence at the camp throughout the season. An association with Dr. Samuel Salans of Waupaca has been established. Dr. Salans has been practicing for over 25 years.

HANDICRAFT BUILDING A separate building houses the handicraft shop and the offices of the Waupaca WARRIOR, camp's newspaper. The building is equipped with steel tables and utensils for a great number of camper projects.

Campers vary in their handicraft creations, but year-in and year-out favorites are leather goods, model planes, enameled jewelry produced from our own kilns, linoleum block printing and a number of small, wood working, objects.

CAMP SITE Located on the furthest corner of camp land, the camp site is a permanent creation of the campercraft classes, which annually set up its tents and create rustic decorations and conveniences for it. Although only about eight minutes walk from the immediate cabin area, the camp site is surrounded by trees, shutting off all sight of the civilization which is so near it. All cabins are given an opportunity to sleep out for a night at the camp site and eat a few meals there, preparing them for future camping trips to distant points later in the season.



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# CAMP WAUPACA for Boys WAUPACA, WISCONSIN

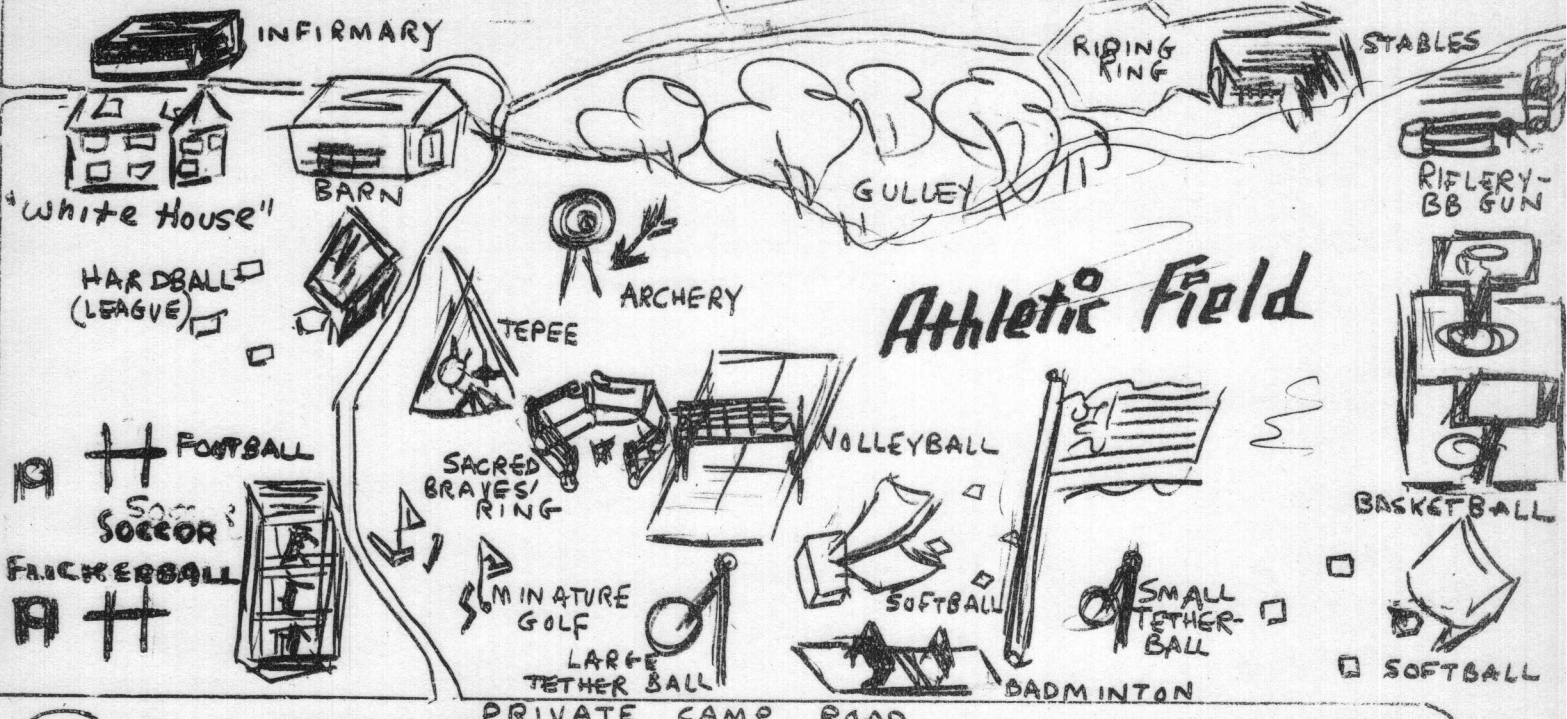
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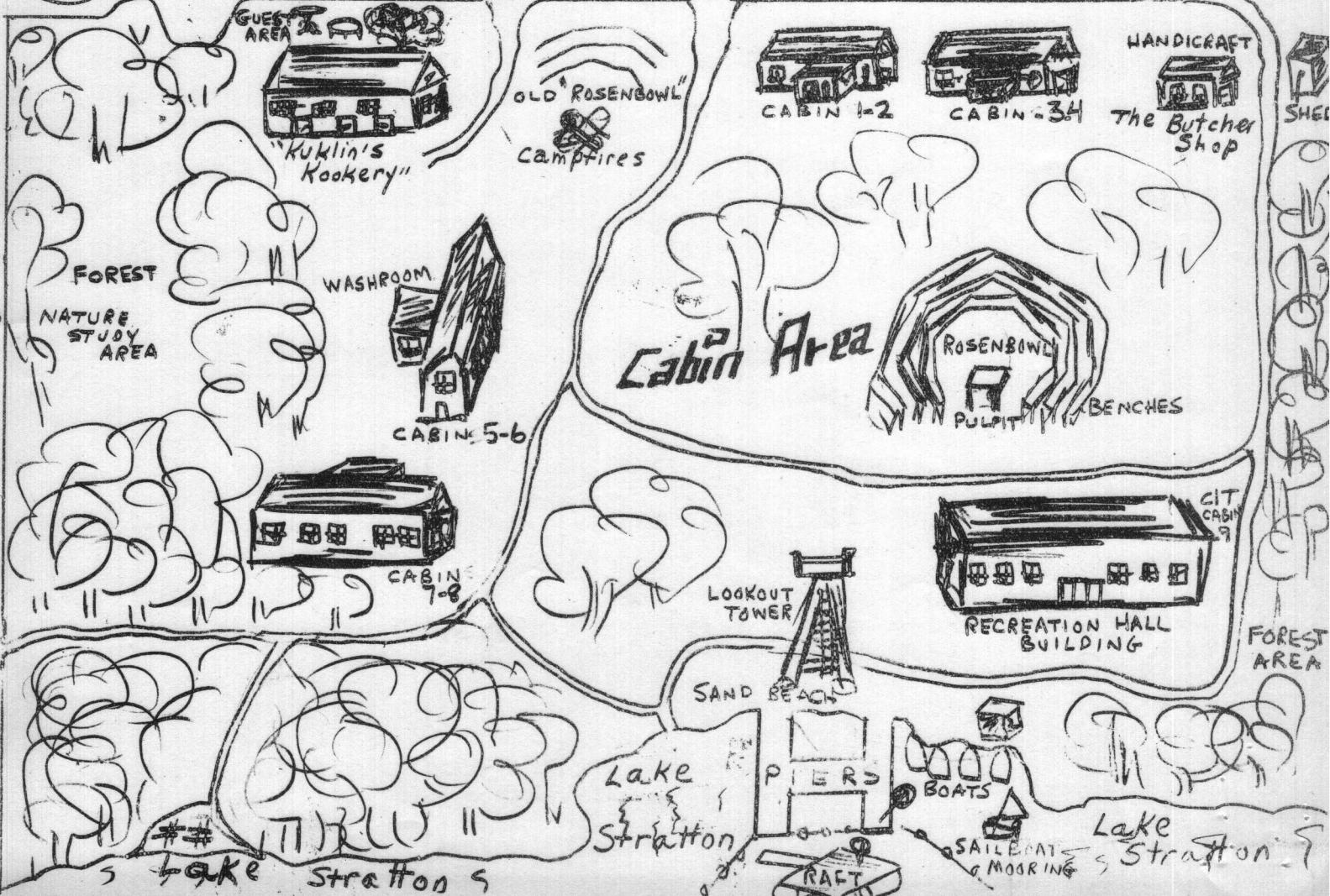
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CAMP SITE



PRIVATE CAMP ROAD





# "The Men With the Whistles"



CAMP WAUPACA'S

1954 STAFF

**DIRECTORS** of Camp Waupaca are Irving "Skipper" Kuklin and Joseph Resen; Mr. Kuklin spends the winter months teaching physical education and shop at the Avoca Elementary School in Wilmette, Illinois. Mr. Resen is principal of the Howland Elementary School in Chicago, Illinois. The two have over 40 years of camping experience between them. Winter address of Camp Waupaca is 2436 North Kildare, Chicago, 39, Illinois. Chicago phone is Dickens 2-0963.

It is Camp Waupaca's aim to provide the finest staff possible to carry out its camping program. For this reason Camp Waupaca's senior staff is composed entirely (with rare exceptions) of professional teachers---who possess both the maturity and the ability to lead young campers.

## 1954 SENIOR STAFF

**WALTER GEMBICA** Waterfront director for the past four seasons at Camp Waupaca, Wally has also served as head counselor for the past two seasons. During the winter months he teaches mechanical drawing, and coaches the swimming team, at Chicago's Foreman High School. A member of the United States' Naval Reserve, Wally possesses an American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor's rating.

**LEONARD KRASNOWSKI** Athletic director this season as well as chieftan of the Blue Tribe in the Blue-White war, Lenny had a very successful maiden season at Camp Waupaca. A graduate of Northern Illinois State Teachers' College (DeKalb, Illinois), Lenny presently teaches physical education at Beech Park Elementary School in Waukegan, Illinois.

**SAM DEFIGLIO** Another DeKalb graduate (a school mate of Wally's), Sam completed his second season at Camp Waupaca this summer. He spends the winter months at Burr Elementary School, Chicago, where he gives special instruction to mentally handicapped children---a position which has built up a reserve of unusual patience for Sam. One of those rare all-around camping men, Sam's strong point is dramatics.

**TOM FRICANO** As director of Camp Waupaca's new handicraft building for the past summer, Tom turned in a truly remarkable job, as campers began creating objects of real value. Tom, who is currently pursuing a MA at the U of Illinois, has just been awarded a part time teaching scholarship at the University for the 1954-5 school year. He is also planning a one-man art show in a Chicago gallery for the near future.

**DAN DANIELSON** Dan was with Camp Waupaca back in 1951, but he has spent 1952 and 53 summers going for his MS. Now, with a higher degree, but the same terrific camping spirit, Dan returned to Waupaca for the 1954 season. A resident of Waupaca, Dan (who spends his winters as principal of Waupaca High School) led the numerous canoe and camping trips taken this summer. His skill at carpentry is attested to by the numerous projects he has created for camp's permanent use.

**BOB OTTO** A graduate of Marquette University, Milwaukee, Bob, who has recently returned from Korea, handled the major part of the music instruction at camp for the 1954 season.

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## THE MEN WITH THE WHISTLES (continued)

### Camp Waupaca's 1954 Senior Staff

A native of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Bob Otte is now teaching music at a small Wisconsin high school near Oshkosh. His experience as a member of professional bands came in more than handy for the numerous shows he helped produce at camp.

**FRANK KRASNOWSKI** Recently graduated from the University of Illinois (where he played football for Ray Eliot's "Fighting Illini,") with a BS in physical education, Frank is currently awaiting a call to another type of camp, one run by an Uncle Sam. However he has applied for assignment in the Chicago public school system while he is awaiting call to service. As chief of the White team in the Blue-White war, he pitted wits against his brother Lenny. As a member of the athletic staff, Frank did a great deal of work in corrective training, producing a great number of "new" athletes.

**LEU OTTO** Leu, who is also Mrs. Bob Otte, is a music teacher in her own right. She assisted Bob in both production numbers and in attending to Cabin one, which is traditionally composed of Camp's tiniest campers.

**IRA LURVEY** Almost as much of a veteran of Camp Waupaca as Wally, Ira spent his third summer at Waupaca once again manhandling the Waupaca WARRIOR and the Log, camp publications, venturing forth onto the athletic field and working with a cabin at the same time. At present Ira is enrolled in the School of Journalism at the University of Illinois, where he does occasional reporting for private newspapers as well as work on the sports staff of the University's DAILY ILLINI.

## Junior 1954 Counselors

**Bob Wolf:** A sophomore at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Bob worked on the athletic field and managed the CIT cabin this past season. His hard work and ingenuity are responsible for Camp's new golf and miniature golf courses.

**Dan Frazen:** A recent graduate of Wright Junior College, Chicago, Danny now plans to attend the University of Illinois. Dan taught tennis, archery and a number of other sports, as well as assisting Wally in cabin chores.

**Jordi Rotheisor:** Jordi's excellence in the water has created a fine swimmer of him, and his willingness to learn has made him a fine teacher. Jordi assisted Wally in waterfront instruction, and helped Frank in cabin chores.

**David Davis:** Another excellent waterfront assistant, David's years at Onarga Military Academy have provided him with fine view of camping. He assisted Bob Otte in cabin chores.

**Bernard Feldman:** In his first summer at Waupaca, Bernie assisted on the athletic field as well as helping Dan Danielson with cabin duties. He is well remembered for the fact that he never wore long pants.

**Bob Naiman:** Another waterfront man, Bob is a star swimmer on Waller High School's swimming team. He assisted Bob Wolf in attending to the CITs cabin.

**Dick Kjelland:** A school mate of Bob Naiman's, Dick is an extraordinary handi-craft instructor, and he was an invaluable assistant to Tom.



# WAUPACA WARRIOR



# WELCOME CAMPERS

## NEW FEATURES for 1954

### MODEL WATERFRONT NOW COMPLETED

A WATERFRONT WHICH HAS BEEN IN PLANNING FOR THREE YEARS BECOMES A REALITY THIS SUMMER, AS CAMP WAUPACA PUTS ITS "H" PIER SYSTEM INTO USE SUNDAY WHEN THE 1954 CAMP SEASON GETS UNDER WAY.

Once again under the direction of Wally Gem-bica, who has been Camp Waupaca's waterfront director for the past three years, the Waupaca aim will once again be "Every Boy A Swimmer."

The 1953 season found Camp Waupaca employing a modified "H" pier; a smaller area was allotted to Intermediate swimmers than to Beginners.

This season the top half of the "H" has been widened to equal the lower section, thereby providing intermediate swimmers with a larger area in which to practice so that they eventually might progress to the advanced swimmer classification.

Also part of this season's waterfront is the now famous raft----

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### NATURE TRAIL IS CONSTRUCTED

PLACING ITS 70 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL WISCONSIN WOODLAND TO ITS FULLEST USE, CAMP WAUPACA ESTABLISHED A NATURE TRAIL FOR THE 1954 SEASON. THE TRAIL, COMPLETED EARLY THIS SPRING AND READY TO BE USED SUNDAY, IS NEARLY A MILE IN LENGTH, AS IT WINDS THROUGH FOREST OF ALL TYPES--ALL ON CAMP GROUND PROPER.

During past seasons, campers have been using these woods, which surround camp land, for various nature study classes and trips. Such special events as Frank Buck Day and Capture the Flag made extensive use of the woods.

Skipper and Joe felt that a definite, outlined area should be provided so that campers could spend their free time investigating the many wonders that these woods have to offer. During their frequent visits to camp during the winter season, the two men set up a trail and cleared the path so that there would

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## PREPARE FOR 8 FUN-PACKED WEEKS

WAUPACA--June 27 (WNS) Approximately 90 eager boys boarded the crack "400" streamliner from Chicago's Northwestern Station and Evanston's Davis Street Station today, bound for Camp Waupaca for boys, Waupaca Wisconsin, where they will spend eight weeks engaged in camping activities under the supervision of trained teachers.

Under the direction of Irving "Skipper" Kuklin and Joe Rosen, Camp Waupaca is located on a site five miles west of Waupaca (pop. 4,000; county seat of Waupaca County) on Stratton Lake.

The camp's waterfront occupies an entire side of this lake, which is formed similar to the figure 8.

70-odd acres of rolling terrain, parts leveled to provide an athletic field of huge proportions, other parts left in their natural state to provide sites for nature study and camp outs, compose the home ground of Camp Waupaca.

Four cabin buildings, each housing two cabins, shower and washroom facilities, house the majority of the campers. A special, tile-floored recreation hall building also contains a cabin, traditionally occupied by CITs.

A handi-craft shop; separate infirmary building; barn for animals; separate dining hall; and a home round out the camp's st-



# Handicraft Shop, League Diamond Newly Built for '54

A new handi-craft shop and league diamond will be among the newly added features campers will find on arriving at Camp Waupaca Sunday, as the 1954 camp season begins.

The new handi-craft shop is housed in a building on the south part of camp grounds.

Tom Fricano will handle handi-craft activities this summer for Camp Waupaca. Tom has one year left of study at the University of Illinois for a M. A. specializing in painting and prints. He is a jewelry specialist and will instruct campers in the art of ornament making. Tom received his A. B. from Bradley University, where he was a track star running the 1/4, 1/2, mile and cross-country.

Athletic director will be Len Krasnowski, who along with his brother Frank, will hold court on the baseball diamond. Both of the Krasnowski brothers have played semi-pro ball and will find the newly constructed league diamond on the north half of camp grounds an excellent teaching site.

The waterfront will once again be capably handled by Wally Gemica.

Dan Danielsen will serve as trip director and will work with campcraft. Dan, principal of Waupaca High School, served at Camp Waupaca three years ago, but has spent the past two summers pursuing a master's degree. Dan now returns to camp with higher education, but the same fine camping spirit.

Sam DeFiglio, captain of last year's White team in the Blue-White war and a fine all-around instructor, will once again share in camp's activities, as will Ira Lurvey, who will divide his time between the WARRIOR and the athletic field.

Rounding out the senior staff will be Perry Friedman, a recent graduate of DePaul University, who has his own band during the winter months and has composed a number of songs for motion pictures. Perry will assume a large portion of the music instruction at camp this summer.

The remainder of music will be handled by Bob Otte, of the Milwaukee System



VIEW of the 1953 pier system. This year the top half of the H equals the bottom. (Waupaca Photo by H. W.)

## NATURE TRAIL

There is no doubt as to exactly where the trail is led.

The trail blazings signs the men constructed come in more than handy, and campers will find it as interesting to follow these signs as they will to note the various exhibits---marked for them upon guide posts.

## WATERFRONT

which once again is to be anchored ten yards from the pier end.

The sand beach has been nearly doubled as the former boat area was converted into a beach area.

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A CAMPER walks down the wooded path leading from the dining room, "Kuklins Keekery," to the cabin area. Camp Waupaca's 70-odd acres of Wisconsin hill land is varied as to wooded and clear areas, providing athletic fields as well as nature study and campcraft ground. (Waupaca Photo by HW)