

DEDICATION

To Skip and Loretta Kuklin,
the parents of Camp Waupaca
who, for the past fifteen
years have guided so many
countless young persons
with their understanding
thoughts, words and actions
here at Camp Waupaca. It
is fitting that Skipper
will remain on at Waupaca
as advisor to the camp, as
well as to those individ-
uals who seek his guidance
and it is to these two in-
dividuals who have so un-
selfishly given of not only
their time but themselves
in the past that this, the
Trail's End '66, is dedica-
ted.

TRAIL'S END '66

Dear Campers, Counsellors, Parents and Friends,

"Trail's End '66" I hope it means much the same to you as it does to me. Eight weeks of camping, learning, practicing, doing, working, playing, and then, finally, the end of an all-too-short winding road.

The camp trail which we have travelled the past two months is not, though, only behind us and a thing of the past. It is something from which we can base our futures; a foundation for years to come.

On the following pages you will find many examples of the writing skills of the campers. The Literary Pages express the ideas of the campers such as the camp newspaper, "Passage," has done in the past eight weeks. The Cabin Reports pages reveal the ideas of the counsellors, what they have strived to accomplish through their instruction, and how they have attempted to do so.

The policy followed in writing this book has been to leave as much as possible in the original form submitted by the campers and counsellors. This has provided a much better insight into both the person and the activity they are describing.

During the cold months ahead, when the snow is on the ground, the homework assignments seem as though they may never end, and the television presents nothing but dull viewing, why not open this book and read about those two months when the sun was shining every day but three. Remember the new friends you made. Read about your classes, your cabin, your counsellors, the Blue White War log, and all the other things within these covers that are Camp Waupesa.

The "Trail's End '66" is all this to me.

'Till we see each other again,

Have a good winter

Allen Schaeffer
Allen Schaeffer
Editor

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A MEMO FROM MANNY

Camp Waupaca this year, as in the past has maintained a high quality program. As you read the reports of the various activities you begin to understand why our program is enjoyed by the campers.

Many campers started this season with limited skills. We are proud so many have made progress. The skills learned will be helpful as the campers go through life. In addition to the skills the learning to live with others in a setting away from home helps make the boy independent.

We, the staff, derive personal satisfaction as we witness the camper move up the ladder of achievements. Training and learning does not end when the camping season is over. We encourage campers to continue with what they have learned during the summer - especially to respect their parents, teachers and friends.

Progress does not come about by magic. Various ingredients go into a successful camping season. There must be careful program planning, dedicated counsellors and, most important, the willingness of campers to participate. We feel we have reached this goal!

Next season we look forward to another successful program. Our aim is to continue the fine tradition of Camp Waupaca. You will be hearing from us throughout the year about some exciting plans.

As the leaves begin to scatter on the ground and the snow brings the excitement of winter, the return of leaves will be our first sign of summer's closeness and beauty. We will be looking forward to your return to having fun, meeting old friends and new at Camp Waupaca.

We enjoyed having you with us.

Campingly,

Manny Besnet

LAND

SPORTS

by Rick Prizant

This year, more so than in previous years, the athletic fields of Camp Waupaca have been used with more enthusiasm and increased ability. The reason for this improvement can be traced to the Land Sports instructors.

The instructors this year were Rick Prizant, a Physical Education major at the Chicago Circle campus of the University of Illinois who plays collegiate football, Jim Brown, a sophomore at Princeton majoring in astrophysics, who plays collegiate soccer, and Ken Vance, who played basketball at Foreman High School.

This year the emphasis on land sports has changed. Instead of just giving the basics of baseball, basketball, and football, we have expanded the program to include the basics of soccer, trampolines, and volleyball. This has resulted in an outstandingly successful program.

It is believed by the instructors that an individual should not be restricted to just a few sports. As in education, we feel that an athlete should have a broad scope of ability and enthusiasm for all sports and not just a few.

We have been fortunate this year with the increase in quantity and quality of sports equipment. With this year's equipment, it has been easier to instruct than in previous years. There are more improvements to come in future years, such as all metal backstops, and possibly relocated baseball diamonds. The future appears to be bright for Camp Waupaca athletics.

Besides teaching athletic prowess in land sports, we attempt to teach sportsmanship. But due to its class-like nature, this is very difficult. It is on the athletic fields where sportsmanship is actually taught. Under the guidance of our counsellors, sportsmanship has become the watchword on our athletic fields.

RIFLERY

by Wayne Towne
and Phil Steinberg

Having fired 20,000 rounds of ammunition and having passed out over 200 awards, Wayne Towne and Phil Steinberg feel they have had the camp's most successful year at the rifle range. All of the boys who earn an award this year may be very proud of themselves, for they are a part of a group of marksmen from all over America who have learned to shoot safely and well.

Every boy who took part in the riflery program was a member of the National Rifle Association. The goals of the Association include teaching boys and girls to handle fire arms safely, to score high, to appreciate marksmanship and to follow range procedures. The National Rifle Association hopes to maintain a group of sportsmen who are interested in the proper use of firearms. In the past years the Association has had to call on its membership to help guard our rights to bear arms.

The National Rifle Association was organized in 1871 and is recognized by an Act of Congress. Many international shooting associations also recognize the National Rifle Association as representative of all American shooters. It has pioneered in development of small bore (.22 calibre) rifle training. The National Rifle Association is also the governing body of all rifle and pistol matches having conceived the idea of standardization of rules for these matches.

Along with small bore riflery, the National Rifle Association deals with shotguns, high powered riflery, home, and hunter safety instructors. The National Rifle Association works closely with police departments throughout the country insuring the people of the best possible protection.

There are many campers this year who have either greatly improved or first year shooters who have advanced quickly. These people are: Eddie Bohrer, Bill Field, Buzz Malashock, Ricky Reibman, Mike Rips and Rodd Stein.

The Camp Waupaca riflery department is now looking forward to a bigger year in 1967, with more and more shooting awards.

ARCHERY

by Dave Byran

A perfectly valid question that can be asked about the Camp Waupaca archery program is whether there should be any program at all. Swimming is compulsory. The big push is for water sports and land games. Why is archery needed or wanted? Who takes the course and why? What does the camper gain from the course except for an ability to shoot an archaic weapon at an overwise target. This short answer in the Camp Waupaca yearbook will hopefully answer these questions.

Archery is one of the most ancient of sports, dating from the time some early man decided a short spear shot from a sinew tied to two ends of a stick would be a more effective weapon than a spear thrown by hand. Archery almost disappeared as a sport after firearms came into vogue. It only reappeared in any strength in the early twentieth century in the United States. Today the world's best archers are Americans. Today's best archers drill bullseyes of ten inch targets at 50, 75, 100 feet and more. Bow hunting and fishing have become increasingly widespread. The National Archery Association and the National Field Archery Association are two organizations dedicated to the spread and enjoyment of this fine sport.

The archery program at Camp Waupaca is not as yet associated with the NAA. Unlike swimming or baseball, boys know little of archery when they come to camp. So, much time is spent in class just teaching basic skills. It doesn't take long for most campers to hit the target when close up. Then it's a process of improving skills and shooting from farther and farther back. Many campers have become quite good from 50 to 75 feet. The target used is a 1 2 3 4 and 5 inch 48 target. In class, younger boys shoot at 50 feet and older boys at 60 feet and beyond. A boy who shoots an average of one to five points for five arrows becomes an Archer--Second Class; an average of six to eleven, an Archer--First Class; an average of twelve to seventeen, Master Archer and an eighteen to twenty-five, Grand Archer. The best archer in the younger class receives a silver arrow and in the older class a golden arrow.

Many more things have to be taken in account in archery than in riflery, such as the power behind the projectile and the arc of its flight path. The most beautiful thing about archery is that a camper does not have to be a great athlete in order to excell. Strength and agility help, but these two traits are not all important. Concentration and practice make the good archer. The poor athlete with no place to turn can win at archery if he has great desire. The good athlete with no drive will never be a real archer. Concentration and the drive to win are what Camp Waupaca desires of its campers and are what archery demands.

NATURE

by Bob Mowen

This season marks the second one having an expanded nature program. Behind the Recreation Hall, formerly a wooded area, there now stands the "Side of the Hill" Nature Center. Within two years, a system of ponds, streams, waterfalls, and animal cages have been constructed in this area. From here, the nature program (an attraction for many of the campers) is organized and run.

The nature classes, usually filled to capacity, have aimed at developing within each camper a sense of responsibility for the preservation, care and wise use of the natural environment. The activities which pursued to deepen the campers' appreciation of nature included the care of wild animals (deer, raccoon, rabbits), the building of nature trails and field expeditions into the woodlands.

During the season, the Camp Waupaca Zoo was built up. It boasted of pigeons, raccoons, turtles, frogs, fish, and a complete honey bee colony. But the biggest attraction was Shawn, the baby fawn. Many of the campers had the enjoyment of feeding the deer out of a bottle and learned just how one cares for such an animal in captivity. And as the season progressed and Shawn became tame, she was allowed to roam the camp area much to the delight of the camp. Nor can we omit the two geese who also had free reign of the grounds - but the camp could have done without their early morning antics.

Halfway through the season the Nature Center proclaimed the addition of a complete waterway system. Beginning at the camp faucet some hundred feet away, the Waupaca River, gurgling over three foot Minnecapa Falls, trickled its way through three cement ponds and provided them with a source of fresh, clean continual water. And for those who could not forge the Waupaca, two sturdy wooden foot bridges were constructed.

But now that the season is over, the animals have been returned to their natural environment, the ponds have been filled with sand as protection against the cold winter. We sincerely hope that "The Side of the Hill" center will remain very much open in the memories of the campers during the coming year.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

by Chuck Cooper

Working, constructing, and creating with one's hands give a person a unique feeling of accomplishment. In Camp Wampaca, no kits, as such, are used. The basic raw materials are worked to follow the desired idea. When the Arts-and-Crafter first approaches the instructor with his idea they discuss it, draw it out, discuss it some more, redraw it, gather the materials and then start building the project. Not all Arts and Crafts students approach a project in the same way. There are many campers that are permitted to just play with the materials and explore their possibilities.

The Arts and Crafts program is a fun and educative pastime. It gives the camper a feeling of creative power, of overcoming the difficult, and of satisfying accomplishment. Whether the camper makes a neck-tie holder, an ash tray, a plaque, or a paper weight is unimportant; what is important is what he discovers about the material with which he is working, and most important of all, what he discovers about himself. For working with one's hands, concentrating on a single goal, and "creating" a solid idea reveals things to us we might never discover about ourselves any other way. It does not do this at the conscious level, but through an intuitive thought process of which we are totally unaware. It is a form of self discovery without discomfort or strain; it comes about in a pleasurable way, and what we gain by it we never lose.

Some campers may carry on in the fine arts, some may carry it into shop work, some campers may carry it further into Indian lore, Folk Crafts, Nature Crafts, Camp Crafts, or any of allied and kinship fields.

Some times the camper even goes home with a completed project!

TENNIS

by Spark Hutchison

The basic tools for coaching and promoting tennis along with all the other sports is the instilling of desire. In tennis, however, it is especially important to create this interest since what is accomplished must be done through individual effort without the benefits of team companionship. In dealing with short attention spans of young minds, a desire mounting to passion must be developed and encouragement from the staff cannot be overemphasized.

In the Camp Waupaca tennis program this desire to learn and improve has been cultivated in many campers. In addition, sportsmanship and competitive drive have been subtly woven into the background of the classes. These are also facets of the aspiring athlete.

As a first year counsellor, I had very little experience in the instruction of younger kids. I presented me with a formidable problem when I discovered that the youngest campers could barely swing a racket. They simply do not have sufficient physical development for the sport. After experimentation I circumvented this problem with several methods. Part of the period during the first session was devoted to calisthenics. This idea was later discarded as I felt the time could be better spent. During the second session I experimented with the ball machine. This worked very well until the demand for the machine became greater than the machine's performance capabilities. This method was then discarded to a great extent. During the third session I tried straight teaching as used with the older campers and found that interest was waning. Then I shifted the emphasis of the younger program to games and drills designed to improve coordination. The campers took to it immediately and I sensed a fresh surge of enthusiasm which has been on the upswing ever since.

The actual drills are very basic at first. They consist of "dribbling" the ball with the racket or bouncing the ball in the air. Races and contests are very popular with the classes, and judging from the improvements ranging up to one thousand percent, they are helpful in developing the actual tennis skills. I end every first period class with a contest in which I will hit shots to the campers' backhand or forehand and keep track of the number of times they successfully return the ball before they miss the ball five times. Some campers have become quite proficient and are now ready for competitive tennis.

The older campers have a general conception of the game. Usually at the commencement of class as can be expected there is a very large range in abilities and adjustments must be made to accommodate athletic and personality differences. Fundamentals are stressed in the belief that once a slight familiarity is established advancement will be very much faster when using the correct

form. This is hard for some boys to accept as they have already practiced incorrect form and they don't want to change. Hence, lethargy on the part of the campers must be carefully watched and encouragement must be provided at first symptom's appearance. One very effective means of combatting apathy on the court is the introduction of inter-class tournaments and hitting with the camper myself.

During the fourth session I introduced the invitational class for advanced campers. I tried to limit the number to eight pupils who had already taken six weeks of class, but due to an overflow in the other class I had to take ten. From these ten campers came the Waupaca Tennis Ladder. They also concentrate on more advanced aspects of the sport such as strategy and court etiquette. The biggest advantage of the class was the opportunity for improvement which it gave.

Some of the highlights of the tennis program at Camp Waupaca were the all camp tournament and the previously mentioned Tennis Ladder. The finals of the tournament were played on the fifth week Parents' Week-End. The tournament was a success if for no other reason the large number of campers it drew. Over forty boys participated, which in a camp where athletics is not the sole motivating force is a very high percentage of the camp. The Ladder is still in its primary stage of development and only time and experience will determine its worth as a motivational tool. However the invitational class seemed to receive it very eagerly.

One regret which I have had as tennis instructor the past season is that I could not form a Camp Waupaca Tennis Team. The reason for this was lack of an opponent. We tried to contact a camp in Stevens Point to arrange a match but were unsuccessful. What I would like to see next year as a high spot in the tennis program would be a trip for several able and deserving boys to a local tennis tournament in a place such as Green Bay. It would be an experience which they would remember many years after they stop coming to Camp Waupaca and could very well change their lives as it did mine.

In retrospect, I have instructed two-thirds of the boys in camp with a very wide variety of results. Many boys, as could be expected lacked the drive and perseverance to excel in the sport although 99 percent showed some improvement. The enthusiasm shown by some of the boys, however, was phenomenal. I would see them on the courts every free period and often during G-Swim. These boys have not only the determination but are gaining the ability and confidence necessary to compete in high level tennis programs. In my own mind, one such boy would have made the summer a success, but I have found eight or more. Some of the older members of this group will be competing on school teams next spring, and they should have favorable results.

Prospects for next year are looking bright. Many of the star pupils will be back. New courts are in the near future, and an expanded program should provide even more opportunity for advancement. I am sure that whether the program is run by me or someone new, it will be embodied with the rich spirit and good sportsmanship which typifies Camp Waupaca.

GOLF

by Jack Rotolo

This year was my first year at Camp Waupaca as golf instructor. My goal as instructor was to try and teach my students the fundamentals of the game. The students were taught fundamentals such as the grip, stance, backswing, downswing and timing.

In my classes, I had some advanced players. Since they were advanced, I taught them the finer points of the game, such as how to hook or slice a ball, and how to hit it high or low.

During the fifth week-end, we had the Father-Son Golf Tournament. The turnout for the event was very good. Twelve teams entered the event. The winners were the Shers, followed by the Rubins in second and the Ringels in third.

Overall, golf at Camp Waupaca has been a success. The golf course, which is to be made even better in the very near future, served its purposes for the camp quite well.