

TO THE KIDS WHO COME FROM STRATTON LAKE - 1968

"One season following another - hearts filled with happiness and tears."

All Waupaca campers leave this year with memories they will treasure for many years to come. Happy to have taken part in all the fun. Tears because another summer has ended so quickly and friends will say farewell for the summer.

As the season opened you were happy to once again meet some of your old friends and more important meet new boys. Living in cabins and sharing responsibilities was the start of something new for many of you.

After getting acquainted you signed up for classes. Soon the familiar shouting and excitement that came from the athletic fields waterfront, rec hall, and other places in camp brought Camp Waupaca alive for the 1968 season.

Special programs such as Olympics, Gold Rush Day, Moment-of-Madness, Big Stick Little Stick, overnighters and the Blue and White War made the program even more exciting, not to forget the adventure of sleeping in the Teepee.

Besides the classes and the special programs, your competition teams this year were really spirited. Everyone kept an eye on the camp bulletin board for the batting averages and the "Player of the Day". We were very pleased with the good sportsmanship throughout the daily competition of the team members.

We hope you learned many new things in your classes. Camp ends today but what you have learned continues on. Keep on meeting new friends. Keep your room at home clean. Show proper table manners, and above all, don't forget the good sportsmanship you have learned while in camp. Be willing to help others. Respect your parents and teachers.

In addition to the special programs, instruction was great. We know this is true because of the hard work of the total staff. I know all campers join me in thanking the staff for helping to make this summer enjoyable.

The Early Birds, we are certain, will never forget this year's trip. The fun filled three days at the Dells will bring a smile on the face of those campers that were kept very busy on this

trip. We were pleased to watch the happy faces of our campers as they participated in this great Early Bird Trip.

The Early Bird registration for 1969 is the largest in Wau-paca's history. On Parents' Visiting Week-end over 60 boys signed up for next summer. You will be hearing more about next year's trip in the Camp Newsletter mailed to your home during the fall and winter months.

We have already started to plan for next summer. You will be surprised at the new classes that will be offered. We are also adding new equipment and some program changes.

As the sun sinks low and the emptiness in the mess hall, cabins, waterfront, and athletic fields tells us another season has come to a close we say farewell for a short time. We look forward to seeing you at the reunion and at camp next summer.

"Day is done - gone the sun."

Manny and Lill Desnet

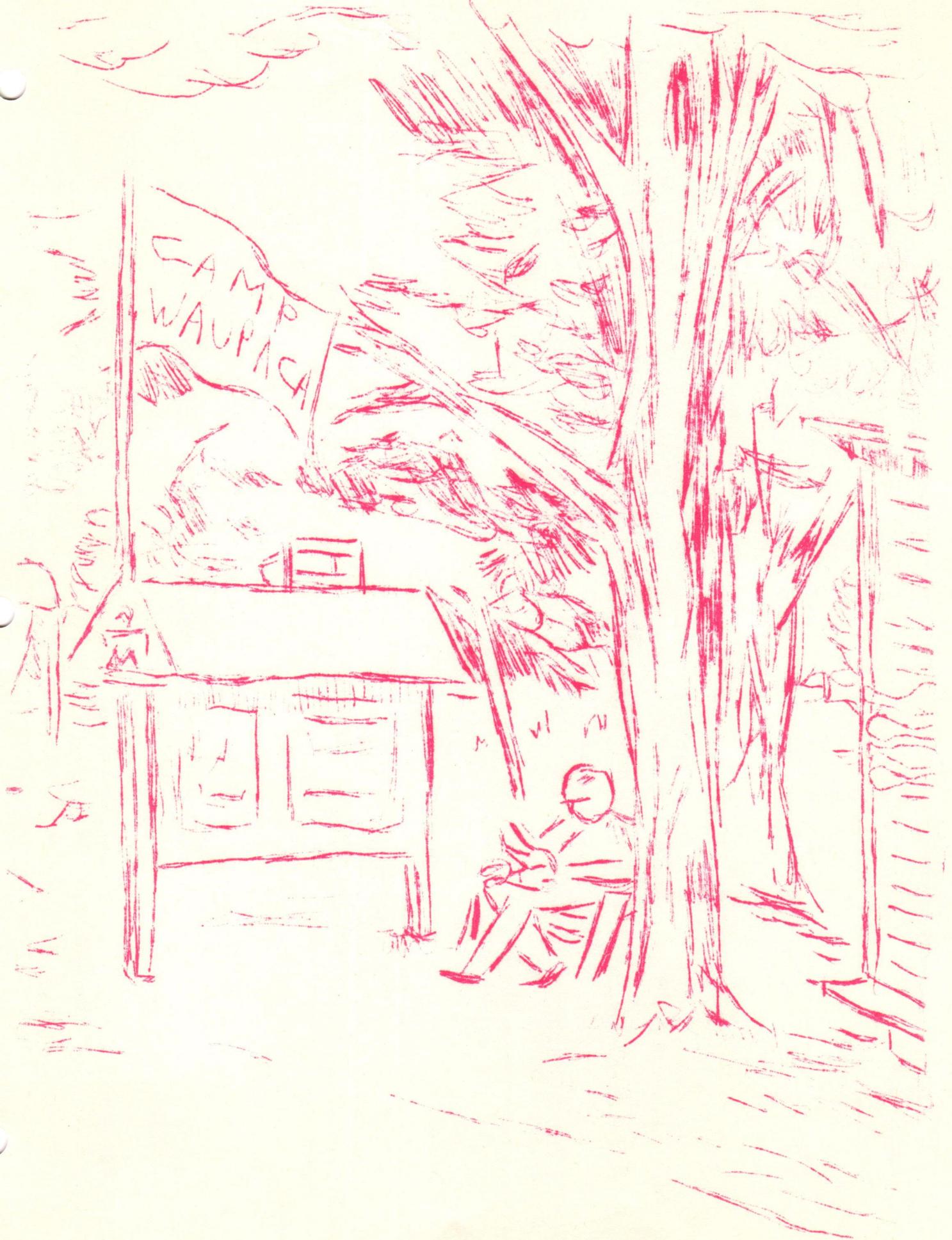
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One of the most important areas of camp life is the waterfront area. At the waterfront, a boy has the chance to gain experience and develop abilities in swimming, boating, and skiing, for which most boys do not have the opportunity when they are away from camp.

Although the first week was largely wet and cold, preventing a completely smooth and continuous schedule of classes and activities as far as the waterfront was concerned, the boys retained their enthusiasm. When the sunny weather that Uncle Manny ordered was delivered, the boys and the staff pitched right in to make up for the lost time.

The progress made in the swimming department is reflected by the majority of boys who have advanced at least one class of the American Red Cross swimming courses. Some campers have even advanced two full classes, thanks to their desire to learn.

We are proud of our program at Camp Waupaca. This year we expanded swimming class so that every boy had one swimming class every day, in an effort to give every boy a chance to learn and develop new skills.

In the Beginners Class, both the instructor and the boys faced a most difficult challenge. By repeatedly exposing the campers to the water, their fears were overcome and they proceeded to experience the joys of becoming at ease in the water, as well as learning basic skills.

The Advanced Beginners had as their objective to increase their individual proficiencies by adding to the skills learned in the Beginners Class and to expose them to a series of skills to improve their endurance and coordination. Among these skills were the basic front and back swimming strokes, diving and underwater swimming, and elementary means of rescue.

The Intermediate Swimmers class is an especially important class, for here the boys are taught the use of all the leg and arm strokes that make up the nine basic styles of swimming. Here, too, they are taught wading and throwing rescues and artificial respiration.

The Swimmers class is another extremely important area

of learning. In this phase, the boys are taught the coordination of all the styles of swimming needed to save a swimmer in trouble. It is this class which prepares students in skills and proficiency to advance to Junior Life Saving.

Junior Life Saving is probably the hardest swimming class the boys at Camp Waupaca will contend with while at camp. Those boys in the class worked hard and learned many new and difficult skills needed to safely attempt a swimming rescue. They also learned that a swimming rescue is the last resort. The course included the use of small craft in rescue work, carries, releases, artificial respiration, releasing cramps, and the list could go on and on. Not everyone passed the course, but those who didn't showed that they have the determination to return and try again next year.

Our snorkeling and skin diving classes were some of the most enjoyable to be had by the boys in them. Age was not a limiting factor for the classes as demonstrated by a few of the younger boys who were the first to pass their various tests. The boys are taught to confidently use the mask and snorkel and the procedures to use in panic situations. All the boys strive to progress through the various grades of snorkeling, with a few getting a chance to use the aqua lung.

In all the areas of small craft, safety was emphasized. There were basic swimming requirements preceding entry into small craft classes. Primary instruction included proper entry, docking and leaving procedures. As the boys progressed they learned techniques of stroking and paddling. They were taught the steps taken in case of capsizing or flooding of the craft. Some of the boys also got a chance to sail. All the boats were in constant use throughout the season. One of the improvements made this year was the installation of boat docks.

The skiing department was another waterfront area that had a very successful summer. We had more than fifty skiers this summer. The program is based on the guidelines set forth by the American Water Ski Association. There are four divisions of skiers ranging from "Third Class" to "Ex-

pert". As the boys pass through the various divisions they are awarded a card showing their accomplishments. We are very happy to report that some of the boys progressed through all four sections in the course of the summer.

This year was a good one for the waterfront area. The credit goes to the excellent staff we had this year and a hearty thanks to all of them for their devotion and effort.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

by Bill Wilhelmi

An important part of the camp program has been given to athletics. The majority of classes have been devoted to sports such as baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, and rugby. Rugby was introduced by Larry Gray and has been very popular at camp.

Naturally, after learning skills in these sports, they are put to the test in athletic competition.

Every day of the week except Sunday, Competition is run at Camp Waupaca. It is during this time in Competition that skills and attitudes are put to this test.

The boys are divided into leagues by age groups; each league has four teams, and each team has a captain. The teams then pick names. Some of them this past year were Electric Rhinos, Dirty Dozen, Kreplack Krunchers, and Uncle Andy's Idiots.

Batting averages and "Player of the Day" awards make Competition enjoyable and interesting for everyone.

In brief, we are firm believers in the motto - "Sportsmanship first, winning second", or, "Just because you're on a lousy team, you don't have to cry about it!"

CLASSES - 1968

Archery
Baseball
Basketball
Camp Crafts
Football
Horseback Riding
Instructional Swimming
Nature
Photography
Riflery
Rugby
Soccer
Small Crafts
Snorkel
Softball
Tennis
Track
Water Skiing
Wood Shop
Wrestling

There were more classes offered during the 1968 camp season than ever before. Rugby as well as BB shooting was added, and a new policy for class sign up was instituted.