CLASS TRAILS

Here I am again. You have met once again all the important people in camp. Now lets find out what the campers did with those very important people, the counselors! As your guide, I should tell you that this year we have more different classes than ever before. Art was just one on the list of new offerings for the campers. Lets continue down the trail and find out all about the Class Trails, 1971. . .



Waterfront

This season, although the swimming program was operated under duress of bad weather, several noteworthy feats were accomplished. After three years of tireless practice and patient instruction, Don Karger earned a Red Cross Beginner's certificate, Larry Gordon overcame his fear of cold water, and Mike Lurie learned to float and glide.

During the 1971 season people earned their advanced survival swim card, people earned junior lifesaving, people earned swimmer certification, campers made beginner.

The waterfront program consisted of all levels of instructional swimming, boating, canoeing, playaks, and beachside games on cold days.

The extra curricular aquatic activities involved the whole camp in such programs as the Mountain Mens' Mixup, Water Olympics, and parts of the Blue and White War.

A safety drill, called a "Waterfront Alert", was established and successfully tested to improve the efficiency and safety training of the entire staff, waterfront and land.

This year the waterfront staff consisted of several full-time and part-time instructors. Steve Erin, the Waterfront Director, was a second-year staff member who is a student of outdoor recreation at the University of Illinois. Steve holds a Senior Lifesaving and a Water Safety Instructor's certificate.

Rick Passman and Craig Fuller were two other swimming instructors who hold Water Safety Instructors cards. They, too, were both second-year staff men.

Jeff Korman, Paul Steinfeld, and Stuart Sorkin, who all hold Senior Lifesaving and Water Safety Aid certificates, acted as jack-of-all-trades at the beach. They switched from teached to demonstrating to maintenance on the waterfront, and they did a very commendable job.

The staff was completed by Jeff Tobias, Warren Metzendorf, and Craig Schielke. Jeff Tobias was the only "Returnee" of this group but not the only experienced man. Warren and Craig, both of whom taught small craft, had previously worked at other camps and greatly boosted our programs with their experience and ideas.

All in all, considering the difficulties the waterfront programs had to overcome, this season was considered to be very fulfilling by all the staff, and we hope that the campers enjoyed it as much as we did.

The Waterfront Staff
Steve Erin
Craig Schielke
Jeff Korman
Stuart Sorkin
Rick Passman
Warren Metzendorf
Jeff Tobias
Paul Steinfeld
Craig Fuller



This year's skiing program had to be the most successful ever.

Ron Berg is now a water skiing camper. After three long years of persistent trial and error, he has reached the pennacle of success, planeing on the water. Maybe ever more astounding is that after seven years, Paul Steinfeld, alias Porky, is now a water skiing J.C.

This year's skiing program was highlighted by three ski trips to Legend Lake. All qualified skiers who desired went. Not only did the campers get alot of skiing in, Wayne Towne made his debut as a water skier, exhibiting fine three-point skiing form. The days were always closed by the infamous "joy rides" of Smitty Smithard. The object of the ride being to unsettle the equilibrium of the skier such that he catapulted, preferably head-first into the water.

An article about the skiing program would not be complete unless it made some mention of the fearsome twosome. Chavin and Zalay, who haunted the skiing instructors twenty-four hours a day with a persistent "Will you pull me?" All the C.I.T.s seemed to think that water skiing was their own personal class. They were willing to ski in any weather at any time.

We feel that we were so successful this year is getting the campers up that maybe we're now ready for the ultimate test: skiing Uncle Manny.

Dave Kirkeby
Jim Burdue
Doug Scheer

Skiing Instructors

Smallcraft

Despite being hampered by a severe lack of space due to the water skiing program, campers who took small craft instruction did learn some basic skills. Canoeing and rowing were the predominate topics and sailing was taught to the few boys who showed a genuine interest in learning it.

The boys were taught how to properly load, launch, and land canoes and rowboats along with the proper techniques of rowing and paddling.

Safety and rescue skills were also covered, including methods for emptying a swamped canoe and landing a swamped rowboat and the proper procedure for handling oneself and the boats in such emergencies.

The wind also made the classes difficult to impossible on some days, as most of the boys are not physically capable of handling these types of boats in high winds on our lake.

In spite of the difficulties, the boys enjoyed themselves and many did learn something about boats and canoes which they did not know previous to coming to camp.

Craig Schielke
Warren Metzdorf
Stuart Sorkin
Smallcraft Instructors

Land Sports

Land sports classes for 1971 were taught by Duane Boyer, Paul Lakey, Irv Goldberg, and Dick Garb. This class was devoted to the learning of skills in all the different sports that we have available to us. After the skills were taught, they were practiced by playing a game. The sports that made up the land sports area are hockey, rugby, soccer, volleyball, flickerball, football, and 16-inch softball.

My favorite class was a class the second four-weeks which met second hour on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Because of the size of the class, which was seven, each camper was able to get individual instruction. Those campers in the class were Brad Ashman, Chris Clotiaux, Ken Tickman, Marc Margolies, Larry Gordon, Earl Friedman, and Jordan Feiger. Three of these campers had the leading scores in their division for the flickerball toss on Giant Tribe Sunday.

Flickerball and hockey, which were introduced last year, continued to be popular. Flickerball got new life when we changed the rules slightly near the end of camp.

Looking forward to more exciting activities next year.

Dick Garb, Land Sports Instructor



Baseball

Baseball classes in 1971 were taught by Irv Goldberg and Dick Garb. The class was devoted to learning the fundamentals of baseball and then practicing them. I would like to give special recognition to the baseball class that covered cabins seven through ten for the work they did cleaning up the pit behind the near diamond backstop.

Camp Waupaca had two challenge baseball games against the Boys!

Country Club in 1971. In the first game played here, Camp Waupaca went down in defeat by a score of 11 to 7. Those campers on the team were:

Bob Rehbock

Steve Taslitz

Scott Friedenberg

Mark Miller

Marty Shabelman

Mitch Ferdman

Howard Gartzman

Dave Karlin

Ron Tickman

Craig Clotiaux

Al Mandel

Gary Rubinstein

In the second game, Camp Waupaca came out victorious by a score of 14 - 7. We jumped out to an early lead and continued to pour it on. We got the victory by hitting the ball far which resulted in many extra base hits. Members of this team were:

Bob Rehbock

Steve Taslitz

Scott Friedenberg

Mark Miller

Marty Shabelman

Gary Rubinstein

Dave Karlin

Ron Tickman

Larry Gordon

Steve Alex

Sid Karlin

Jed Baron

Skip Shein

Ed Goldberg

Lee Becker

Dave Korman

Bill Pochis

Hope to see you all back next year at the near and far diamonds.

Dick Garb,

Baseball Instructor

Basketball 1971

For the first time since 1965, the Land Sports department instituted classes solely for instruction in basketball. An increased interest in basketball over the past few years paved the way to a large enrollment of campers in such a program. Several experimental techniques of instruction and application were tried by each of three instructors in an effort to discover the most effective way of improving the skills of those interested campers. By combining the methods successfully carried forward and eliminating those that met with little enthusiasm, the 1972 basketball program should become a popular and effective tool for improving basketball skills.

Two systems of class division were tried: 1) Advanced and Beginning classes divided by age and ability, and 2) Classes divided solely according to age. Some classes worked on improving skills through playing and an emphasis on verbal correction of the player's mistakes, some classes emphasized drills and frequent application of new techniques in game situations. Both were dependent on camper interest, but the second method seemed more effective in both instilling fundamentals and increasing advanced skills.

Those classes employing drills centered mainly on the fundamentals of shooting and ball handling. Frequent defense drills centering on a 3-2 zone proved most effective in giving the boys a sense of "the team as a unit". Lay-up, fast-break, and passing drills found application in game situation drills and regular games during class time. An overall emphasis on increasing defensive skills among the older and more advanced players has shown successful results during the morning competition period. On the whole, the camp plays a much better brand of basketball than has been seen in the recent past.

Ron Lavine

Program Director

Tennis, one of the most popular sports at camp, is taught in such a way that the campers may learn the fundamentals such as: body position, follow-through, swing level, grip, correct service, etc. People who made great progress in these skills were Jimmy Pollack and Peter Fript. We had twenty-four classes a week and around 80 campers each four weeks taking our course. Even with the rain, "Waupaca Bounce," and chasing the balls into the woods and the golf course, we tried to get each camper playing as much tennis as possible. We hope the "learning-while-you-play" is the correct theory of teaching tennis.

We put up a tennis ladder after two weeks of camp to add competition and goal orientation to our classes. It was great to see so many people In fact, we had the entire B Ladder filled and most of on the ladder. the A Ladder. This made for more and better play, especially for the Number One Man -- just ask Mark Horwitz, who, by the way, was Number One for the full five weeks. He was challenged mainly by Ed Goldberg, Dan Slive, and Rob Tepperman. Cary Goldberg couldn't beat Ed this year; however, he may next. On the B Ladder Marty Shabelman was in control most of the time. He was challenged by Mitch Ferdman, who learned to swing level at camp, David Feltman, Howard Gartzman, and David Horwich. In all, there was some good tennis played. With lots of hustle and practice on fundamentals each one of you could be competing well in your individual age groups. We see a huge reservoir of untapped potential which only you can bring out through your own efforts. So keep slamming that ball and have a creative and thought-provoking school year.

Dave Kalscheur and Rudi Iwanski,

Tennis Instructors

The golf program at Camp Waupaca was again in full swing during the 1971 camping season. There were two challenge ladders, one for cabins 1-8, and another for cabins 9-C.I.T. The Goldberg family dominated the ladders, as Cary won the junior ladder, and Ed swept the senior honors. A contest was held to see who could put his tee shot closest to the flagstick on the first hole. This contest was won easily by Larry Newman, whose beautiful tee shot landed two feet eight inches from the stick, a truly remarkable shot. The highlights of the golfing season were trips to Royal Oaks Country Club during the first four weeks, and a trip to the beautiful nine-hole layout of the Waupaca Country Club during the last four weeks. Twelve to sixteen of the camp's top golfers went on each trip. Everyone enjoyed himself immensely, even though the Waupaca Country Club trip was on a Lazy Day, and we had to get up at 7:00. The 1971 golf season was a great one, loaded with lots of fun, and lots of great golf.

Brian, Curt, Tom, and Sid were very pleased to have been associated with such fine young men, the Palmers and Nicklaus's of the future.

Brian Torgerson

Curt Adams

Tom Dahlberg

Sid Karlin

Golf Instructors