



THE TRAIL'S END

**CAMP
WAUPACA
1977**



As editor of this literary work, I would like to explain how to read this book. It is actually harder than one might think. For example, the first thing that a camper might do is to find his picture or see what his batting average turned out to be. Then he might put it down and never look at it again. That person is missing the very essence of this annual tradition at Camp Waupaca.

I find that the best way to read it is to skim through it briefly and look for the more interesting aspects, something to keep my attention. Then I would open to page one and read every word. I'm not implying that every word needs to be read just for a reading and grammar exercise. What I'm trying to say is that one never knows when his name will pop up or when a humorous anecdote will brighten the story. Certainly the memories that are found will kindle that desire to return to camp.

Enjoy this book. It is yours to read and to remember your friends by. That way, this book will carry many warm memories five or ten years from now.

Many hours of hard work have gone into the best yearbook ever. Study the pictures, read the articles, and write to many of the staff members during the winter.

Until the Trail's End...

Mike Lurie,
Editor



MEMO FROM MANNY

As you read this yearbook several times throughout the year, you will recall the great times you had at Camp Waupaca. Remember getting off the bus, going to the horseshoe to be introduced to your counsellors and hurrying off to your cabins with some new and old friends. You picked your bunk, looked around, and came back to the horseshoe for table assignments.

After signing up for classes you were off to a great experience of participating in class instruction, competition, overnight tripping, special evening programs, and who could forget the Olympics at the end of the first four weeks?

It was a pleasure to watch you in your classes and other activities that you were enjoying. After saying goodbye to the first four week campers, we welcomed the second four weekers. Again camp came alive with the excitement of meeting new boys--summer moved on. The eight week campers and the second four week campers soon became friends as we continued with signing up for different classes and new competition teams.

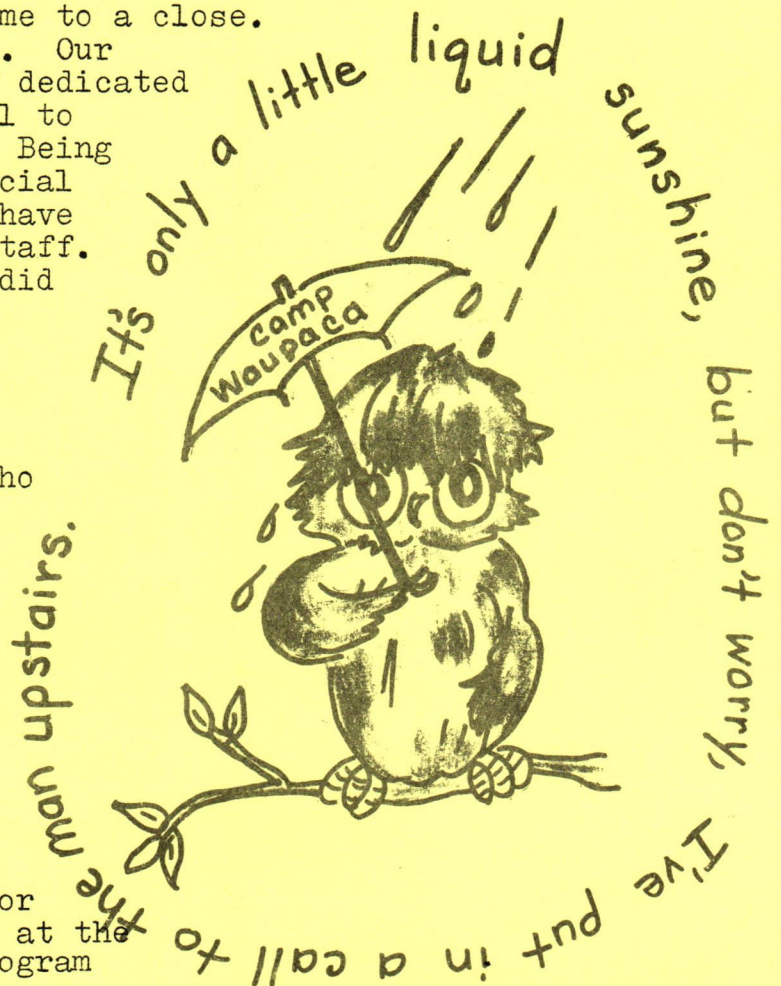
Something new this year--you bet. For the first time, we had a Camp Waupaca Sports Spectacular. How did you like those neat shirts we printed for the spectacular? This is in addition to the many other shirts you asked us to make for you. Enjoy wearing them.

You will read about the fantastic Early Bird. It could not have been better. Can't wait for next year. How about the Water Slide?

The summer of '77 has come to a close. We hope you had a great time. Our special thanks to a group of dedicated counselors who gave their all to teach and take care of you. Being a camp counselor takes a special person. We were pleased to have many special people on the staff. Our cooks and kitchen aides did a super job of keeping our stomachs full. One of the main ingredients that went into every meal was the love of children.

There were many people who deserve a special thank you for making the summer enjoyable. Erv Kasian for coming up early to open camp and, of course, get those mini-bikes you enjoyed so much on the trail. There will be more mini-biking next summer.

Wayne Towne for planning the adventurous overnights and Early Bird trip you will long remember. Pete Jones for keeping everything shipshape at the waterfront. The swimming program was smooth sailing this summer. We also want to thank his wife, Sandy, for shopping and doing the canteen.



To Kenny Robbins, our appreciation for the many special programs he gave us and his musical talent in making us a happy, singing camp.

To George Lamm for assisting Kenny and being so helpful in doing many things to keep camp in shape.

A special thanks to our Program Director, Ron Lavine, for his interest in seeing young boys learn and have a good time. Ron planned programs that kept you busy from sunrise to sunset. We know you had fun by the way you participated. Keeping campers busy and happy is not an easy job. Ron managed to do both, and to him we are most appreciative. Without a doubt, Ron is the finest program director a camp could have.

Much appreciation to Ray Krysh for the outstanding job he has done in the land sports program and special programing for C.I.T.'s. Ray is dedicated and puts a lot of himself into the program. We are very pleased and happy to have Ray on our staff.

To our nurses, Rose Mary and Susi, many thanks for watching over the campers. Your "extra" touch and concern kept our campers healthy. Reminding campers to take thier medication was a full-time job--no better care and attention could have been given.

This yearbook would not have been possible without the hard work of Mike Lurie and Georgia Euer. When you look at the art work and typing, think of the many hours Georgia Euer put in. When you count the pages, think of Mike's running off the pages and assembling the booklets, assisted by campers. Also for Mike's help in the office. Our picture pages are the work of our great photographer, Steve McConnell.

It takes a lot of people to run Camp Waupaca. We have forty-four staff members. Helping us do a good job is our very capable assistant director, Mike Euer. Mike does so many things that it would take a separate yearbook to express our thanks to him. The hours spent in the office, the special designs on T-shirts, keeping the records up-to-date takes a Mike Euer. He cares for the campers as well as the counselors. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated person. We appreciate all you do to make Waupaca a great camp.

Now that the shouting of the Blue and White War has quieted down, the fields and waterfront closed for '77, we say farewell to the campers and are grateful for the largest number of Early Birds signed up for '78.

Soon the leaves will take on their autumn coloring, then fade away, only to return in the spring, calling us back to the fields and shores of Lake Stratton for another great summer.

You will think of camp many times during the year. We look forward to seeing you at the reunion in January. It won't be long before you will hear "It's another beautiful day at Camp Waupaca."

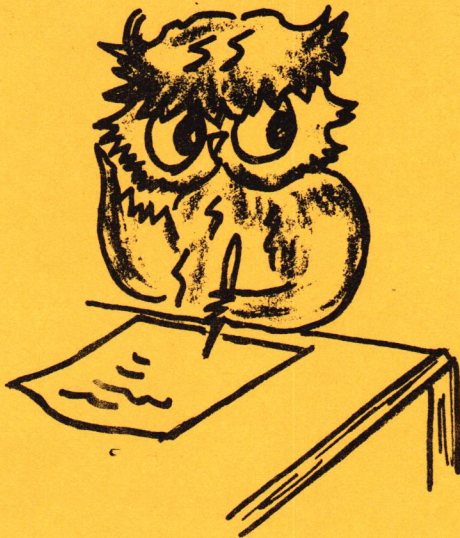
Respect your parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, teachers, and friends. Get along with others because that's what we would like for the "Boys who come from Stratton Lake" to do.

Until '78.

Campingly,

Lillian and Manny Desnet

OFFICE

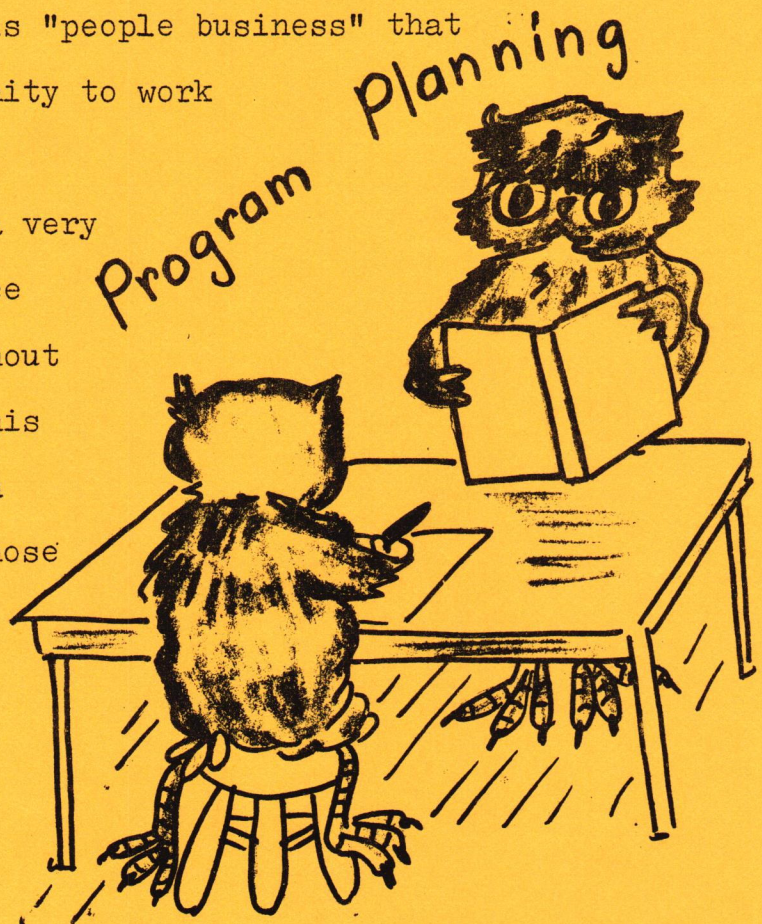


The 1977 camping season is about over, and we'll soon be going home. It has been a good season, and I'm already making plans for the summer of '78.

As Assistant Camp Director, I have the great opportunity to work with both campers and staff. It has been a most interesting summer, and all of you have been GREAT.

It is very difficult to say "Thanks" to Manny because you won't let me. You're so busy being a warm-hearted, kind, generous patient person that you won't sit still long enough to hear a "Thank you"--but thanks anyway, Manny, for just being YOU. You're the greatest person in this "people business" that I've ever had the opportunity to work with.

To Mike Lurie I owe a very special thanks. The office would not be the same without you! There's no one in this camp who has your skill in coaxing the best out of those office machines. Your pride in your work shows with each and every thing that you do.



To those two, wonderful nurses--Rose Mary and Susie--my heartfelt thanks for all those little extras you do for the campers and staff that makes my job easier.

To the staff in the kitchen, thanks for your patience and help this summer. Without your preparation of good food, the campers and staff would be inoperable.

Although we have not done as much silk screening as in years past, we have printed many fine shirts this summer. I would like to thank all of the campers who helped with silk screening this year. You all did an outstanding job.

Many thanks to Ron for his cooperation with the office during his programs this summer.

To the rest of the staff, thanks for a job well done. Your cooperation and patience has been greatly appreciated this summer.

To Bob Mowen, who is not officially a staff member but who does so very much for the camp, I say, "Thanks." Your interest in the camp has been shown time and time again in all that you have done for/with us.

The camp staff has tried to see that each and every camper has had the very best camping experience that is possible. If you wish to write to the staff, their addresses are at the back of the yearbook.

Have a good school year, and start packing for '78.

Mike Euer,

Assistant Camp Director

STAFF ORIENTATION

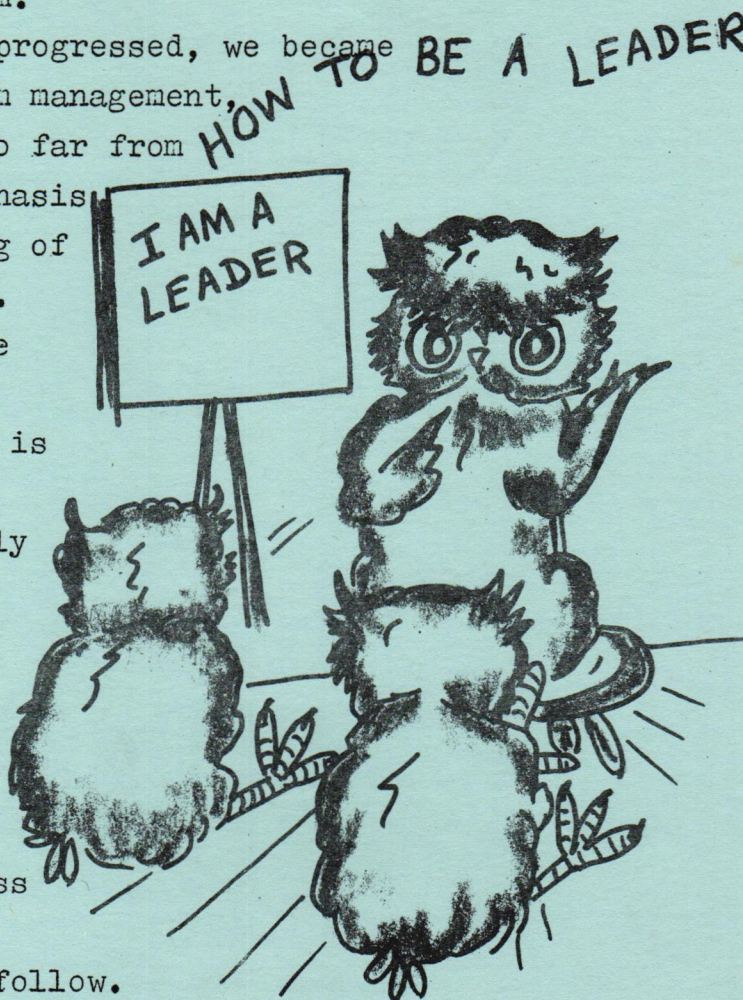
The first week of camp, even before the campers arrived, was a busy one for the counselors. New staff members, as well as veteran camper counselors, took the opportunity to sit down and discuss the objectives and problems that must be considered in dealing with today's youngsters.

This year I planned a series of meetings and activities geared toward enabling the staff to become aware of the thoughts and feelings that guide the actions of their campers. Discussions centered around staff and camper relationships, as well as ensuing debates and group discussions helped familiarize staff with the causes that lay behind camper homesickness, anger, and tension. By better understanding the roots of the problems, our staff demonstrated throughout the course of the summer a willingness to deal with the individual instead of simply dealing with the problem.

As the staff week progressed, we became more involved in program management, but we never strayed too far from the people-centered emphasis upon which the beginning of the orientation focused. After all, we are in the people business, and in dealing with kids there is no margin for error.

We benefited greatly as a staff from the opportunity to meet and share our experiences and philosophies. The staff week helped to create an atmosphere of teamwork and togetherness that prepared us well for the eight weeks to follow.

Ron Lavine,
Program Director



DIET TABLE

Many goals and accomplishments were met and achieved during the camp season. For a few boys and counselors the hardest goal being sought was the challenge of losing weight. The campers soon found out that frustrations and determination conflict greatly within the person while trying to lose weight. There were weeks when everyone lost a pound or two and then there were the weeks when everyone gained one, or two, or even three pounds (remember the Dells trip?).

The boys that chose to sit and participate at the diet table during the first four weeks included: Marc Brickman, Larry Miller, Richard Sklare, Robert Schneider, Greg Rohde, David Hoffman, Doug Weinberg, and Mike Greenberg. The second four weeks at the diet table included: Lee Roth, Mike Roskin, Gregg Greenstein, Jon Juron, Robert Schneider, and Robert Garfinkle.

The amount of weight lost during the camp season was a grand total of eighty-four pounds. Each of the boys lost an average of between six and eight pounds. Larry Miller was the best loser and was awarded a special plaque for all his hard work.

INFIRMARY

The infirmary was full of action from the time the PA blared out "The infirmary is now open" until taps had sounded (and sometimes after taps--right CIT's?)

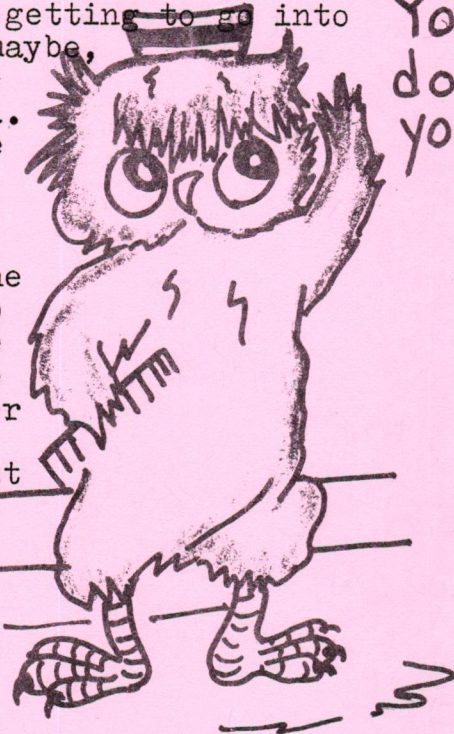
Aspirins soothed the headaches, and Pepto-Bismol soothed the stomach aches in times of stress. Salt water gargles and round yellow lozenges were popular items in the infirmary. Other popular items were Ace bandages and heating pads, and, of course, the old faithful--Band-Aids.

Homesickness was given a helping hand by a friendly talk and, maybe, a pat and a hug.

An occasional visit to the camp doctor by some of the campers would mean getting to go into town and, maybe, seeing a pretty girl.

We hope we have eased the aches and pains of the campers who came to see us and made their summer happier, because just to know all of the campers has given us a great summer, and a summer we'll never forget.

You can't go to the doctor without combing your hair.



KITCHEN

This summer will always be remembered by the kitchen girls of '77. Here are some of our special reasons to you from us--

Rainy days and Bingo games...garbage cans of "bug"-juice... shake and bakes...What's for dessert?...!"talking" silverware... Cubs' fans...catching rays on breaks...writing notes to whom?... late horseback riders...letter from David Alpert...Ricky and his cherries...Hooray!! Paper plates!!!...important meetings... the big dipper...meeting the parents...lost retainers...fifteen minute "fights" with the garbage cans (after watermelon)... "fights" in the mess hall: what are they doing?...Kenny's chords...No problem, no problem...smooth...signing up for classes...Mrs. Towne's slick stuff...sneaking treats to favorites the Olympics...Moon walk...Blue/White warfare: even in the kitchen...sports spectacular... kitchen gossip...Saturday's super-duper french fries...Ron's constant: competition...smuggling cookies...Haven't I seen you somewhere before? ...Mini golf...what's under your plate?...you're slipping!...space voyage... dropping dishes...crashing glasses: applause, applause...and, finally, camp comes to a close...

AW MAN!!

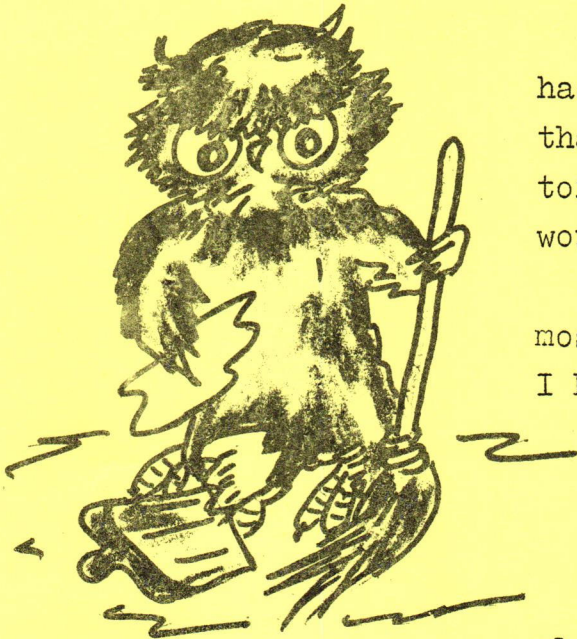


It's been a fantastic summer, we love you all!

Linda Cook
Kelly Kozlovsky

JoAnne Cornely
Mary Schroeder

MAINTENANCE



As maintenance man for this year it has been a new experience. The jobs that had to be tackled were cleaning toilets, cutting grass (when the mower worked), painting, etc.

Cleaning toilets has to be one of the most boring jobs ever invented! Everyday I knew what to expect and how to solve it.

However, there were some campers who still tried to plug up the toilets. They have not been successfu.

Taking an overall look at the cleanliness of the bathrooms makes me, the maintenance man, rate them. Sharing the honors for having the dirtiest bathrooms consistently this summer are cabins 11 and 12. The cabins having the cleanest bathrooms consistently throughout the summer are cabins 9 and 10 as well as cabins 5 and 6.

"Heroism" is found in strange places; however, I would never have thought that Camp Waupaca would be the place where I would have to risk my neck, but, the rifle range gave me the closest call of all for the summer. One day while I was putting on a new roof at the range, Larry Martin's classes were shooting their guns. Some lead came through the roof! They didn't even shout "Fore!"

As far as some of the other jobs, I would like to thank Bob Tester for his great help this summer. My other big "Thank you" goes to you campers who made my work possible.

Good luck to all of you in whatever you undertake to do this year.

See you in '78,
David Mayefski,
Maintenance Director