

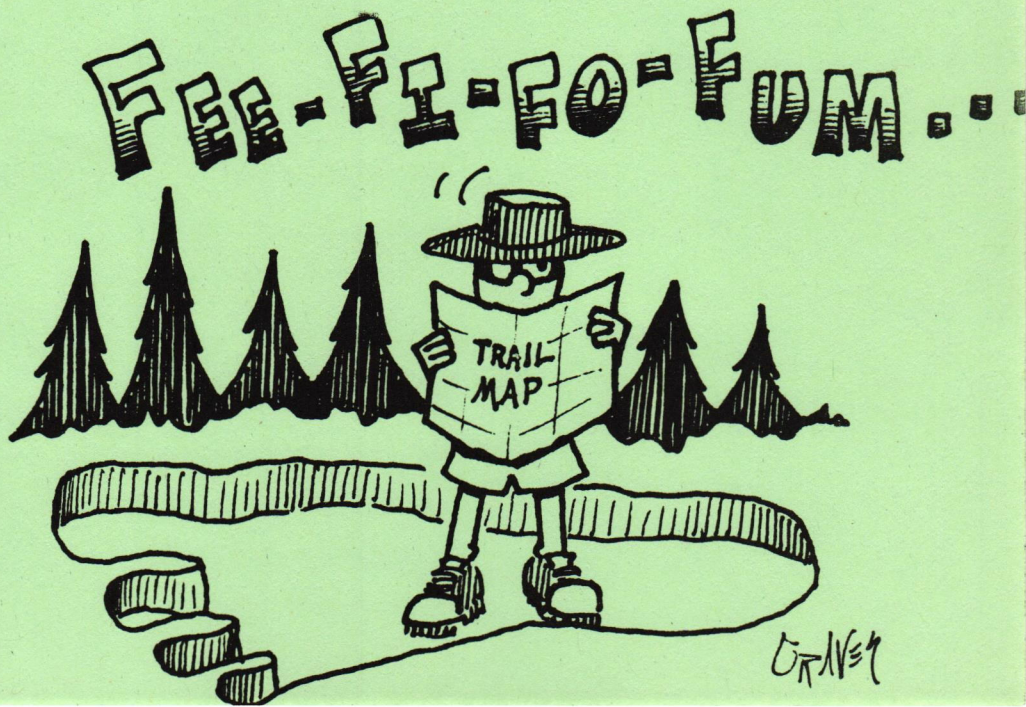
TRIPPING

The 1986 camping groups each spend an afternoon and evening at nearby Hartman Creek State Park. Each group gathered firewood, set up tents, and lived off the land, (and kitchen prepared coolers) for an evening.

Each trip usually began with a softball game challenge, either with each other, or a neighboring group also camping nearby. Other activities were hikes into the woods, trips to the beach, bird banding, or a stroll to the waterfall. The evening program consisted largely of preparing the dinner, making s'mores while telling a ghost (or fish) story or two. Our tripping excitement this year began at Hartman Creek State Park with cabins 1, 4, 6, & 7. Memories of this tripping experience were the famous Robert Resnick scare. David Weitzenfeld and Bobby Schwartz set up a neat situation but staff members Mike Lenz & Al Schambow turned the tables and scared all the other campers in good fun. Everyone had a good laugh when the truth came out.

Cabins 9, 10, 12, & 14 followed with an exciting trip to the beach to meet as many lovely young ladies as possible. With AJ Levin, Scott Fox, & Gregg Feinstein, and their famous boom boxes on their shoulders, the possibilities were endless. We had the right bait but unfortunately no fish were biting.

The second four weeks the groups grew bigger and the excitement mushroomed. The first trip saw Cabins 1 & 2 at our secluded group camp site. New staff member Karl Ader volunteered his services as Fire Marshall as Benjy Schwab, Jason Drexler, Brett Kaufman, & Steve Millman were assigned wood detail and brought back just enough to fill up an empty toothpick container. All in all we got the wood and had a great evening out.



Cabins 3 & 4 proved to all that, "Don't be afraid" is just a statement. After the park warden drove through the campsite to say hello, **Dave Hager** wasted no time in telling the campers that a "madman" was on the loose! **David Smoller**, **Jon Venetos**, and **Brian Eggener** told us they saw him lurking in the woods. Strange as it may seem, the madman never showed up, but campers had the touch of fun before everyone was calmed down.

Cabins 5, 6, & 7 enjoyed their evening out with a softball challenge led by the invincible **Cole Klapman**. He had all the talk and some of the right moves. What followed was an invasion of the beach leaving the pretty life guard, Amy to remark, "I don't believe this!" Our group stormed the beach as if it was Normandy in 1944.

Cabins 8, 9 & 11 were greeted by a group of 150 campers across the field--coed campers. A thrilling softball game evolved into an emotional loss for Waupaca. **Gregg Feinstein** complained about "losing to a bunch of girls," as the neighboring camp came from behind to defeat our brave boys.

The CITs wound up the year with a social and dance with a group of bicycling/canoeing young ladies from Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. Although the weather was a bit damp, our spirits weren't as we met new friends and had an enjoyable and exciting evening.

Dennis Bravick,
A quiet guy that likes
to sleep in the woods.

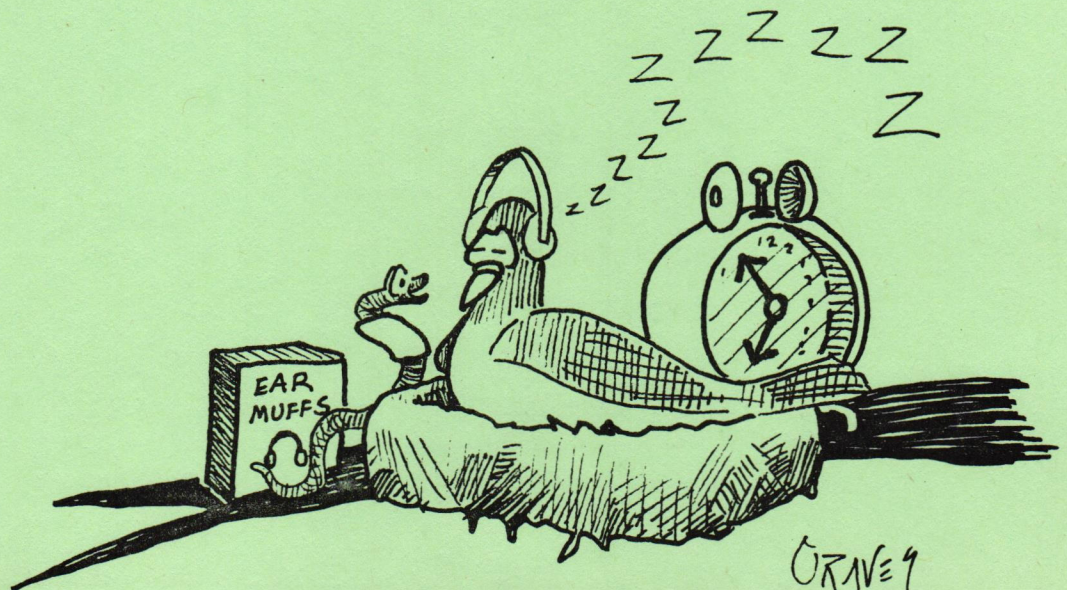
EARLY BIRD

The trip to end all trips -- the 1986 Earlybird -- embarked at the end of the fourth week. It began as **Mike** the bus driver rolled in with his bus from Plainfield, Wisconsin. **Rob Resnick** was seen greeting **Mike** with a loud "Hi! My name is **Robert Resnick!**" It was time to start loading the bus. **Josh Salter** and all the other boys were trying to move their gear to the bus as quickly as they could. From the smile on **Josh's** face, you could see their was lots of fun on the way.

The brave eight week adventurers boarded the bus, complete with sleeping bags, tents, and the all important money that mom and Dad slipped them some four weeks before. The trip to Wisconsin Dells had begun. Back at Camp Waupaca, a sad **Jeremy Parker** became instantly glad when he heard that he could stay for the full eight weeks. When we arrived at Noah's Ark, everyone poured out of the bus, and ran straight to the amusement park's rides. **Brett Schwartz, Ricky Spritz, & Bryan Hoffman** could be seen at Paradise Lagoon. **Matt Silverstein, Alex Jacobs, & Mike Margolese** were flying down the water slide at speeds to great to track. Back at The Plunge, **AJ Levin, Paul Warshauer, & Scott Fox** were losing their shorts.

Lunchtime came, and we met up with **Rick Poole**, who was drinking a Pepsi. After lunch, it was back to the rides; back to the fun. **Ed Schotz & Adam Moschin** were turning "360s." **Lee Eisner, Scott Rubin, Eric Goldstein, & Al Genender** jumped off The Cliff Dive at the same time. They had to sit down for a good five minutes. While all this was going on **Jon Gordon** had managed to find a TV, and was watching the Cubs game.

After Noah's Ark, the bus went to Mirror Lake State Park, where the weary campers feasted on bratwurst and potato chips -- a veritable Wisconsin feast. Then, it was off to see the famed **Tommy Bartlett Water Ski Show**. The show was filled with pole climbers, dancing waters, **Dieter Tasso**, and skiing at its best. After the show, **Paul Warshauer** met with **Mr. Tasso**



and got a picture with him. **Peter Berk** had a great time watching Aqua the Clown and his boat. Then it was back to Mirror Lake State Park, taps, and a night's sleep (with the exception of the CITs, **AJ Levin, Gregg Feinstein, Scott Fox, & Jason Smith**). Remember the games around the fire (lantern)?

In the morning, a frenzied **Mike Euer** woke the campers quickly. It was raining, and things needed to be done. **Dave Weitzenfeld** could be seen jumping off the swings, while the **Cabin 14 boys** were heard arguing about the dreary weather. When the sky cleared, the hearty adventurers once again boarded the yellow bus, in search of the famous Wisconsin Ducks. One of the duck drivers was actually heard telling a new joke to his passengers! After experiencing Suicide Hill and seeing Red Bird Gorge, it was off to Family Land.

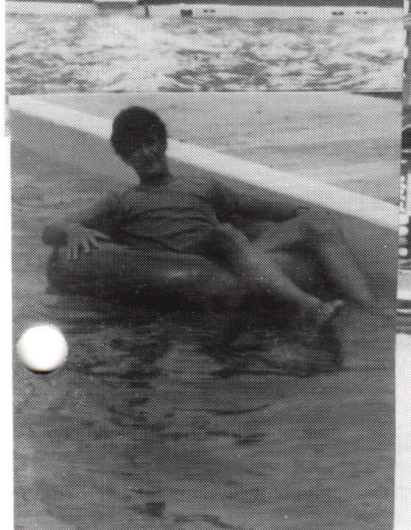
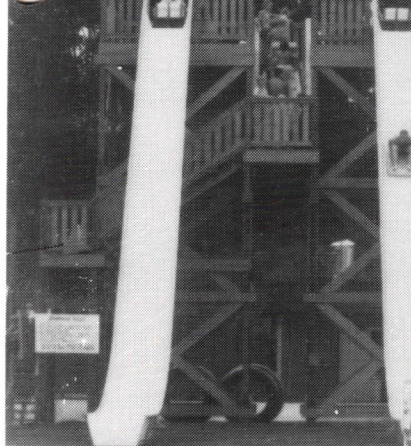
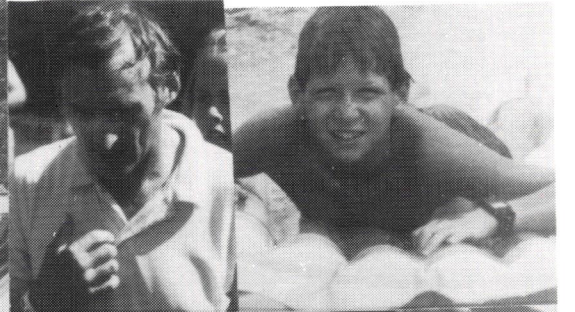
On the Pirate ride, **Adam Moschin, Chris Thake, Jason Charles, Mike Jelinek, & Scott Rubin** almost lost there stomachs. **Bob Mowen** was floating without a care in the world on the Lazy River ride. This new ride was fun for everyone. After winding up several action packed hours at Family Land, the next stop was downtown Wisconsin Dells.

Fudge, hats, t-shirts, pizza, french fries, and more awaited the fearless young campers from Waupaca. When the shopping finally came to a halt, and the campers were gathered back together, it was off to Burger King for one last "civilized" meal. **David Euer & David Costello** got genuine Burger King crowns; **Jon Torshen & Steve Wanty** amazed the younger campers with the amounts of food they were filling themselves with. Unfortunately, all fun trips must come to a close. It was time to say goodbye to Wisconsin Dells, and return to the waiting friends at Camp Waupaca, and the excitement of the second four weeks.

Faithfully Submitted,

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