

CAMP JULIA CROWELL - DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 25 - August 19, 1967

The 1967 season at Camp Julia Crowell was most successful. The camp of 112 campers was small enough to serve the individual camper and big enough to provide an excellent program. Our goals and objectives were based on a program for campers in the 10-12 year age bracket with some or no camping experience. Our main goal was to provide an experience for the campers to remember - a time of fun and relaxation, a time to develop friendships with and an appreciation of girls and counselors of other backgrounds, and a time to develop in knowledge and skills of gracious outdoor living.

I STAFF

The staff at Camp Julia Crowell numbered 28. Eight of these were returning staff from other years. Two of the staff were absolutely new to camping but were eager and enthusiastic and enjoyed this first experience.

The administrative staff included two over-all assistants - one was in charge of crafts, the other assistant served as business manager and store operator. The crafts' consultant had been at camp the two previous years, the latter had been in a unit the summer before. Both of them were to carry part responsibility for program. The crafts' director worked with camper council in planning all-camp activities and the business manager did most of the work on the newspaper. The director carried out the remainder of the program needs and services working closely with unit leaders. The waterfront director had served in her capacity the previous year and again did a fine job. She had to work with the Hilaka staff to coordinate the pool and shower facilities. The three nurses, each for a part of the camp session, were exceptional. One came for the first two sessions, one for the first week of the third session (she continued on at Hilaka), and a third for the remainder of the season. People on the administrative staff worked together quite well as a team to give needed service and support to the units and the unit staff felt close to the administrative staff.

The unit staff, except for two members, were experienced campers. The two non-experienced were unit leaders who acquired the necessary knowledge and skills quickly. All unit staff worked well with each other in the units and also helped to make all-camp activities successful.

Kitchen staff also made a hit. Homemade rolls made them popular with the campers and staff alike and especially with the director, who kept an alert eye on the budget. They worked well together and did an excellent job. Good, pleasant cooks are not always easy to find, but we had them.

Staff as a whole had a good time and worked well together for the benefit of the campers and camp.

II CAMPERS

We served a total of 402 campers at Camp Julia Crowell. A breakdown of statistics can be found with this report. We operated four general units of 26-28 girls each. The age range of our groups was from 9-14 years with the majority being

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II Campers (continued)

11 years old. Over half of them had had previous camping experience either at Camp Margaret Bates or at Camp Julia Crowell. All of the units were on the same experience level.

Our campers were a healthy lot considering the weather during this season. No major accidents occurred and the trips to the doctor were minimal. Cold and sore throats were about our main concern. One emergency appendectomy showed up fourth session, but our alert nurse and prompt action handled it quite well.

Fourteen of our campers were children sent to camp with federal funds from the inner city areas. Of these fourteen, two were Girl Scouts. These children were a pleasure to have in camp. They were divided up and placed into units, as were all of our campers. They presented no problems and the contributions they made to our other campers and the staff were great. They enjoyed themselves and I think will be looking for Girl Scout troops to join upon their return home as well as looking forward to other camping experiences in the future.

III PROGRAM

Program is everything the camper does from the time she arrives at camp until she leaves. The things she will remember will be those which were the most fun and enjoyable - be it work or play. We lost no campers due to homesickness, so the program must have been good, exciting and interesting.

A. COOK-OUTS

Cook-outs were popular with the campers. A couple of patrols in different units were called advanced cooking patrols and the camper spent more than the usual amount of time cooking and preparing outdoor meals. Also, some of their time was spent with the dietitian in going over meal preparation and planning. Administrative staff was usually invited to their "big" meals which were quite good.

B. HIKING

This was a favorite activity of some of our campers. Furnace Run, a section of the Akron Park System, seemed to be the spot this summer. Whipp's Ledges, now with a new section open, is a little closer than it was before and a lot nicer. The Pony Farm (Walnut Valley Farms) is no longer open to us. The change in personnel there has cost us a very interesting spot to visit.

C. INTEREST GROUPS

This summer interest groups were a new program idea and proved most successful. They were supported by both the staff and campers. We had five interest groups available which were: sculpturing in either clay or plaster; puppets or play acting; folk dancing; singing and nature. Campers signed up for one of them during the first couple of days of camp.

We had definite time blocks set aside for interest groups so that the unit program could be worked around them. The last Thursday night of

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III Program (continued)

each session was "Presentation Night". The puppet shows or plays were given and the folk dancing and singing groups performed. The singing group also assisted with Sunday services, Scouts' Own and Wishboat Ceremonies. Each session the sculpture groups presented an art show in Garfield during the latter part of the second week. Awards were given to those who had done the best job. During one session the nature group made a nature trail around the lake. They made signs giving clues as to what to look for and information about things to be found. Other groups gave the dining hall an attractive "air" with nature bulletin boards and displays. Interest groups gave the campers an opportunity to meet and work with girls from different units. It also gave the counselors a chance to work with different campers other than those in their own unit.

D. OUTPOSTING

Outposting by patrols and interest groups within a unit was also a favorite activity. Selection of a site, building of a latrine or table, pitching a tent and cooking out for two and three days was an experience which a number of the campers will never forget.

E. CARNIVALS

Land and water carnivals and our Alpine night were enjoyed as all-camp activities. Wishboat ceremonies, as we had them, were very impressive.

F. SERVICE AND FUN PROJECT

A service and fun project with Broadview Center for Retarded Children was the highlight of one unit's activities. Eleven children from the center were entertained for a day by part of a unit group. A member of the nursing staff came down to talk to the campers about retardation before the children came. The campers then planned a day of activities based on what they had learned. A hike, a picnic with hot dogs, singing, games and crafts made it a busy and successful day for all.

G. CAMPER NEWSPAPER

As articles were received from the campers, the Camper Newspaper was run off and handed out. A page every day or so made it more interesting and effective. It let others know what was going on and perhaps gave them some ideas as to what all could be done in camp.

H. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Campfires, Scouts' Owns, crafts and nature study as well as a planned waterfront program were also included in our program. The new pool was enjoyed by all.

Program includes a lot and I've mentioned the highlights so as to give an idea of the caliber of program presented at camp this summer.

As a final note I wish to say it has been a very good and safe summer. I appreciate the fact that I had a good staff, enjoyable campers, and the support from the council, the board, the program services committee and the office to make it such. Thank you.

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IV RECOMMENDATIONS

My recommendations as follows are for the benefit of the camp so that safety and quality of program can be maintained:

1. The lake, if it is to be used for boating and canoeing, needs attention soon. The seaweed has taken over and boating in it has become almost impossible.
2. The electrical wiring at the crafthouse should be gone over as some of the outlets do not work at all and others are not accessible for easy use.
3. The back porches and steps of Garfield are in need of repair.
4. The gas stoves and oven in Garfield should have a thorough going over and gas lines and valves should be cleaned before next season.
5. Some system of communication between Garfield and Kirby should be available. The battery powered walkie-talkies do not work within Garfield. Also, the fire siren cannot be heard inside Garfield.
6. The latrines within the units and behind Garfield are in sad shape. A latrine is needed in the area of the crafthouse and parking lot for use by visitors (opening and closing days) and by campers while at the crafthouse.
7. More row boats and canoes are needed if waterfront activities are to be of quality. At least two more of each are required to give good instruction with a minimal safety hazard.
8. A parent permission slip authorizing the camp to grant emergency medical treatment should be given some consideration. In the case of the appendectomy, if the parents could not have been reached, it would have been too bad and too late. In case of emergencies time does not always permit calls or parents cannot always be reached and the hospital will not treat a patient without some authorization.
9. A number of the beds have given away and should be replaced. Others are not far behind.
10. Dead timber above roads, paths and tent areas should be cut out. (Insurance report will state this)
11. Shower facilities at the pool are inadequate to handle the number of campers in the time periods allotted. Eight shower heads for 60-90 campers in 10-15 minutes? Drainage also is not good in some areas of the shower house.
12. Small repairs are needed to the tents and tenting areas.

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CAMP JULIA CROWELL ATTENDANCE REPORT - 1967

DISTRICTS	I	II	III	IV	TOTAL
Chagrin Valley	5	15	6	6	32
Chippewa	6	2	4	6	18
East	1	5	2	2	10
Euclid	2	2	2	0	6
Geauga	3	4	6	3	16
Grand River	1	3	2	1	7
Heights	10	12	8	8	38
Hillcrest	7	9	8	8	32
Lakewood	0	3	9	6	18
Little Mountain	5	7	11	5	28
Metropolitan	1	0	2	2	5
Parma Hills	1	4	11	10	26
River-Bay	4	3	2	12	21
Shaker	10	7	10	4	31
South	1	5	7	3	16
Wenofa	2	17	5	7	31
West	2	3	4	5	14
West Park	1	1	4	6	12
Wintergreen	6	8	5	5	24
Out-of-Council	0	2	0	0	2
Non-Scouts (Fed. Funds)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>
Total	68	112	111	111	402
Juniors	54	101	82	49	286
Cadettes	14	11	26	50	101
Non-Scouts (Fed. Funds)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>
Grand Total	68	112	111	111	402
Girl Scout Camperships	3	5	14	5	27

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