

beliefs, I wanted to bring zest and commitment to a simplistic, natural response to other people, to a beautiful section of the outdoors, to deepen an awareness of abiding goodness and tranquillity. To some degree this was recognized and respected. Now, as I look back, it seems that I am the person to benefit the most. The campers and the very youthful staff were generous in sharing their enthusiasm, curiosity, inspiration and friendship. This summer will be a treasured memory of fun, friends and beauty - a point of reference and direction as we travel our separate ways.

Mary Hoyes, Director

It is with great pleasure and pride that I can say that the campers and staff were outstanding. They were kind, considerate, thoughtful, and responsive to the needs of all. The campers were especially good, and I am sure that they will be a credit to the camp and to the community. They were very cooperative and willing to help out whenever needed. They were also very good at working together, and I think that this was one of the main reasons why the camp was so successful. The staff was also excellent, and I am sure that they will be a credit to the camp and to the community. They were very good at working together, and I think that this was one of the main reasons why the camp was so successful.

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visited the units either the first Monday or Tuesday of each session to discuss camp sanitation and good health practices. All of this was in addition to daily medications and emergencies.

There were several accidents, but of these two occurred the last night of camp, so the activities of these girls were not seriously curtailed. Nevertheless, we wish we could report "all clear." Three campers left for several days - one with a bruised and aching back and shoulders as a result of a fall, one with tonsillitis and a high temperature and the third with a dislocated knee. All returned within a few days including the girl with the dislocated knee who returned with a walking cast encasing her leg from thigh to toes. The only camper to leave in mid-session was one homesick child who wrote within a week to say she was glad to be home but missed camp and her new friends. She concluded by saying she knew she had to become more self-reliant as she grows up and the next time she could and would stay.

CAMP NEWSPAPER

Each session voted to have a newspaper but there all conformity ends. The names, artwork, jokes, poems and so on differed extensively with each group. After the work had been submitted and approved by the board of editors, two girls from each unit, the original sketches were painstakingly transferred to stencils. The fourth session campers even typed and proofread their own "Camp Julia Crowell Happenings of 1969." I wish all readers of this report could read all of the news issues, but I would especially like to draw attention to several contributions:

"Happiness is....
getting plenty of mail
sleeping out under the stars
going on a creek hike and getting the counselors wet
going on a counselor hunt
being able to take canoeing
sharing the beauty of the outdoors
living with other people
and making new friends
That's what happiness is!"

-Cindy Corrigan

"Laughter is like a daisy
Laughter is like going crazy
Laughter is like a fresh stream that flows
Laughter is like a wise owl that knows."

-Mary Bailey

"Life is a thing which cannot be ignored no matter what shape or form it is in. It is standing in a breeze of reality until the sun will shine on its mistake."

-Denise Carpenter

In addition to providing the campers with a happy, healthful, progressively adventurous thirteen days, the counselors with a stronger foundation of Girl Scout knowledge and

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Camp Staff and Precamp Training (continued)

1. The interest and concern of the council and its representatives at camp, both professional and volunteer.
2. The friendly visits, telephone calls and even locating outdated uniforms by the director of program services.
3. The immediate, on-the-job answers to my many questions from the director of resident camping.
4. The objective flexibility of our assistant camp director who became a unit leader when a vacancy occurred.
5. The conscientious stability of the business manager who became our off-duty Kirby clown.
6. The nurse's careful and gentle attention.
7. The waterfront director's idealistic endeavor to share her Girl Scout experience with counselors of less experience and vision.
8. The general counselor's willingness to stay until the very end in order to leave Kirby House in first rate condition for the family campers.
9. The counselors' honest belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Laws and their attempts to weave them interchangeably with everything that happened.
10. The efforts of the total staff to be supportive members of the team. Seventeen counselors have said they would like to return in 1970.

FOOD SERVICE

Using the services of SAGA this summer was, in general, a successful experiment. The meals were balanced, nourishing, held interesting surprises like pizza for lunch, fresh fruit salad, an ice cream birthday cake festival on the last night of each session, actual charcoal broiled steaks, etc. The managers were obliging and friendly as they tried to meet the unusual (from their point of view) requests for cookouts and snacks. Our cook was clean, careful in her food handling, always pleasant to campers and counselors no matter how long she had been on her feet. Our dining hall hostess was polite and efficient. The campers considered her a counselor and occasionally invited her to campfires or other special events. When I complained about bakery goods left on a cart without a cover, she devised one from plastic bags and masking tape. When trying to keep an accurate account of daily milk use, I first requested this from the SAGA manager, then the cook, but it was the dining hall hostess who eventually noted the daily milk order for my records.

The kitchen boys presented many different problems such as turnover, careless and unsanitary practices, walking through camp at night, bad language and rude manners. In spite of recurrent upsets created by the kitchen boys, the food service relieved me of many hours of work which formerly had to be spent on kitchen and dining hall supervision. The meals were very good and the campers looked forward to them. Many mentioned the good food in their camp evaluations.

HEALTH SERVICES

Our nurse made many contributions to the health measures and practices at camp. As well as giving campers an incoming check, she noted allergies, medications and special notes from the questionnaires and health cards which she discussed with the parents. She checked the kitchen, dishwashing, perishable food storage once or twice a day. She

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to a floating campfire which they set ablaze before returning to shore. The theme for this campfire was "The Lake" and so each unit representative read a poem, another read the patrol's wishes for the following session. Unit counselors held tall candles to light the birthday candles on tiny lashed rafts or bark boats which were set afloat at the water's edge. Then in the gathering dusk to guitar accompaniment, we sang *Peace, Where Have All the Flowers Gone, Today, I Know a Place* and at the end, with regret, *Taps*. Walking away we could look over our shoulders at the glowing floating campfire surrounded by pinpricks of candlelight.

SITE AND EQUIPMENT

The site of Camp Julia Crowell is beautiful with its hills, ravines, trees and fields, creeks and lake. The Mill with its waterwheel and Kirby House lend an impression of picturesque antiquity. Garfield's bouncing floor is a unique and satisfying place to expend energy and joy. It took a while for Mr. George Wetzel, Mr. Arthur Swanson and me to know which maintenance needed priority. Mr. Swanson and Mr. Wetzel were always willing, cheerful and prompt in their efforts to meet the camp needs. We are very fortunate to have these dependable men caring for Girl Scout property.

Checking inventories, locating equipment and gathering program supplies needed for opening took more time than I had mentally allowed. Leaving complete inventories, storing equipment and supplies in logical and accessible storage areas became a personal goal. With Peg Hanslik's patient advice and help, the counselors good will, we sorted and sifted, counted and shared, made lists and then corrected them.

CAMP STAFF AND PRECAMP TRAINING

In spite of our precamp mixups of inventories, schedules, incomplete staff and overlapping plans, the staff settled down, made friends, became acquainted with the site and its inherent program possibilities. We had only two returning Camp Julia Crowell counselors although a number of the staff had been campers at Camps Julia Crowell, Hilaka or both.

The precamp training was adequate but not as thoughtful and provocative as I should have made it. Part of this was caused by my lack of advance preparation and part by working with an incomplete staff arriving at odd and inconsistent times as far as training was concerned. It is my firm recommendation that the assistant camp director and business manager arrive at camp the same day the director arrives. The nurse should arrive before the end of unit staff training in order to learn the scope of her responsibility, check out and order any necessary medicine, set up the infirmary and get acquainted with the rest of the staff. An additional strain during 1969 was the lack of group training for the counselors who were added both second and third sessions. It is a mark of their capability that they met their various duties with sensitivity and determination to give their best.

Without the constructive thinking, positive attitudes, flexibility and team spirit displayed by all of the administrative staff and most of the unit staff, a very uneven program might have occurred. There are many credits which deserve mentioning:

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mounted under clear plastic took up still another. Scattered across the field were various games of skill such as ring toss, pitching pennies into various sized cans, drawing a self portrait while blindfolded and a tug of war. This project was planned and carried out by one unit with the other three units as participating guests.

Swimming and boating exerted their usual appeal and were strengthened this year by an imaginative, conscientious waterfront staff. Each session, through camper council, a water carnival was requested and each time the waterfront staff suggested the theme which units developed. After the first session, in order to prevent unit rivalry, the four competing teams represented a cross section of all units. This simple device was as effective as the themes were colorful: First session - Indians; second session - Pirates with a most awe-inspiring Captain Hook, sword fighters and peg legs; third session - Circus Days complete with a fat lady, a clown topped with a wig of frayed binder's twine; and fourth session - Toyland with teddy bears, Gepetto and Pinocchio, a tin soldier and Raggedy Ann's. Each carnival the waterfront staff devised and presented a different synchronized swimming demonstration.

Wide games combining camping skills and knowledge of Girl Scouting, campfires running the gamut from fun and games, nosebag dramatics, appreciation for nature to tales from Thailand broadened the girls' experience and deepened their awareness of the world. A Hawaiian Luau, Christmas in July and Halloween in August gave the campers many faceted opportunities for arts and crafts which included paper folding and cutting, making decorations out of natural objects at hand, painting with tempera and working with clay, fashioning friendship belts and bracelets, tiny God's Eye pins, handwritten booklets of Girl Scout graces, and autograph books. Paper mache pumpkins, dangling apples on strings, a most marvelous spider web in one of the large windows in Garfield Hall and many plaster of Paris bugs and spiders gave an authentic Halloween atmosphere. Costumes were clever and individualistic. A skit about the life of Juliette Low climaxed the evening's entertainment.

Cookouts, hiking, sleepouts, service projects such as repairing railings along the nature trail, cleaning debris from the creek bed, trimming breathing space around the young pine trees, picking blackberries for pancakes, shortcake and homemade ice cream, folk dancing and singing (including Christmas caroling), filled many busy hours. Visitors from our own council and other places: the CIT's from Wapakoneta; the Out-posters from Camp Margaret Bates; the counselors from Ledgewood and Unalia; Mr. Fox Smith of Red Raider Camp and representative of the American Camping Association; the fun-loving Giuliana Magrini from Milan, Italy, who represented Kirby House in the water carnival counselors' race and Nobuko Monden of Setagun Gumma-Ken, Japan, provided a rich setting for getting to know and make friends with many different people. Perhaps this is the place to mention an informal campfire discussion. After one of the Jewish Sabbath Candlelighting Services, a camper of that faith asked her counselors if she could explain her religion to everyone at once because so many of the girls were asking questions. The counselors were pleased by the interest and respect all the campers showed and were enthusiastic about the natural development of the dialogue.

Surely there were many opportunities for the girls and staff to grow in their appreciation of each other and of nature. All of the closing ceremonies were impressive, not only for demonstrating the viability of the patrol system, Court of Honor and camper council, but for the evocation of heartwarming memories gathered during two weeks together. For me, the most beautiful farewell was an echo sing with units at different places around the lake. After singing, all silently made their way to the sandy beach and sat in a large semicircle. Then two waterfront assistants paddled out

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CAMP JULIA CROWELL - DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 22 - August 16, 1969

The summer is over. The lake quietly reflects the trees surrounding it. The tents are still pitched but from now until cold weather will be used only on weekends. The campers and counselors have moved back into their accustomed places but a new understanding and a new dimension have come to us because of the days at Camp Julia Crowell and our shared experiences.

Camping is more than living outdoors; more than merry quips; singing; hiking; swimming; fishing; listening to nature whisper, rustle, screech and whistle plus all the other exciting and interesting things we do. Friendship is our great common denominator. Friends from another school, another part of our council, of another race or religion, of a different age and background, have enlarged our world, have helped us give and take and care for others. Friendship has lightened the camp-keeping chores, taught us to play fair and have fun, given us many happy memories and feel a kinship for all of God's creation.

THE CAMPERS

Of the 370 campers at Camp Julia Crowell this summer, 208 had previously attended a resident camp while most of the others had experience in day and troop camping. Seventy attended on camperships (four campership girls did not attend). Experience is usually recognizable by the type of ideas and suggestions made at patrol and Court of Honor meetings where planning and responsibility go hand in glove. Learning contributes to self-reliance and the sharing of knowledge and skills helps develop an awareness of the needs of others.

PROGRAM

There were so many creative activities during each session that I find it difficult to synthesize them for you. Perhaps the most important and unifying event of the first session came about through a Parma service unit project. Their Cadettes adopted a golden age group from their community center and as a result the golden agers now belong to "Troop A" of the Lake Erie Girl Scout Council. When our campers heard that this group had requested the privilege of spending a day at Camp Julia Crowell, they were pleased and excited. Campers took turns guiding, answering questions, helping to build their cooking fires (hamburgers at Kirby fire circle, hot dogs at Cricket's Corner and some-mores at both!). As the members of "Troop A" walked up the drive, passing the mill, they saw some campers sketching, some whittling and some fishing. A boating class paddled to Cricket's Corner to serenade the visitors, then made a singing star formation before gliding out of sight in single file. In spite of very warm weather, the third unit demonstrated Garfield's bouncing floor. Just before boarding their bus for home, the visitors were given a woodsy version of "Cinderella." The campers were so happy to hear of "Troop A's" efforts to spend a day at camp that their own enthusiasm and interest were burnished and magnified.

An "Ohiorama" took place during the second session. Mabel Smith Shelter served as an outdoor museum for the display of camp arts and crafts. A quiz game based on Ohio's history, cities and important citizens filled one side, a "count the pebbles in the glass jar" game used a corner, and a tree leaf identification game with real leaves

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