

Boys' Camp Teaches Appreciation Of Life



The "eatingest" years for boys are from 7-16, and the boys at Camp Waupaca fall into this category. The dining hall accommodates the 100 boys nicely and keeps them well fed. (Staff Photo)

At first it was just a dream that might never come true, but today, on the shores of Stratton lake Skipper Kuklin's dream has come true. His dream: a boys camp. The reality: Camp Waupaca.

It was just fourteen years ago that Camp Waupaca opened its gates to boys from the age of 7-16. Not as large and not as modern as it is now, it was the culmination

of years of planning by Kuklin. Having worked at several boys camps, Kuklin felt the need and desire to open his own camp and settled on the shores of Stratton lake.

Designed to help boys learn how to live together and how to gain a better appreciation of life, the camp now can accommodate approximately 110 boys in five large cabins and

several smaller ones. A staff of 20 works with the boys under the direction of Kuklin.

Most of the boys come from the Chicago area and although the camp is non-sectarian, 95 per cent of them are of the Jewish faith. The boys may attend Camp Waupaca for either four weeks or eight weeks and the program is geared for the eight week campers.

The 77 acres of land and waterfront contain, besides the cabins, nurse's quarters, dining hall, recreation hall, infirmary, rifle range, tennis court, basketball court, soccer field, baseball field, volleyball and badminton courts and an excellent waterfront.

Several rowboats, sailboats and ski boats are available for the use of the boys in their summer program. A fine steel dock and beach also are important factors in the waterfront program.

Divided up into two groups, the boys receive daily instruction in the activities at

camp. Soccer, basketball, tennis, baseball, volleyball, badminton, riflery, crafts, swimming, boating and water skiing are just a few of the summer activities.

With excellent facilities, a fine program, and a capable staff, Skipper Kuklin has succeeded in bringing a summer program to boys that will prepare them for life and has brought to these youngsters an opportunity that many boys never have.