Camp Waupaca: A Fifty Year Retrospective

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1. Genesis WAUPACA: The Birth of Camp

Contributors: Loretta Kuklin, Joe Rosen

We can start with previously obtained videotaped transcriptions and ask them to modify and expand their remarks. Joe Rosen and his agent are already working on the piece.

2. Why Omaha?

Contributors: Rips brothers, Bernstein brothers, Malashock brothers, Sloan brothers, John Rosenberg

These upstanding Waupacans take a shot at the Omaha question. Why did so many come from Omaha, NE, to Lake Stratton, WI, in the 1950s and 1960s?

3. Home on the Range

Contributor: Wayne Towne

Memorable anecdotes from Wayne Towne's VAST history at Camp WAUPACA. We know and love Wayne from his riflery days but there is FAR more. Famous legends are FINALLY put on paper: Big Moe, Silas Cropsy. Wayne also relates stories about Ann Towne, his mother, who worked in the kitchen for years.

4. From Camper to Counselor to Program Director

Contributor: Ron Lavine

A Long Perspective. From camper to Program Director. Almost owner? Did Manny offer the Camp to him to operate and purchase?

5. Thrill seeker

Contributor: Paul Warshauer

Various methods of Zeus entrances, productions, horse thrills and of course, demolition derbies! Paul also directed goofy plays and was "Chief Schmohawk" for Indian ceremonials.

Manny: Warshauer, have you ever operated a jet ski?
Warshauer: Yes. Yes, Manny, I have.
Manny: Hmmm, sign the waiver, Warshauer!

6. Images from a Morton Grove childhood through adulthood at Camp

Contributor: Mike Lurie

Working in the fields, on the range, in the cabins and on many yearbooks! How he married a kitchen girl.

7. Weekend Sojourner in Wisconsin

Contributor: Dick Garb

Starts as a camper and counselor, then comes to camp and officiates as needed. Life after being a camper and after being a counselor.

8. Komedy Kapers at Kamp

Contributors: Jeff Bornstein, Rick Goldman, Jon Juron, Todd Laff, Ken Lapins, Rick Passman, Paul Ringel, Scott Rubin, Stu Sorkin, Rick Weinberger

These comedic experts explore pranks, stunts and humor at a Boys Camp in Wisconsin. Stu Sorkin with a special on "My View from the Back of the Truck," silly commercials, Hollywood Squares, talent nights "Bee Bee Galinni from 2222 Touhy" by Jeff Bornstein, "Big Stick, Little Stick, Little Twig" program.

9. Athlete Actor

Contributors: Jeff Rissman, with humble entries from his pals Greg Berke, Steve Prebish, and Karamath Khan

Jeff's unique and wonderful take on everything from the highest rugby average in history to water-skiing barefoot (and scantily clad?).

10. "Life in the Village" or "How I Managed to Live with Ray Krysh and Not Get Killed by Sundance"

Contributors: Warren Metzdorff, Ray Krysh

These CIT co-counselors for many years duke it out on paper. Ray Krysh will inevitably look better; the Editor-in-Chief will make certain of it. Just get Warren Metzdorff started on the smells of Ray Krysh and the sound effects!

11. Married to the Camp, and Sons and Daughters of Waupaca

Contributors: Lillian Desnet and her daughters, Loretta Kuklin and the Kuklin kids, the Rosen boys

Discuss the pros and cons of being "mishpocha" at a camp. What were the perks and what were the drawbacks.

12. The perspective of gentiles and laborers at an all Jew camp

Contributors: Craig Clotiaux, Neil "Whitey" Nelson, Brett Wanty, perhaps Bob Tester (who sold all kinds of stuff to us at camp).

13. Computers Come to Camp

Contributors: Ron Lavine, Steve Stolz (Mr. Science, no, Dr. Science, no, Professor Science!), John Everman

How "Barney Town" came to become electrified!

14. The Wantys Raise a Brood and Still Have Time to Work at Camp

Contributors: Andrea, Dan, Darci, Brenda, Brett, Sonya, Steve – The Wanty's

Andrea's take on the entire era of kitchen skill and life. How her husband Bill built many cabins and the Mess Hall addition. The real story of how Andrea Wanty and Paul Warshauer (who used REAL Sake for the marinate), created Kosher Oriental in Wisconsin, and it wasn't even Sunday night!

15. Allen Schaeffer and Wally Tomchek starring in "The Catskills come to Wisconsin"

Contributor: Allen Schaeffer

The life of playwrights and raconteurs of Lake Stratton. Article to be edited by Allen Schaeffer. Parts may be taken from the videotaped interview at the 1996 reunion.

16. Brave Night: Curse or benefit?

Contributors: Jim Avery, Steve Lavine, Rick Passman, and other Braves & Pledges

Breaking the spell of silence. How it came and went. And all those magic fires, wires, chemicals.

17. Police Blotter (eliminated to prevent lawsuits and embarrassment!)

18. Take those Salt Pills…NO, Drink Lots of Water

Contributors: Rosemary Clotiaux, Linda Fastow, Emily Fields, Maxine Greenstein, Mary Ann Pfau, and other nurses

A nurse's perspective from the Infirmary and beach. Interesting challenges facing an RN in the wilderness. Interesting cases & little known facts. Memorable campers.

19. Bob Mowen's Take on Nature and Jews

Contributor: Bob Mowen

Bob discusses his nature program, the CITs in his village and other bizarre notions. We will limit him to 10,000 words and must check all of his material and sources to prevent lawsuits.

20. "South End of Camp" Director

Contributor: Rick Poole

Rick tells how he becomes the self appointed "South End of Camp Director" after he hears everyone else's titles: Assistant Director, Program Director, Waterfront Director, Fine Arts Director. So he created his own fiefdom!

21. Herb Beller and Barry Shanoff discuss life as counselors in the 1950s & 1960s

Contributors: Herb Beller, Barry Shanoff

What were the rules, and did Skipper actually feel the cars in the lot at 11:00 PM? Herb & Barry's experience at having a band gig in WAUPACA.

22. Generational Camping

Contributors: Joel, Jim, Gregg Feinstein / David & Matt Belden / Jerry & Steve Lasin

The only families with two generations at camp? Other families who have had multiple generations at camp? They provide their insights.

23. The Last Season: "Turn Out the Light as You Leave," Or "Sunrise Sunset"

Contributors: Larry Silton (a first year camper in 1951), Dan Oseran and Corey Fischer (last year campers in 1988)

These campers offers views 37 years apart in matching columns. Any other first year campers from 1951? Any other last year campers from 1988? Let us know who they are!

24. The transition year, 1966

Contributors: Everyone at camp from 1965 - 1967

Manny Desnet takes over from Irving "Skipper" Kuklin. How did it affect returning campers?

25. Reunions Keep the Spirits Going

Contributors: All reunion attendees from 1996, 1998, 2000

Manny Desnet and his family attend the first one in 1996. Other reunions follow of various sizes every year through 2000 at a bowling alley in Mount Prospect, IL. Some are determined to keep the Waupaca flame alive.

26. Programs at Camp are Modified - Some Remain, Some Disappear

Contributors: Everyone

Blue & White War, Olympics, Gold Rush Day, does anyone remember Frank Buck Day, Hobo Night, Tribes, Talent Shows, Parent's Day Plays, The Hawaiian Luau on the far fields.

27. "I want my own camp"

Contributors: Bob & Sue Krohn

After spending several summers at Camp Waupaca, Bob and Sue head out on their own to start Camp Red Arrow. Their perspective on their years at Camp Waupaca, and the transition to the new camp. What influence did their time at Waupaca have on their new camp?

28. The Village People

Contributors: Anyone who spent a summer in the CIT Village

Talk about the heat, the lack of restroom facilities, signing names on the walls (who painted the inside cabins anyway?), tarps to windows transition, the odor, cabin clean-up, "do we really have to go to flag-raising?", etc.

29. Slaving Over a Hot Stove

Contributors: <u>All cooks and kitchen girls</u>

What the campers liked & disliked, food-wise. The counselors' attempts to romance the women. Special favors granted, special favors denied. Preparation for the final banquet.

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