

Camp Mazinaw

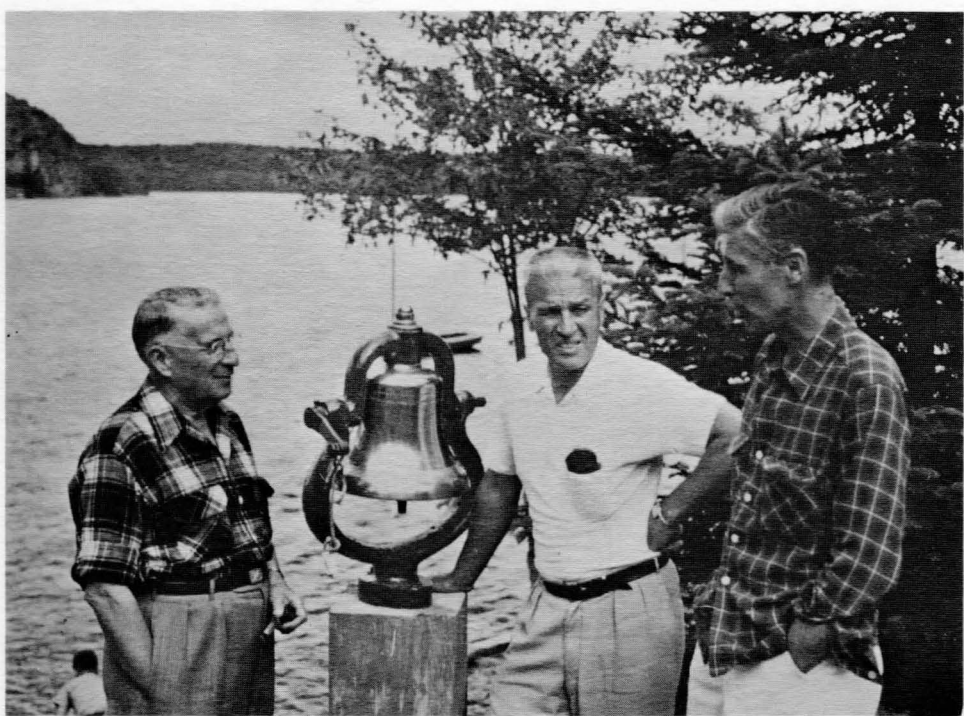
**A Woodcraft and Canoe Tripping Camp
for Boys**

PURPOSE:

Camp Mazinaw was founded in 1940. Then, as now, camping was a part of general education; and a *small* camp can contribute effectively to the outdoor education of boys. Camp Mazinaw is staffed and equipped to achieve these ends.

Camping is many things, but primarily it is living out-of-doors. The feel of the sun and the wind and the earth, the knowledge and skill that permits confident wandering in our wilderness playgrounds will add zest, happiness and wonder to living.

As educators the Directors realize that camping experiences provide excellent opportunities for vivid first-hand learning; that camping provides the atmosphere in which to acquire abiding appreciations; that camping creates the setting for good fellowship and adventure.



Three of the original directors, P. K. Hambly, Harry Hull, and C. R. Blackstock (Blackie), still contribute the wisdom of their many years of experience in education to the development of the camp.

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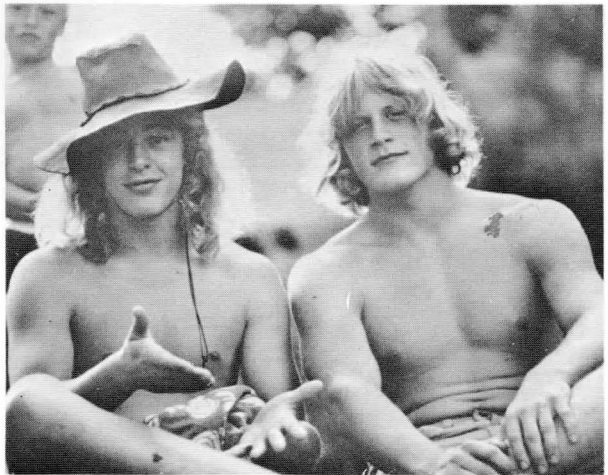
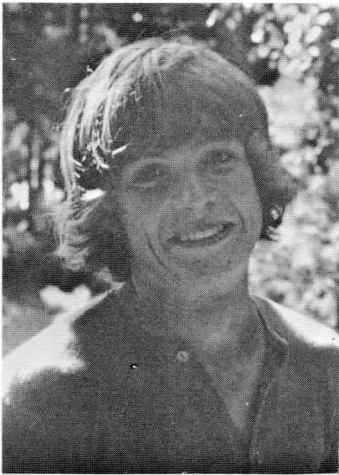
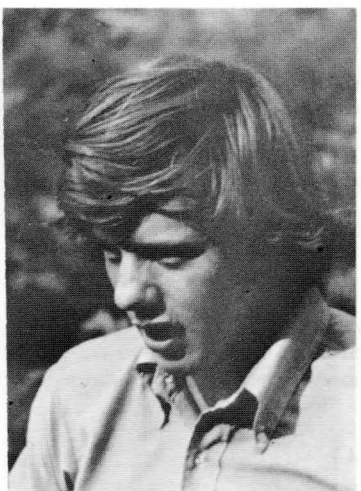
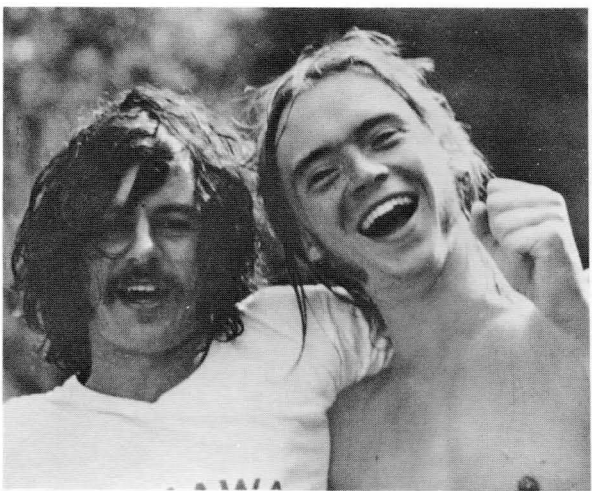
LEADERSHIP

Our counsellors are chosen from university and senior high school students who are particularly interested in young people and in teaching the campers how to live comfortably in the bush with others.

Each small cabin group with its counsellor is a little camp which plans and carries out its own weekly programme.

Instructors qualified in aquatics, crafts, woodcrafts, canoeing and sailing assist the counsellors with instruction in these activities.

A week of preparation on the campsite, before the campers arrive, gives all members of the staff an opportunity to become acquainted with one another, to become familiar with the site and the equipment, and to understand the purposes and philosophy of the camp.





HEALTH SERVICES

A **HEALTH CHECK** by his family physician is required of each camper before camp opens. The completed form is brought to camp by the camper.

A **RESIDENT DOCTOR** inspects each camper on arrival at camp. Each day he inspects every cabin group in its cabin after the morning general swim. The Doctor is on call at all times of the day and night to meet with any emergency.

A **RESIDENT NURSE** is on hand at all times to give attention to the hurts and aches of all as well as to assist the Doctor.

SPECIAL TREATMENTS which the campers are to receive while at camp should be prescribed by the family physician or specialist and the instructions sent to camp. The camp Doctor will see to the administration of such treatment.

A **NIGHT WATCH** is on duty each night. Two members of the staff share a night making hourly rounds of the camp, entering each cabin to see that all is well with the campers and the campsite.

APPROVED SAFETY procedures related to each activity are followed. Where necessary, campers are instructed in these protective measures.





ACCOMMODATIONS

The campers live in cabins spaced around a cleared oval near the lake. The cabins are well screened and beds with springs and mattresses are provided. Campers bring their own bedding. Sleeping bags are recommended as they are practical to take along on trips.

The lodge provides space for dining, recreation and lounging. The furniture and the carvings which add colour and distinction to the heart of the camp were designed and created by Canadian artist, Fred Hagen.





FOOD SERVICES

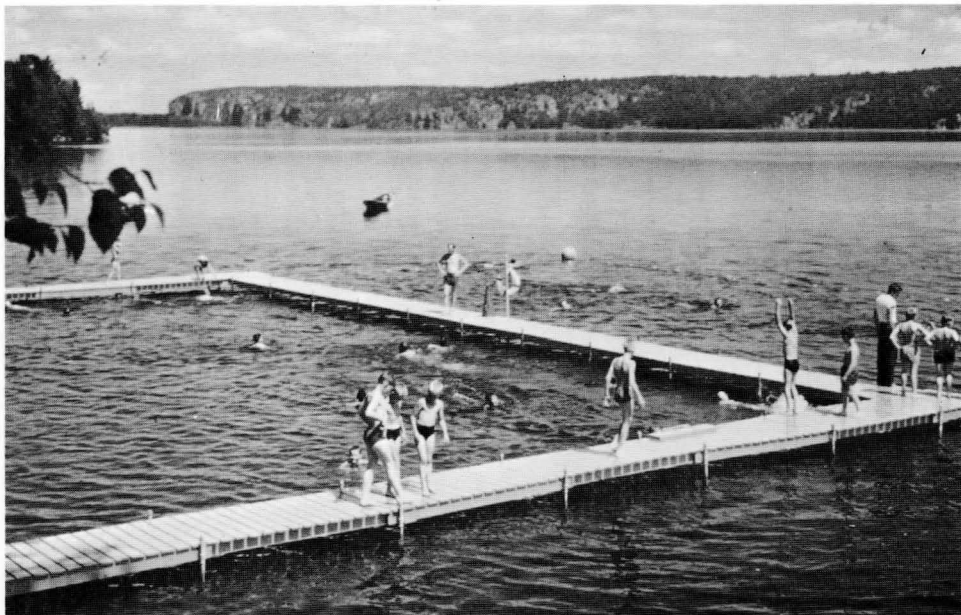
Planned menus provide ample amounts of good food which is well prepared and served in a pleasant atmosphere.

The camp is an accredited member of the Ontario Camping Association and follows the standards set by the Ontario Department of Public Health with respect to water supply, food handling and storage.

Campers are encouraged to "live off the land" on trips. The fish they catch and the edible plants they find can be used to supplement their menus on trips.



ACTIVITIES . . .



AQUATICS

Being able to take care of oneself in the water is the key to fun and adventure. Beginner swimmers are given special attention by the aquatics instructor and the counsellor during the two daily Beginner Swim periods.

Each cabin group has regular instruction and practice periods to improve swimming skills.

Campers are encouraged to progress through the national tests of the Red Cross, Royal Life, and Y.M.C.A. swimming programs.

The Sunday swimming regattas offer each camper an opportunity to test his skill against others of similar ability.



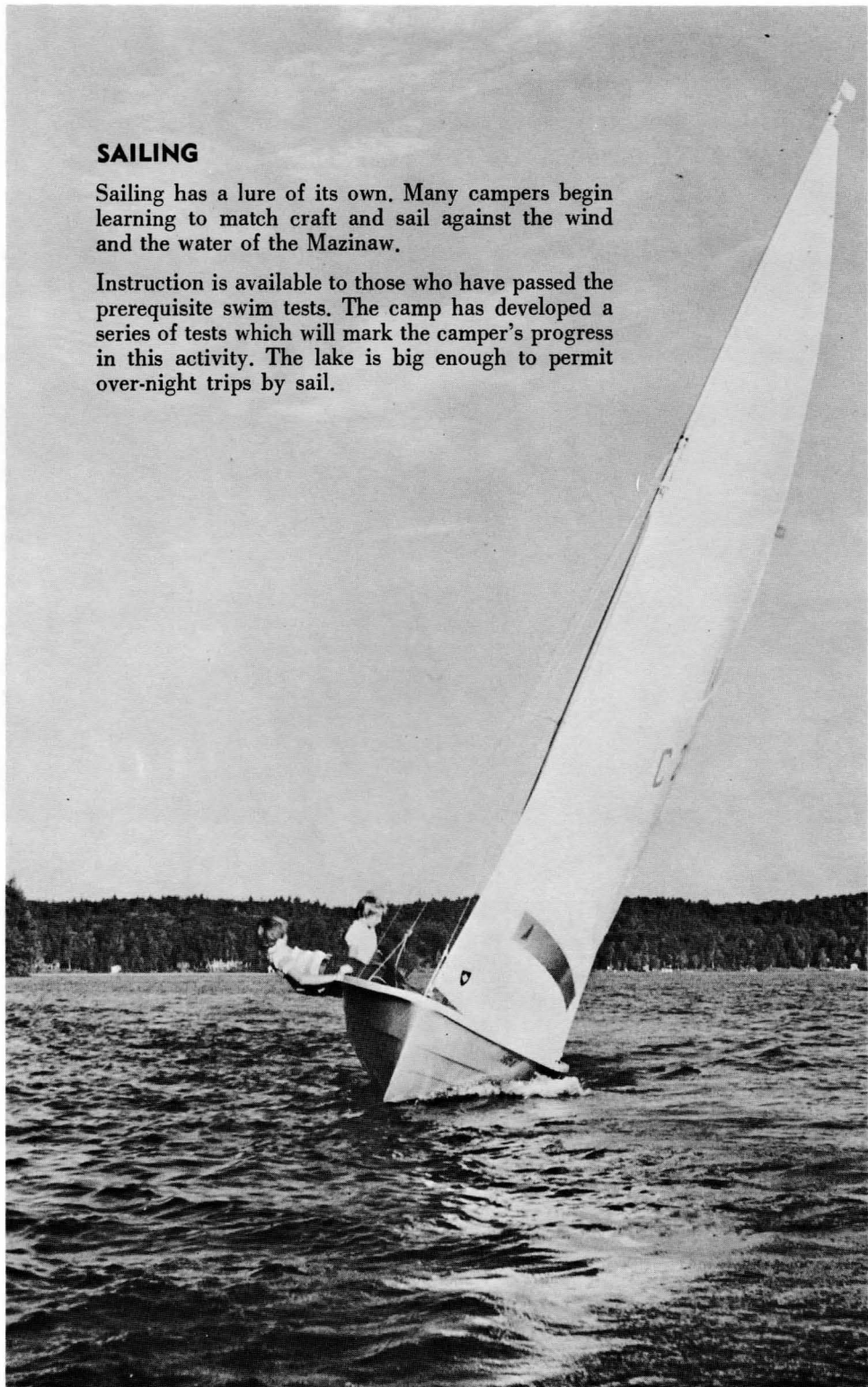




SAILING

Sailing has a lure of its own. Many campers begin learning to match craft and sail against the wind and the water of the Mazinaw.

Instruction is available to those who have passed the prerequisite swim tests. The camp has developed a series of tests which will mark the camper's progress in this activity. The lake is big enough to permit over-night trips by sail.





CANOEING

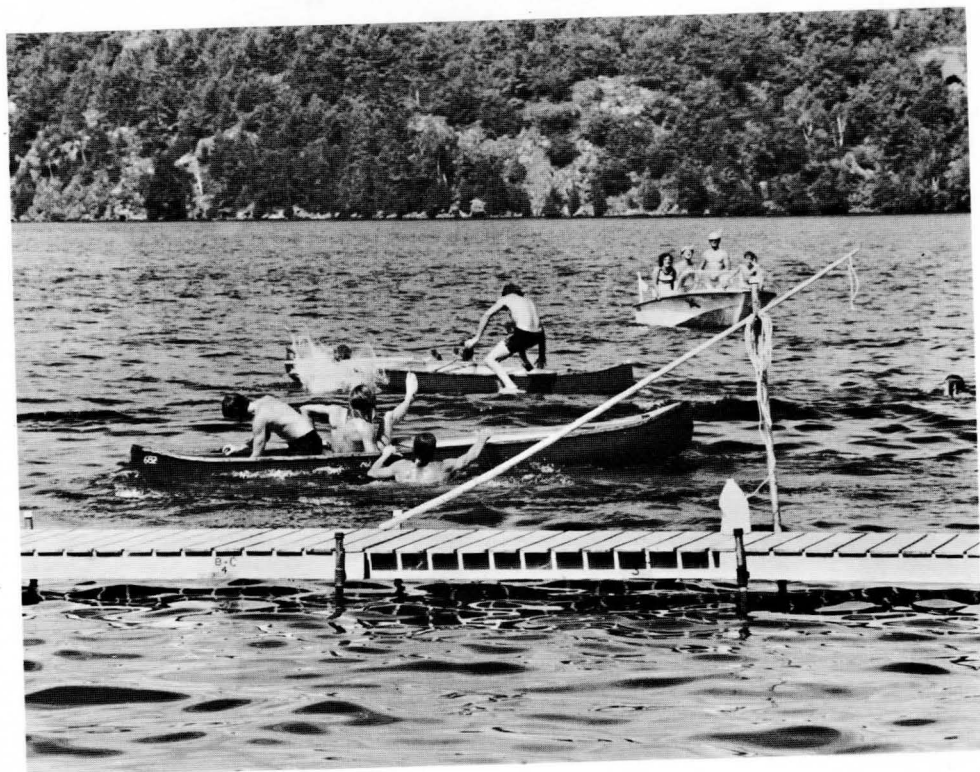
The canoe is the “magic carpet” of the lakes country. Every camper learns to paddle a canoe and then to go voyaging in it.

Once the camper has learned to swim, instruction begins.

Instruction and practice bring the camper closer and closer to his goal of “going it alone” in all kinds of water.

Progress in canoeing is marked by passing the national tests established by the Canadian Camping Association as well as the camp’s own series of tests. Trips suited to the paddler’s ability give him the chance to test and improve his skill. The canoeing regattas on the weekends are times when he matches his ability in the canoe with that of his peers and under the stress of competition.





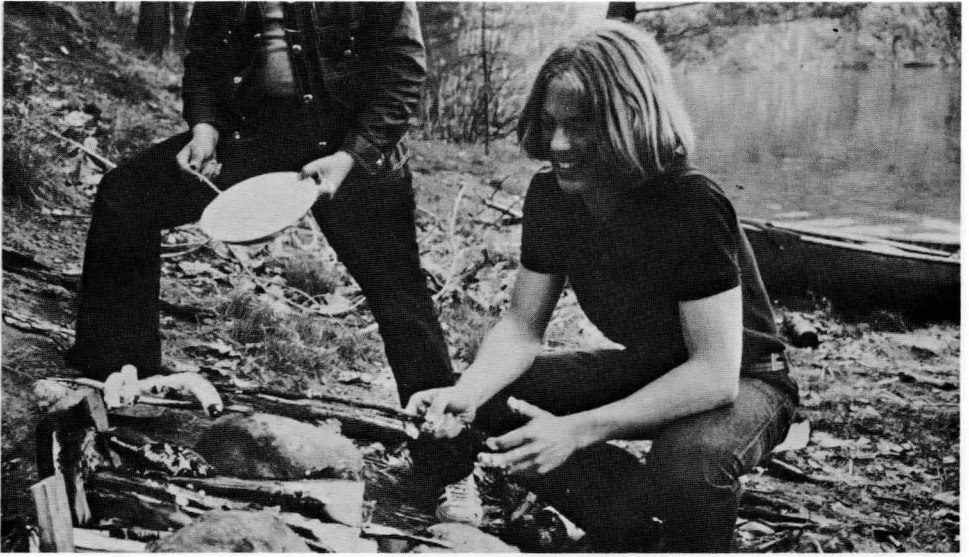


WOODCRAFT

To move and live in the bush and to be aware of its wonders and its secrets, campers need knowledge of and skill in the use of the tools of the bush.

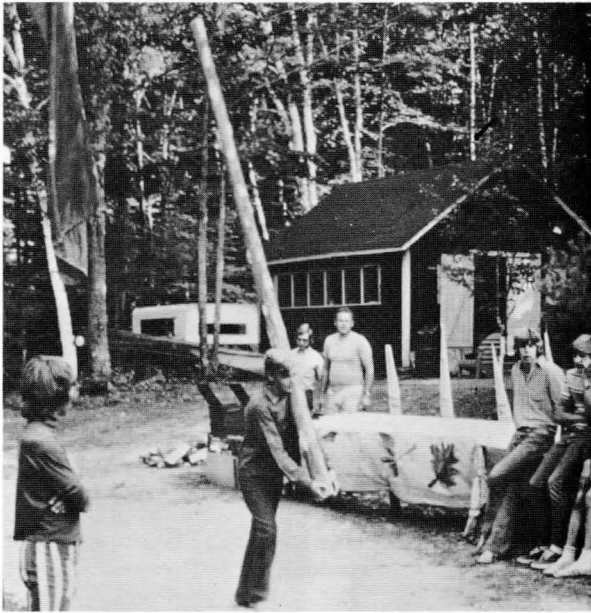
All campers learn to use the axe and hunting knife. Fire is both a servant and a pleasure. Campers learn the kinds of wood to use for various fires, where to find the best tinder to start the fire in any weather and how to keep the fire "fenced in".

The camp enjoys the active co-operation of the Ministry of Natural Resources. Campers are expected to assist the conservation and control efforts of the Ministry in the Camp area.



CRAFTS

The craft shop is another popular area of activity. Here the campers use their imagination and, with natural materials such as bark, driftwood, clay and rock, create objects which they may take home with them to remind them of the beauty which may be found in the bush.



BUSHPEDE

Each summer we hold a "Bushpede" a very popular event where the campers compete in bush contests and we hold our annual "Queen's Spoon" race. The day is topped off by a big barbeque and singsong by the lakeshore.



TRIPPING

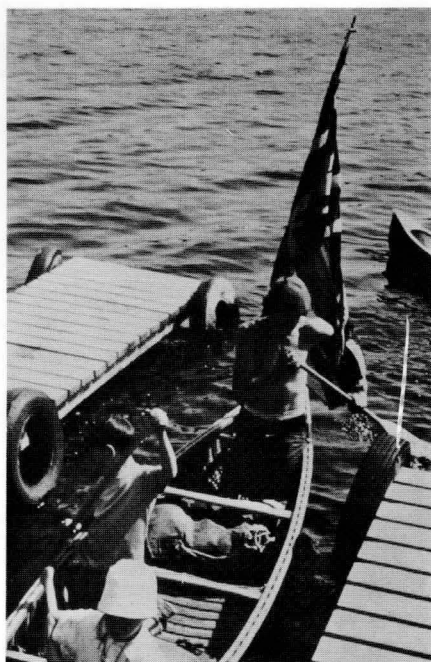
The real camping comes when the campers move away from the base camp on trips. The trip tests the camping skills that have been learned and practiced in camp. Each bend in the river, each lake, brings a discovery, big or little. Every day and night has its own memorable adventure.

Every trip is planned by the cabin group taking it, in consultation with the Trip Director.

The counsellor is in charge of the trip assisted by one or more junior members of the staff.

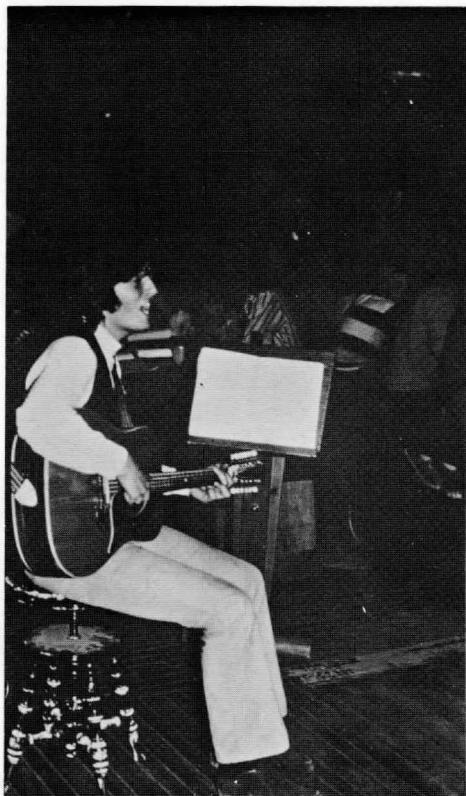
The Trip Department is well furnished with the equipment, supplies and materials needed.

All trips have a purpose in addition to the basic one of putting into practice the essential skills of camping. Each group is encouraged to "live off the land" by taking fish and berries wherever they can.



MUSIC

Everybody sings. Songs make merry the meals lighten the steps along the trails and speed the flashing paddles. Visiting musicians also contribute their talents to make music a real joy at Mazinaw.



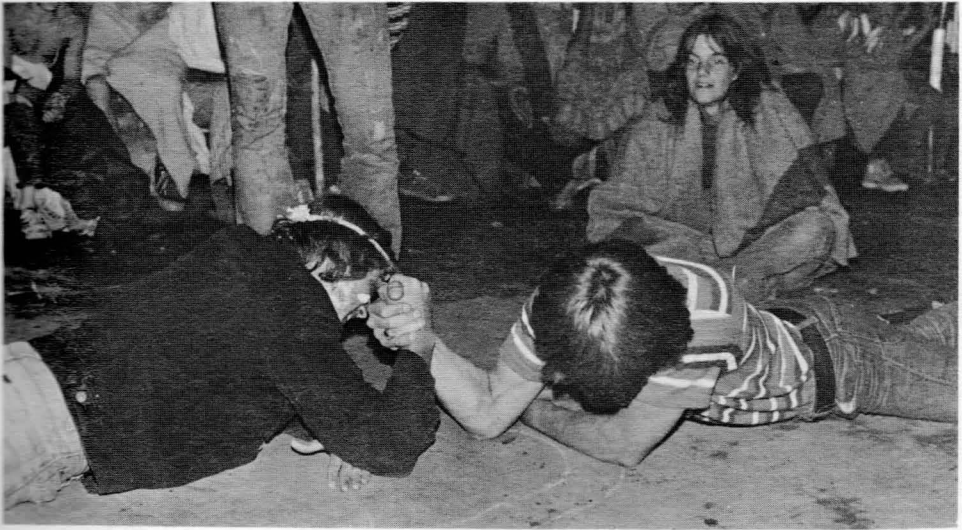
SPECIAL EVENTS

The six week at camp are highlighted by several all-camp special events. These fit naturally into the life of a bush camp, everyone has a share in carrying them out.

GRAND COUNCILS — Three of these are held each summer. Here are the big Chiefs; the hushed, decorated Council Ring; the reports from the far-wandering ones; the tests of strength, dexterity and skill. Campers learn something of the religion, the methods of education, and the recreation which were all part of the life of the Indians who lived in this same area years ago.

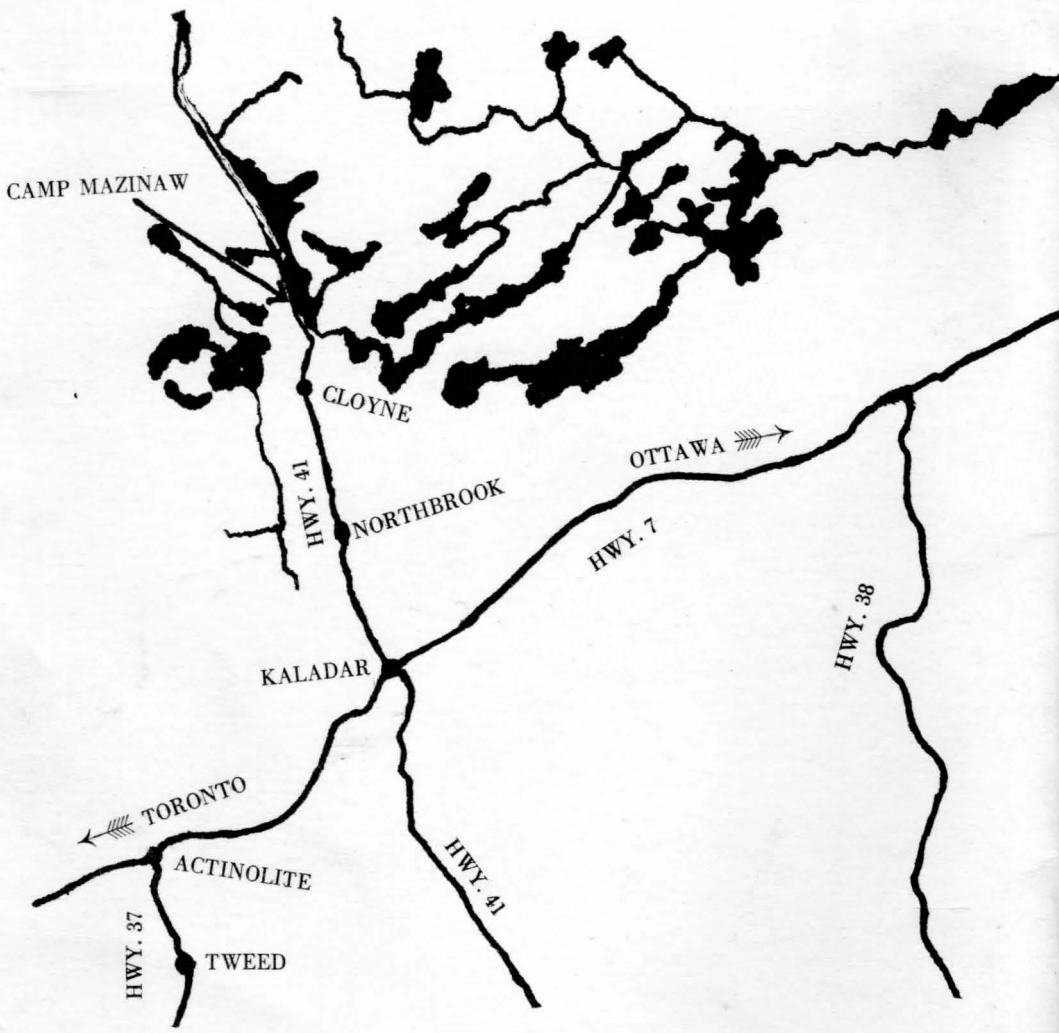
REGATTAS — Each Sunday there is a regatta at a time when parents can visit the camp and see their boys taking part in the swimming or canoeing competitions. The camp is divided into two tribes for these events — the Algonquins and Iroquois.

SKIT NIGHTS — Each cabin group has the opportunity to entertain the rest of the camp with a dramatic skit two or three times during the summer. At such times the Lodge becomes a theatre.



CHAPEL

Every boy is filled with wonder and with awe. It is easy for him to worship in the chapel on the hill at camp. Each Sunday morning a service of worship is held in a bit of the forest set aside for this purpose.



Camp Mazinaw is well located on the western shore of a beautiful lake in the eastern part of Ontario.

The sandy terrain makes an excellent site. A shallow watershelf extends across the whole front of the camp, providing fine conditions for acuquatics and canoeing. The facilities and equipment have been developed to fit the needs of seventy boys for six weeks and to suit the purpose set for the program.

The camp is easy to reach by car. It is not far off Highway 41 which runs along the west side of Lake Mazinaw, and is 17 miles north of Kaladar.

Lake Mazinaw is large enough for aircraft touchdown and takeoff.

For further information write, CAMP MAZINAW, CLOYNE ONTARIO K0H 1K0.