

Sudbury Y.M.C.A.
Announces the Opening of

JOHN ISLAND CAMP



BOYS' PERIOD
July 3rd to July 24th
1954

GIRL'S PERIOD
July 24th to August 14
1954

Y's Men Do It For the Sudbury District

The construction of the John Island Camp has been and still is the major project of the Sudbury Y's Men's Club.

The layout of the camp, the design of the buildings, in fact, the entire planning, has been based on the best standards suggested by both Canadian and American Camping Associations, and in the best traditions and experience of Y.M.C.A. camping.

The camp was built primarily for boys and girls of the Sudbury District, but property and buildings are extensive enough so that we may offer limited accommodation to children from other centres in the district.



Leadership

BOYS CAMP will be directed by Mr. Cecil Woods, Youth Secretary of the Sudbury Y.M.C.A. Mr. Woods is graduate of the School of Physical Education, McGill University and of Sir George Williams College, Montreal. He has been a leader and staff member of this Y.M.C.A. for the past seven years. He is well qualified to direct our camp.



GIRLS CAMP will be under the direction of Miss Mildred Aitkenhead. Miss Aitkenhead is a graduate of the University of Toronto and for the past five years has served as Women and Girls' Work Secretary in Sydney, Nova Scotia, and in Sudbury. She has been a director of the Sydney Y.M.C.A. Camp.

Other staff members, who will provide leadership for such activities as Arts and Crafts, Music and Dramatics, Swimming and Boating, Sports and Athletics, will be announced later. Cabin Counsellors will be trained and selected on the basis of character and ability.

Camp Buildings

Seven sleeping cabins are available this year. These are L-type cabins with a central room for the leader and two separate rooms, each accommodating 4 boys.

The lodge and administration building contains offices, trading post, dining room with a seating capacity of 130, kitchen, built in refrigerator and supply room. Wide verandah encircles three sides of the lodge. This building is equipped with electric lights.

The Camp Hospital or Infirmary is situated some distance from the noise and activity of the camp. It contains a first aid room, a 4-bed ward where overtired or sick children may spend from a few hours to a few days until able to take their places in their respective cabins. It also provides living quarters for the Resident Nurse.

The "Hobby Centre" will be housed this year in a large Marquee tent with wooden floor.

The Trading Post

The "Trading Post" housed in the lodge will provide confectionary, soft drinks, a limited amount of fishing tackle, camera supplies, paddles and other accessories common to camp. It will also include a small library and a bank where campers can deposit their money and valuables.

The Trading Post will be open for a short period, only, each day and campers are permitted to spend only a set limited amount daily.

Camp Organization

In this first year of operation, the camp will conduct a Junior and Intermediate section. Juniors 9-12 years inclusive and Intermediate 13-15. Each section will be under the guidance of a section director and a leader for each of the cabin groups.

Each cabin will appoint a representative to the Camp Council. The Council will promote many of the camp activities and will endeavor to make "fun with a purpose" evident in everything we do.



Camp Advisor

L. H. Burgess, General Secretary of the Sudbury Y.M.C.A. will spend considerable time during the camping season on John Island as advisor and co-ordinator of all camp periods. With 15 years of experience as staff member and director of Y.M.C.A. camps, Mr. Burgess is well equipped to give overall supervision to this project.

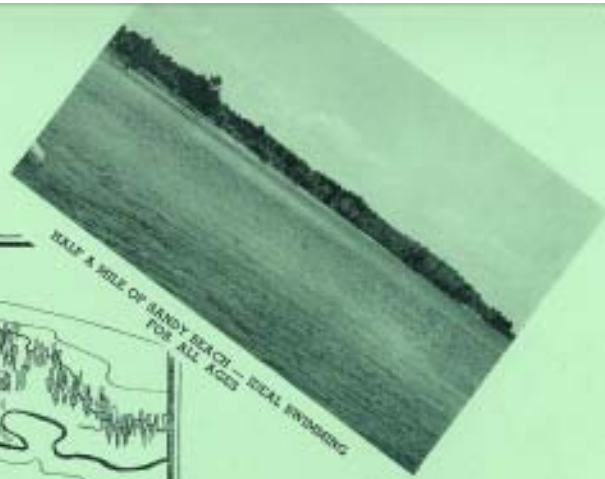
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John Island Camp

Begins its first year of history in 1954 —
Happy the boy and girl who shares in this first year of
adventure



EDWARD LODGE AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
— A CENTER OF CAMP LIFE



HALF A MILE OF SANDY BEACH — IDEAL SWIMMING
FOR ALL AGES



The Camp Fleet

Cruising, boating, and the exciting "regatta" are provided in the greatest abundance of all — the canoe trip.

Boats and canoes may be used only after strict swimming and skill tests.

At a beginning, our fleet will consist of 4 row boats, 6 canoes and one sailing dinghy — enough to put half the camp on the water at one time. These will be increased four year to year.

Sports and Athletics

An outdoor athletic field will be ready for the use of the campus school, volleyball, track and field will add to the popularity of the new camp.

Softball, roller hockey, basketball, ping-pong, tennis and a miniature Olympic meet will go a long way to create interest in these particular sports.

Instruction periods for the various sports activities will help those boys and girls who wish to gain greater proficiency.



MAIN DOCK IN LAKE LOCKER HARBOR
A PERFECT AREA FOR BOATING ACTIVITIES

One of Ontario's Newest and Finest Youth Camps Opens This Year

John Island is situated in the South Channel of Lake Huron between Cubac on the mainland and Gore Bay on Manitowish Island. The camp property consists of 270 acres of land at the western end of John Island. It includes 100 acres of the main island, two small islands and about two half of Adams Island. This group encompasses a fine harbor, shielded from winds in every direction. A port-like 100 acre section has a half mile of the finest sand beach to be found anywhere. The



TYPICAL I-SHAPED CAMPS — INSURES MORE
PRIVACY AND REST

Health and Safety

Every precaution will be taken to safeguard the health and safety of the campers.

A resident nurse will be on the grounds for the full camp period. She will confer daily with cabin leaders and will make a daily check of all campers who need attention. The nurse will be in charge of the infirmary or camp hospital where treatment of minor ailments or a period of rest can be assured.

In case of emergency, boat service to the mainland is ready at all times. Medical help can be brought from Sudbury by air in less than an hour.

Sickness and accident insurance will be carried on all campers, at no extra cost to the campers.

Washing facilities will be available so that cabin groups will have opportunities to wash clothes.

The camp meals will be prepared by thoroughly competent cooks. The menu will be arranged by a qualified dietitian. Lots of good wholesome food, pasteurized milk and government tested water will provide security of health for the campers.

It is suggested that parents refrain from bringing or sending food parcels to their children, as campers are adequately fed and are allowed to purchase sufficient "luck" each day at the "trading post."

Worship

Worship is very much a part of camp life. Each day begins with a brief chapel service after breakfast and the day closes with a hymn around the camp fire.

All chapel services are of an inter-denominational character, rooted in the actual experiences of the campers and indigenous to the camp setting.

On Sundays, service will be held in the outdoor chapel. A single non-sectarian service is conducted by members of the staff with the boys participating. Special arrangements will be made to take children of the Roman Catholic faith to Sunday morning mass.

Camp Fires and Music

Each section will have its own camp fire and council site. Stunt nights, minstrel shows, one-act plays, and pageants will be popular events at camp.

A camp orchestra and community singing help to create an atmosphere of good fellowship. The musical appreciation period at midday is a favourite time in the day's schedule.

"The Hobby Centre"

The Hobby Centre, as suggested, will be conducted in the marquee. All campers will be encouraged to participate in the handicraft program. A craft director will be in charge of the Hobby Centre. He will provide a program designed to satisfy the boys and girls who like to make things. Instruction in such crafts and hobbies as the following will be given this year: Fret work, leathercraft, nature study, Indian lore, photography, weaving, shell craft, model aeroplanes, model boats, tin can craft, etc.

Hobby shows will be held toward the end of each camp period and suitable awards will be given for good work done.

Each boy or girl will need to pay the cost of materials used. No profit will be expected from craft supplies.

Swimming

Swimming will be allowed only at stated periods under the supervision of life guards.

Instruction in swimming, diving and life saving will be given special attention and classes will be conducted daily.

Outtrips

Outposts will be established on John Island where campers will be able to hike or paddle and spend the day, or stay for a longer period, cooking their own meals and learning to look after themselves with a minimum of equipment.

For the older boys and girls canoe trips will be organized under competent leadership to travel the waterways of the district. Trips will last from one to three days.



Who May Go to Camp

This year, any boy or girl 9-15 years of age may make application for the "Y" camp on John Island.

Camp Dates

Boys' Camp July 3 — July 24, 1954
Girls' Camp July 24 — August 14, 1954
Family Camp August 14 — August 28, 1954

Camp program is planned to cover a three week period and parents are advised to register their children for the full period, if at all possible.

NOTE: (In order that no boy or girl may be disappointed because of the longer camp period, it may be possible to accommodate a few boys or girls for a shorter period of time. In this case, an interview with the camp director will be necessary.)

Rates

Camp rates are \$65.00 for the three week period. (Shorter periods are \$25.00 per week). A deposit of \$10.00 should accompany applications and the balance of fee is payable before the boy or girl leaves for camp. Cheques should be made payable to John Island Y.M.C.A. camp and correspondence should be addressed to the camp director, Y.M.C.A., 185 Elm St. E., Sudbury, Ontario. Phone OS 4-0743 or OS 4-0744.

Transportation

Travel to Spanish, Ontario, will be by train or bus. Final arrangements will be determined later. Supervision will be provided for travelling together, but campers will be responsible for their own fare. Parents may drive children to Spanish if they wish. Transportation from the Government Dock at Spanish to John Island will be provided by the camp at no further cost to the campers.

What to Take

A check list of what you will need to take to camp with you will be found on the back of application form. It is merely a suggested list for your guidance.

Camp Mail Address

After the opening of Camp, mail will be picked up daily and should be addressed to:

John Island Y.M.C.A. Camp,
Spanish, Ontario

