

SUDBURY

Y. M. C. A.

JOHN ISLAND CAMP

BOYS' CAMP

— JULY 2nd to JULY 30th, 1955 —



John Island Camp - Built by the Sudbury Y's Men's Club

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHO MAY GO TO CAMP?

This year, any boy 9-16 years of age may make application for the "Y" Camp on John Island

NOTE: Information concerning boys' camp and family camp at John Island will be sent on request. Please address your correspondence to:

**Camp Office, Y.M.C.A., 185 Elm Street, E.
Sudbury, Ontario**

CAMP DATES

Boy's Camp — July 2nd to July 30th, 1955.

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

NOTE: Allowances may be made in a few cases to accommodate boys for a shorter period. In this case, an interview with the camp director will be necessary.

RATES

Camp rates are \$85.00 for the full term, and \$45.00 for a two weeks period when granted.

A deposit of \$10.00 should accompany applications and the balance of fee is payable before the boy 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.

VISITORS

Parents are welcome in camp on Sundays. To avoid interrupting week-day programs Sunday is set aside as visitors' day. Camp is not equipped to provide meals or sleeping accommodation for visitors.

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**

Y. M. C. A. John Island Camp

Undertakes its second year of camping for
boys and girls in the Sudbury District.



TYPICAL L-SHAPED CABINS — INSURES MORE
PRIVACY AND REST



DINING LODGE AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
"A CENTRE OF CAMP LIFE"

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 campers.

The Lodge and administration building contains office, heating and dining room with a seating capacity of 120. It has a built-in refrigerator and supply room. Wide veranda 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 bed and room, a first aid ward, x-ray apparatus and sink. Children may spend time in few hours or a few days and also to take their pictures at their respective cabins. It also provides living quarters for the Resident Nurse.

The Coat Shop is a permanent structure, fully equipped for the work program previously outlined.

The Trading Post

The "Trading Post" housed in the lodge will provide necessaries, soft drinks, a limited amount of taking table, camera supplies, postcards and other accessories necessary 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 budget amount daily.

The Camp Fleet

Canoeing, boating, and the exciting "regatta" are preludes to the greatest adventure of all — the canoe trip.

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

At the moment our fleet consists of 4 row boats, 5 canoes and one sailing dinghy — enough to put half the camp on the water at one time. These will be increased from year to year.

Sports and Athletics

An unlimited athletic field is ready for the use of the campers. Baseball, volleyball, track and field will add to the fun at camp.

Softball, cabin leagues, horseshoe pitching contests 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 efficiency.



A fully-equipped boat house, dock, and a landlocked harbor offer perfect conditions for boating and canoeing.



ACTION IN THE DINING HALL — GOOD FOOD AND EATING IS ALWAYS A BIG PART OF CAMP LIFE!

One of Ontario's Newest and Finest Youth Camps

JOHN ISLAND IS SITUATED IN THE NORTH CHANNEL OF LAKE HURON BETWEEN CUTLER ON THE MAINLAND AND GORE BAY ON MANITOULIN ISLAND. THE CAMP PROPERTY CONSISTS OF 279 ACRES OF LAND AT THE EASTERN END OF JOHN ISLAND. IT INCLUDES 140 ACRES OF THE MAIN ISLAND, TWO SMALL ISLANDS AND ABOUT ONE HALF OF AIKEN ISLAND. THIS GROUP SURROUNDS A FINE HARBOR, SHIELDED FROM WINDS IN EVERY DIRECTION. A PARK-LIKE 100 ACRE SECTION HAS A HALF MILE OF THE FINEST SAND BEACH TO BE FOUND ANYWHERE. THE CAMP IS LOCATED ALONG THIS WATERFRONT.

HEALTH and SAFETY

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

A Registered Nurse is in charge of the camp hospital at all times. She will confer daily with cabin leaders and will make a daily check of all campers who need attention.

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; however, a medical examination is required for all boys before they come to camp.

Washing facilities will be available so that cabin groups will have opportunities to wash their 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 "tuck" each day at the "trading post."



CAMP PROGRAM

The craft shop under the guidance of a capable craft director will provide a program designed to satisfy the boys who like to make things. All campers will be encouraged to participate in the handicrafts program. Instruction in such crafts and hobbies as the following will be given this year: Fret work, leathercraft, nature study and Indian lore, weaving, metal craft, tin can craft, painting, etc.

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

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

Water front program will consist of swimming, canoeing and boating instruction.

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.

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, canoe trips will be organized under competent leadership to travel the waterways of the district. Trips will last from one to three days.

LEADERSHIP



John Island's Camp for Boys will be directed by Mr. John F. Mawdsley, Youth Secretary of the Sudbury Y.M.C.A. Mr. Mawdsley has been a leader and staff member of the Y.M.C.A. for the past four years, and for two years a counsellor and staff member of the Montreal Y.M.C.A.'s Kamp Kanawana. He is a B.A. graduate from Sir George Williams College, Montreal.

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.

Each cabin is supervised by a counsellor and a counsellor-in-training. These counsellors are young business men and senior high school students who through leadership training courses and actual leadership experience have demonstrated their ability to lead and inspire boys.

CAMP ORGANIZATION

In this second year of operation, the camp will conduct a Junior, Intermediate and Senior section. Juniors 9-11 years inclusive; Intermediates, 12-14; and Seniors 15-16. Each section will be under the guidance of a section director and a leader for each of the cabin groups.

A special senior section is planned to provide program gaged to the interests and skills of those campers over 15 years of age.

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



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, services will be held in the outdoor chapel which was planned and built by the girls camp of 1954. A single non-secretarian 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.