

CAMPERS GUIDE TO

SELF GUIDED SUMMERCAMP CIRCUIT

NO HAND-HOLDING. NO GUIDES. NO COUNSELORS. HAVE FUN.



THE SAME GAMES THAT FOLKS ENJOYED HERE SINCE 1925. (SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT IS FROM THE SAME ERA SO FORGIVE ITS CONDITION). ENJOY RESPONSIBLY.



CAMP WANDAWEGA
ELKHORN, WISCONSIN



SUMMER SPORTS

FISHING: We have Bluegills, Northern Pike, Large Mouth Bass, Perch, and the occasional Bullhead. We always have a random assortment of poles lying around that you're welcome to, but they're the sort that a proper fisher would scoff at. If you fancy yourself a legitimate angler, you'll want to bring your own kit. Bait is available at about every gas station in the state of Wisconsin (I think it's a law or something).

HIKING: You'll find the trail head just past the tent campground- it's barely groomed, and just under a mile. If you're looking for a proper hike, head over to the nearby Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. Start out at the La Grange General Store at 12 and H to buy a trail map. The Folks there are always jovial & happy to make some reccos.

BIKING: Our bikes give 'vintage' a whole new meaning. They work about as good as an old bike is supposed to, but remember they don't have the control, handling and braking of a modern bike, so take it slow. Need tire air or a brake adjustment? Just ask. If you want to do some proper biking, head over the La Grange General Store at 12 and H to rent road bikes, mountain bikes or a hybrid.

SWIMMING: Two rules: don't fish in the swimming area (white dock) And don't swim in the fishing area (straight dock)... Cause' nobody enjoys a fish hook in their big toe. Also, no lifeguard on duty- so swim safe & buddy up. The DNR claims this lake is one of the cleanest in the state (read: seaweed is natural). WARNING: Bluegill bite anything that resembles a worm (bandaid your nipples, menfolk!)

CANOEING / BOATING: We have a few old relics that you're welcome to take for a spin. If you don't see oars, paddles & lifejackets, check the boat shed on the terraces at the top of the beach.. (What's that hole for, you ask? It's actually an old outhouse converted to a ice fishing shack converted to a gear shed).

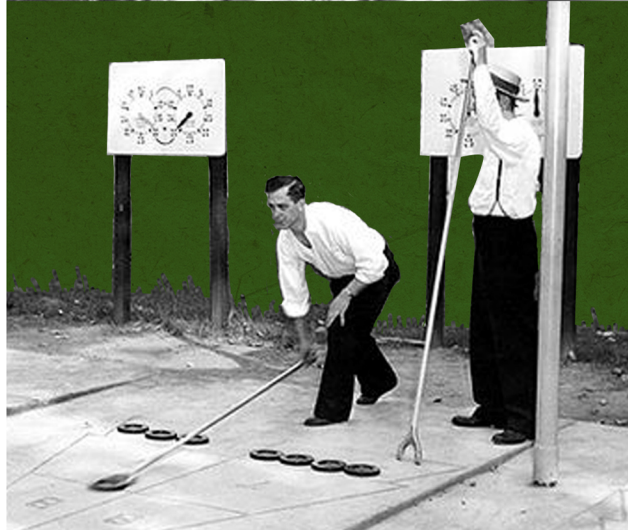
VOLLEYBALL: Grass court (find your balls in sports equipment room). Back in the 70's, we had two official courts, where the Latvians would hold annual tournaments, battling their neighbor countries, Lituania & Astonia. Known as "Sportesvalies" -the winner got Baltic bragging rights.

ARCHERY: Head up past the tent hill to find the archery range. Equipment shed is stocked. And remember: drinking and arrows don't mix. Shoot at your own risk.

HATCHETS: Head up past the tent hill to find the archery range. Equipment shed is stocked. And remember: drinking and hatchets don't mix. Hurl at your own risk.

HORSESHOES: The pit & shoes are always out, help yourself. Beer recommended for this sport for optimal performance.

PING PONG: Sport of champions. The home-made church-basement tables are always out- balls & paddles in the sports equipment room.



BASKETBALL: A random assortment of balls in the sports equipment room. (Anyone who can show us the film of making a basket from the top deck of the treehouse, wins a beer.)

TENNIS: You'll find the gear in the sports equipment room. The "court" is really just a glorified patch of concrete and our rackets are all from the 50s. But we do provide pretty new balls by the bucket.

Croquet: Sets can be found on the sports field, so have at it. Note: your Camp counselors have no idea if this game has official rules or not.

SHUFFLEBOARD: If they're not already on the court, you'll find pucks and sticks in the sports equipment room.

BADMINTON: Like croquet & shuffleboard, no body seems to know the rules. But folks bat the birdie over the volleyball court. Gear in equipment room.

CAMPFIRES, GRILLS & SMOKERS. You're welcome to all - they're like easter eggs dispersed across the grounds. BYOC (bring your own charcoal) & thank you kindly for cleaning up after yourselves for the next camper. And remember what Smokey says: "Be safe kid, or I'll break your legs".

** For you runner types: The neighborhood roads are good for a morning jog. If you want to log a longer run, head out to the country roads and have at it.*



WINTER SPORTS

WHAT TO DO AT A SUMMERCAMP IN THE DEAD OF WINTER:

If you happen to be here on a snowy day, here's some ideas:

SLEDDING: We have an obscene collection of toboggans, kids & grown up sleds.

SNOWMOBILING: We have a couple of old-school sleds that run only when they feel like it, and require staff supervision.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING: Lots of spots in the area - head to the LaGrange Country store for rentals and trail maps.

ICE SKATING: We try to build the icerink every year when its safe.

HOCKEY: Another collection boardering on hoarding. Check the trunk in the sports equipment room for skates, sticks & pucks.

ICE FISHING: We have a pile of equipment collected from local old-timers. You're welcome to it, but your own your own figuring out how to use it.

