



COUNCIL CAMP HAS IDEAL FACILITIES

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Site Owned and Operated by N. S. Area; Its Features

Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan is owned and operated by the North Shore Area council of the Boy Scouts of America which includes the many villages along the North Shore from Wilmette to Lake Forest and the inland towns from Golf to Libertyville. The camp is run on a non-profit basis for character building and citizenship training. The fee for the boy is put at the minimum. Last year 379 boys experienced 1000 boy weeks at the camp. This year with further expansion of campsites, equipment, number of camp periods, and number of scouts in the council, the number will be considerably larger. The camp is unique in that a large number of troops attend under the leadership of their own scoutmaster. Next year the development of a camping place across the lake is contemplated where scoutmasters may take their families at a very minimum cost while attending camp with their scout troop.

Scout officials and experienced campers who have seen the camp declare that they have never seen a campsite with superior natural facilities. Hundreds of parents who visited the camp last season were unanimous in declaring it as ideal.

Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan has a select campsite that would be hard to beat anywhere. It is situated in the most desirable section of the great vacation land of northern Wisconsin. The entire Spring Lake lies within the 360 acres of comprising the campsite. Thousands of acres of woodland

stretch in every direction, accessible for hikes, nature study, tracking, stalking, trail building, and adventure. Near by is the State Fish Hatchery and Game Reserve. The Wolf river, with its scenic beauty, runs within two miles of the camp. In this river and in other rivers and lakes near by is fine fishing. The land is high all around Spring Lake and the sandy soil affords wonderful drainage. Accessibility is combined with seclusion and all things contribute to make it one of the most desirable campsites in the entire country.

The campsite is located on Spring Lake in Langlade county, Wisconsin, seventeen miles southwest of Elcho and twenty-three miles northeast of Antigo.

Record Number of Boys Taught to Swim at Camp

During the year 1930, 23,273 scouts were taught to swim at Boy Scout camps, according to the report of Fred C. Mills, director of swimming and water safety of the Boy Scouts of America. This is an increase of some 200 over the number who learned to swim at scout camps in 1929, and establishes a new record.

Mr. Mills is the originator of the "Buddy System" the use of which greatly increased during the year. It provides that nobody in a Boy Scout camp may go swimming except at stated periods and then only with another boy designated as his buddy who must be constantly with him on land or in water. A check-up is made during swimming periods and when the director's whistle blows, unless each boy is with his buddy, his swimming privileges are revoked. All Boy Scouts are given a careful physical test before being accepted in a Boy Scout camp and hence, the likelihood of water accidents is lessened.

Sea Scout Schooner Is Insured Against Piracy; Hazards are Enumerated

The insurance policy covering the Schooner Albatross, North Shore Area Council Sea Scout training ship, takes us back through the days of America's glorious sea history. Pirates, Rovers, Letters of Mart, Kings and Princes, Perils of the Sea, all are mentioned in this interesting document, as follows:

"Touching the adventures and perils which we, the said Assurers, are contended to bear and take upon us, they are of the Seas, Men-of-War, Fire, Enemies, Pirates, Rovers, Assailing Thieves, Jettisons, Letters of Mart and all Kings, Princes and People, of what nation, condition or quality soever, Barratry of the Master and Marines, and all other perils, losses and misfortunes that have or shall come to the hurt, detriment or damage of the said vessel, etc. or any part thereof. And in case of any loss or misfortune it shall be lawful for the assured, their factors, servants and assigns, to sue, labor and travel for, in and about the defense, safeguard and recovery of the said vessel, etc., or any part thereof, without prejudice to this insurance; to the charges whereof the said assurers will contrive according to the rate and quantity of the sum herein insured. And it is expressly declared and agreed that no acts of the insurer or insured in recovering, saving, or preserving the property insured shall be considered as a waiver on acceptance of abandonment."

On first thought it seems rather ridiculous to be insured against piracy in these modern days. However, as explained by the insurance agent, this clause has been incorporated in Marine insurance policies since the early days of insurance. By action of the Admiralty and Prize

courts the status of each word has been clearly defined. Therefore the insurance companies are reluctant to drop this ancient phrasing in favor of more modern but less clearly defined terms.

Camp Haven For All Scouting Activities

Summer months afford the greatest opportunity for real outdoor Scouting activities and Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan is the center of attraction for North Shore Scouting during that time. Several months before summer comes, Scoutmasters are getting signed up for camp and start registering their Scouts for Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan.

Here's the way the Scouts feel about it (with apologies to Rudyard Kipling):

"Have you smelt wood-smoke at twilight?
 Have you heard the birch-fire burning?
 Are you quick to read the noises of the night?
 If so, follow with the other;
 for the
 Boy Scouts' feet are turning
 To the camps of their desire and their delight."

Scouts look for adventures, for new experiences, for the thrills of living out-of-doors, for learning more of nature, for building their own lean-tos in the woods and for all that "camping out" means to a boy.

Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan is an ideal place for a boy's self-expression in these numerous ways, but always with the advantage of guidance by his adult leaders.

Let the boy go to summer camp, let him learn to live with new companions, let him develop and grow in the great out-of-doors.

Scout advancement means character building.