Wah-Kon-Dah

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I AM A CAMP

I am a camp.

I am sunlight, a sheen on the water, a mist on the mountain and stars.

I am a doorway out of the commonplace into a new adventuring experience.

I am a place where youth learns the joy of play without a sting, of fellowship without regrets, of creative effort that wearies not, of a good time that leaves no headache--or heartbreak--behind.

I am a new purpose for life that will make the year different.

I am noise-and silence with a thrill in it.

I am laughter-and quiet resolution that seeks the comfort of the hills.

I am energy-and the touch of loving service. I am Youth-and the slowly emerging habits that make natured experience worthy. I am Today and also the Tomorrow that is being shaped. I am a giver of Gifts- that pass not away, that time will not chill, that poverty will not quench, that riches will not deceive. I am Habits, Ideals, Way of living, confirmed Attitudes in the Soul of Youth.

Because I am all these, and more-I invite Youth into fellowship with me.

I am a camp.

CAMP WAH-KON-DAH

On the Great Lake of the Ozark, Rocky Mount, Mo.

Owned and operated by Ben J. and Dorothy Kessler

Founded 1937

Uncle Ben

Aunt Shotzie

OUR CAMP'S CREED

HUMILITY

COURTESY

CLEAN LIVING

HONOR

COMRADESHIP

LOYALTY

FAIR-PLAY

"Our gal JAKI"

OUR CAMP
MAP

Camp WAH-KON-DAH'S 1957

Bottom row, l. to r.: Margaret Yates, Lou McNeill, Al Jaworski, Uncle Ben, Maxine Williams, Paul Yates, Charlie Myers;

Second row, l. to r.: Joy Kimmel, Judy Lefkovits, Judy Breiner, Lee Veasmen, Shotzie, Audrey Fox, Sue Jankowsky, Mary Pat Roach,

Third row, l. to r.: Sue Milsten, Stephanie Williams, Louise Robert, Norma Mentzer, Burt Lazar, Joel Weinstein, Buddy Bennett, Bob Schneider, Barry Jasper, Bob Wachenheim, Mel Saferstein, Sam Hellman, Phil Lebovitz, Phil Weinstein, Bob Mentzer, Pete Herborn, Stan Graber, Warren Weinberg, Arnold Weinstein, Allyn Kantor.

Not shown is Lois Robinson, Mimi Hellman, Bob Douglas, Susan Stone and Marcia Preston

NIANGUA I# GIRLS

L to r: Counselor Judy Breiner, Rita Glazer, Barbara Gitt, Joie Shrier, Esther Pack, Judy Lipsitz, Counselor Mary Pat Roach

OSAGE 2# GIRLS

L to r: Judy Kaminsky, Meg Rothberg, Sue Rothenberg, Kissy Rosenbloom, Jackie Cohen, Joy Sabin, Jane Wolchansky, Counselor Sue Jankowsky, Counselor Louise Robert

OSAGE I# GIRLS

L to r, first row: Lissa Newport, Missy Cohen, Nancy Silverblatt, Linda Shanbaum, Janice Kasha, Vinnie Rothberg, Nancy Ranen;

Second row: Susan Stone, Sue Milsten, Margaret Yates, counselors

SIOUX I# GIRLS

L to r, first row: Rosalie Friedman, Gayle Fargotstein, Joan Liebman;

Second row: Counselor Audrey Fox, Ruth Dritch, Cookie Goodall, Vickie Marcus, Counselor Joy Kimmel

SIOUX 2# BOYS

L to r, keeling: David Korr, Tommy Turreen, David Lipsitz;

Standing: Jimmy Brown, Joel Jankowsky, Counselor Buddy Bennett, Stu Zarrow, Pat Laughlin

OSAGE 2# BOYS

L to r, kneeling: David Gitt, Howie Freedman, Counselor Arnold Weinstein, Julian Hess, Doug Ghertner;

Standing: Gary Friedman, Mark Vitterit, Dale Rice

NIANGUA 2# BOYS

L to r, kneeling: Bob Horwitz, Lee Davis, John Schwartz, Bill Schuchat;

Standing: Bob Seigal, Counselor Burt Lazar, Bob Travis, Counselor Stan Rosenthal, Phil Freedman

SIOUX 3# BOYS

L to r, kneeling: Gary Summers, Stu Ghertner, Ed Schckar;

Standing: Gerry Lieberman, Fred Kalmon, Counselor Max Pollack, Dickie Hytken, Gerry Gitt

NIANGUA 4# BOYS

L to r: Counselor Bob Mentzer, Counselor Tony Pack, George Stanton, Larry Rebstein, Jim Gollub, Alan Ross, Ray Bograd, David Sheffal

NIANGUA 5# BOYS

L to r, first row: Les Fertig, Jeff Pack;

Second row: Eric Bloch, Jerry Gollub;

Third row: Barry Silverblatt, Counselor Bob Wachenheim, Larry Levi

SIOUX I# BOYS

L to r, kneeling: Skippy Miller, Bobby Burnham;

Standing: Larry Hellman, Counselor Pete Herborn, Alan Horwitz, Jo Ed Grace

KICKAPOO 3# BOYS

L to r, first row: Jack Gerelnick, Johnny Heller;

Second row: Rick Deninber, Greg Wagner, Sammy Hellman, John Braude, Steve Schucart

KICKAPOO 2# BOYS

L to r, kneeling: Harold Rosenbloom, Shel Gollub, Frank Schneider, Robbie Intrator, Johnnie Goldstein;

Standing: Counselors Phil Weinstein, Mel Saferstein

Checking in for general swim

Waiting for their turn in the camp olympics

NEXT!

Front view of the water front

Buddy Up time at general swim

Clear blue waters and white docks

Boys and girls line up to give the camera a big smile

Uncle Ben starts the annual turtle race while Uncle Charlie gets ready to pick a winner

Girls, packs, and smiles ready to leave on a big trip

Lou's famous words, "All Out"

Story-telling time at Wah-Kon-Dah

Beauty and the beasts

Wah-Kon-Dah mascots, Bernadette and Bernadine

Boys and girls passing their thirty-minute support test

Pier three lifeguard

He's out until the next Buddy Up

Uncle Charlie and the gang getting ready for another trip

The starting of the big annual turtle race

Nurse Norma begins the weekly weign in

Working up an appetite

Allen Perlman takes his turn on the water skis

A word of wisdom from Uncle Ben

Checking the small craft test results

This way for the three big villages

Curious, aren't they?

Ice cold water brought up by King Neptune and his queen

Will she make it on her first try?

Kickapoo's first

Ummmm, good!

"Chef" George and his crew

Joy Kimmel, Jeff Pack and Bob Wachenheim getting the activities up on the program board

All aboard for ski show

First group going on the Gasconade trip

Uncle Paul explains the proper way to hold a tennis racket

Eric Bloch takes the lead

The Annie Oakleys of Wah-Kon-Dah

Judy and her little Robin Hood

Its fishing time at Wah-Kon-Dah

The line begins for bar-b-cue ribs

Lemonade and bar-b-cue-- its wonderful!

The girls aim in

George smiles at the boys fill up on his bar-b-cue

Charlie and Bob's nature class

Aunt Joy and Aunt Stephanie with the gang from Sioux 2 leaving on an overnight canoe trip

Rodeo bound with Uncle Max and Uncle Buddy

The correct way

Uncle Burt

Time out for a smile

Last-minute instructions

Who's the star in this show?

Low Gap bound with Kickapoo 3

The house

Soups on!

Reeling him out

Tremendous!

There's two in every show

Look, mom, only one hand!

OSAGE I# BOYS

L to r, first row: Paul Munvus, Richy Wallenstein, Seynour Pian, Gary Freidman, David Shanker;

Second row: Larry Klein, Counselor Alan Kantor, Andy Kopelwitz

KICKAPPO I# BOYS

L to r, kneeling: Hank Berman, Roger Shanfeld;

Middle row: Mark Kaminsky, Sal Manvus, Bobbie Marcus, Steve Praver, Bruce Simberg;

Stnading: Stan Graber, Phil Lebovitz

Our gal JAKI, her husband, John Teaford, and Dick Pope, world-famous skier, who with his dad runs Florida's Cypress Gardens

A perfect start for Judy and Dave Lipsitz

Waitin' their turn on the skis with their new ball skirts

Perfect form

Aunt Shotize and the gang from Tulsa, Okla.

Boys and girls from Texas

S-4 CABIN GROUP

Kneeling, Haskell Pitluck, Larry Mizel;

Standing,l. to r: Lynn kuluva, Hal Schwartz, Alan Garfinkel, Mike Berger, Rick Sokolik

Peggy Hirsch, Susan Lebovitz, and Judy Lipsitz get set to sail the Blue Lake of the Ozark

The Memphis group line up for the camera man

Mary Pat, Margaret, and Lee make up a threesome on the office steps

The Lodge, where many happy hours are spent

Wah-Kon-Dah's pride and joy

Uncle George, our wonderful cook

Al and Margaret pose and smile

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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO ALL THE 1957 STAFF AND CAMPERS

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