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IN THE HEART OF THE HILLS

PINewood CAMPS
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FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES
Lake Anasagunticook  In the Heart of the Oxford Hills

PINEWOOD, on the high hill : : Season June to October.
PINEHAVEN, on the lake shore : : Season July 1st to September.
LAKEFIELD, on the knoll : : Season July 1st to September.

Canton, Oxford County, Maine
SEVENTEENTH SEASON
1930

To those who love to worship in Nature's grand cathedral, the silent forest, who love the glory of the hills, the solace of green fields and fragrant meadows, the tuneful melody of mountain brooks, the blue expanse of quiet lakes and the songs of a thousand birds, who love to walk with Nature and let her breathe into their hearts her lessons of humility, and patience, and confidence, and good cheer; TO YOU, this little booklet is respectfully submitted by PINEWOOD CAMPS and their directors.

THE RICHARDSONS.
In Camp

O' the joyous days at Pinewood Camp
Where fragrant breezes blow
From pine-clad heights, 'neath azure skies,
Where crimson sunsets glow.

I love my little cabin there
Beneath thy friendly pines;
Thy winding streams and wooded glens;
Thy purple mountain lines.

I love to tramp among thy hills;
To float upon thy quiet lakes,
With naught to break the peaceful calm,
The ripple that my paddle makes.

And when the twilight softly turns
Into the starry realm of night,
I see the faces of my dreams
Within the camp fire's golden light.
THE State of Maine; land of the “whispering pines” and the “pointed firs” with the finest summer climate in all America. There is no other place that has the charm of quiet scenery, the exhilarating atmosphere or the woodland beauty of the Pine Tree State. Nearly as large as all the rest of New England, more than two-thirds of its area is virgin forest, in which are hidden sixteen hundred lakes and more than five thousand streams. This, with its wonderful mountain country and its abundance of big game and fish has made Maine the summer playground of the Nation; and increasing thousands from every part of America spend the summer vacation within the borders of this great scenic wonderland. Each returning season finds increasing numbers deserting the hotels and boarding houses for the boundless joy of camp life.

The Pinewood Camps consist of three different camps, one known as Pinewood, situated on a hill overlooking Lake Anasagunticook; one known as Pinehaven, situated on the shore of the lake; the other known as Lakefield, three minutes walk from lake. The three camps are identical in plan and management. They should not be confounded with the numberless sporting camps in Maine. Pinewood Camps are camps for adults and families, conducted on similar lines to those for boys and girls, but of course without the counselors and restrictions, which are unnecessary with adults; but you get all of the fun, and out-door life and quiet rest that makes this sort of vacation so enjoyable and beneficial. And you are not left to you own resources. The Directors, the Richardsons, personally see to it that every guest enjoys his or her stay.
Pinewood Camps are the result of a carefully thought out plan to provide the vacationist with all the delights and benefits of camp life in the open and at the same time provide every comfort and convenience. There are no other places like them. They are built, furnished and conducted along original lines; the idea being to maintain a summer rest and recreation resort that would appeal more strongly than any other to lovers of out-door life and nature in her happiest moods. Have we succeeded? We leave it for those who have been our guests to say.

Pinewood, Pinehaven and Lakefield have most unique and beautiful rustic camp bungalows, with broad piazzas and huge stone fire places, and with open air sleeping bungalows, scattered in the pine and white birch forest near. These cabins are totally unlike anything of the kind found elsewhere; the upper half of the walls being open on all sides, screened and fitted with white duck curtains that may be closely fastened when one wants a closed or partly closed cabin. They are so much more comfortable in summer weather, than the stuffy hotel rooms, or the tents used at other camps, that there is no comparison. They are considered the most perfect arrangement ever devised for sound, healthful, refreshing sleep.

Pinewood, Pinehaven and Lakefield are essentially places for rest, happy and healthy recreation, and the joy of a life close to nature in the great out-of-doors.

*There are no struggles here, but gentler ways
Of life stretch far along the winding streams;
Here are the echoes of the olden songs,
Here come again the faces of your dreams.*
PINEWOOD

THE BUNGALOW, containing both indoor and outdoor dining rooms, and a spacious community living room. In the rear among pine and white birch trees are located thirty-eight sleeping cabins, accommodating about seventy-five guests.
The situation of Pinewood is on the brow of a high hill, locally known as “Pine Knoll” rising three-hundred feet above the waters of Lake Anasagunticook, and over-looking the entire extent of this charming lake and many miles of hill and valley, forest and farm. To the east lies the beautiful valley of the Androscoggin in which nests the little village of Canton; its neat, well kept homes resting against a background of green hills beyond. On all sides rise the Oxford Hills, while far away on the western horizon are dimly outlined the distant hills of New Hampshire. The beauty of the scene is not surpassed anywhere in New England. It is a picture that once seen will never be forgotten.

Veiled in the summer evening's haze,
The hills in mystic grandeur rise:
While far below
The waters glow
With the gold of sunset skies.

The elevation above the lake gives a dry, clear and bracing atmosphere, fraught with the perfume of the pine; so different from the damp chill of the coast resorts. Hay fever sufferers find instant relief. Black flies and midges, the bane of most wood camps, are unknown here. The main highway is a half-mile away, from which our private road leads to the camp, so we have no dust from passing automobiles. Within a few miles there are many ponds and streams, and good lake fishing. Guests visiting the camp for the first time invariably exclaim at its wonderful environment; and indeed, one must drink in its charming scenery, breathe its invigorating air, and be lulled to sleep beneath its whispering pines to know the true charm of Pinewood.
LOOKING SOUTH FROM PINewood. The above is only a bit of the view which reaches half-way around the horizon, taking in the entire lake and twenty mountains. It is one of the most beautiful in New England. Tennis court and road to the camp are seen in the foreground.
Anasagunticook,

"An Indian chief, the red men tell
Ere on his drooping eyelids fell
The sleep of death,
With latest breath
Thus prayed: 'Great Spirit ere I move.
To hunting ground in fields above,
Some token for my people weak,
Some pledge of blessing would I seek.'
“The Spirits Smile”

Well pleased the Spirit heard his prayer,
And quivering through the pulsing air,
    His smile of love
    Fell from above;
And where it touched the waiting earth,
A lovely lake sprang into birth,
Whose crystal wave mid rock and isle,
Reflects unchanged the Spirit’s Smile.”
A CORNER OF THE LIVING ROOM. Here all meet in social intercourse, and when the days are stormy or the evenings cool, gather like one big happy family around the blazing logs in the big stone fireplace, play games, sing, tell stories, etc., for there is always a congenial company at Pinewood.
A CABIN WITH FIREPLACE. The above is a bit of the view looking west from the broad piazza at Pinewood.

On a clear day the White Mountains, fifty miles away, can be plainly seen.
Each sleeping room at Pinewood is an attractive little house by itself, perfectly quiet and secluded. They are constructed in a manner to give one either a closed room or the delights of open air sleeping. In this high, dry, pine-scented air, this open air sleeping and the Camp living conditions, have brought beneficial results to those in need of change and rest that is little short of marvelous.
All are required to be quiet and refrain from talking or making any unnecessary noise after 10 P. M., so that all may enjoy absolute quiet for rest and sleep.

And when the morn awakes and peaceful night
Has softly passed, then from the eastern skies
A thousand sunbeams race among the trees
With welcome message to your waking eves.
THE LODGE, situated on the “Point of the Leaning Pines.” It would be hard to picture a more attractive bungalow than this, with its large sunny dining room, and assembly room, and its broad piazzas overlooking the entire extent of Lake Anasagunticook
The situation of Pinehaven is on the immediate shore of Lake Anasagunticook, on a point reaching out from the west shore, about two miles from Pinewood. This point was formerly the site of an Indian village, and is a most beautiful and romantic spot. It is near the wonderful south shore bathing beach. The camp grounds comprise about fifty acres, with a shore front of a third of a mile, wooded with pine, hemlock, balsam fir, and spruce. Delightful trails and old roads reach through the forest, making cool and charming walks. The view up the lake is superb. In the rear of the camp are the cliffs and Sunset Rock, from which wonderful views of the surrounding country may be obtained.

Pinehaven is reached by a wooded trail a three minute walk from the highway and garage also by our launch, the “Red Wing,” which makes two trips daily to the Canton Landing and return.

You who love the woods and waters, who are looking for a vacation-land where it is convenient to take a dip before breakfast, and sleep is wooed by the gentle lapping of the waves upon the shore and the songs of the soft lake breezes in the trees will find Pinehaven the place of your dreams. “The sweetest of all music is the singing of North Winds through the pine trees of Maine in a camp in the woods.”
"Good-bye to pain and care. I take
mine ease today:
Here where these sunny waters break,
And ripples this keen breeze, I shake
All burdens from the heart, all weary
thoughts away."
SLEEPING CABINS AT PINEHAVEN.

"No clanging bell of trolley-car
My peaceful slumber there to mar;
My evening light, the evening star,
In heaven’s dome.

No strife, no noise, but even’s calm
While singing cricket chirps his psalm,
And giant fir-trees healing balm,
Perfume my home.”
LAKEFIELD

THE MAIN BUNGALOW AT LAKEFIELD, entirely new, and modern in every way. It has excellent floor for dancing, comfortable furniture, and huge stone fireplaces in both dining room and living room.
Lakefield is situated on the hillside at the base of the steep pitch leading to Pinewood, and is about three minutes walk from the lake. The view, while not so extensive as that from Pinewood, is charming. To the left of the bungalow is a group of sleeping cabins situated in a well cleared grove of pine. Through the grove runs a murmuring brook spanned by rustic bridges. It would be hard to find a more delightful spot. Some will prefer the cabins located by the old stonewall, and more directly exposed to the sunlight. For those who prefer a little more protection from the weather, we have added a few closed cabins, with fireplaces. Lakefield will appeal especially to those who like to walk but do not care for the vigorous climb to Pinewood, and to those who like to be near the water, and yet prefer a more open location than Pinehaven which is entirely surrounded by forest.

All of the delightful features of Pinewood and Pinehaven, the outdoor games and sports, the automobile trips, hikes and picnics and the happy and congenial family that have made Pinewood and Pinehaven famous are duplicated here. With the three camps each vacationist may choose a location which he personally will find most desirable—the high hill with its commanding views; the immediate shore, where bathing and boating are most convenient; or the “happy medium” as Lakefield may be termed.
SLEEPING CABINS AT LAKEFIELD

The following pages of description and general information are equally applicable to Pinewood, Pinehaven and Lakefield.
SADDLE HORSES

One of the most popular of the many attractions at the Pinewood Camps are the number of fine saddle horses which are available to guests at all three camps.
A PINEWOOD CAMP PICNIC at Shagg Pond in the Oxford Alps. A wonderful wild and romantic spot, not surpassed by some of the most famous scenic places in America. Here are five little lakes, amid towering mountain peaks.

To feel from burdening cares and ills,
The strong uplifting of the hills.
Cuisine

The simple, wholesome, delicious home cooking is unsurpassed anywhere. Fresh vegetables, eggs and poultry are supplied from the camp farm, and the finest Jersey milk and cream from tuberculin tested cows. The spring water used for drinking and cooking has been analyzed at the Maine State Laboratory of Hygiene and pronounced of unsurpassed purity. Only the finest products of every kind are used.

Camp Colors

The camp colors are green and tan. All buildings and furnishings are in soft shades of these most restful of colors that harmonize so beautifully with the natural surroundings.

Walks, Drives and Trips

Oxford County is recognized everywhere as the most beautiful section of all Maine. Its lakes, streams, forests and mountains are known and admired the length and breadth of our land. There is much wild country about Pinewood, and the lofty hills with lakes and streams between, the picturesque farm-houses and shady country roads, combine to make this the most attractive section of the wonderful “Down East” country. Nothing can be more beautiful than the Bear and Speckled Mountain drives, or the walk through the lovely Green Woods Road to Worthley Pond at the foot of Black Mountain. This charming valley of the Androscoggin was formerly the home of the powerful Anasagunti-cook tribe, but now

“Canoeless lies the lonesome shore,
The wigwam’s incense wreathes no more.”
To the lover of mountain climbing; Thorn, Trask, Thompson, Bear, Black, Bald and Speckled mountains offer splendid opportunities and grand scenery.

Near the summit of Trask Mountain may still be seen a stone fireplace built by the Indians long before the coming of the white man.

We issue a special folder describing the interesting excursions that may be taken from the camp. Several cars, with careful drivers, are at the service of our guests.

What to Bring

No doubt some will visit Pinewood the coming season who have never experienced the delights of camp-life. For this reason a few suggestions as to what to bring may not be out of place. Bring only plain comfortable clothing. There are no dress occasions and no use whatever for an extensive wardrobe. Knickers are entirely proper. The wearing of finery of any kind, even if old, will not be permitted. The following articles will be found useful in camp: outing flannel nightrobe or pajamas for use on cool nights, kimono, tennis shoes, tennis racket and balls, golf clubs and balls, bathing suit, fishing tackle, canteen or thermos, laundry bag, sweater, rain coat, umbrella, rubbers, hammock, flashlight, music, camera, hot water bag, etc. A knapsack is often handy on camping trips, but not essential.
Equipment

The equipment at Pinewood, Pinehaven and Lakefield is of the best. The sleeping cabins have single cots with best National springs, silk floss mattresses, fine linen, and soft wool blankets, and are the most comfortable beds made. The cabins designed for either one or two persons are each 12x14 feet, cosily furnished with two beds, dressing and writing tables, chairs, rugs, white enameled toilet sets, little oil heaters, etc. Frequently three young people want to occupy a cabin together, in which case we can put three beds in a cabin designed for two. The double cabins are 12x20 and 12x24 with two rooms furnished as above. All cabins have running water and electric lights. They are carefully cared for by cabin girls. Conveniently located are buildings devoted to baths and flush toilets, with good plumbing and plenty of hot water. The main bungalows have electric lights, piano and stage for amateur entertainments. Oil heaters for cabins if wanted for June and September.

Outdoor Games and Sports

The games and athletic features so popular in the camps for boys and girls, and just as much enjoyed by the grown-ups are provided for. There are fine clay tennis courts, six hole practice golf course, obstacle golf, clock golf, tether ball, archery, croquet and other popular games. All situated just a little away, so that those who wish to be quiet are not disturbed by the players. Also canoes, row boats, motor boats, automobiles and saddle horses, for the use of guests. Swimming, canoeing, mountain climbing and hikes, camping and auto trips and picnics in the woods and mountains are much enjoyed. These features make Pinewood Camps especially attractive to young people who have outgrown the boys' and girls' camps, as well as to those who wish quiet and rest.
**General Information**

Pinewood Camps are located about 60 miles north of Portland on the Rangeley Division of the Maine Central Railroad. Trains leave North Station, Boston, about 10 A. M. and arrive at Canton at about 3.30 P. M. (as this bookled is printed before the summer schedule is made, consult summer time-table for exact time,) where you will find our automobile in waiting to convey you to the camps, about 1½ miles distant. Pullman cars run through to destination without change. Parties from New York and points west will find the quickest route via The Rangeley leaving New York about 6.30 P. M., arriving Canton 7.48, reaching camp in time for breakfast. Or one may come by boat to Portland. Always notify us a few days in advance just when you expect to arrive. Telegrams sent to Canton are telephoned to the camp. There is a good auto road to the camps and a garage.

Pinewood, Pinehaven and Lakefield are not sporting camps and all are most enthusiastic over the life here. First-class physicians are within fifteen minutes call. Only the highest class help is employed; the girls coming mostly from schools and colleges and are from good families. The Richardsons devote their entire time to watching over the comfort and enjoyment of their guests. Any further information will be cheerfully given. Address:

**The Richardsons, or Pinewood Camps, Inc.,**

**Canton, Oxford County, Maine.**
THE "RED WING," our twenty-five passenger motor launch, which makes regular trips from the Pinehaven Landing to the Canton Landing and to the South Shore bathing beach. This boat is available for parties from any of our three camps. What could be more delightful than a moonlight sail around the lake?
Briefly Stated

1—Without question the finest rest and recreation camps in New England.
2—Location unsurpassed in its healthful character. Every guest feels at once the benefits to health of the pine woods, the high hill and open-air life.
3—Delicious home cooking.
4—Beautiful walks and drives, and all outdoor games and sports.
5—Modern plumbing and perfect sanitary arrangements.
6—Electric lights in main buildings and cabins.
7—Number limited to just the right number for one big family party, too great a number detracts from the charm of camp life.
8—Good Bass, Salmon and White Perch fishing.
9—Finest bathing, the water of the lake being warm and of unusual buoyancy.
10—Scenery positively unsurpassed.
11—Instant relief from hay fever.
12—Personal attention to the comfort of each guest.
13—And last and best of all, the congenial companionship, the freedom from conventionality and a life near to nature, impossible in the summer hotel.
The Real Vacation

The average summer hotel with its crowds, its conventionality and its dress does not and cannot furnish the real change, rest and relaxation to which we look forward with such happy anticipation with the coming of vacation days. One of our guests said last summer, “The summer hotels are simply unbearable, but Pinewood is ideal; there is not one thing that I could suggest that would make it more delightful.” One of the most prominent professional men in New England said, “I have received more real benefit and pleasure from my vacation at Pinewood than any place I have ever visited.” Such expressions are heard daily.

There is always something to do at the camps, with all outdoor games and sports, horseback riding, canoeing, swimming, fishing, mountain climbing, etc., or one may be as quiet as they like in a hammock among the fragrant pines. And how delightful the evenings before the great camp fire. The young people toast marshmallows, pop corn, play games or engage in whatever innocent pastime fancy dictates, and at an early hour all retire to the little cabins among the trees; for late hours are not kept at Pinewood Camps, and all is quiet at 10 o’clock. There is no dressing up. One can, if he wishes, spend the twenty-four hours of every pleasant day practically in the open-air. There is nothing like it for professional men and women, tired from overwork, or young men and
women students who need to fortify mind and body for the hard study of the winter months. It is the real vacation; a vacation that will never be forgotten, but one the remembrance of whose happy experiences will prove a delight, a help and an inspiration through all the year.

*When twilight shadows deeper fall,*
*And fades the western sky;*
*When through the pine trees dark and tall*
*The moonlight waters lie.*

*The soul with untold rapture fills*
*'Round camp fires brightly burning,*
*To feel from burdening cares and ills,*
*A lighter heart returning.*
Rates and Reservations

Our rates are surprisingly reasonable and will be furnished on application. There is no spirit of commercialism, or highway robbery at Pinewood Camps.

Only desirable people can obtain accommodations, and one may feel sure that he will meet here only congenial and delightful people. To make sure of accommodations it is advisable to have your reservation booked as early as possible.

Persons unknown to us should send references, or information that will satisfy us as to good moral character. You will readily see that this is for the interest of all, as much of the pleasure of your vacation depends upon the character of your associates. “What a fine congenial class we have here” is a common expression. The guests are just one big, happy family. It is our hope to keep it ever thus; it is one of the contributing factors that makes life at Pinewood Camps ideal.

The grouch, the habitual faultfinder, the selfish person who has no thought for the rights and happiness of others, or the snob who wants to show off, we have no room for, and such will please not apply. There are plenty of other places where they can go and be welcomed among people of their own kind. The wonderfully good times enjoyed by the Pinewood family, especially on the many hikes and trips must not be marred by bare possibility of anyone getting in whose conduct brings a discord. Therefore the Directors reserve the right to dismiss at once any guest whose conduct is objectionable or displeasing, and from their decision there is no appeal. Consumptives not accepted. Gentile patronage only.
Sundries

An enjoyable feature at Pinewood Camps is the many excursions and picnics that are planned by the directors to different lakes and mountains in the vicinity; usually the start is made after lunch and supper is cooked over an open fire on the sandy beach of some beautiful lake and returning to camp in the early evening. Many entertainments, concerts and lectures are given in the big living room, as we always have many talented people among our guests. Sometimes the old country dances of colonial days are enjoyed in the evening.

The gardens are very extensive and every desirable vegetable is grown and freshly served daily. Wild strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and blackberries grow in abundance in the vicinity of the camp, and our wild strawberry short cake and blueberry pie are known from coast to coast.

The great number and variety of birds in this section are of interest to the naturalist; more than one hundred species have been noted within a space of two weeks.

The forests and fields abound in many varieties of rare ferns and countless wild flowers.

The Oxford Hills comprise the most highly mineralized section of the Globe; beautiful tourmalines of various colors and remarkable brilliancy are mined.
VIEW FROM SOUTH SHORE BATHING BEACH. There is the finest bathing here; the water is warm but invigorating, and by analysis the softest water of any lake in Maine. It has unusual bouyancy and a hard, white sandy bottom, with very gradual slope, making safe bathing for all.
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And many others.
Conclusion

In the foregoing pages we have told you about Pinewood Camps; what they are and the congenial and delightful company you may expect to find here. New guests are made to feel at home at once, and to enter into the camp spirit, the spirit of good fellowship that always prevails. There is but one disappointment awaits you who come for the first time, and it is a very pleasant one. It is this: you will find the Camps more attractive than they have been pictured. Many times we have been told that our booklet does not do them justice. Guests from nearly every state have visited Pinewood Camps.

Pinewood, Pinehaven and Lakesfield are the only camps of their kind in Maine, and there are very few similar ones in the country, and none that can be said to rival them in the beauty of their location, their original and attractive character, and the wonderful popularity they have so justly earned.

We hope to see you all members of the Pinewood family sometime during the coming summer; but whatever your plans may be, whether we have had the pleasure of your acquaintance at Pinewood Camps or whether you are strangers to their delights, we wish you all a happy vacation.

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