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Damariscotta Camp *For Boys*

JEFFERSON, MAINE

DELBERT E. ANDREWS, A. B., Director

Regular Season
July and August
To provide the most happy answer to that question: "What shall I do now?" which is asked by every bright, energetic boy as he walks home to father and mother on the afternoon of the last day of school in June. To make the summer months contribute to his mental growth, spiritual quickening and bodily capacity to meet the emergencies which life is sure to bring to every human being. To share with other good camps the task of supplementing our educational system by filling the summer months with the more generous, kindly, human, completing education of the out-of-doors. To bring the growing boy to his real heritage, the school of breezes and clouds, birds and flowers, lakes and streams, forests and sunsets, clear skies and far horizons; to the school of hammer and hatchet, boat and paddle, tent and camp-fire, hikes and pup-tents, rafts and canoes, in short, the school into which that real friend of boyhood, the kindly Quaker poet, Whittier, brought his "Barefoot Boy" and said

"O, for boyhood's painless play,
Sleep that wakes in laughing day,
Health that mocks the doctor's rules,
Knowledge never learned from schools,
Of the wild bee's morning chase,
Of the wild flower's time and place,
Flight of fowl and habitude
Of the tenants of the wood:
How the tortoise bears it shell,
How the woodchuck digs its cell,

How the robin feeds her young,
How the oriole's nest is hung;
Where the whitest lilies blow,
Where the freshest berries grow,
For, eschewing books and tasks,
Nature answers all he asks;
Hand in hand with her he walks,
Face to face with her he talks.
Part and parcel of her joy,
Blessings on thee, barefoot boy."

This is the real school. The other is important and necessary, and yet none are more willing to admit its incompleteness and unavoidable artificiality than we old schoolmasters, who for years have struggled against the call of the out-of-doors, to hold the younger folks to the task of acquiring the frame-work upon which to build this natural education.
The shouts of the pale face are now heard where once the voices of WAVUS, and his tribe were wont to shake the air.
CAREFULLY SELECTED LEADERSHIP FOR EVERY DEPARTMENT
Where the Site was Hidden by Secretive Mother Nature for Many Centuries

Damariscotta Camp is located on the west shore of Damariscotta Lake.

The site commended itself to the founders because of its ideal conditions and surroundings. It is quiet and remote from towns. A grove of tall pines borders the long stretch of some three thousand feet of well-drained waterfront and extends backward from the shore up the slope 5 to 10 rods, adding beauty and shade to the beautiful shore, making an ideal setting for our dining room and for the wharves, the swimming beach, swings, teeter-board and well, can you think of anything to which a good pine grove on the shore of a lake is not adapted?

Co-ordinated Camps

Damariscotta Camp for Boys and Camp Wawanock for Girls are known under the collective name of The Wavus Camps and, under the same proprietorship, are co-ordinated, in that the camps are situated on the same lake on the same farm, meal in the same dining room and meet for a social event now and then. Their camp activities are entirely separate.

The Name of Chief Wavus Survives

The collective name “Wavus” is that of an Indian chief who, with other members of his tribe, long ago inhabited the point of land near which the camps are located, known as Wavus Point. Tradition says that the bones of this ancient chief still rest on Wavus point.

Housed Under Shingles

Our buildings are adapted to a life in the open. They are built with strong frames, and broad, over-hanging roofs, shingled with high-grade, fire-proof shingles. They are screened in and provided with shutters for stormy weather, offering complete protection. The walls are of spruce and hemlock slabs with the bark on, and so harmonize with their surroundings as to produce an atmosphere of woods and camp which speaks an unmistakable welcome to the average boy, whose very nature is athirst for the woods and the open.

Camp Leadership

The Camp Director, Delbert E. Andrews, A.B., has enjoyed a long experience as teacher, scout master, club leader, and Bible school worker, and, both as student and teacher, has always taken time from his busy life to be a friend and leader of boys. Most of this time he has been in private schools in Maine, New York, Rhode Island and California, where he has become accustomed to the responsibility of caring for boys away from home.

Nothing is more vital to the unfolding life of boyhood than its adult leadership. The College man is the hero of the boy in the grades. The boy wears the same kind of hair-cut the same kind of shoes and tie and hat, and puts them on in the same way. He plays the same games and uses the same phrases in talking about them, and in general, aspires to be the same kind of fellow. Accordingly, our councillors are selected with reference to personal character, ideals, attainments, and proven ability for leadership as well as camp and athletic experience and fondness for Nature and out-of-doors. They are the best product of our New England Colleges.
To Begin the Day

At the call "reveille" all are glad to spring from their comfortable beds, and fall in for setting-up drill. All follow Uncle Bill for a snake-chase over the campus. About two minutes bring all back, puffing, blowing, and glowing for the setting-up drill.

Then tooth-brush drill at the toilet sink and a rush to the lake for the morning dip.

After breakfast the boys assemble for morning devotionals, and then come cabin duties. Now each lad does his level best to make his little corner and his cabin outshine all the rest, in anticipation of the very sharp-eyed inspector. Everything has a place in the cabin scheme and nothing may be left out of its place. For instance, the shoes not in use, usually one pair, must be under the bed in a certain place with the toes pointing outward. Other personal belongings likewise. The boys stand at "Attention" while the inspector performs his duties, makes his notes and departs with a proper salute which the boys return.

Inspection over, each boy reports according to his personal schedule for instructions in one of the numerous groups, such as Nature Lore, Swimming, Riding, Riflery, Canoeing, Rowing or Camp Craft. And so goes the day.
The Hemlocks

With true pride we invite parents to visit our dining-room and kitchen. With the store room, the workshop, the quarters for the kitchen force, the serving room and the refrigerators of the most approved design, they are housed under the broad roof of the large rustic building, we call "The Hemlocks." Fitted up with such modern appointments as are made possible by running water and electricity, this department is always a source of satisfaction.
Camp Equipment Complete

THE equipment of the camp is complete. Ten to twelve fine horses with saddles are ready for the road. There are boats and canoes for all. The "Covered Wagon," so called because it resembles the prairie schooner used by the early emigrants to the far West, is mounted on a new chassis with high-powered, six-cylinder motor and springs especially adapted to our use, provides for land excursions. Two automobiles and a service truck are also ready for uses for which they are adapted.

Our toilets are fitted with flush closets, and sinks for washing the teeth. The entire camp is lighted by electricity.

From their cabin doors the boys step right onto their play ground, their tennis courts and their hand-ball court.

Our refrigeration is made complete and perfect by Frigidaire, both in the kitchen refrigerators and at the several drinking fountains, located at convenient places about the grounds.

Pure Drinking Water Abundant

Water is supplied by an abundant, never-failing spring of excellent purity, situated in a hilly area about a half-mile from camp and running in by gravity, affording an endless supply under good pressure at every point for every purpose of the camp.

We are rated by the State Health Department as a Class A camp.

Damariscotta’s Broad Acres

From the water-front on Damariscotta Lake the property of one hundred and fifty or more acres extends westward one even mile to Dyer Pond, which is also an excellent place for fishing perch, pickerel and other fish.

This large territory is divided about equally into tillage, pasture and woodland. It is watered by many springs and by a substantial brook which divides it laterally about in the middle.

The diversified nature of this tract is admirably adapted to the uses of a camp, for a varied soil always produces a variety of flowers, trees, mosses, fungi and other flora, as well as a large variety of insects, reptiles and other wild life of a harmless nature. And a woods, because it is always full of secrets and mysteries, is always a source of charm and delight to a wide-awake boy.
A FEW OF OUR CABIN FAMILIES
Making Full Acquaintance With Nature

Can you identify the birds which spend their summer in New England? Do you know our forest trees and the shrubs which fleck our hill-sides and border our highways? Are you familiar with land formations and have you any idea or the process by which they were made, their age, and the infinite patience of Nature as told by them? Can you call a few stars by name and do you wish you knew more about them? Have you a mind full of unanswered questions about the wind, the clouds, the dew, the atmosphere and do you wish you could forecast the weather by observing the weather signs? Then you would find real satisfaction and happiness in walking and talking with our Nature Councillor who not only loves Nature and its Creator but loves equally well to answer questions about all her forms and features. No department of the life of Damariscotta Camp is more heartily or enthusiastically pursued than the Nature-Study.
A PROGRESSIVE camp program, calculated to cover about four years of camping, is in use at Damariscotta Camp. This program is intended to assist a boy in the development of all sides of his nature and is so arranged that each advance step is recorded by the councillor in charge of the activity under consideration, whereupon it becomes the boy's personal record. It is in the form of a booklet which the boy may take home, show his parents and bring back to his vacation from summer to summer. Thus both boy and parent have a permanent record of his progress and standing.

A copy of this program will be mailed to prospective campers on request.
Boys seem to be in their elements when they are making and using their bows and arrows. Is their still a little barbarian in us?

This popular camp sport affords wholesome entertainment not only for the participants but for the onlookers. As progress is made the fencer acquires unusual coordination of mind and muscle.
Archery Unifies Time

Archery connects the past with the present and gives us appreciation of the struggles of our remote ancestors and their patience and pain which were a part of the price they paid to hand down to us our present highly developed civilization. According to the biological law that "The life of every individual is a recapitulation of the history of his species," these boys are getting through with a lot of theirs and will the sooner be ready for the frontiers of civilization and of thought.
TRAINING in the use of a rifle is an excellent investment of a few of a summer’s enthusiastic hours. Under the guidance of skilled leadership, boys learn the safe way to use firearms and equip themselves with the skill and knowledge which will make safe and enjoyable the hunting trips of later life.
Athletic Sports for the Campus

Such games as baseball, football and handball offer no end of interest and entertainment, especially during the cooler days of late summer, when the older fellows are thinking about getting back to their respective schools and the teams they hope to “make.” Provision is made and equipment ready for these games on our campus. Coaches are on hand to teach the technique not only of these games but of track and field athletics as well.
THERE IS NO BETTER GAME THAN TENNIS, FOR BOYHOOD, YOUTH AND MIDDLE LIFE
IT IS TRADITIONALLY A GENTLEMAN'S GAME
FIRE risks in rural sections, where fire apparatus is wanting, must be met by scanty equipment but ample ingenuity and training. Damariscotta Bucket Brigade is showing itself equal to the demand.
Did you ever build a boat? Do you know how to cut out the wood and put the parts together, so that it will be true to a given model, designed to win some important race, though yours is only a copy in miniature? Would you like to be able to use the patterns and gauges, set the lines and place the masts, stays and sails, so that your boat would respond to wind and tide and sail true, like the larger boat of which it is a model? You can learn to do this in our manual training shop under the guidance of a most enthusiastic leader. Then, at the end of the season, sail your boat in the model races on Damariscotta Lake, possibly winning a trophy.
Swimming hour is planned and conducted according to the recommendations of the American Red Cross. A swimming pool is prepared for the non-swimmers and three floats arranged for graded swimmers according to their abilities.
A LIFE guard made up of swimmers of recognized ability and directed by men holding Red Cross Life Savers Certificates takes its place before the whistle “all-in” and remains faithfully on duty until the last boy is ashore after the whistle “all-out.”

Good swimming is a prerequisite to canoeing and aquaplaning.

This is not only a safeguard but a stimulus to effort for proficiency in water.

In addition to the precautions prescribed by the Red Cross we also have in use the “Buddy System” by which every boy is responsible for his one assigned buddy. The whistle blows for “Check your buddy” once every minute.

Any boy found without a definite knowledge of the whereabouts of his buddy must withdraw to his cabin.

The buddy system not only provides an excellent check on the safety of every individual in the swim, but adds the qualities of alertness and responsibility to growing character. No word of objection has ever been heard at Damariscotta Camp. It is like a game.
Among the attractions for the summer are several canoe trips graded in length and kind according to the abilities of the canoeists, mostly confined to our twelve-mile lake with its numerous coves and bays. But as a sort of consummation of the canoeing season, about a half-dozen of the most proficient are selected for a long trip through a chain of lakes and rivers to the salt water and return by another similar route.

For the oldest boys an extension of the canoe plans will take them into the farther hills and lakes of the Maine wilderness, where an experienced guide will be required. This will depend upon arrangements with parents in advance, as well as excellence in canoeing.
Do Canoes Talk?

Canoe, (To attentive boy)

Hey, boy, if you will paddle skillfully, I will take you to the bays and coves of this big lake, whence we hear the lone loon's weird cry and where the luxurious pond-lillies spread their white petals to the early morning sun! Or, if you and your buddy will carry me short distances now and then, I will take you through chains of lakes and rivers to the great ocean and back again! You will have an opportunity to explore rivers, seek out quiet nooks, and round the ever mysterious bends of streams, rest in the most inviting camping places, feast on the dainty trout or pickerel and sleep under a mantle of stars on a bed of fresh boughs!

Boy (Looking off into space)

Oh! How wonderful! Just what I have often thought I would like to do! I have heard daddy and my big brother tell so much about such trips! And I have often wondered what lies beyond the narrows and the hills this side of the rainbow, and the edges of these wooded shores! (Thoughtfully) But I am not allowed to use these canoes yet. You are very kind, but I really wish you had not mentioned it!

Canoe, (In half sympathetic mood)

Oh! Well, you can learn! Go, do your best and you will soon be able to pass your canoe tests! I just can't help talking to you boys! I know I must look just like what I am saying! You are full of possibilities and hopes and readiness for adventure and it all inspires and fascinates me! Go, see your swimming councillor and get him to put you through your training and your tests, and your canoeing councillor, and get him to drill you in your canoeing. You will be ready before you realize it!

Boy (With bowed head, thoughtfully)

All right, I'll do my best!
LET'S TAKE A CANOE TRIP!
A WAR canoe brings into play all the social principles of cooperation, self subordination and prompt united action, which are demanded by the conditions of the mature life of all who will succeed.
Many of the boys like to take a trip to some island on the Maine coast and go fishing in the deep sea. Monhegan Island, ten miles out is usually elected. Here the sea rolls in the summer time enough to show what might happen in a strong "No' th-easter." No greater fun for a few days than "Roughing it" out here on this bluff, rugged island, doing our own cooking, sleeping in a tent and going fishing with some kindly salt. But all are glad to get back to the comforts of the camp! No place like home, after all.
DO YOU like to explore brooks, lakes, forests and mountains? Do you enjoy finding places on topographical maps and going across fields and pastures, fording streams, scaling fences and climbing hills, sometimes even climbing trees to get bearings, in order to find them? Do you enjoy climbing to some high point of land for the sake of the new point of view with its extended horizon? Do you love to fry bacon and make your own sandwiches, or try the pickerel or bass in a strange lake? Then let us learn to roll a pack, to pitch a tent, to make a lean-to and prepare our bacon and flapjacks and, day by day, increase our ability to tramp and rough it. For hiking is one of the joys of camping, suited only to those who practice, and excursions to mountain and lake and sea are enjoyable only as we are fitted and prepared each to play his own part well.
"ROUGHING IT"
JUST A MOMENT FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHER—THEN TO THE TRAIL
HORSEMANSHP is learned by first-hand acquaintance and experience. Under most careful guidance and painstaking instructions boys learn to saddle, mount and ride these fine horses. Much instruction is given in the care and feeding of horses.

After boys become good riders many trips are taken and they become familiar with the countryside.

Riding lessons come twice a week. Extra lessons may be arranged.
Health is a primary consideration at camp. It cannot be left to chance, to nature or to the inclinations of a child. It has to be built up and cared for in many ways.

We have on our camp staff a resident physician and a trained nurse. At the opening of the camp season our physician makes a thorough examination of each boy, making notes on the condition of the lungs, heart, weight and general health. Councillors and nurse cooperate with the physician in adapting food, exercise, rest and sleep to the individual needs.

A well-equipped infirmary is maintained for the purpose of isolating and caring for chance cases of illness or accident.

Our meals are planned by a skilled dietitian. Plain food of good quality, selected with reference to the demand of every living creature for a balanced diet, is regarded as fundamental to the health of growing boys in the open as well as to the ultimate success of the camp.

An annually-tested camp herd supplies abundance of fresh, rich milk and our camp gardens provide plenty of fresh vegetables.

Anticipating the normal desires of parents to visit their children and to see them in their summer joys and pastimes, a colony of several cabins has been established on Wavus Point (formerly a point but now an island) and a rude bridge has been constructed to connect the "point" with the mainland.

This colony offers to parents the comforts of a plain slat-sided, screened-in cabin, fourteen by ten feet with a six-foot screened-in piazza. They are equipped with electric lights, running water and plain but complete sanitary appointments. They are built to hold two people and the third may sleep on the piazza.

Parents occupying these cabins dine with the boys and girls in the camp dining room and they may remain at a camp a day or a week or a month. The rates are $4.00 per day or $21.00 per week in case two occupy the same cabin, and $5.00 per day or $28.00 per week in case a cabin is occupied by one alone. These rates include the use of the colony boats and canoes and other camp equipment when not in use and by special arrangement with the management.

There are two long-distance telephones at the camp. Telephone number is North Whitefield 15-14.
What to Bring to Camp

We are particular about the camp uniform. It consists of two pairs of Khaki shorts (seniors may wear knickers) with short-sleeved blouses and roll collars, a khaki hat on which there should be a two-inch "D" and two pairs of white sneakers. This uniform is inexpensive and is the only clothing necessary to purchase for the summer. It is the camper's dress suit and any boy wearing this is "Dressed up" at camp.

Articles Mentioned Below May Come from Home and School Outfit

Two flannel blouses, four union suits, a sweater, two pairs pants, two suits of light-weight pajamas, bath robe, two laundry bags, three sheets for small bed, one pillow, two pillow cases, two pairs dark heavy blankets, one woolen bathing suit, four bath towels, six pairs cotton hose, six white handkerchiefs, two face cloths, a pair of shoes, a rain coat, rubber boots, one pair of rubbers, and water-proof hat, drinking cup, comb in case, tooth brush in case, tooth paste.

Suggested articles, which are not absolutely necessary, but which add materially to the pleasures of a summer in camp: Flash-light, tennis racquet, baseball pants, fishing tackle, fountain pen, scout hatchet, scout knife, a camera, a book and a game.

This outfit comprises about all that a boy could use in camp and it is better that nothing be added, unless it is an extra blanket. Old campers take more rather than less.

Each article should bear the owners's name plainly and indelibly written.

A complete list of all articles should be attached to the inside of the lid of the trunk.

Small steamer trunks only may be conveniently used in our cabins.

School suit and cap should be worn to camp. They will be carefully hung away and be ready for return from camp at the end of the season.

Brothers should bring separate trunks. Trunk straps are desirable.
How to Reach Damariscotta Camp

Traveling by auto, take route 1 to Portland, Maine, thence to Augusta over route 100 and to Cooper's Mills over route 101, thence to Jefferson over route 132. Follow camp guide signs to the west shore of Damariscotta Lake and to camp.

Traveling by rail, purchase a ticket to Winslows Mills where, if you have previously made arrangements, you will be met by a camp auto.
The Camp Fee

The camp fee for the entire season, including riding lessons, 2 hours per week, plain laundry, all camp trips, and passage to and from railroad station, $350.00—Camp Fee not including extras, $300.00.

Riding lessons, $1.50 per hour. Tutoring, $2.00 per hour. Passage to or from the station, $1.50. Laundry for season $8.00

A reduction of 5% will be made in case two come from the same family.

Camp Fee is payable as follows:

On application $15.00  On arrival $160.00  Balance August 1st

For the sake of safety and convenience it is advised that allowances for spending money be deposited at the camp office.

Wawanock Camp for Girls

 Parents having both boys and girls find that our arrangement of coordinated camps as described above is no small convenience. For brother and sister away from home to enjoy an opportunity of seeing each other now and then during the week is a happy condition for them both. It is also a fine advantage for parents, when they go to camp to see one, to be able to see the other also.

To see the brother and sister seek each other out at meal time to share each other's thoughts, his treats or the latest news from home is beautiful and sometimes touching.
Damariscotta Camp, Jefferson, Maine

Application for Membership

Enclosed find the advance payment of $15.00 Please enroll my name for Damariscotta for season of 19

Name...........................................................................................................................................

Home Address...................................................................................................................................

Age ........................................ Date of birth in full ...........................................................................

School ........................................................ Grade...........................................................................

Church affiliation ............................................................................................................................

This application has our approval

Mr. and Mrs. .................................................................................................................................

For business correspondence

Name...........................................................................................................................................

Address........................................................................................................................................

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Tutoring Department at Wavus Camps

WAVUS CAMPS announce a Tutoring Department under the direction of Mr. George H. Eckels, Principal of the Senior High School, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Most summer camps make no provision for expert tutoring of campers with deficiencies in their school studies, or for stressing individual instruction for any other reason, usually assigning such work to the camp councillors, who are not necessarily experienced in teaching. Many camps even discourage the enrollment of the boy or girl requiring tutoring.

Wavus Camps on the contrary, hold to the belief that a limited amount of tutoring can be received by a camper without its interfering seriously with the recreational activities or the enjoying of a “good time,” which all parents covet for their children.

Mr. Eckels, who has been identified with Wavus for several years has enjoyed many years of successful experience as teacher and supervisor, of both private and public schools. His standing in the teaching profession is a guarantee that our Tutoring Department will produce high-class results.

If tutoring is desired, Camp Wawanock girls and Damariscotta Camp boys, and their parents, are urged to fill out the attached Application Form as long as possible before the camp season opens.

The fee for tutoring will be $2.00 per hour. When it is possible and satisfactory to form a small group for class instruction, a reduced charge will be made.

Use the opposite side of this sheet for Application for tutoring.