

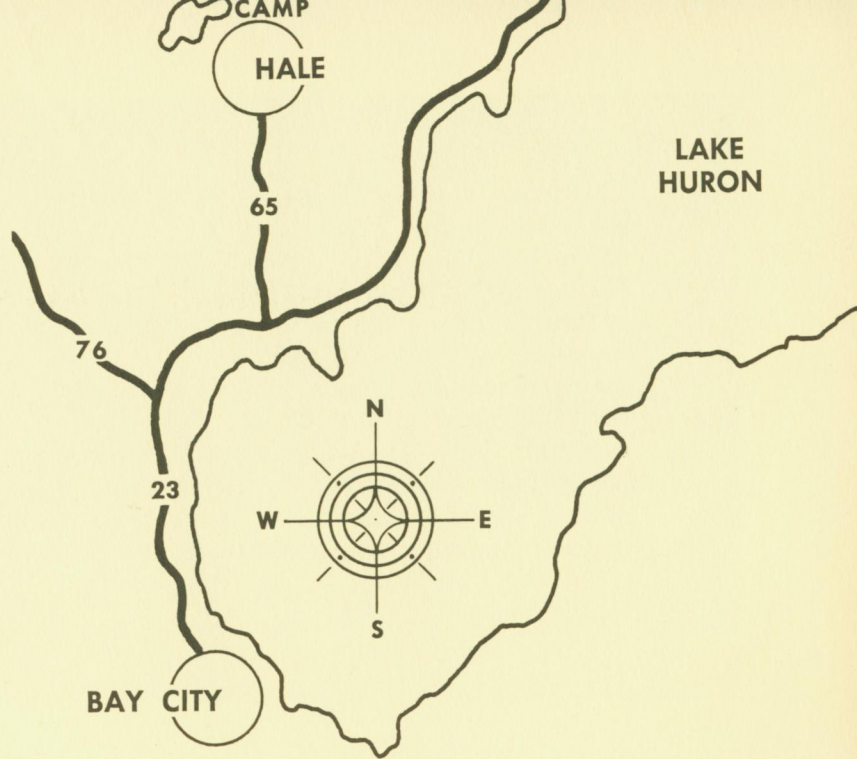
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CAMP MAHN-GO-TAH-SEE, located about 150 miles north of Oakland County, is owned and operated by the Oakland County Town & Country YMCA Inc.—a non-profit corporation. The camp property is located on beautiful Loon Lake, just three miles north of Hale, Michigan on route M65. It comprises some 400 acres of woods, hills and meadows, with over a mile of shoreline. Adjacent to the Huron National Forest, the camp is ideally situated for the adventurous experience of outdoor living, being also in easy access to the Au Sable river, Lake Huron and the regions of the Upper Peninsula. The topography of the site bears witness to a rich historical background with exploration opportunities from the glacial period on through the great lumbering days to our present day ceaseless efforts of conservation. Over one hundred different species of birds, deer, porcupine, raccoon and many other natural inhabitants of the north woods, use Mahn-go-tah-see as a haven of refuge. So too, camp lends itself to a retreat from modern day pressures, a last frontier where youth can live, plan and learn in, to many, the only fundamental, natural setting left to them.



Camping is a way of life—in fact its history dates back to the Indians and early pioneers of our Country when it was THE way of life. From its beginning to the present day of highly organized camping it has been, and will of necessity, continue to be, as former President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard University once said, “the most significant contribution to Education that America has given to the world.” A summer camp is a great laboratory for learning how to live and for gaining strength and understanding.

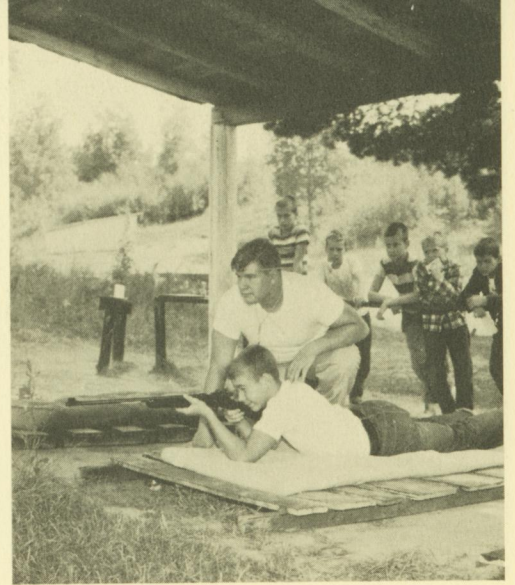
Where else in life to-day can one practice democracy, the art of living together, or develop sound bodies, habits and self-reliance to the same degree that he can in Camp? Where else can a youngster find so many things to do, discover so many new interests, develop such worthwhile skills as in the program of a summer camp? In what better place can youth become aware of the Great Spirit, develop a philosophy for living and discover the real meaning of worship and beauty than in the great outdoors?

Pictorially the following pages depict some of the many facilities and activities of Camp Mahn-go-tah-see and the fun that can be had there. And, with all the fun comes the fulfillment of the purpose of Mahn-go-tah-see, namely; to help youth to grow to the best of his ability "in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man". Camping has had a phenomenal growth and for more than a quarter of a century Mahn-go-tah-see is proud to have grown along with it. With that growth comes a richer appreciation of the infinite worth of the individual and the potential of his growth and development.





Actually Camp Mahn-Go-Tah-See is composed of three separate Indian Villages, each with its own supervisor or Chief serving three different age levels. The Chippewa Tribe made up of campers eight to ten years of age has five cabins in its village, each housing six boys and a leader. The Hurons have



eight cabins in their village for boys ten through twelve years of age. Their cabins provide facilities for seven boys and a leader. The Ottawa Tribe for older boys thirteen through fifteen, use the Longhouse and are divided into groups of seven to eight boys with a leader. Each of these tribes have a pro-



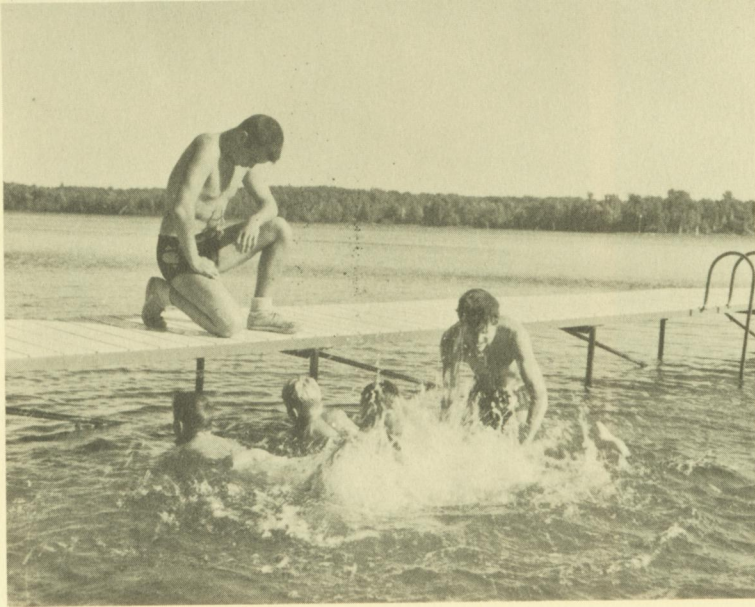
gram adapted to the special interests and needs of the varying age levels. The regular boys camping season is divided into four, two-week periods, and campers may register for two, four, six, or eight weeks. The program is a progressive one and Mahn-Go-Tah-See is proud of the large number of boys



who return each year beginning as Chippewas or Hurons and continuing on through to the final year of the Ottawas. Even at this point many of the campers reaching 16½ to 17 years of age apply for entrance into the Counselor in Training Course (CIT) which adds another one to two full seasons of



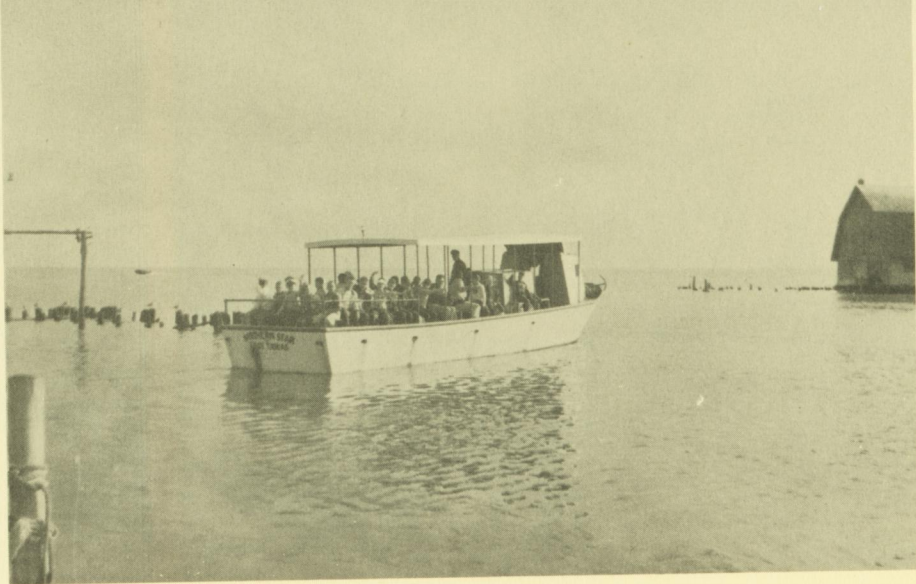
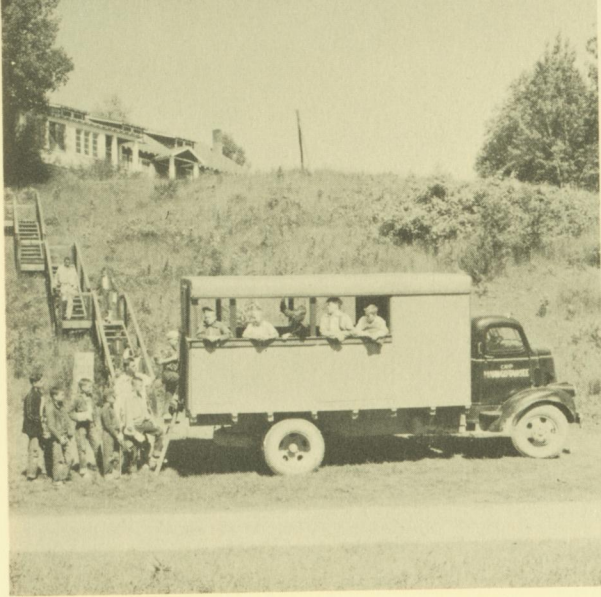
intensive leadership training to their camping experience. With such experience and upon successful completion of the Training Course requirements they may then become eligible for a position as a Camp Counselor. In actual practice therefore the Mahn-Go-Tah-See camp program has served some youth from



their eighth year through their senior year in college. Many factors enter into the picture of course which make it impossible for most boys to maintain a continuity of such long duration. However, the camp program is diversified, adequate and challenging enough so that a large percentage of the campers



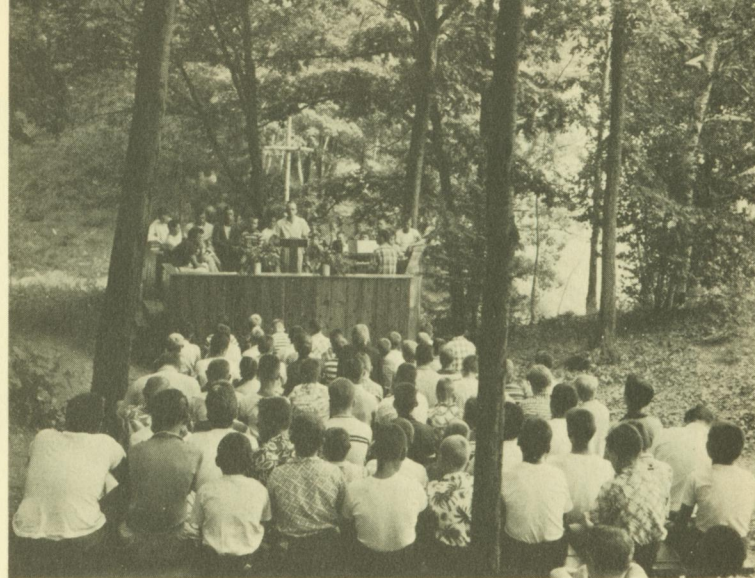
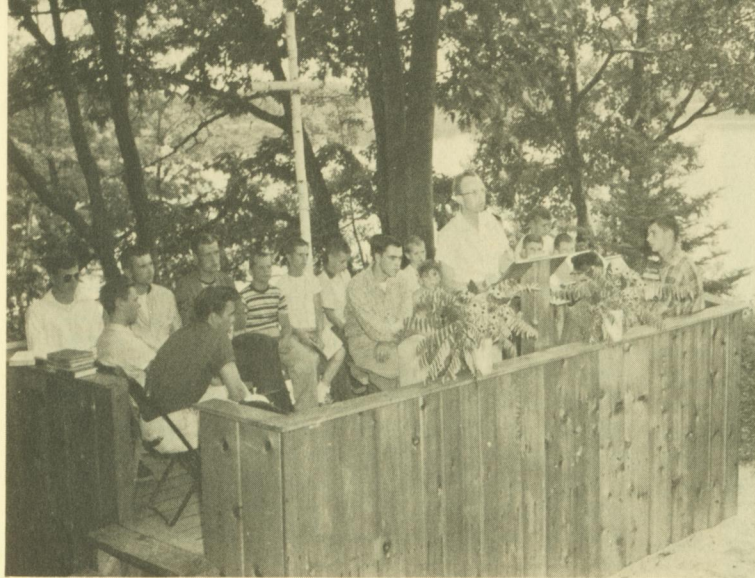
spend some time in all three tribes. Keeping in mind the general purpose of the camp the program may be roughly divided into four parts or opportunities; **FUN, LEARNING, GROWTH, and APPRECIATION.** No small share of the 'fun' element from the democratic part each camper



plays in the selection or choice of activity in which he wishes to participate. To-day it may be fun to ride the trail, to shoot both gun or arrow, to explore on the nature trail or give vent to an inventive or creative urge to make something up at handicraft. Tomorrow it may be fun to plan a cook-out or



'overnight' deciding where to go, what to take and what to eat. Again it may be fun to go fishing, or sailing or canoeing and generally its fun to go swimming most every day. This evening it may be fun to pick up a game of baseball or challenge someone or some group to a game of horseshoes, or



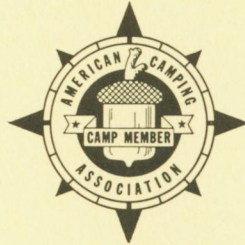
some other kind of game or stunt. As darkness falls, its fun to plan a camp fire with hot dogs or marshmallows, to spin yarns and sing popular or folk songs or to plan and put on a stunt show, and the movie program. Then there's those "far away places" that provide so much fun in planning and going on trips.



FOR THE OLDER BOY . . .

Camp Mahn-Go-Tah-See's Ottawa section caters to that "Happy Wanderer's" urge for exploration and adventure out on the open trail. Many older boys, particularly those who have spent a number of years at camp, are ready for the new experience that awaits them in *mobile* camping by either canoe or truck. The feel of the paddle as it dips into the current of the river, the anticipation of "What's around the next bend?" provides a never to be forgotten thrill. Different campsites, the sleeping bag under a canopy of stars, open-fire cooking, the fun that travel brings, the songs and stunts en route . . . all make mobile camping an experience of a lifetime. With Mahn-Go-Tah-See as home base, the surrounding territory up into the Upper Peninsular affords an almost unlimited opportunity to the camper who wants to roam on land or water.

Having met the standards in the areas of Personnel, Program, Administration, Health, Sanitation and Safety . . .



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