

## Badger Tracks – April 2002

### Our Section Remembers Jack Weiner

Our Section felt great sadness as we experienced the loss of a man who had devoted many years to camping, and the last several years as the Executive of our Section. Perhaps his life can best be summed up in the following poem written by his granddaughter, Ariel Weiner, and shared at his service:

### A Day in the Life of My Zaidee

He wakes up before the sun and begin his morning stretches. Small quiet noises of true effort as he loosens, bends, and stretches.

Into the bathroom he shuffles in slippers, clink clank the ice cubes fall. Water fills the basin and the invigorating rinse begins. Refreshing water on his sweet face and chest. Droplets cling to his tanned skin.

The black robe is tied shut, short steps to the kitchen. Zaidee and the sun have breakfast together, 1 slice of tomato, 1 slice of cucumber, one slice of onion, and the final delicacy of hard salami, all on half a bagel. Pure delight. A little black coffee, some newspaper, and he's ready for the walk.

Whatever the season or weather, his loyalty lies in the Arboretum walk and the delight in choosing the perfect walking stick. Never too tall, always sturdy and strong. He and the sun follow the winding path, breathe in the beautiful air and appreciate and absorb the flowers, the trees and the sound of his strong feet walking the ground.

Back at home, he returns calls to camps and directors-- discussion, chuckles, and decisions being made. The camping world was his kingdom, each child he considered his

own, and his message was that of fairness. Respected, admired, and trusted--to numerous to count or know.

Sunsetting, midday snooze in an over-stuffed chair. A small easy smile lies across his open lips. Snores that usually accompany a deep sleep fall out of this little man the moment he shuts his blue eyes. He dreams of tennis and releases a strong backhand in his sleep. He scores and both fisted hands rise in victory.

My Zaidee--victorious in all he has accomplished, victorious in touching the lives of his family, his friends, his campers, and generations of campers to come. Victorious in living his life to the absolute fullest and teaching us to always appreciate the simplest things in life. Soaking up his friend the sun, listening to classical music, skiing down powdery slopes, watching the sunset.

Our love for Zaidee is deeply ingrained and everlasting, as his love for life was that of 10,000 men.

Zaidee--my teacher, my hero, my heart. I thank you for believing in me and knowing me. Thank goodness you are so little, for I can put you in my heart, and there you will stay forever, as I am your Arco (Jack's name for Ariel) forever.

As you may guess, his service was crowded with family, friends, and colleagues. It was particularly special in that those of us who have appreciated him in the camping world discovered what a wide influence he had in the lives of those outside the field of camping.

### Using Our Resources

by Section President Anne Derber

It is finally March, the month for spring, and winter has finally hit the northwoods. We have more snow now than we have had all winter. However, this is not the

time for a winter slumber, preparations are well underway for the upcoming summer that is just around the corner.

As we work on accomplishing enrollment goals, staff hiring and training, and program and facility development, it is very easy for us to feel stretched out to our limits. At times it feels like we will not get any sleep or see our friends and families, much less meet the needs of the program! There are some tremendous resources available to help support us during this "crunch time." There are resources available at both the sectional and national levels including staff training events, books, websites, and fellow members of the section.

The time and energy put in now will be rewarded by the look of success on the counselor's faces, the laughter from our campers, songs around the campfire, traditions, and enthusiasm to return. What we do has an amazing effect on those whom we serve. We are part of this organization to ensure that we help one another have an amazing effect on our staff and campers.

Take advantage of the resources available to help support you with your plans. Solid support and great resources will ensure that you are an effective and efficient leader that will help your staff and campers to have a great experience in 2002.  
Anne

### For Sale

Dale Holte has a 26' sailboat with trailer and sails for \$1500, or trade for something of equal value. It does need some fiberglass work. Located at Covenant Harbor Bible Camp, in Lake Geneva, you can contact Dale at 262-248-3600, ext 328, ask for him

### Heal the Child Project

We're pleased to report that

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp has joined the group of Wisconsin camps enrolling children of the September 11 disaster in our camps this summer.

If you are interested in joining this program, contact Brian Scholl, New York Section Executive at 212-391-5208.

### Looking Back

Looking back on the historical milestones of our association.

1935, the name was changed to reflect the change from The Camp Directors Association of America, to the American Camping Association. Our group became known as the Milwaukee Section of the American Camping Association, then the Wisconsin Camping Association.

1936, minimum standards in a variety of camps were to be researched. The goal was to have a volunteer visitor inspect camps in June, 1937. A seal was to be designed that could be used by all camps meeting the standards of the ACA.

1937, the group agreed that the State Health Department would make an inspection of all camps in WI, at least those in our Section, using both their and our standards as guides.

1938, Elmer Ott reported on the National Convention and that there were six fields in camping that particularly needed research - administration; health, sanitation, and safety; selection, training, and supervision of staff; program (intense and free); community and professional responsibilities and relationships; camps as laboratories for basic research in biological and social sciences.

1938, discussion centered around membership dues, and whether the local association agreed to \$5 for active and \$3 for associate members, and whether they would permit the Central office to handle dues

and solicit memberships. No decision was made at the time.

### We Warmly Welcome These New Members

Julie Lefler, Downtown Milwaukee YMCA Day Camp; Erica Linder, LacBaie Girl Scout Council; Chris Radloff, Timberlee Christian Center; Michael Smith, West Suburban YMCA Day Camp; Jennifer Sutherland, Ozaukee YMCA Day Camp; Heidi Mingese, Pottawatomie Hills; Philip Sanders; Tracy Sukow, Roganunda; Arthur Lang, YMCA Camp Minikani; and James Wick, James Wiinanen, Wilderness Canoe Base; John Walledom, Sugar Creek Bible Camp Retreat.

### ...and These New Camps

Downtown YMCA Day Camp, Milwaukee; Ozaukee YMCA Day Camp, Pt. Washington; West Suburban YMCA Day Camp, Wauwatosa.

### Roster Update

These members have been dropped from the roster: Deborah White, Wendy Wellkomm; Paul Wilson; Jan Feltz; Peter Heintzelman; Kristi Hall; Tom Hovre; Charity Hovre; Lisa Koenecke, Jennifer Looyesen, Linda Dobbe, Mike Poulos, Dan Renzoni, Jennifer Smith.

Camp Wapogasset is now registered as Luther Dell Lutheran Bible Camp.

If you spot errors, or want to make changes to your listing in our Section roster, please e-mail [Jerry Carman](mailto:Jerry.Carman).

### Announcements! Announcements!

A new training workshop has been designed to prepare nurses, emergency responders, and other health-trained personnel for the challenges and opportunities of working as a Camp Health Care Manager/Supervisor.

The New Camp Nurse "Survivor" Workshop (but not just for nurses!) is a 2-day offering presented by Mary Ann Knippel,

RN, BSN. Mary Ann is a practicing camp nurse and consultant, and ACN Board Member with twelve years' experience in camp health and safety management.

Sessions will cover the essential of camp health practices, with an emphasis on wellness and prevention. Topics will include: roles and functions of the camp nurse/health supervisor; the ACA Health & Wellness Standards; health center management, communicating with your Camp Director; parents and staff; confidentiality issues; precamp responsibilities; medication management; forms and charting; opening day health screenings...and much more!

Dates and locations are: May 4-5, Phantom Lake YMCA Camp, Mukwonago, WI; May 18-19, Camp Chi, Lake Delton, WI; June 12-13, Camp Eagle Ridge, Mellon, WI. Registration/check-in is at 8:30 a.m. on the first day of the workshop, and sessions will conclude at 3:30 p.m. on the second day.

The fee is \$195 per participant (\$175 for 3 or more registrations from the same camp or agency), and includes all class materials, meals, overnight accommodations at the host camp, and CEU's.

For more information, contact Mary Ann Knippel at MAK Consultants, 262-679-1308, or e-mail [makcons@msn.com](mailto:makcons@msn.com).

### Sending Information for Badger Tracks?

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Your stories of camp, special poems, articles of general interest, etc., are welcome.