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List Checkpoints For Summer Camp

EDITOR'S NOTE: The camping season is close enough to warrant plan-making. Con E. Elms, camping director for the Birmingham YMCA wrote the following article in connection with the Y's Camp Information week. He has these tips for parents in search of a camp.

BY CON EKKENS
YMCA Program Secretary

The Birmingham branch of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit is highlighting a Camp Information week from March 9 to March 15.

Jerry Manlove and Bob Bick, members of the camp office, will be with the local branch during this week. Jerry Manlove has been asked to point up some of the areas parents should examine and questions they should have answered as they enroll their youngsters for camp this summer.

CAMPING has been described as America's most unique contribution in the field of education. Parents can expect their child to grow in some of the following areas as a result of the summer camp experience:

- 1) Self-confidence, as a result of small-group living under the eye of a capable cabin counselor.
- 2) CREATIVITY, developed through cooperative planning within the cabin group staff.
- 3) New skills, learned on the waterfront, in crafts, woodwork, map crafts, and handicrafts, on the trail, through a variety of trip experiences geared to his or her age level.
- 4) Health discipline, relative to cleanliness, neatness, personal hygiene.
- 5) Understanding of the out-of-teligious inquiry and well-directed program.
- 6) Survival skills, through overnight, canoe trips, being "at home" in the woods.

A GOOD CAMP will "spell out" in pre-camp staff training the essential skills by which the counselor will become effective and sensitive to the differences, as well as the similarities, of the youngsters with whom he or she will come in contact.

A good camp will welcome suggestions from parents as every effort is made to strengthen the program and the camp staff. A good camp will have interpretive literature pointing out the basic objectives of the camp.

There are many types of camps now available for parents to choose from as a summer outing experience.

There are day camps, primarily geared for younger children as a pre-resident camp experience. These camps are aimed at providing an outing for the entering youngster child without completely separating the child from his parents. Day camps, as the name implies, means camping during the day and home in the late afternoon.

Let's point up briefly some of the areas a parent should examine relative to selection of a summer camp for your children.

IS THERE A NURSE or doctor in residence? Does the camp comply with the state health laws? What type of sanitation requirements are outlined for food handlers, dishwashers and cooking personnel?

Is there regular inspection of toilet facilities and cabins by the camp nurse? Are living areas tightly screened and water-proofed? Is garbage covered and are grounds free of debris such as nails, glass, etc.?

Does the camp director seem to be cognizant of his responsibility in these areas? Is there fire-fighting equipment at camp? Is there a system of assuming immediate control in the event of an emergency?

THE COUNSELING staff, those related to the campers in the cabin life, must be mature and capable. A counselor is one who has prepared himself to deal with youth as they meet situations in their daily life—not anyone who is available, who wants a vacation, who is an athlete, or one who "loves boys."

How have they been trained? Application, references and interviews.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

A special election having been called, to be held in said school district on the 28th day of March, 1960:

THE FOLLOWING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Friday, the 18th day of March, 1960, up to 5:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, is the last day on which unregistered persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at said special election.

Application for registration should be made to the clerk of the city or township in which the elector resides.

Persons already registered upon the registration books of such city or township clerk, need not re-register.

Bennett W. Root,
Secretary of the Board of Education

Dated: February 16, 1960

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special election will be held in the School District of the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, on Monday, the 28th day of March, 1960, to vote upon the following proposition:

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed each year against property in the School District of the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, for all purposes except taxes for the payment of interest and principal on obligations incurred prior to December 8, 1952, be increased as provided in Section 21 of Article X of the Constitution of Michigan, for a period of five (5) years from 1960 to 1964, both inclusive, by 4 mills on each dollar (\$4.00 per \$1,000) of the assessed valuation as equalized, for the purpose of defraying a part of the operating expenses of said school district?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the polls for said election will be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, and that the voting places will be as follows:

- Precinct No. 1—Adams School
- Precinct No. 2—Quarton School
- Precinct No. 3—Baldwin School
- Precinct No. 4—Pierce School
- Precinct No. 5—Franklin School
- Precinct No. 6—Bloomfield Village School
- Precinct No. 7—Walnut Lake School
- Precinct No. 8—Midvale School
- Precinct No. 9—Torry School
- Precinct No. 10—Pembroke School
- Precinct No. 11—Beverly School
- Precinct No. 12—Harlan School
- Precinct No. 13—Greenfield School

The following statement has been received from the County Treasurer as to previously voted increases in the total tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the school district, to-wit:

I, Charles A. Sparks, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of February 16, 1960, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 15 mills established by Section 21 of Article X of the Michigan Constitution, affecting taxable property in the School District of the City of Birmingham, in said county, is as follows:

Local Unit	Voted Increase	Years Increase Effective
School District of the City of Birmingham, located in the Townships of	4.50	1950 to 1969 Incl.
Bloomfield, Troy, Bloomfield,	4.50	1953 to 1972 Incl.
West Bloomfield, City of Bloomfield,	4.00	1954 to 1973 Incl.
Hills, City of Troy,		
Hills, City of Birmingham, City of Southfield,	6.00	1957 to 1961 Incl.
County School District of Oakland County	.50	1954 to 1969 Incl.

OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE
(Signed) Charles A. Sparks, Treasurer
By Lloyd M. Sibley, Deputy

Dated: February 16, 1960

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said school district.

Bennett W. Root
Secretary of the Board of Education

Dated: February 16, 1960