WHAT IS A TRAIL BLAZER?

With the arrival of the Trail Blazers at Camp Wawayanda, they will undergo a comprehensive study of the basic fundamentals of camping and canoeing. Emphasis during this time will be placed upon preparing each boy for the experiences ahead.

After this brief period in camp, the Trail Blazers will be taken by bus to their destination and base camp in Canada, near Chibougamau, the Province of Quebec.

From Chibougamau the group will leave by canoe on their way into the depths of the "Bush-Country". For a period of over three weeks these boys and their leaders will camp and canoe through some of the most beautiful virgin forest in the world. They will be traversing lakes to streams, through rapids portageing beautiful waterfalls, building campsites, fishing for record sized brook trout, lake trout, the great northern pike, pickerel and walleye. These areas though loaded with an abundance of fish, are equally abundant in wildlife; moose, bear, wolf, mink, beaver, ptarmigan, grouse, otter, fox, geese, duck and of course, the loon. From this vast amount of natural wealth, the Canadian "Bush-Country" provides the setting for teaching a youth the importance of Sportsmanship, the art of real camping and his need for the understanding and appreciation of living with other boys.

LEADERSHIP

From the time the Trail Blazers reach camp till the day they return, they will discuss the elements of good leadership, the essential qualifications of a leader, how growth takes place in an individual, sex, the characteristics and needs of boys their age, methods of handling behavior problems and the responsibility of leadership. During his camping experience each boy will be given leadership opportunities under the direction and supervision of experienced counselors.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Each boy must be fifteen years old or older; and he must have a weight of at least 110 pounds. Each applicant must be given a swim test by his local Y.M.C.A. Forms for this test will be sent to each boy when his application is received by the Camp Office. He must have at least one summer's camping experience in a summer camp, a complete physical and a tetanus inoculation.

Although all qualifications are met and an application submitted, a confirmation from the camp office will not be issued until the Trail Blazer Director has met the applicant personally. This meeting may be arranged by a call to the camp office in Newark.

EQUIPMENT:

In addition to the regular equipment suggested for Wawayanda Campers, boys in this program will need:

- A sleeping bag which can be put into a duffle bag or back pack.
- A cutlery kit, i.e., a campers knife, fork and spoon.
- A two piece rain suit or suitable poncho.
- Canteen, hatchet, sheath knife.
- Tents and packs will be furnished by the camp.

Once a boy makes his reservation, the camp office will send a complete and detailed clothing and equipment list.

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