

FATHER FOLEY CAMP BUGLE

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Well, campers, it may seem rather previous to talk about camp during this frigid and blustering weather; yet camp is such a live question that even snow and frost cannot blue one's vision to the prospect of another perfect vacation. Yes, and y camp will go on despite war, man power shortage, rationing etc. etc. You may know that camping is considered an essential business in the councils of the war lords.

We have heard from several of the old gang and they are just aching for the appearance of spring and the realization of another season in the vacation land of the north.

Rumor has it that some of our counsellors jumped the gun. It has been reliably reported that Bob Schmid and Tony Traxler spent five romantic days of their Christmas vacation around Whitefish. We did not doubt it for a moment when the report came in, as these veterans are usually on the "beam" and when there is anything new in experience to be had they are game.

We are told they are talking glibly with a far look in their eyes of the glorious moonlight reflected by the silvered trees and ice covered lakes, the strange voices of the forest speaking from its rheumatic rigidity, with millionaire rockers as they crunched under their feet the diamond studded snows that belong peculiarly to the north. They walked over the lakes that are accustomed to respond to the music of paddle and oar - well, they must have experienced something. This cannot all be a dream! We are told they are frequently heard humming the tune of "My Song of the Sturdy North."

Just to assure us of the reality of their experience they are convinced the North has more romance in winter than in summer.

Some of us are pretty well sold on the charms of that country in October. We will not argue for we know the north has charms that can satisfy the heart longings at any season.

* Your zone number may facilitate the reception of *
* your camp mail. If this envelope does not have *
* that number, kindly let us have it. *

Requests for camp information are coming in. Some boys have already signed up. Now is the time to do your planning. Let that planning include a few weeks at Whitefish.

Bob Schmid in his enthusiasm is letting the people of Detroit know about the charms of Minnesota as a vacation land, and incidentally the glorious time that may be had at the F.F. C. on Whitefish Lake.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU, BOYS!

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Hi, you fellows. up there, over there, down there, under there, in there and everywhere! How's everything? What have you been doing all winter? and what are your plans for summer? Shurely this delightful weather has thawed you out sufficiently to tell us the whole story. If you were here at headquarters you would realise that many boys like yourself have everything planned even to the packing of the old hiking boots for that trip to the F. F. C. early in June.

These are busy days in the Executive Office. Supplies for the different departments have to be ordered early, provisions for repairs and improvements must be attended to now, inquiries coming in daily must be answered at once. Evidently enthusiasts who know the Father Foley Camp have been talking and as a consequence many new parents are making reservations for their boys this summer.

Now, a word of warning to 'ye ol campers' Let us know as soon as possible if you plan on coming back, and of course we are expecting you, but we must have your application filled out if you expect accomodations on the particular date on which you plan on coming.

Last season several campers came in unannounced. Naturally we do all possible to accomodate them; but that leads to the possibility of overcrowding our normal facilities. We want everyone to sign up in advance. That helps us to assure reservations. Campers are accepted in the order in which their applications are received.

We have several signed up for the season. Several old campers said they would be back. For their convenience we are enclosing an application form. This form asks for more information than the previous one.. If parents are faithful in sending in this information our counsellors can get acquainted with the campers much more quickly.

GET ON THE BEAM OLD CAMPERE AND LET US HEAR FROM YOU. Do not let the new comers crowd you out.

We have not been up north yet this spring; but plan on doing so very soon. Besides thawing out all that ice, pushing the snow banks into the lake, waking up the trees from their winter sleep, and giving the birds a good warm breakfast on their arrival, there are many other things that demand our attention.

The Caretaker tells us he has the ice packed in moth p- sawdust for next summer. You remember those hot July days when you would gave anything for a nice cold drink? Well, we plan on that now, that we may have ice enough packed away to satisfy your needs. Ice up there is about as essential as fuel for the old kitchen stove.

HERE'S HOPING YOU ALL WILL HAVE A VERY JOYFUL

EASTER --- HAPPY DAYS