

Ripples



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Facilities Upgrades

2011 finds Camp Jorn with many new and exciting enhancements thanks to the continuing generous support of Liz Uihlein and the Cherne Foundation.

At the end of the season 2010 the stairs to the Sailing Center were replaced. They are easy to navigate, gorgeous and will last several lifetimes! The interior of the Longhouse has been beautifully redone which helps not only our staff but also our rentals during the off-season. Camper cabins, Sioux and Iroquois have been given multiple upgrades including new roofing, lighting, screening for the porches, windows, doors, carpet and paint. New canvas has been ordered for all of the platform tents and all camper cabins, tents included, have new bunks and mattresses. Most exciting for some will be the renovation of the KYBO which now looks pristine with new toilets, showers, lighting, and doors for starters. Anyone who remembers the old look will be impressed!!!

2011 also brings us an entire new Camper/Rental facility with the "Yurt Village" nestled in the woods to the East of the Dining Hall. The Village will be composed of three Yurt structures with a planned bathroom facility.



Sailing Center Stairs



Camp Jorn's Yurts will look like this.

Photo courtesy of Pacific Yurts

Our entryway is also receiving a face-lift with a beautiful paved asphalt driveway to the Dining Hall ending with a turn-around drive. This will certainly help with the busy traffic during the camping season. A new "Welcome to Camp Jorn" sign is in the works as well as landscaping around the Dining Hall entrance.

WHEW! So, you can see that things are moving right along thanks to our donors and it's only May!!! Be sure to stop by to visit, we're very proud of the Camp and we'd love to show you around!

Director's Splash



Dennis Lipp
Executive Director

We have inertia on our side. Consider the snowball that is building in size and picking up speed. As I write this our Resident Camp registration looks fantastic – 2-week sessions are back and filling up along with the new TEVA programs for 13 & 14 year olds. We are on track to push beyond our enrollment expectations. This is due to a variety of reasons and made possible by many facility upgrades like the new Yurt Village (expanded our bed space by 20), our new platform tents and renovated Sioux and Iroquois cabins. In addition, the KYBO is full of new partitions and fixtures and the Sailing Area has a new set of stairs and instructional area.

We have added Mary Ward as a full-time staff member to ensure the on-going quality and growth of our Day Camp programs. Last year we averaged 36 campers per day and are looking forward to even greater participation this summer.

Behind the scenes we can feel secure in the debt-free ownership of our property as the Paddling New Horizons Campaign comes to a successful conclusion. With the payment of 2011 pledges we will have fully paid off the loan necessitated for our property purchase in 2007. With



"Stay-cation" – CJ Family Camp

Our location in the Northern Highland State Forest, 35 minutes north of Minocqua, Wisconsin on the Manitowish Chain of lakes makes Camp Jorn an excellent "stay-cation" choice for families who love the northwoods experience. Choice of accommodations include our newly remodeled Nash Lodge (page 5) the Long House, Yurts (shown above), Cabins and Platform Tents. Have your own RV or tent? We can accommodate you too!

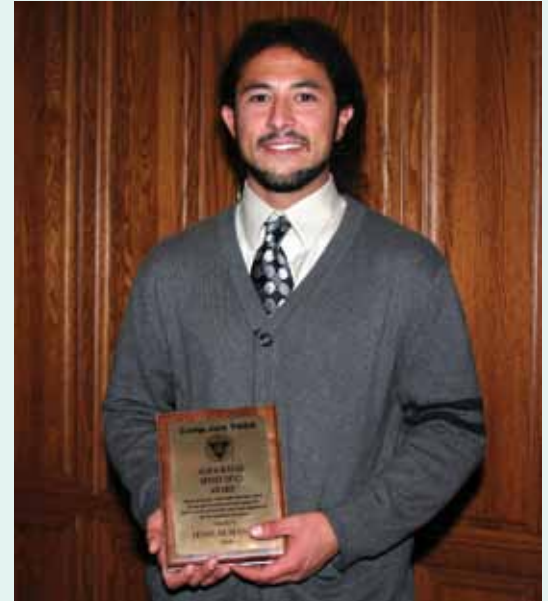
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Programs & Events

Camp Jorn YMCA Annual Dinner

The Board of Directors held the Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Dinner on November 5, 2010 at the Glen Flora Country Club in Waukegan, Illinois. Informally this event has become a celebration of another successful summer of service to campers and provides an opportunity to recognize and thank staff and volunteers who continue to make a difference.

Matt Sullivan and Larry Kilpatrick were recognized for their first year of service and Amanda Kimmel and Randy Copenharve were welcomed into their new posts for 2011. Sarah Glashagel was presented the coveted CJ Medallion for completion of her first summer as Resident Camp Director. Gary Gramley was awarded the Service to Youth plaque for many contributions to facility improvements especially his construction of all new benches for the dining hall. Larry Kilpatrick was recognized with the Best Foot Forward Award for his extraordinary work with the Special Events Committee, chiefly his success with the Golf Outing. Bob Runyan was presented with the Key Leaders Award as he was recognized for outstanding and long term leadership by the YMCA's of Wisconsin. Jesse Almanzo received the Alice Kausz "Spirit of CJ" Award as he was voted as the most impactful summer staff member of 2010 by his peers. To conclude the festivities, Dennis Lipp was recognized for his 20 years of service to the organization.



Jesse Almanzo, 2010 Alice Kausz Spirit of CJ Award Recipient

A Busy Day in January

47th Annual Pancake Breakfast a Success!

Camp Jorn hosted its 47th Annual Pancake Breakfast at a new venue this year, the Bonnie Brook Golf Course. After navigating a few early "speed bumps" the volunteers truly stepped it up to make sure everyone who attended was served hot pancakes, sausage and beverages. During peak periods, Camp staff helped to pass the time by playing guitars and singing songs. For those wanting something sweet or some Camp Jorn swag, the "Trading Post" was open with home made baked goods and Camp Jorn clothing.

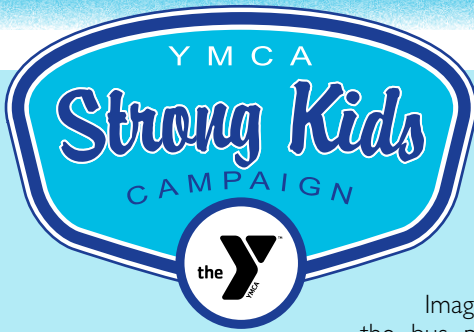


Dennis Lipp, Ted Poulis, Rich Ribando, Amanda (Clennon) Kimmel



Volunteers serving up pancakes & sausage at the 47th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Another highlight of the day was the presentation of an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) by Ted Poulis of Waukegan Public Access Defibrillator (PAD/AED) Initiative to Camp Jorn. Dennis Lipp, Camp Jorn Executive Director, Amanda (Clennon) Kimmel and Rich Ribando of the Camp Jorn Board of Directors accepted the gift on behalf of the Board. The unit will be installed in a protective case in the Dining Hall.



To be as straight forward as possible, we need your donation to help kids get to camp. We know Camp is good for kids. We know an investment in the development of children is an investment in our collective future. We know it feels good to help others. We also know that many families are struggling to provide for their children and at times we all need a helping hand.

Imagine kids left on the curb when the bus pulls away – families that just could not afford the full fees related to going to Camp – a disheartening thought. Now imagine that child receiving a Camp Scholarship – a gift made possible by you – getting off the bus at Camp and being ecstatic about the possibilities. That child now has the chance for personal growth in a supportive environment exploring their talents and making friends that can last a lifetime.

Day Campers and our Child Care programs are also supported by this Annual Strong Kids Campaign – the brochure is available on our website and a quick gift can be made by using our Pay Pal account.



Camp Jorn Associate Council

As we get older, many of us look for a way to stay involved with Camp Jorn. We have our memories of sunny summers spent in the great Northwoods. If we are lucky we have our CJ friends or spouses to share our lives with. But in that twilight between being too old to work at camp but not old enough to send our own children, we struggle for our way to connect to the thing we call Camp. Luckily, a new niche has formed in the CJ community as a way for young adults stay involved—the CJ Associate Council.

The CJ Associate Council has been meeting monthly in order to plan fund-raisers and social events. We had great success at the Pancake Breakfast by running a very popular raffle. We hope to continue our work through service projects, fund-raisers, social networking, and special events to help strengthen Camp Jorn and its community. This includes planning an ALUMNI WEEKEND for next fall at Camp Jorn.

We would love more young adults, parents, and friends to stay active with Camp Jorn by participating in CJ Associate Council. Our meetings are every third Wednesday of the Month. Please keep watch on the Camp Jorn Facebook page for more information regarding the CJ Associate Council. At our next meeting, we hope to reminisce with you about fond memories and plan for a brighter future of Camp Jorn.

--Amanda (Clennon) Kimmel



Associate Council Members Amanda (Clennon) Kimmel and Carrie Zich take a minute to smile for the camera while preparing for the raffle at the 2011 Pancake Breakfast

Golf Outing 2011

**Monday
29 AUGUST
Bonnie Brook
Golf Course
Waukegan, IL**

Volunteer for the golf committee
Donate goodie-bag prizes
Sponsor a hole or a tee
and....

Come out & GOLF!

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History Center to be Developed

The renovation of the Nash Lodge has given us an excellent location to display the history and memorabilia of Camp Jörn. The south end of the second floor of this building, a.k.a. *The Ritz* has been designated Camp's History Center. We are currently in the process of collecting, identifying and organizing photos and other historical items.

Camp alumni, whether campers or staff, light up when they see photographs of themselves or others they know. The History Center will be an excellent way to reconnect with your memories of one of the greatest places on earth – Camp Jörn. You may have seen Steve Bensing's scrapbook which documents almost all of the 1970's at the Pancake Breakfast or other events. Steve has volunteered to collect and organize the photos. The plan is to create an interactive display that will allow you search the archives by year.

Please send Steve your photos (digital or hardcopy - he will return hard copies) along with:

- Your name & contact info especially if you send hard copy photos
- When the photo was taken: year, month & date would be great!
- Names of those in the photo
- Brief description of photo: canoe trip, water carnival, campfire, Sioux Cabin...

Steve will upload the photos to Facebook along with the details submitted with the picture. We are hoping this will snowball into more photos and more information.

Here is Steve's contact information:

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Director's Splash *Continued from page 1*

the culmination of this campaign, the Board of Directors will push forward with future plans for greater program and facility expansion. Look for more information on projects like a new Climbing Program, Day Camp facilities and Health Lodge.

Jump on board – find a way to be part of our future. Tell the story of how camp can change the outlook of a child and create a path for awesome personal growth.

I hope this article will create on-going interest and enthusiasm in the hearts of our alumni, donors and friends. It is too short to address the many questions that come up on the journey so I hope you can find time for a visit or for a phone call.

Happy Camping


Dennis

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Note from an alum

This letter was sent to Ron & Cheryl Sanderlin. Ron was Camp Director from 1975 – 1979. They are currently co-chairing the Board Development Committee for the Camp Jorn YMCA Board of Directors.

Ron and Cheryl,

Receiving your letter and handwritten note a few days ago initiated a fairly long time of searching -- finding Camp Jorn on the web, looking with great interest at the Master Plan and the artist's rendering, using Google Maps to see what I could see and recognize from the air (learning the floating island was moved from its old home off Memorial Point where it always got loose). I also recently saw some pictures via my brother Glenn from friends Bill and Barb Kaufman who had photographed some of the renovations at camp -- Nash Lodge in particular looked great ...it was fun and heartwarming to find that Camp is stronger and better after all these years.

Thank you both for your efforts on behalf of Camp Jorn. It was and obviously still is a very special place and while I live very far away it still ranks as perhaps my favorite place in the universe both because of where it is and because of the fun, friendships, learning and lifelong memories I benefited from there. I hope Camp continues to improve and grow and succeed by having more and more lucky kids share those great experiences.

My years at C.J, both as a camper and staff member, were from 1964-1972. By the way I've been told that a black and white photo of the "stacked" CIT's in pyramid is hanging somewhere at Camp. It was a picture I took during the year I started a photography activity for campers. I think the photo was taken on the bluff in 1971.

BTW I've donated to the Strong Kids Campaign.

Best wishes,

Steve

Steven J. Gray

Camp Jorn Heritage Endowment

The Heritage Endowment is composed of individuals from all backgrounds, communities and walks of life who have made an outright gift or a planned gift to Camp Jorn YMCA's Endowment Fund in one of the following ways....



An outright gift of cash – In this way, each donor benefits from both the good that will be done and current income tax savings.

An outright gift of appreciated assets – If you choose to contribute such items as stock or property owned for longer than one year, you would receive a charitable deduction equal to the current value of the assets while avoiding capital gains taxes.

A life insurance gift – Naming Camp Jorn YMCA as a primary or even secondary beneficiary of your insurance policy paves the way for a large future gift. Should you wish to contribute a life insurance policy that is no longer needed to protect current beneficiaries, you could realize substantial income tax deductions.

A gift through your will – You may wish to consider including Camp Jorn YMCA in your will or living trust. In this way, a fixed amount, specific asset or percentage of your estate may be set aside as a bequest and qualify for estate deduction.

A gift through a charitable trust or annuity - Creating a charitable trust or annuity provides life income for yourself and/or others. With all or a portion of your gift eventually directed to Camp Jorn YMCA, you could receive a charitable deduction.

The initial purpose of the Heritage Endowment is to build funds for the *Maintenance Endowment*. By creating an endowment to maintain the property of Camp Jorn, a sufficient sum of general operating dollars will be freed up to better the programs over time, and keep the cost of attending Camp at levels all kids can afford.

With your help, we can create a promising today and a brighter tomorrow for the kids, families and communities we serve. We always appreciate being notified when planned gifts have been established.



Nash Lodge July 2010

Northwoods Notes

2011 Summer Program



Sarah Glashagel,
Resident Camp Director

For many years in the not-too-distant past, Camp Jorn YMCA offered all of its sessions for campers in a 2-week format. Many factors influenced the decision to move to 1-week sessions over time, including increased demands on kids' and families' summer time, as well as cost and the comfort level of both parents and kids. We

have heard in recent years that many families are now eager to have their children participate in the Camp Jorn experience for more than one week at a time, and more and more families have chosen the holdover option for their campers between sessions to accomplish just that.

In order to answer the call for a longer, more meaningful camp experience that is not just a repeat of each one-week session, Camp Jorn is offering two, 2-week sessions for campers ages 9-15 during the summer of 2011. These sessions are July 10-22 (over one-week Sessions 3 and 4), and July 24 thru August 6 (over one-week Sessions 5 and 6.) These 2-week sessions A and B will bring back long-standing Camp Jorn traditions such as the Water Carnival, Olympic Day, longer wilderness trips, and the sailing regatta, as well as offer greater progression in program areas and the chance to improve small group living skills and independence. The staff of 2010 really pushed to make this happen - they are convinced that the Camp Jorn experience is *MORE* than 2 times as great when you come to camp for a 2-week session!!

Camp will continue to offer wilderness trips for 12-14 year old campers, including the amazing Mountain Bike trip to Chequamegon National Forest, the Pathfinder Backpacking trip, this summer most likely to Superior Hiking Trail, and our revived Voyageur Canoe trip, this time most likely to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of northern Minnesota! Campers who are itching to get out on the trail will have a hard time deciding which trip to join! We will also continue to offer the White-water Rafting trip to campers 11-14 years old during Sessions 1 and 2, a one-night experience rafting down the Peshtigo River! Of course, our trips will be led by enthusiastic counselors with extensive wilderness trip skills and proper certifications.

We hope you are as excited as we are about these great additions/improvements to the Camp Jorn program!!



New Programming for Senior Campers

Camp Jorn YMCA has provided quality camp programming for campers ages 8-16 for many years. As times change, children and families' wants, needs, interests and expectations also change. We at Camp Jorn want to continue to be sensitive to and understanding of those developments.

Our Leadership Development Program (LITs, MITs, and Interns) has helped many teens with the necessary skills and maturity to become effective leaders. It has also done much more. Teens focus on service learning, relationship-building, and adventure and challenge as well.

For teens who have chosen not to be part of the Leadership Program specifically, Camp Jorn has strived to provide high-quality traditional camp programming; however, campers ages 13-16 seem to be looking for more. In an effort to answer that call, we have made some improvements to our programming for teens:



Counselor in Training

We will continue to provide a leadership development program for ages 15 and 16, returning to a previous and traditional label of Counselor in Training. CITs can come to Camp for a 4 or 3 week program: 15 and 16 year olds can participate in either program, but will be divided by age at Camp for progression purposes. They will spend one week in a program similar to our Staff Training, with speakers and learning sessions covering camper behavior, relationship-building, teaching skills, conflict resolution, and more. CITs will also spend time in intense work in specific program areas and with cabin groups, and will plan and implement a short wilderness trip for themselves. Remember, partial scholarships for the leadership program are available.

TEVA

Welcome to TEVA, the newest program at Camp Jorn YMCA!!! 13 to 14 year-old TEVA campers will be at Camp Jorn for an awesome two weeks, living in the new yurts! TEVA campers can choose traditional camp activities like swimming, archery, crafts, and sailing. They can also get creative and think of some other unique things you'd

like to do, like a bike trip, service project, or their own dance! The possibilities are endless!



Yurts

An exciting new addition to Camp Jorn is the Yurt Village, where TEVA campers will be the first to stay! The village will consist of three yurts, potable water, a vaulted privy and fire-ring. The village will be located in a wooded area alongside Snyder Bay. The Yurts will be furnished much like our cabins and tents. The Yurt Village- it's the new coveted place to stay at CJ!



New Staff

Day Camp/Childcare

Our Day Camp Program has a new leader. Mary Ward has been hired as our Day Camp and Assistant Childcare Director. Mary is in the process of hiring staff and planning the program for this summer. She is working on some new, challenging and fun programs. During the school-year, Mary will assist Dawn Holt, our Childcare Director.

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Day Campers Sack Race

Camp Jorn Recruiter

We are proud to announce the addition of Caroline Murphy to the full-time staff of Camp Jorn! Caroline is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences. She has worked at Camp Jorn in several capacities in the past- as part of the counseling staff and horsemanship program, and in promotional work back in Lake County as well. Through the generosity of Mrs. Liz Uihlein, Caroline joins the CJ staff now as our Camp Recruiter, marketing our amazing programs to children and families in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Caroline will also return to her role as Horsemanship Director for the summer of 2011, so we'll get to take advantage of her many talents throughout the year! Please join me in welcoming Caroline to full-time work at Camp, and don't hesitate to contact her with your own ideas, comments, etc.! She will be working out of the Waukegan, Uline offices during the off-season. She can be reached by phone: 847-331-3588 or email: caroline@campjornymca.org



Caroline Murphy (in the water) and a resident camp camper on a horse.

Resident Camp Sessions/Activities Full

WOW! Camp Jorn is truly the place to be this summer! We have a record number of campers attending resident camp. We have so many campers that we've had to close sessions. Popular classes like water skiing and horsemanship are also full during most sessions. If you have not yet registered for Camp or for that special class or trip... *what are you waiting for??!!!!* You don't want to miss out on the fun — do you?

camp jorn rocks!





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Upcoming Events

2011

May 20 - 22

Spring Volunteer Weekend - to volunteer call Paul Kobussen: 7155438808

May 28-31

Memorial Day: Cabins available - call us!

June - August

1-Week Summer Resident Camp Sessions*

- 1W-1 = June 19- 25 1W-5 = July 24 - 30
- 1W-2 = June 26 - July 2 1W-6 = August 31 - 6
- 1W-3 = July 10 - 16 1W-7 = August 7 - 13
- 1W-4 = July 16 - 22

2-Week Summer Camp Sessions*

- 2W-1 = July 10 - 22
- 2W-2 = July 24 - August 6

TEVA

- TEVA-1: June 19 - July 2
- TEVA-2: July 10 - July 22
- TEVA-3: July 24 - August 6

Wilderness Trips

- Mountain Bike: June 26 - July 2
- Voyageur Canoe: July 16 - July 22
- Pathfinder Backpack: August 7 - 13

Counselor In Training*

- CIT Backpack June 26 - July 22
- CIT Canoe: July 24 - August 13

July 2 - 9

Summer Family Camp Session One

August 13 - 20

Summer Family Camp Session Two

August 21

Annual Up North Pancake Breakfast at Camp Jorn

August 29

2011 CJ Golf Outing
 Bonnie Brook Country Club, Waukegan, Illinois

September 3 - 6

Labor Day: Cabins available - call us!

September 17 - 20

Fall Work Weekend - to volunteer call Paul Kobussen: 715.543.8808

December

Camp Jorn Reunion: date to be announced

*See www.campjornymca.org or Program Guide for complete program dates & details

January - May and August - December Camp Jorn is open for Family, Group, Youth or Business Retreats!
 For more information call: 715-543-8808