

A black and white photograph of a lake with a wooden dock and a large mountain in the background. The dock is made of wooden posts and planks, with a small boat moored at the end. The lake is calm, reflecting the sky and the mountain. The mountain is large and rounded, with a forested base. The text "Camp Koolaree" and "1931 - 2011" is overlaid on the image in a white, cursive font.

Camp Koolaree

1931 - 2011

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Celebrates 80 Years

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KOOLAREE

The name was derived from
"Kootenay Lake Religious Education"

In the years 1927, 1928 and 1929 we had camping privileges at Camp Busy of the Nelson District Boy Scout Association, at Kokanee Creek just up the lake. For those who have been to the Government campsite, Kokanee Creek, the Nature House at Sandspit sits exactly where camps were held in those days.

In 1930 camp was held at Chase Point at Christina Lake.

During the years 1927 to 1930, the Rev. Beverly Oatin of Knox United Church (as it was then called) in Trail had a goal, an ambition, and that was to find a campsite for the use of the boys and girls of the area. He, along with Mrs. Elva Kettlewell of Nelson, Mr. Clyde Emory of Nelson, and Rev. George Kinney of the Kootenay Lake Mission Boat searched the Kootenays to find a suitable campsite.

Our present site was decided upon and purchased...

- Ken Dimock, 2006

this album of memories was a project of Katimavik volunteers
at the request of the Board of Camp Koolaree
to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Camp Koolaree, 2011

A short word about the editor...

My name is Charly Baxter. I am 19 years old and come from Ontario, Canada through the National Youth Volunteer Program, Katimavik. Each member of our group works for a non-profit organization in Nelson, British Columbia. While working for Camp Koolaree I have been given the great opportunity to create this book, and get to know how wonderful and full of memories this camp truly is. On a couple occasions I visited the camp and could feel how special it is.

A big thank you to Ken Dimock for lending us his memory books. Without them this book would be a lot smaller. From what I know, Ken Dimock is famous to Camp Koolaree. Fortunately I got the chance to meet him at the 2011 Work Party.

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Assisting Charly was a Katimavik youth from Kamloops, Owen Goss, who spent days at Nelson United Church scanning all the photos and articles collected from Ken Dimock's camp album.

1938



Station Agent Wright McIntosh, Postmaster Fred Robbins and Express Agent Charlie Stewart, await westbound. Full milk-cans arrive on night train.



Shoe repair crew at handicraft hour. Seated, Bill Churches (Rossland), and Norman Tough (Nelson). Standing, Billy Jarvis (Nelson) and David Greenwood (Willow Point)



Kenneth Weir (Creston) and Henry Lemoigne (Nelson), bring in ferns from Canyon, in newly made fern baskets.

Since the first camp was held in 1931, boy's camps have been based on the American Indian theme. Each cabin takes a tribe name. Cabin leaders are Big Chief; Little Chiefs are picked from campers who have had previous Koolaree camp experience.

There had been about 4 years when Directors, particularly from the coast who decided to do away with the Indian theme as they felt it was outdated. They failed and their new ideas were scrapped. Koolaree still survives on old themes and traditions.

There have been many changes since my years at camp; one big one is that boys no longer want competition. The felt K's are long gone, but when I went to camp we loved competition among cabins. Tables were marked; cabins also, land sports, softball, volley ball, swim meets, treasure hunts, etc.

Mohawks: Chief people of the Iroquois confederacy (Ear-O-Kwoi)

Confederacy originally consisted of five tribes, which were known as the five nations:

- Mohawks
- Onondgas
- Cayugas
- Oneidas, Senecas

Later on the Tuscaroras came North and were admitted to the league and it was then six nations.



Building stone steps to lodge, a camp project. Director Fred Robbins (New Westminster), John McKay (Rossland), Paul Hielscher (Nelson) George Webster (Trail).



Chiefs inspect trail making a camp project. R. Smillie (Nelson), D.D. Martin (Fruitvale), Harold Van Orne (Trail), Director Fred Robbins (New Westminster)



Don MacDonald and George Webster, from Trail, pack hot water for dish washing.



Acting Flunkies, Ian Greenwood (Willow Point), Ted Atcheson (Cranbrook), and Tommy Long (Trail), peel potatoes for supper.



Stewie McIntosh on his couch reads Nelson Daily News while using it as sunscreen. In "Library" with him are George Webster and Bill Scheer, both of Trail.



The Attagirl

1939



Senior Boys: Bill Dimock, Jerry Terram, and Jack Underwood



Bill Dimock with camp shield



Martin McLennan and Bars Dimock in old camp boat "Yahoo" Or "Yoo Hoo"; both names used

1940



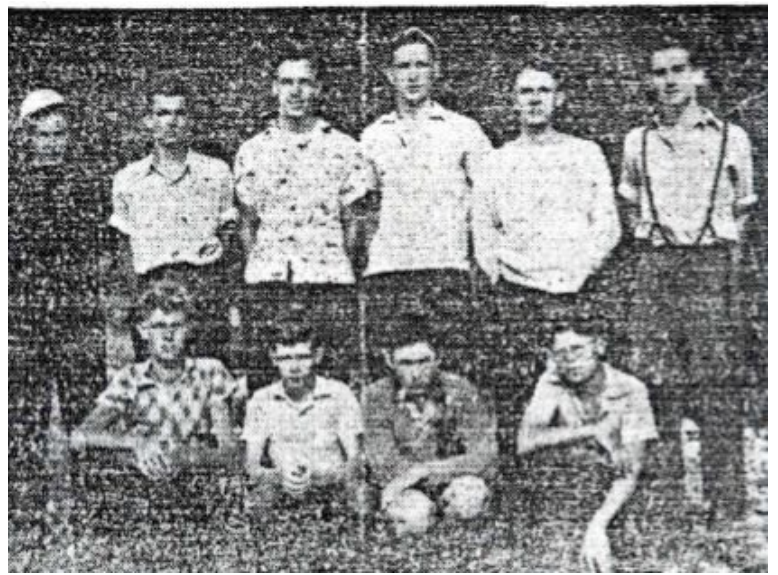
Kitchen and naval staffs are grouped at the cookhouse door. Left to Right: Ernie Ball, Miss Evelyn Carlson, Jim Hoover and Stuart MacIntosh.



The headquarters staff, snapped before the Lodge. Left to right: Gordon Allan, Fred Robins, W.J. Selder, and Principal Wesley McKenzie.



Pontiacs, occupying Cabin 1, standing, left to right: Jack Underwood (Trail), Gordon MacIntyre (Sheep Creek), Allister McAuley (Trail), John Dunnett (Nelson), Ronald Smith (Rossland). Squatting: Jerry Jerram (Nelson), Don Newton (Trail), Bob McIntosh (East Trail). Roy Johnson of Rossland was absent, being in the "hospital" cabin with a touch of sun.



Tillicums, occupying Cabin 2, standing, left to right: Gordon Craig (Rossland), Joe Hilliard (Nelson), Frank Wilby and Angus MacDonald (Trail), Cammie McKenzie (Rossland), Ernie Jones (Trail). Squatting: Ian Currie (Nelson), David Worsfold (Willow Point), Hawkshaw Powell (Creston), Donald Wutke (East Trail)



Cherokees, occupying cabin 5, standing left to right: Jim Douglas (Rossland), J. MacDonald and Lewis Jones (Trail), Tom Griffiths (Nelson), Howard Maidment (Cranbrook), Aubrey Smith (Grand Forks), Doug Winlaw (Nelson). Kneeling: Rege Crawford (Nelson), Jack Gray and Don Bell (Trail)



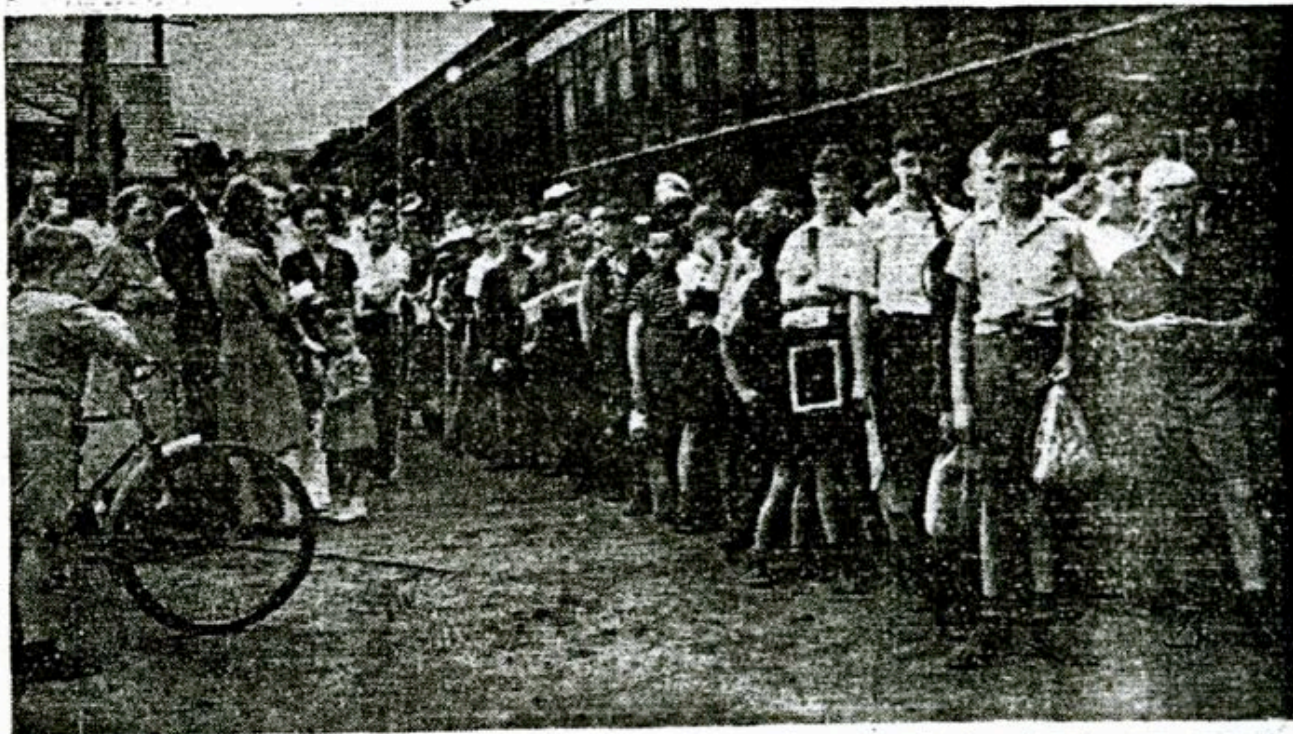
Senecas, occupying Cabin 4. Back row: Russell Jones (Trail). Middle row: John MacIntyre (East Trail), Gordon Harris (Cranbrook), Jack Steed (Nelson), Bob Clerihue and Colin Moen (East Trail), Jim McDonough (Sheep Creek), Garth Jones (Trail), Archie McTeer (Rossland). Front row: Jim Leeson (Rossland)



NELSON DAILY NEWS NELSON, B. C.—FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 11, 1941—

1941

Trail, Rossland Boys Off to Camp



Rossland and Trail boys all ready to get on the train headed for Camp Koolaree, on Kootenay

Lake, where the junior boys' camp now is in session.
—Daily News Photo.



United Church Tuxis Softball Team, 1941, Victoria Park

Back: F. Jones, Hugh
McLeod, Allan Dodemead,
Earl Dwyer, Jack
Underwood

Front: Dick McKinnon, Barss
Dimock, Garth Barnes, Bill
Dimock, John Jarrett, Bob
McKinnon

1941 "Visitors Day"



Junior Boys: Norm McLuckie, Bill Harris, Phyllis and Don Cooper, Ken Dimock



In the Chapel: Ken Dimock, Don and Phyllis Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Sidney Forteach



"Attagirl" Bringing Visitors:
Mrs. Calder and Maureen, Mrs. Goddard, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper



Camp Nurse, Mrs. Foster Hilliard and Baby. "Youngest Camper Princess Minnie haha."



1944

Front: Gord Hunter, Bruce Dovey, Keith Buchanan, Al Krause, Monte Smith, Donald Roberts
Row 2: Dick Anderson, Milton Goddard, Norm McLuckie, Pete McNaughton, Mike Randle
Row 3: Jim Allen, Ian Bryden, Den Goaddard, Dick Radcliffe, Walter Brown, Tommy Bryan, Reg Garnett, Gordon Hartley
Back: Glen Smith, Tom Pagdin, Huntley Wright, Jack MacDonald, Bob Vallance, Dick McNaughton, Merv Rowlands, Bill Allison, Jack Steed, Sally Nelson, Don Kettlewell, Tom Delonq, Don Krause, Ken Doerksen.



1945

"This was the original cookhouse which sat empty for as long as I had been a camper that is up to the 1945 Junior Boys camp when I had to use it as cabin 7. This was before cabin 7 was built. This year we had so many boys in camp that we used the lodge as cabin 8. This year there were, including us cabin leaders, 84 campers. In these days we had camp cots and to fit all 12 of my cabin in this building we had the rafters full of cots, side by side and only one leader to access the rafters. If you were in the last bed you had to crawl over everyone else. Down below we were also restricted for space. We had no room for luggage and had to keep it in the storehouse. In 1950 when the kitchen extension was finished we had to remove this building so that we had access to the new cookhouse complex." -Ken Dimock



Back L-R: Don Gibson, Al Krause, Jack MacDonald, Dick Tyson, Bob Beatty, Keith Jameson

Third row: Glen Smith, Dick Anderson, Don Krause, Jimmy Allen, Len Lythgoe, Norm McLuckie, Allen Gairns, Don Kettlewell

Second row: Allan Stinson, Derek Lowder, Ian Rintoul, Gord Hunter, Merv Rowlands, Tom Bryan, Milton Goddard, Mel Larue, Gill McInnes, Bruce McLean, Stan Dickinson

Front row: Stu McKay, Ken Barron, Bob Burns, Ken Dimock, Jim Todd, Harry Forteath, Tom Delong, Jerry Thompson, Don Swift, Pete McNaughton, Patty Bryan, Jimmy MacDonald, Les Hughes, Don Elder



Cabin Inspection:
Don Krause, Don Cooper and Ken Dimock



There were not many pictures taken of this facility over the years but that was because there were not any adjustable cameras to take care of the shade. That was our outhouse "Nellie" which was used as long as I was a



Harry Forteath, Stu McKay



Pete McNaughton, Jim MacDonald Lorne Irwin

"They can change the buildings and the programs but they can't take away our memories."

-Ken Dimock

1946



1946 Leaders: Dick Tyson, Lois and Fred, Bob Beatty, Claude McIntosh, Claude Macintosh



ESKIMOES (senior boys, cabin 2)

Les Hughes, Don Elder, Pete McNaughton, Allan Gairns,
Don Krause, Keith Jameson, Paddy Bryan, Jim Allen
Front: Don Swift, Clause McIntosh, Jim MacDonald



INKAS (senior boys, cabin 3)

Dick Anderson, Bob Beatty, Glen Smith, Bruce McLean,
Stan Dickinson, Dick Radcliffe, Jerry Thompsen, Bob
Burns, Tom DeLong and Milton Goddard



KOKANEES (senior boys, cabin 4)

Don Gibson, Harry Forteach, Allan Krause, Ken Dimock,
Jack MacDonald, Stu McKay, Norm McLuckie
Front: Ken Barron, Jim Todd, Allan Stinson
Missing: Lorne Irwin



KOKAMUNGAS (senior boys, cabin 5)

Dick Tyson, Derek Lowder, Tom Bryan, Gord Hunter,
Merv Rowlands, Bill McInnes
Front: Len Lythgoe, Melvin LaRue, Ian Rintoul
Missing: Don Kettlewell

Aztecs Cop Coveted Melon In Camp Hunt

Contributed

Happy Day Number 2 has come and gone. It was one of these up and down affairs and in spite of the heavy rain it was mostly up for the boys. It started off to the sound of the morning stretch and yells before the Polar Bear Club took them to the lake for their daily wash up. Georgie Ward went along with his fish pole to catch them by the dough and plain hook method.

The cabins, under the guidance of their leaders, started on a course to learn the art of trekking or following the signs of the woods. The morning games found the Crees defeating the Cherokees at Softball to the tune of 11-7, Robson, Gregson and Bradshaw scored two runs apiece. In the second game of the morning the Apaches downed the Aztecs. In volleyball the Pigmies and Aztecs have been the winners so far. The evening softball games saw the Susquahanas take the Pigmies to camp and Nootkas held the Aztecs to an 8-8 tie. Yuill, DeLong, Ford, Gordon and Wallace were the outstanding players in this game.

Tonight was the first real campfire for the boys, and the Big Chief introduced a couple of new songs to the delight of the boys. The scribes presented their first reports in good style and the Nootkas presented the "Crossing of the Tracks" with Tom DeLong as the agent, other participants being Longworth, Harmston, Ford and Jones.

The feature of the day was the Treasure Hunt with Alan Stanley of the Aztecs finding the winning clue to give his tribe the coveted watermelon. Other clue finders were Bobby Thom, Gordon Laurie, Ken Stanley, Monte Smith, Gerry Pickering, Derrick Clarridge, Brian Marshall, David Bradshaw, Bobby Gregson, Don Lund, Bruce Routley, Alan Stanley.

Visitors to camp for the weekend were Floyd Irwin and Arthur Foster, members of the camp executive. Alex Marshall and Jim Wilson. Doctor Daly and Ronnie arrived to stay the remainder of the Camp and were given the official camp welcome.

Junior boys' camp cabins are:

Cabin 1: "Nootkas"—Milton Goddard, Tommy DeLong, Ernest Ford, Fred Harmston, Delbert Jones, John Longworth, Donald Lund, Alan Marriott, Tom Pagdin, Donald Plant and Harvey Yuill.

Cabin 2: "Apaches"—Ken Dimock, Don Krause, Ian Bryden, Reggie Derbyshire, Ken Doerksen, David Murray, Don Smith, Monte Smith, Jimmy Sommen, Mervyn Welsh, Norman Bradshaw, Alan Woodhouse.

Cabin 3: "Aztecs"—Dick Radcliffe, Dick Anderson, Jim Ballantyne, Gail Batchelor, Brian Clapp, Derek Claridge, Maxwell Gordon, Alan Stanley, Frankie Varseveld, Keith Waldie, Boyd Wallace.

Cabin 4: "Crees"—Alan Krause, Glen Smith, David Bradshaw, Fred Denyer, Ralph Englund, Bobby Gregson, Lawrence Hendrickson, Charlie Lancaster, Donald Little, Pete Robson, Bobby Thom.

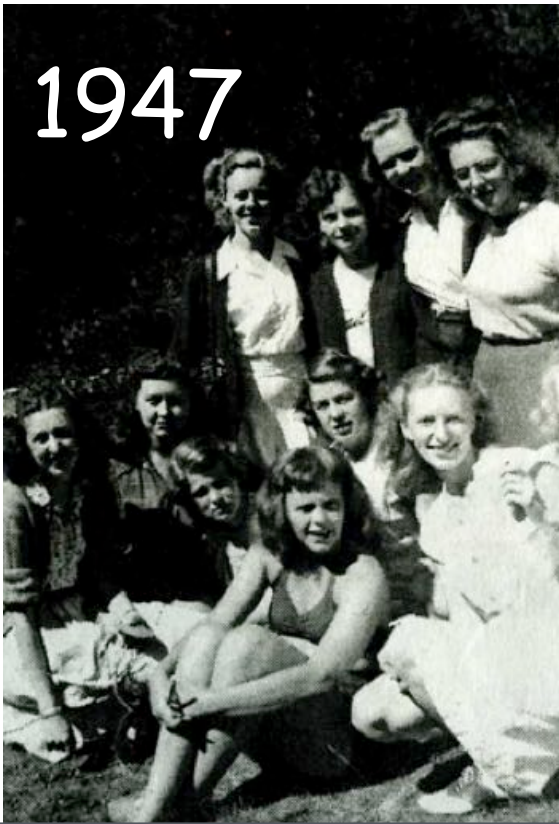
"Cherokees"—P.

Cabin 5: "Cherokees"—Tommy Bryan, Tommy Gibson, Roy Englund, Michael Falkins, Jimmy Haight, Jim Horswill, Brian Marshall, Ronald Mellett, Jack Slingsby, Kenneth Stanley, Garry Walton.

Cabin 6: "Susquahanas"—Derek Lowder, Paddy Bryan, Bobby Frame, Kenneth Grunerud, Norman Hamson, James McKinon, Jerry Pickering, Bruce Routley, Roger Stillwood, William Stevens, Mervyn Williams.

Cabin 7: "Pigmies"—Garry Gibson, Stan Dickinson, William Endicott, Ellwood Grunerud, Edgar Hobson, John Langstaff, Gordon Laurie, Tommy McKay, Jonathan Magwood, Bernard Moen, Ossian Oliphant, Trevor Smith, Jim Todd, Leanne Irwin.

1947



Intermediate Girls

Back L-R: Betty Lou Millen, Shirley Mawdsley, Audrey Cumming, Irene Bentley?

Middle: Ethel Merry, Kathleen Carter, Betty Spain, _____, Betty Cumming.

Front: Mary MacDonald.



Cabin 4

Back: _____, Gwen Meachem, _____, _____, _____.

Front: Claire Marlatt, Beryl Baines, _____, Joan Baines

1948

The Cairn Totem:

The totem at the cairn (The Freddie Totem), as we called it was a senior boys camp project for a few of us in 1948 and our names are inscribed on the back. It was started by Ken May in 1945 while he was camping down on Chapel Beach. To pass the time he outlined the figures of the totem on the old cedar log that was on the beach. It sat there for a couple of years until it was moved up into camp and placed against the lodge. At camp the next year, 1948, it was decided by a few of us to do something with it and so we completed the carving and did the painting as our project.

The inscription reads:

The "Freddie Totem", Built and dedicated to Fred Robins, July 24, 1948, Started by Ken May in 1945; Made by: Gordon Hunter, Mike Colls, Merv Rowlands, Dennie Goddard, Jimmie MacDonald, Ken Dimock, Don Krause, Dick Haywood, Tom Pagdin.



Senior Boys 1948, Day 5 of the Koolaree Echoes noted: It was a welcome sight to see the camp launch return this afternoon- visitors arriving with "Pop" were the Floyd Irwins' and Beverley along with the Foster family.



Senior Boys Bible Class

Ken Doersken, Monte Smith, Gord Hunter, Mike Colls, Merv Rowlands, Ken Dimock, Les Hughes, Jim McDonald, Don Krause, Rev. More, Denny Goddard

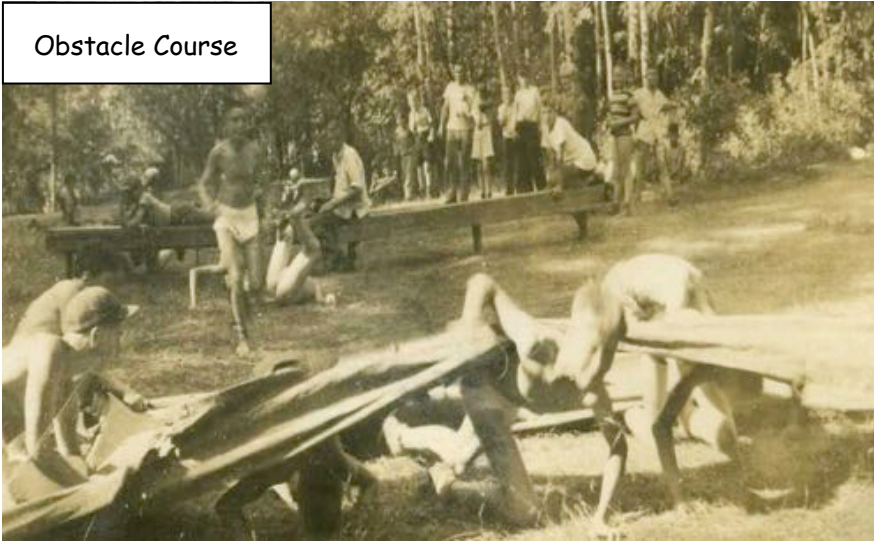


Junior Boys First Aid Classes



Sports Day

Obstacle Course



Pillow fight between Merv Rowlands and Fred Robins



Blindfold Wheelbarrows



Sack Race



1949

Koolaree Echoes . . . 40 Campers at Koolaree for Girls' Session

SENIOR GIRLS 1949

CAMP KOOLAREE, July 27-30. Rainy weather has not dampened the spirits of the Senior girls. Because of the breakdown of the launch "Pop Smilie" the huskiest campers rowed 40 campers, plus luggage across the lake to their home for the next 10 days.

The campers began immediately to arrange cabins under the direction of Mrs. Little of Trail, and leaders Carol Proudfoot, Mary Procter, Jean Elder, Mary MacDonald, Betty Anne Biker, Miss Kitty Wilson and nurse, Wilma Jones.

Girls came from Grand Forks, Rossland, Trail, Nelson, Fruitvale and Creston. Supper was followed by games of volleyball and softball. Cabins 7 and 4 winning respectively. The traditional campfire was under the leadership of Great Brave Shirley Pat Perkins.

The camp comprises:

Cabin four. The Dawnbreakers—Joanne Young, Little Chief; Rachael Johnson, Beryl Barnes, Shirley Pat Perkins, Joan Malloy, Maureen Calder, Anne Rolfe, Virginia Payne, Shirley Ballantyne and Donna Davies.

Cabin five. Ticonderogis — Betty Ried, Little Chief; Gill Reay, Pat Quinn, Maureen MacDonald, Shirley Stinson, Pat Boyce, Mary Bellany, Arlene Thompson, Joan Douglas and Mildred Elmes, Scribe.

Cabin six. Kakahotcha — Patsy Smith, Little Chief; Geraldine Reynolds, Georgie Dally, Beverly Lane, Marianne Martin, Glynn Warning, Ruth Gates, Doreen Dally, Beverley Farmer and Maureen Ayres, Scribe.

Cabin seven. Snuggle Inn—Beverly Irwin, Little Chief; Leona Forrester, Georgia Tallon, Eleanor Hubner, Joan Hendrickson, Jane Nicholson, Carol Ivison, Shirley Young, Dorothy Thomas, and Alice Ann Spooner, Scribe.



Gill Reay, Bev Irwin, Joan Hendrickson



Joan Hendrickson, Bev Irwin, Betty Ried



South Slovan Senior Girls:
Joyce Bland, Joan Malloy

1949 Senior Boys: THE BENCH MAKERS



Gordon Hunter, Len Sturgeon, Lyall Armstrong, Roy Gates, Gerald Staley, Ray Bann, John Jewitt, Allan Stanley, Edgar Hobson, Allan Coombes, Monte Smith, Ken Dimock

The Senior/Intermediate Boys Camp of 1949 made benches to be used in the lodge. Some put legs on theirs and some used log feet. They used spikes from up at the tracks, which were used on railway tracks. Monte and Ken drilled up from bottom while the others went in from the top. They also put their names on the bench using 22 cal. Shell casings from the rifle range.



"My 16 year old girlfriend Gill Reay (Sr. Girls) in 1949, which started at age 15 in 1948 and continued for a wonderful loving 57 years, 7 months."

"After the boys camps were finished Freddie and I stayed over the day they left as the Sr. Girls Camp was arriving. We had to install a new toilet in the washroom which didn't take too long. At that time I had been at camp from 34 days. There was 2 weeks work camp for Monte Smith and I, then 10 days at Sr. Boys and 10 days at Jr. Boys. During my time I had written to Gill regularly. Freddie and Lois Robbins were in charge with the mail so knew of my many letters.

We stayed in camp till sometime after lunch but in our time after work was don't I spent my time with Gill as it was great seeing her again. I am sure Freddie told Tiny Little the girls Director about the two of us, as he also knew Gill from our Young Peoples group at the church. I am sure Tiny gave Gill a break and we started over to the Chapel. Passing the dining hall I spotted Bev Irwin doing dishes whom I knew as she was the sister of my good buddy Lorne. I called her over and asked if she and Gill knew each other and she said, oh yes, we are good friends. On the way back from the chapel another friend of Gill's took pictures of us, this being one of them."- Ken Dimock



1949 Senior Girl Leaders:

Front: Mary Macdonald, Jean "Eddie" Elder, "Kitty" Wilson, Betty Ann "Bix" Biker

Middle: "Tiny" Little, Darol "Cayo" Proudfoot

Back: Mary "Paddy" Proctor, "Willie" Jones

Margarine was introduced in 1949.

"Flunkie" Mike Colls



The Table Totem

"In 1929 there was a 15 year old boy of Japanese ancestry, who came to Koolaree for his first and only time. It was a senior boy named Bob Miyagishima. He came by train from Greenwood and was a great little camper and made many friends. After camp was finished he returned home and in appreciation for the great time he had at camp he carved a small replica of the totem standing at the cairn and sent it to Fred Robins to be used on the tables for the best table marks. In the early 1970's, when heart transplants were being done all over the world, I read an article in a paper about the first Canadian heart transplant being done in Toronto and one of the attending surgeons was the same Bob Miyagishima, who gave us the table totem." -Ken Dimock

SR. GIRLS 1950

Kamp Koolaree looked very inviting to us as we were brought to the campsite on the launch this Thursday afternoon. Fifty-four girls and their leaders quickly located their new quarters and were kept busy getting settled until supper. Some found time for a dip and swimming instructions before the meal. After supper Tiny (our able directrix, Mrs. Verna Little) introduced our leaders and explained the camp routine. Nurse's inspection came next, followed by volleyball, baseball or boating. Cabin 5 built us a splendid campfire, at which we enjoyed a peppy sing-song. We were ready for bed after Taps was sung.

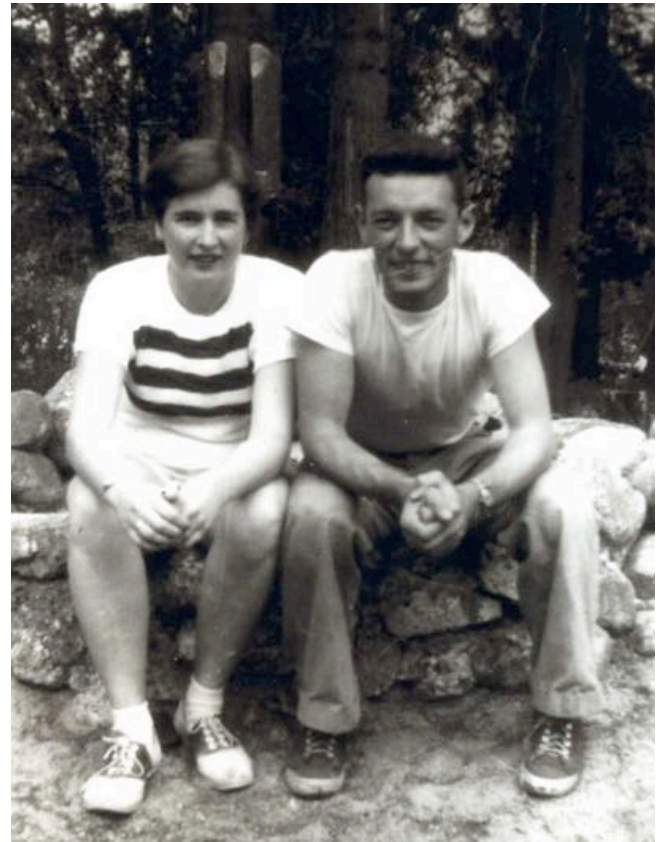
1950



Barbara Gates and Bev Daly



Betty and Gill



Gill Reay and Ken Dimock



**Cabin 3 Senior Girls,
August 1950**

Back: Barbara Hyndman, Arlene Thompson, Carol Proudfoot "Cayo" (Cabin Leader), June Gardener, Bev Irwin (Little Chief), Gill Reay
Front: Shari Johnson, Georgia Daly, Isobel Collins, Janet Thompson, Dawn Craig

The Formal Dinner of 1950

Lord and Lady Landslaughter (Gill and Barb)
Maggie and Jiggs (Isobel and Jane)
Mr. and Mrs. (June and Dawn)
Lord and Lady Sleepytown (Jean and Georgi)
Mr. and Mrs. McApe (Shari and Arlene)



Gord Hunter and Dollie Olivero



Les Hughes, Ken Dimock,
Bob Davies, Gill Reay, Gord Hunter



"Jerks" Senior Girls

Back: Janet Thompson, Bew Irwin, Gill Reay, Barb Hyndman,
Dawn Craig

Middle: Jean Jensen, Shari Johnson, June Gardner, Isabel
Collins

Front: Arlene Thompson, Georgi Daly



"Jerks" Leaders Day

"Louie" Lewis, Carol "Cayo" Proudfoot, "Tiny" Little,
"Campi: Campion, "Shorty" Johnson, Molly Murray,
"Mickey" Allan



Junior Girls Camp: Doralie Vanterburg (Trail), Elizabeth
Daly (Trail), Beverley Daly (Rossland), Barbara Gates
(Nelson), Doreeen Jacobs (Trail), Dawn Waldie (Robson)



Picture taking time

Georgi Daly, Shari Johnson, Dawn Craig, Bev Irwin



1950 Senior Camp Leaders:

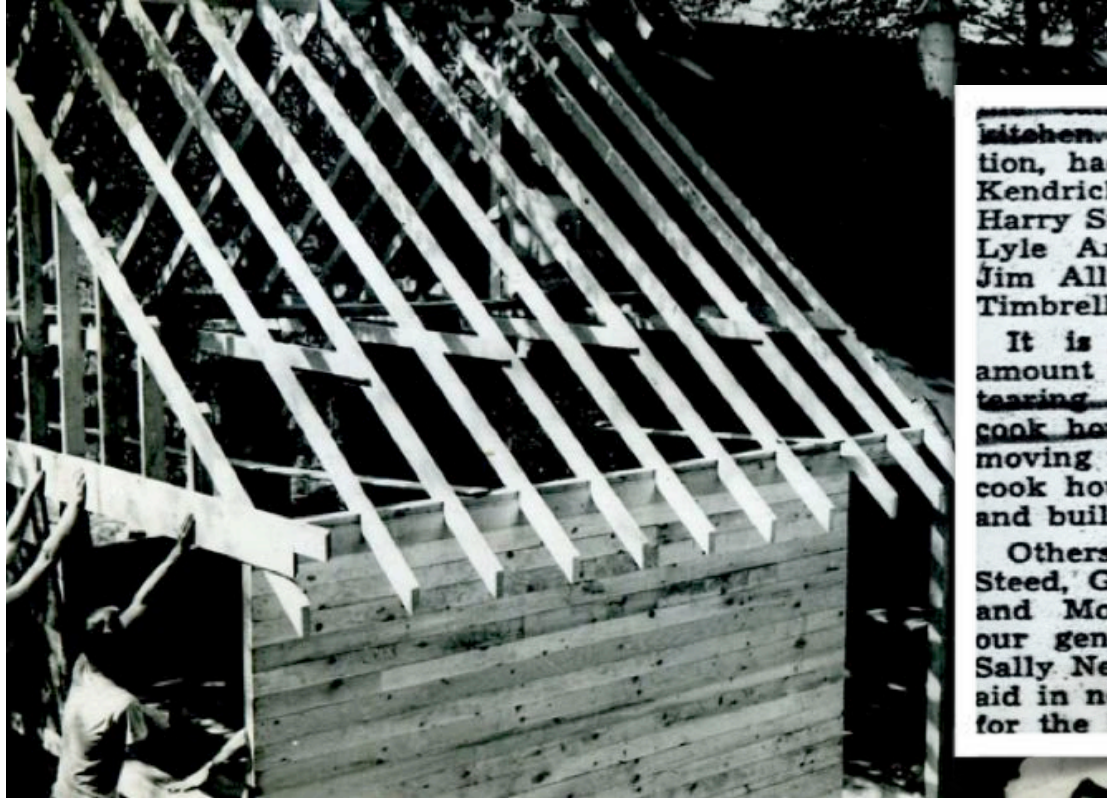
Back: Carol "Cayo" Proudfoot, Campi Campion, Molly Murray

Middle: Tiny Little, Mort Morris, Shorty Johnson

Front: Mickey Allan, Louie Lewis



Mickey Allan, Carol Proudfoot,
and Tiny Little



Art Van, chief of construction, had working with him Jack Kendricks, Earl Young, Walter and Harry Smythe, Mr. Cox, Rev. More, Lyle Armstrong, Merv Rowlands, Jim Allen, Fred Robins and Tim Timbrell.

It is almost unbelievable, the amount of work accomplished—the tearing down of the old original cook house built 20 years ago, removing the end of the more recent cook house, laying the foundations and building a 15-20 addition.

Others who helped were Jack Steed, Gordon Harris, Floyd Irwin and Monte Smith. Mrs. Downie, our genial cook, and her helper, Sally Nelson, were on hand to give aid in nourishment and suggestions for the kitchen extension.



Kitchen Extension Floor Beams



Mrs. Downey in the Kitchen

"Bill Bill if you're able get your elbows off the table, this is not a horses stable, but a first class dining table. Round the cook house you must go, you must go, you must go, Round the cook house you must go, my fair Bill....1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20."

[If you don't get around the cookhouse in time the following song will be sung] "You must go the other way, other way, other way; you must go the other way, my fair Bill. Round the cook house you must go, you must go, you must go, my fair Bill ...1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20."

[If you don't get around the cookhouse in time the following song will be sung]

You must do a song and dance, song and dance, song and dance; you must do a song and dance my fair Bill."

-Song sung to me by Lynn Murray on May 30th, 2011

Frat Camp 1950



Back: Allan Little, Ian Bryden, Cecil Nesmith, Allan Stanely

Middle: Bob Rowlands, Ian Fish

Front: Bob Davies, Tiger Milburn, Bill Truswell, Mary Reeves, Dick McBurnie, Calvin McBurnie, Frank Varseveld, Jim McKinnon(stretched out)





Bob Vallance leading campfire songs



"We had great fun at camp, we renewed friendships established at camp and made many new friends, some for life. We did things that we had never done before, such a square dancing in the lodge and there were also pranks before and after lights out.

Saturday evening after campfire, with a bit of coaching by Miss Curwen and calling by Bev Lythgoe, we kicked out heel to some lively square dances in the lodge. It was then time for bed.

This was all soon shattered when the boys discovered that their beds were full of pine cones and bricks - minus their pajamas! The incident was soon settled and peace reigned once more in Koolaree.

Later in days to come, because of some pranksters, the floor of the girls' cabin was white with cracker crumbs that had been swept from their beds before the girls could climb in."

Koolaree Echoes

SEPT. 2, 1950

The Young Peoples Camp which was held this year at Koolaree from August 25 to 29, was the first of its kind since the beginning of the last world war. There were 27 young people from all parts of the Kootenays attending.

The camp was directed by Dean T. Leadbeater and Rev. A. Anderson, both of Nelson. Miss G. Curwen, also of Nelson was camp hostess and Mrs. Downie & Ida Van of Trail were our wonderful cooks. Flunkies were Bob Davies & Wes Van.

The campers were as follows:

From Nelson- Lillian Anderson, Lillian Cartwright, Tony Banks, John Clarke, Roy Gates, Brian Johnson, Mary-Dey Brodie, Richard Lake, Linda Maddaford, Anne Rolph, Dorothy Reiersen, Beverley Lythgoe, Leonard Lythgoe & Helen Wilson.

From Trail- Lyle Armstrong, Connie & Gerry Bell, Janet Brown, Phyllis Cooper, Don Cooper, Ken Dimock, Carol Faulder, Les Hughes, Gordon Hunter, Marion Jackson, Al Johnson, Claire & Charles Marlatt, Gwen Meachem, Dollie Olivero, Gill Reay, Margaret Snowball, Bob Vallance, Lloyd Wilkinson, BETTY REID.

From Rossland- Shirley-Pat Perkins, Laila Kalhovd.

From Nakusp- Alan Stanley

From Chapman Camp- June Vance

The purpose of the camp was to strengthen the interest in young peoples' activities in the Kootenays. The camp schedule fulfilled a four-fold program, namely: the physical, spiritual, social, and mental aspects of a Christian life.

The usual day included a dip in the lake, flag raising, breakfast, a short morning devotion in the chapel and the necessary chores. These chores were distributed theoretically in a "democratic" manner (the names were drawn out of a tin). But after the fifth time Al Johnson was chosen to wash dishes, he had lost all faith in camp democracy. Bible study followed, and at this time, we discussed the first few chapters of the Acts of the Apostles to gain an insight into the early history of the Christian church and its founders. A discussion of religious education—its value and meaning in the democratic way of life—followed the Bible study. Swimming and free time occupied the rest of the morning. The entire afternoon was devoted to hiking, swimming, boating and games such as volley-ball, softball, tin-can cricket and soccer. Following supper and evening chores, we had a group discussion of many problems that face young people today. After flag lowering, we enjoyed singing old songs, new songs, comic songs, and spirituals. Campfire was always followed by "mug-up" (coffee and sandwiches) in the kitchen. (Thanks Downie.)

Saturday evening, after campfire, with a bit of coaching by Miss Curwen, and calling by Bev Lythgoe, we kicked our heels to some lively square dances in the lodge.

The singing of Negro spirituals in four-part harmony "seemed" to end the evening on a note of peace. This was soon shattered when the boys discovered that their beds were full of pine cones and bricks—but minus their pyjamas! However, the incident was soon settled and peace reigned once more in Koolaree.

Bev Lythgoe conducted the Sunday morning service in the chapel. Rev. Anderson gave the sermon. Alan Johnson and Helen Wilson read the scripture and Len Lythgoe accompanied the choir, consisting of Carol Faulder and Laila Kalhovd, sopranos; Shirley-Pat Perkins and Phyllis Cooper, altos; Brian Johnson and Lyle Armstrong, basses; and Don Cooper, Charlie Marlatt, and John Clarke, tenors; in the hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah."

At campfire the girls dramatized a poem entitled the "Happy King" which was read by Miss Curwen, and the boys dramatized the song "A Man and His Wife". Soon after, most of the Nelson campers returned home to their jobs. The

remaining campers were very sorry to see them leave. Gordon Hunter supplied the marshmallows that we toasted over the campfire before we had coffee and sandwiches in the kitchen. Because of some pranksters, the floor of the girls' cabin was white with cracker crumbs that had been swept from the beds before the girls could climb in. About three the next morning, Rev. Anderson was rudely disturbed from sleep, and decided to investigate and show those young fellows that he meant what he said about silence after lights out. But he soon found out that the boys were not fooling when they said that a porcupine had joined them in Cabin 4.

Everyone who attended is looking forward to next year's young peoples' camp where worship, study, sport and comradeship help to form the lasting friendships for which Koolaree is noted.

—Contributed.

1951



Camp Mom Frances Greene Red



Cheryl and George Doubt



Evening Skit Practice: Carol Faulder and Phyllis Cooper



Phyllis Cooper, Carol Faulder, and Janet Brown
(Young Peoples)



Laila Kalhovo, Bev Lythgoe, Gill Reay, Linda Maddaford,
Claire Marlatt, Mary Beth Hughes



Young Peoples

Back: Len Lythgoe, Lawrie Garvin, Rev. Lawton, Grant Irwin, Rev. More, Don Cooper, Rev. Anderson, Ken Dimock, Jim Allen

Middle: Linda Maddaford, Gill Reay, Laila Kalhovd, Claire Marlatt, Phyllis Cooper, Lloyd Wilkinson, Mary Beth Hughes, Gwen Meachem

Front: Janet Brown, Carol Faulder, Bev Lythgoe

Leaders (L to R):

Back: Debbie Slomen, Kim Olsen, Cathy Lightfoot, Mrs. Marg Vital (Nanny), Mrs. Janet Cameron (Cammy), Mrs. Gill Dimock (POGO), Joan MacNicol, Joanne Smyth

Front: Judy Yawney, Vicki Nichols, Leah Pickering, Lynn Blyth, Tanis Leadbetter, Linda Hall, Brenda Carmichael, Nadine McDonnell



Young Peoples collecting wood for the campfire:
Phyllis Cooper, Carol Faulder, and Janet Brown



Carol Faulder left with the wood.

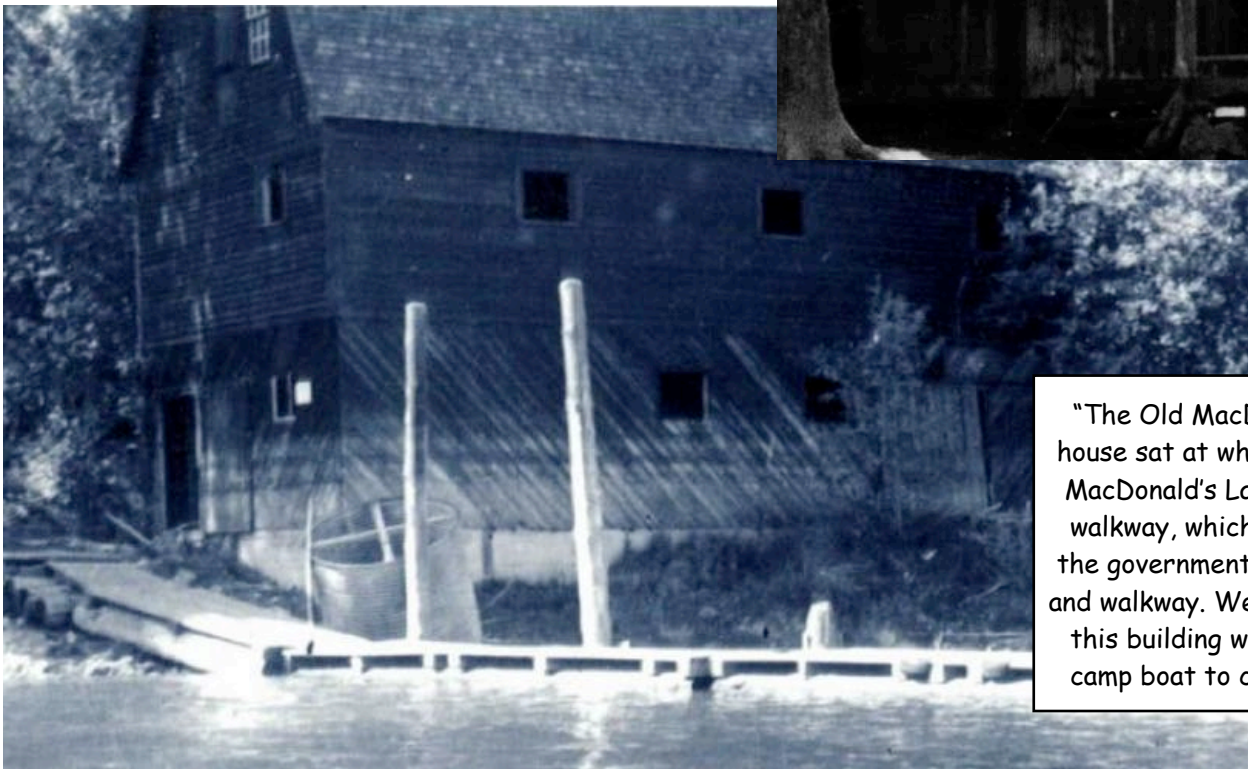




September Frat Camp In Rafter: Milton
Goddard and Gordon Hunter
Below: Ken Dimock and Murray Harris

The Administration Hut

The Ad Hut, as it is known was built in 1951 by the camp fraternity and some of the girls. (Gill Reay and Marion Jackson did the majority of the shingling) Beginning at the spring work camp and finishing up at the Fraternity Camp on Labour Day Weekend. It was built using quite a bit of the lumber salvaged from the old MacDonald Jam Packing House that used to stand across the lake at MacDonald's Landing and with trees from our own hillside.



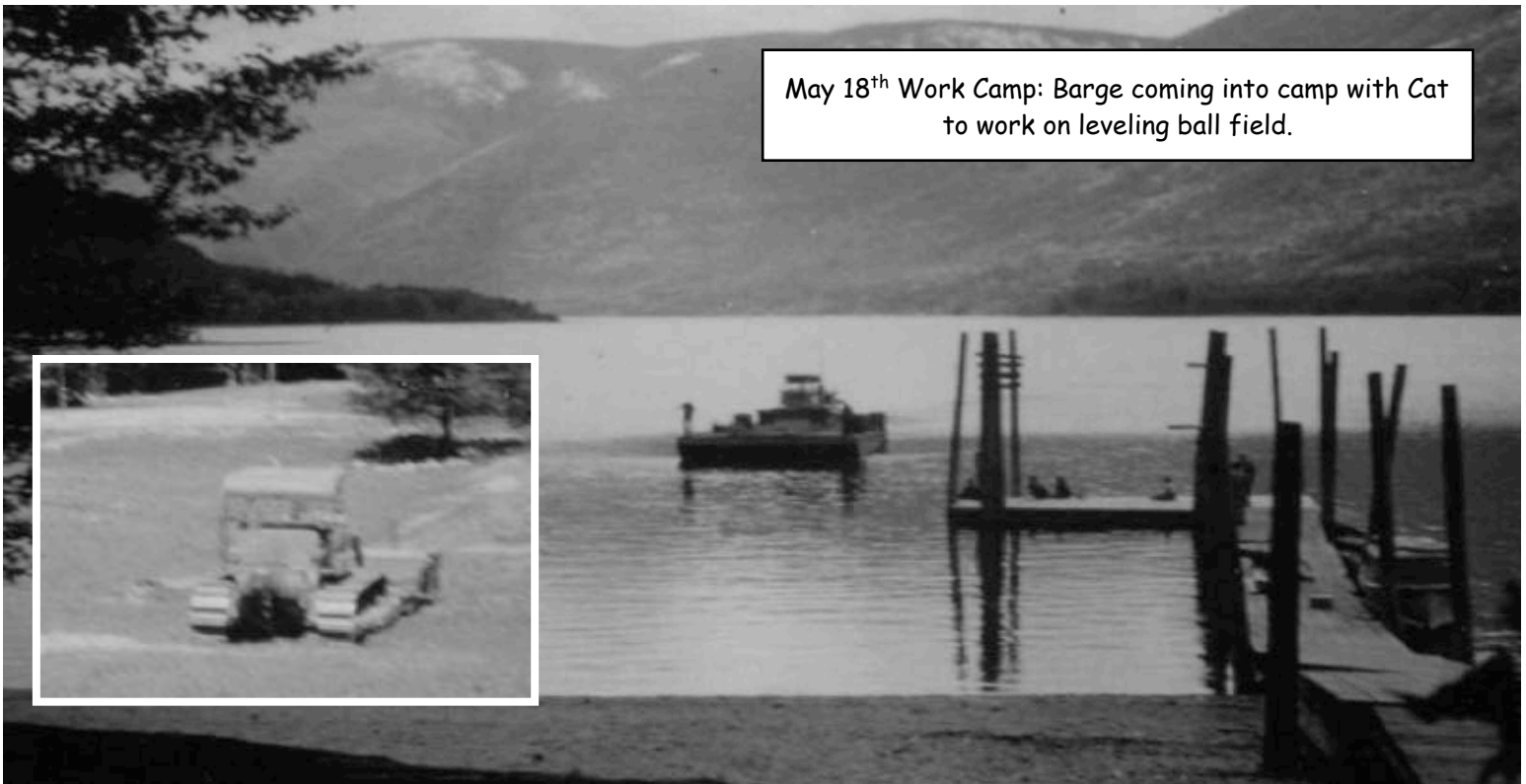
"The Old MacDonald Jam packing house sat at what is known today as MacDonald's Landing. Note the old walkway, which was in use up until the government built a new complex and walkway. We used to play all over this building while waiting for the camp boat to come." - Ken Dimock



Ken Dimock, Grant Irwin,
Jimmy Allen, Lloyd Wilkinson



Gill Reay and Ken Dimock



May 18th Work Camp: Barge coming into camp with Cat
to work on leveling ball field.

The area didn't always look how it does now. In the early years of camp it was very uneven and the decision to level it would increase its size and make it more practical. The pitchers box was in a dip below the batters box, second base was above the pitcher and as the field progressed out there was an increasing bank making the outfield higher. A bulldozer was hired and brought up the lake by a barge and unloaded between cabins 2 and 3. The fellow who unloaded was supposed to be followed by the operator but he took it upon himself to begin the clearing. He took out trees that were intended to stay, power lines by the tracks and anything else that got in his way. He flattened the field but left an enormous amount of cleanup.



Ball field after cleanup in the spring by the crew of Ken DImock, Gill Reay, Lloyd Wilkinson, Linda Maddaford, and Bob Rowlands. It was a mess; they even took out power lines.



Koolaree Echoes...

HAPPY DAY NO. 5

KOOLAREE CAMP, B. C. — "You're out," hollered Bev, as Director Freddie Robins took a last desperate swing at Ron Erickson's speed ball. Good eye, as Dick McBurney goes down for the count. Yes, it was the Little Chief-Big Chief game and what a game. With a few flukes the Little Chiefs managed to eke out a mere 7-5 win, and history was made. First time in years that the Big Chiefs have been upset.

HAPPY DAY NO. 6

Whittier wrote in the hymn, "O sabbath rest by Galilee O calm of hills above, beside a Syrian Sea."

One couldn't help but sense the meaning of those lines and picture the scene of long ago as they gazed over the beauty of the Koolaree Bay and Kootenay Lake on such a peaceful Sunday morning. Such a morning set the boys all in good spirits for a very fine day, they just knew it was going to be a good day full of happy memories.

The morning was given over to tidying the cabins and sprucing up for the visitors inspection. The choir rehearsed in the lodge and on every side preparations were going on. Then a good swim followed by a super dinner of roast beef, carrots, potatoes all topped off by delicious strawberry shortcake prepared by Ida Van Mattie Attaway and Bev Lythgoe.

Lunch was hardly over when the boatmen Jack Steed and Bob Vallance began to bring in the visitors, for the next two hours they kept bringing them until some 125 had arrived.

OUTDOOR SHRINE

Perhaps for the first time in camp history the visitors were given the opportunity to attend an outdoor chapel service in that beautiful shrine beside the lake. Here in the splendor of God's world Rev. Dave Stone of Nakusp lead the worship assisted by a boys choir and Tom Jepson and Jack Lusk as ushers. Dave spoke to the assembly about things pertaining to peace of mind, peace with one another through a better understanding of each other and an understanding of God's plan through the Jesus way of life as we try to attain it in camp.

The campers and their visitors then assembled at the newly erected administration hut for the memorial service. Here Director Freddie Robins paid tribute to the boys who constructed the first cabins, cleared the various spots for activities around the camp and pointed out how they had assumed the responsibility for the work necessary to keep the camp in good re-

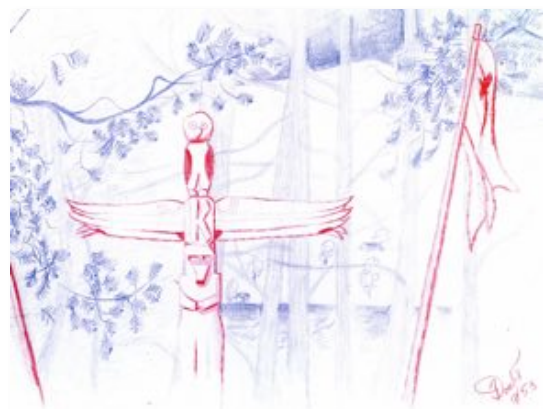
in our lives to prepare ourselves for that time when we too will be "called home."

DEDICATION

Following the Memorial Service, Rev. Clinton Johnston of Castlegar led in the impressive ceremony of dedication of the new administration hut. Jack Steed, president of the Owls of Laska, the group of former campers who built the hut, presented the "key" to the new building to Mr. Charles Daly, chairman of the Camp Koolaree Committee. Freddie brought the special ceremonies to a close with a description of the building of the hut.

Late in the afternoon, after many of them had been for a swim, the guests left for home, and with out the girls to talk to, the boys' thoughts naturally turned to supper. The evening campfire featured Negro spirituals and an impressive dramatization of the Ten Commandments by the boys from Cabin 2. As usual, everyone was ready for bed by the time the campfire had burned low. It was another good day.

The Sunday visitors included: Jo Anne Lungman, Mr. and Mrs. T. McLachlan, Mr. and Mrs. H. Toddan, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Andreas, Mrs. D. A. Barclay and family, Mrs. Sally Nelson, Mrs. A. E. Gustafson, Mr. and Mrs. M. Stalker, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. MacDonnell and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Peerless, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lythgoe, Dr. and Mrs. N. E. Morrison and Ken, Shawn F. Harold, Mary Ann Swanson, Garry Peerless, Mr. and Mrs. Peerless, Mrs. L. G. Peerless, Mrs. A. W. Gibbon and Johnny, Joan Gibbon, Earl Porter, Kate Porter, Clare Thatcher, Carol Purcell, Mrs. L. Clinton Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Broom, **Ken Rimock, Gil Reay,** Louis Fryling, Jean Thom, Dorothy Avery, Gladys Erickson, William McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kirker, Janet R. McMynn, Barbara McMynn, A. Thom, Mr. and Mrs. McMynn, Mr. and Mrs. Tyson, G. Fryling, E. Erickson, E. J. Avery, Vera Burch, Janice Burch, Margaret and Billy Standidge, L. A. Burch, Marion Poole, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Horwill, R. Foxall, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Johnson, Robbie Wilson, W. K. Gunn, Jimmie Broom, Helen Broom, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McLeod, Kenneth Thomson, Eva Hinit, E. Leone Boss, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brothers, Duane and Kent, Shirley Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Irving and family, **Mr. and Mrs. F. Irwin and Marnie, Murray Harris, Miss F. Moran, Mr. Charlie Daly and family,**





1962

Skylights in Kitchen and Dining Hall:

These were installed in Senior Boys Camp 1962 by Fred Robins, who was director and Ken Dimock who was counselor. As I remember it, the wood was almost petrified as we cut into it and during our work of putting in the skylights over the kitchen there was a tremendous rain storm and there was Freddie spread eagled over the hole trying to keep the rain out of the kitchen where the cooks were busy getting the next meal ready.

At Cairn:

Back: Dennis Henschel, Bob Watson, Norman Whitehouse, Brant McKinnis, Pat French, Gary Hill, Frank Crockett, Gary Stewart, Jim Furey, Rick Turner, Ed Bowes, Allan Conway, Allan Fairweather (between legs), Walter Harrison, Gary Leonard

Front: Doug Jefferson, Shane Smitten, Jon Taylor, Gordon Titsworth, Henry McLachlin, Miles Clay, Richard Bradshaw, Martin Oets, Lawrence Wright, Don Service, Paul Wooding, Bill Leaman, Pete Offerman, Cam Ellison





Senior Boys Dishes: Left: Cam Ellison, Gord Titsworth, Pete Offerman Right: Allan Conway, Rick Turner



**Senior Boys reading messages
from previous campers at
cain:**

Paul Wooding, Allan
Fairweather, Miles clay, Dennis
Henschel, Hank McLachlan, Don
Service (standing)

GILL DIMOCK -:

1962 – SENIOR BOYS CAMP – 10 DAYS – AS FIRST AIDER. MADE MANY FRIENDS WITH THE BOYS, AS DAILY TREATED MANY OF THEM FOR TORN TOENAILS & CUTS BUT MAINLY TORN NAILS. THIS WAS ALL BECAUSE OF THE BOYS WEARING THONGS ON THEIR FEET.

WE SUGGESTED FOR NEXT YEAR TO SHOW NO THONGS ALLOWED ON THE APPLICATION FORMS, WHICH THEY AGREED TO. (NOW KNOWN AS FLIP FLOPS, THONGS ARE NOW UNDERWEAR.)



Left: Mrs. G. Stringer (Nurse)
Right: Mrs. D. Howell (Camp Mother)



Freddie Day and Frat Camp, Labor Day Weekend: (Past Cooks, Helpers and Flunkies)

Back: Stu McIntosh, Monte Stevens, Jack Steed, John and Frank Crockett, Cal Moen, Clint Ellison, Gordon Ellison.
Front: Bev (Lythgoe) Garvin, Gill (Reay) Dimock, Barbara Moen, Mrs. Ward, Sally Nelson, Jean Ellison



Frat Members

"The Young Ones":

Clint Ellison, Niel Daly,
Dave Barratt, Tom Moen,
Don Ellison, Keith
Williamson, Will Mitchell,
Walt Harrison



Cabin 3 Junior Boys:
Jamie Stallwood, Jay Mykiety and Jon Salo



William Mitchell, Roy Smyth, Grant Dimock
Don Ellison and Dave Leonard



4 Original Koolaree Campers:
Herb Swanson, Dorthy (Thatcher) Bowman,
Gordon Ellison and Fred Robin



"This Chapel is the centre of the life of Koolaree. Without it Koolaree would be nothing. Here many times have I asked God for help and He has never failed me." -Fred Robins

Fred Robins Honored For Service To Koolaree

Sixty people from near and far gathered on August 30th, 1969 at Koolaree campsite to honour
Fred and Lois Robins

for their many years of service in church camping.

Fred began church camping at Koolaree since its inception in 1931. It was largely through his vision and leadership that Camp Koolaree is what it is today. Now after 40 years of service in church camping he has retired from active work. During those years hundreds of Kootenay boys came under his influence. The many letters received from those who know Freddie as their friend attested to the enduring place which Koolaree and Freddie have in their lives. At 11:30 all gathered in the open-air chapel to worship beneath the pines in the place they found meaning for their lives.



Fred reading messages from Cairn of
past campers who were unable to
attend.



Ken Dimock with
daughter Joanne



Marcia, Susan, Jim and Merv
Rowland

1970



The "Wild Bunch":

Norm Ink: Counselor
Ken Dimock: Co-Director
Don Service: Co-Director
Joe German: Counselor
Bev Ink: Camp Mother
Fred Robins: Visitor
Sheila Service: Nurse
Rita German: Assistant Camp
Mother (radar fingers)
Norm Ink: Counselor
Ken Dimock: Co-Director
Don Service: Co-Director
Joe German: Counselor
Bev Ink: Camp Mother
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Sheila Service: Nurse
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Mother (radar fingers)



Junior Girls (reading from left to right)

Back: Leah Pickering, Tanis Leadbetter, Lynn Blyth, Vicki Nichols, Cathy Lightfoot, Judy Yawney, Debbie Sloman, Joan MacNicol, Joanne Smyth, Linda Hall, Debbie Schewe, Nadine McDonnell, Marie Monk, Brenda Carmichael, Ann Donaldson, Kim Olsen, Erin Hall, Carol Houndle, Gail Anderson, Nancy Baerg, Heather Roemer, Jane MacKay, Iolanda Miller, Patti Whitfield.

Third Row: Susanne Monk, Alison Swanson, Lori Swanson, Cheryl Cameron, Debbie Laishley, Karen James, Dianne James, Nancy Cook, Susan Milner, Nancy Eden, Trace Bowles, Heather McGarvie, Pam Malchow, Jennifer Gordon, Cindy Jackman, Kerry Weatherhead, Barbara Powick, Mrs. Dimock (Pogo), Janet Benedetti, Mrs. Vital (Nanny), Jodie Blank, Mrs. Cameron (Cammy), Sharon Townsend, Heather Hodge.

Second Row: Janet Byer, Brenda Laishley, Jodie Wah, Joanne Dimock, Janice Redman, Leslie Redman, Patricia Makar, Vivian Benedetti, Alison Malacko, Norma Ink, Judy Pickard, Danne Mykietyn, Ellen Powler.

Front Row: Gwen Waldie, Joanne Smith, Laurie MacKinnon, Debra Carne, Lynn Evans, Valerie Fossett, Margie Rosling, Susan Vital, Jane Fisher, Laureen Hewat, Laurel Northrup, Beth Mitchell, Christiana Millar, Kathy Hutch.



Cabin 1:

Back: Janice Redman, Danne Mykietyn, Tanis Leadbetter, Nadine McDonnell, Patti Whitfield, Iolanda Millar.

Front: Nancy Cook, Jodie Blank, Debbie Schewe, Sharon Townsend, Heather Hodge, Lori Swanson

Cabin 2:

Back: Barbara Powick, Susan Milner, Joan Macnicol, Lynn Blyth, Janet Benedetti, Jane Fisher.

Front: Tracy Bowles, Nancy Eden, Kerry Weatherhead, Erin Hall, Carol Houndle, Patricia Maker.





Cabin 3:

Back: laurel Northrup, Ellen Fowler, Debbie Sloman, Vicki Nichols, Kathy Hutch, Karen James.
Front: Judy Pickard, Diane James, Beth Mitchell, Nancy Baerg, Christiniane Millar

Cabin 4:

Back: Laurie MacKinnon, Norma Ink, Joanne Smyth, Kim Olsen, Jennifer Jordon, Suzanne Monk.
Front: Cindy Jackman, Allison Swanson, Joanne Dimock, Cheryl Cameron, Debbie Laishley, Heather Roemer.



Cabin 5:

Back: Laureen Hewat, Pam Malchow, Brenda Carmichael, Leah Pickering, Heather McGarvie, Gwen Waldie.
Front: Leslie Redman, Joanne Smith, Margaret Rosling, Valerie Fossett, Susan Vital, Jane Mackay.

Cabin 6:

Back: Alison Malacko, Janet Byer, Cathy Lightfoot, Judy Yawney, Brenda Laishley, Debra Carne.
Front: Marie Monk, Vivian Benedetti, Jodie Wah, Gail Anderson, Ann Donaldson, Lynn Evans.



Junior Girls: 1970 Penny Carnival



Bean Bag Toss



Sherri Vital trying out
the Marble Drop



The Laishley Twins,
Brenda and Debbie



Junior Girls Mad Hatters Day



Back to Back Race



They also did activities such as the three-legged race, wheelbarrow race, walking race and softball throw.

Junior Girls Land Sports



Through the
Legs and Up



Ring on a Stick



Cabin 1:

Back: Don German, Joey Osborne, Gary Hodge

Row 3: Glen Hodge, Perry Watson, Paul Jorgensen, John Arnesen, Lorne Larson

Row 2: Donald Mitchell, Marc Kitchin, Jim Edgar **Row 1:** Kirk Kilb



Cabin 2:

Back: Dave Beech

Middle: Ronald Baerg, Bill McCauley, Jamie Stallwood, David Ector

Front: Dennis Malchow, Dean Siminoff, Ian Petterson, Michael Mayrhofer



Cabin 3:

Back: Lance Harrison, Don Hodge

Middle: Jon Salo, Allan Handley, Grant Dimock, Donald Racette, Jim Bengier

Front: Brad Koch, Ken Dahl, Robert Laishley, Dean Agnew



Cabin 4:

Back: Norm Ink

Middle: Murray Forster, Bob Metcalfe, Ross Steed, Roger Handley, Murray Gilchrist, Blair Proctor

Front: Bud Edgar, Leigh Kitchin, David Young, Steve Millar, Rick McGarvie



Cabin 5:

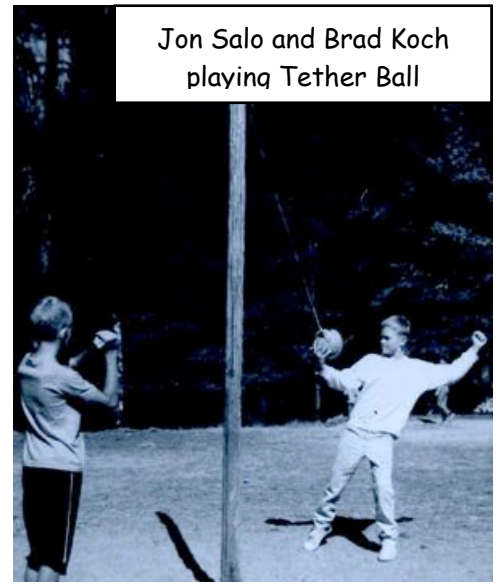
Back: Gerhard Mayrhofer, Joe German, Rod Barlow

Middle: Ken Hodge, Donald McCauley, Robert Smith, Brian Michaux, Ian Mackay

Front: Doug Stewart, Steve Siminoff, Phillip Watson, Brad Benedetti



Through the Legs and Up



Jon Salo and Brad Koch
playing Tether Ball

Junior Boys 1970 Land Sports



Potato Race



Water Race

1970 Family Camp
Marcia and Susan Rowlands, Hugh Massey,
Joanne Dimock, Gill and Grant Dimock, Don
Hodge, Merv and Jimmy Rowlands





1972 Junior Girls

KOOLAREE, I LOVE YOU,
 And I pledge my promise true,
 By the stars above you,
 I'll be faithful unto you,
 Days and nights of friendship
 That have meant so much to me,
 Koolaree is where
 My own heart always longs to be.



1972 Junior and Intermediate Boys



Cabin 1:

Back: Terry Strelieff, Dan Chanton, Tim Thatcher

Middle: Jamie Steed, Aurthur Harrison, Michael Harris

Front: Rodger Brady, Jimmy Morton, Brian Van Iderstine and Jimmy Rowlands (beachcomber)



Cabin 2:

Back: Tom McNulty

Row 3: Mathew Faris, Peter Hlady

Row 2: Drew Stewart, Dana Boone, Bobby Harmston

Front: Harold Dorgelo, Eugene Van Iderstine, Tim Bult, Gordon Mason



Cabin 3:

Back: Michael Mayrhofer, Doug Secord, Dana Rothkop

Middle: Jeff Darough, Franky Lamb, Kevin Melanson, Allan Beckett and Randy Shumey

Front: Ian Bult and Eric Dorgelo



Cabin 4:

Back: Marty Hodge

Row 3: Chris Ward, Dan Davies, Chris Mason, Ross McSporren

Row 2: Gordon Bray, Phillip Watson, Glenn Mitchell, Don Pickard
Front: John Blinston



Cabin 5:

Back: Merv Rowlands, Dave Hodge

Row 3: Terry Costain, Ted Lund, Nigel Brownlow

Row 2: Perry Watson, Bruce Feriak, Ken Hodge, Grant Dimock

Front: David McFarlane, Alan Beech, John Arnesen, Cal Holloway



Cabin 6:

Back: Dean Agnew, Stephen Harris, Billy Beckett, John Harmston

Middle: Paul Jorgensen, Don McCauley, Jamie Stallwood, Paul Weber

Front: Brent Huiberts, Allan Brown

1972 Pow Wow Night



Onlookers: Brenda Forister, Marcia Rowlands, Esther Forister, Rita German, Karen German



Rita German faces the great mountain as the great chief "Umga Agawa Atcha" prepares to administer punishment.



Intermediate Stunt: Allan Brown makes sure Don McCauley hits dishpan

Queen's Court-

Held for those who didn't get it at the Pow Wow



Good old Marty Hodge getting his charges and penalty (he's not happy)



Queen Marcia reading penalty to Tom McNulty



1972 Kitchen Staff: Esther Forister, Janice Forister, Debbie Ritter

YOUR
MOTHER
DOESN'T WORK HERE.
PLEASE PICK UP AFTER
YOURSELF.

Ready for home: Merv Rowlands (Counselor), Marcia Rowlands (Camp Mother) and Susan and Jimmy Rowlands-Beachcombers



1973 Junior Girls



Back L-R: Patti Reay Stahl, Gaye Ferguson, Teresa Furiak, Janet Schleppe, Carol Card, Kathy Leschuitta, Shelley Toews, Lorie Darough, Lauren Bijou, Joanne Legge, Jane Fisher, Susan German, Sue Fairbank, Mrs. (Slash) Meadows, Grant Dimockm, Shannon Meadows

4th Row: Celia Legge, Karen Kranz, Josie German, Neva Ferguson, Beth Kangas, Georganne Jerome, Betty Ann Lund, Karen White (behind), Karry Langille, Kathy Sivaret, Jan Laishley, Denise Chapman, Heather Ray, JamieOlynn Whitmore, Mrs. Dimock, Mrs. Edward, Mrs. Ink

3rd Row: Diane Legge, Sherry Anne Vaile, Susan Hug, Corrine Lange, Bev Handley, Lynne Armstrong, Lorrie Brotherton, Penny Nichol, Carol-Lynn Toews, Marion Cook, Lori Ink, Joanne Lind, Diane Brotherton, Susan Lowe, Heidi Bond, Jill Bacon, Shannon Tarr, Mike Meadows, Betty Jo Mason, Don Meadows, Toni Malacko, Diane Hickey, Tracey English

2nd Row: Trish McFetridge, Lee Emory, Karen Alton, Luree Gould, Cathy Spiers, Nancee Lucas, Joan MacDonald, Tracey Meadows, Joanne Dimock, Carol Hug, Jennifer Wah, Kathy English, Renee Klein, Anita Lamb, Donna Conn, Linda Steiner, Robin Moulyn, Cathy MacRae

Front: Janice Houndle, Jill Mulligan, Leanne Ink **Missing:** Dawna Lind, Colleen Alton, Wendy Shoblom, Rhonda Schumaker



Leaders:

Back: Patti-Reay Stahl, Teresa Furiak, Carol Card, Kathy Leschuitta, Lauren Bijous, Gaye Ferguson, Jane Fisher, Lorie Darough, Joanne Legge, Janet Schleppe

Front: Sue Fairbank, Shelley Toews, Sue German, Mrs. Gill Dimock, Mrs. Ruth Meadows, Mrs. Bev Ink, Mrs. June Edward



Cabin 1:

Back: Leaders Joanne Legge and Gay Ferguson

Middle: Karen White, Korry Langille, Trish McFetridge,
Corrine Lange, Lee Emory

Front: Sherry-Ann Vaile, Betty-Ann Lund, Tracey English,
Kathy Sivorot



Cabin 2:

Back: Leaders Kath Leschuitta, Susan German

Middle: Anita Lamb, Donna Conn, Linda Steiner,
Karen Alton, Jamie-Lynn Whitmore

Front: Carol-Lynn Toews, Janice Houndle, Robin
Moulyn, Diane Legge (Missing: Dawna Lind)



Cabin 3:

Back: Leaders Teresa Furiak, Carol Card

Middle: Joanne Lind, Cathy MacRae, Susan Lowe, Jan
Laishley, Diane Hickey

Front: Carol Hug, Jill Bacon, Luree Gould, Cathy Spiers,
Toni Malacko, Heather Roy



Cabin 4:

Back: Leaders Lorie Darough and Jane Fisher

Middle: Bev Handley, Heidi Bond, Shannon Tarr, Jill
Mulligan, Denise Chapman

Front: Lori Ink, Georganne Jerome, Leanne Ink,
Betty-Jo Mason, Colleen Alton



Cabin 5:

Back: Leaders Patti O'Reay Stahl, Shelley Toewe

Middle: Diane Brotherton, Penny Nichol, Lorrie
Brotherton, Renne Klein, Kathy English

Front: Celia Legge, Karen Kranz, Joan MacDonald, Nancee
Lucas (Missing: Wendy Shoblom)



Cabin 6:

Back: Leaders Lauren Bijou, Sue Fairbank

Middle: Lynne Armstrong, Marion Cook, Josie German,
Joanne Dimock

Front: Beth Kangas, Neva Ferguson, Tracey Meadows,
Jennifer Wah (Missing: Rhonda Schumaker, Susan Hua)



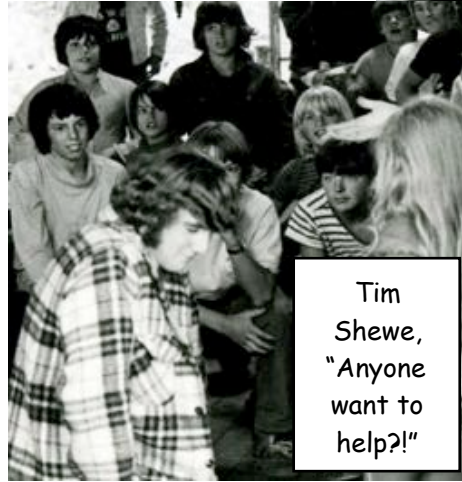
In line for the canteen



Junior Boys Cabin 4:



Pow Wow



Tim Shewe, "Anyone want to help?!"



Boys paper says: "I LOVE OLDER WOMEN"

Don McCauley receiving his punishment with Sherri Vital, Joanne Dimock and Queens, Gill and Marg doing the dirty work



For being real nice guys Tim Thatcher and Mike Mukonick got their hair curled by Gill and Marg

Queens Court:

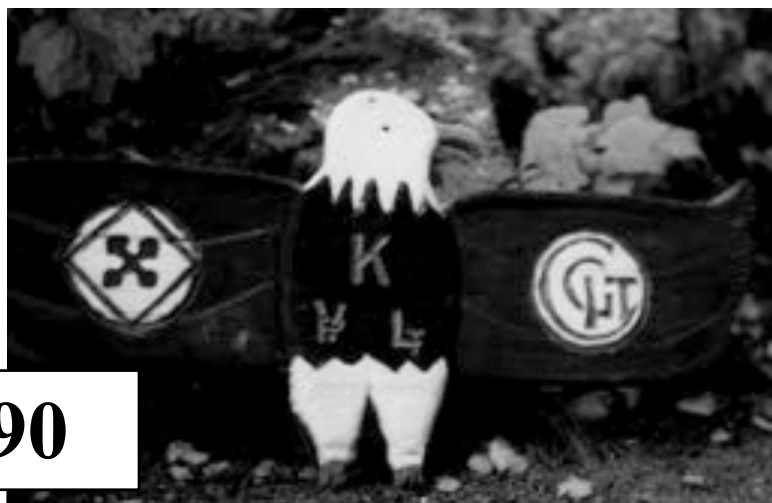
Those with penalties

Tim Thatcher, "I didn't do a thing!"





1990



Freddie's bird carving. This bird always hung above the fireplace until someone erected a large cross sometime in the 1990's.

The bird that hangs by the door into the lodge. It represented the church TUXIS, CGIT, Young Peoples and leaders in training.

**60th Reunion
1991**



Marg
Hollis



Marion Armstrong, Gill Dimock, Janet Doubt, Jill-Ellen Doubt, Bev Garvin, Linda Gower, Ruth Nuyens, Claire Marlatt, and Minnie Fleming
Marion and Gill shingled the Ad Hut at 1951 Work Camp. Linda and Gill assisted in kitchen and in clearing up trees, branches, etc. after the bull dozer finished on ball field in May 1953 Work Camp.



**Repaint of Cairn Totem: 60th Anniversary
Reunion, Labor Day Weekend**
Claire Marlatt, Niel Daly, Grant and Kathy Dimock, George Reeves. Missing: Janet and Ken Dimock.

Totem Raising Crew:
Laurie Garvin, Ken Dimock, Don Hollis, Geo. Reeves, Doug Stevens (helped build the original), Terry Hollis





Wigwams (Cabin 3)

Ray Scott, Gavin Hartley (Little Chief), Robby Henderson, Doug Haddow, Shawn Peel, Kevin Smart, Jeffrey Jones, Kyle Hill, Ferris Rothwell, Don Clarke (Cabin Leader), Jeff Greenwood (Cabin Leader)



Little Braves (Cabin 4)

Chris Ness, Rob Stacey, Philip Clarke (Little Chief), Patrick Garland, Jason Hodge, Oliver Koth-Kappus, David Driett (Cabin Leader), Bernie Koth-Kappus, Dean Horsfall, Tim Coombs, Tod Rogers (Cabin Leader)



Golden Eagles (Cabin 5)

Calvin Vernham, John Urquhart (Cabin Leader), Victor Lewis, Brian Beaty, Evan Rothwell, Marcus Partridge (Little Chief), James Lauder, Curtis Graves, Brent Roberts, Joe teBulte



Screaming Eagles (Cabin 7, Camp Champs)

Jade Krogh, Dan Loverock, Jeff Manson, Todd Smart, Shawn Walsh, Eric Klassen, Justin teBulte, Wesley Anderson, Andrew Ness, Justin Bell (Little Chief), Steve Clarke (Cabin Leader).





Friends at 1991 Reunion Camp: Ken Dimock, George Reeves, Frank Gower and Lawrie Garvin



Lyall and Marion Armstrong, Lawrie and Bev Garvin, Linda and Frank Gower, Gill and Ken Dimock





2001, the new MacDonalds Landing; Kathy, Gill, Kenny and Chris Dimock above



2001, Lodge now protected with steel roofing



"For the first 43 years or so there had been a board, an **Altar of Remembrance** mounted between 2 trees to the left of the lecturn. On this board were carved the names of the campers which had been hiking at Kokanee Glacier and had been caught in a fierce storm. They survived and in thanks erected this at Kakanee Camp. It was then moved to Koolaree but between 1975 and 1982 one of the trees died and was removed and with it went the board and also the original lecturn board which had been mounted on it. Below it were many small stones, which remained. These had been placed by the campers that survived the storm on Kokanee and each had brought a small stone for thanks of surviving. The names had long ago eroded but the rocks remained. In the 1950's the current lecturn was built by the campers using rocks from around camp with darker stones forming the "K". When I found out the altar had gone I installed a new one at a work camp in May 1992. I searched for the old board and lecturn but it had long since rotted away at the edge of the chapel." -Ken Dimock

"On a trip to camp September 29th, 2002, I wandered and lo and behold found that our old facility "SUSIE" which accommodated cabins 1,2, and 3 was still standing down behind the backstop." -Ken Dimock



Ken Dimock at Owls of Laska Totem on the camps 75th Anniversary, June 24th 2006.



Photo taken 2011



"This is the sight that greeted me when I arrived at the camp about 8:00am in the morning after the storm that hit the camp on the late afternoon of July 15th, 2007." -Ken Dimock

When the big tree hit the chimney on the Lodge, it not only smashed the chimney, but the top of the tree broke off hitting the trees in the foreground and breaking them as well. The top of the tree actually hit the edge of the roof on cabin 5 and you can still spot the dent in the metal roofing to this day. A tree also came crashing down on the old green bathroom causing damage as well as on the campfire area of chapel beach.



Christina DeMedeiros, Olivia Davidson, Samantha A. Irons, Jasper Shepherd
"I love you girls forever and ever ♥", --Christina



Cody St. Thomas, in front of the totem, Novice Camp 2007



4th Generation Koolaree Campers



2008 Novice



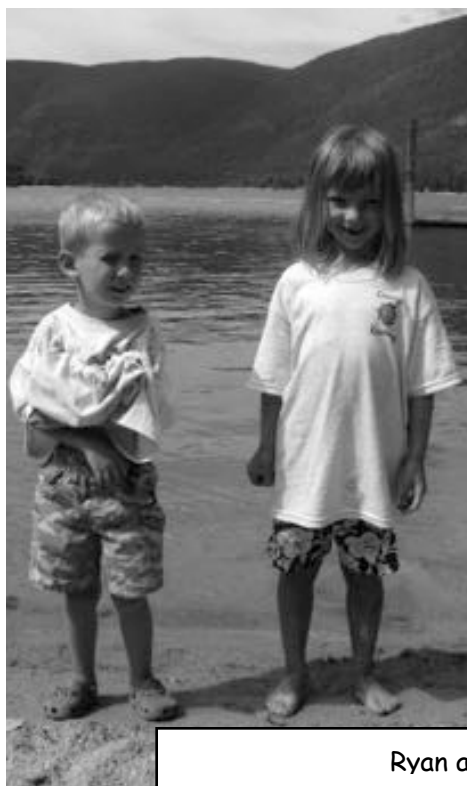
Jake Kindred and Jacob



Doing dishes is fun!



Angus at Monks Dinner night



Ryan and Allison



Ezra aka 7-Up and Ryan



7-Up during mud wars



Peter



Some Novice Camp Leaders



Mud Fight at Clam Bay



Vancouver, September 26th, 2009:
Ida (Cook at Koolaree for 7 years), Bob (5 Year Camper and Bob's wife Judy

The Campfire Circle:

The rock campfire seat was built by Pop Smillie, Len Stewart and Sid Horswill, three of the finest campers who believed and served God through Camp Koolaree. Over the years at several Senior Boys Camps we had one day devoted in our camp to a project called Ants, in face at one of my Junior Boys Camps that I directed, I did the same. That was Ants, well it was a project of getting all the campers to get buckets, wash pans and wheelbarrows and go to the beach, collect sand and take it back to the campfire circle. They would then spread it all around the circle it give it a good new clean surface.



Linn and Eirin Murray
2011

"These two were my tour guides the first time I visited camp. The showed me everything, and said things like "now that's worth taking a picture of" and "It's historic". They were fantastic and I wish them many great memories to come at Camp Koolaree" - Charly Baxter



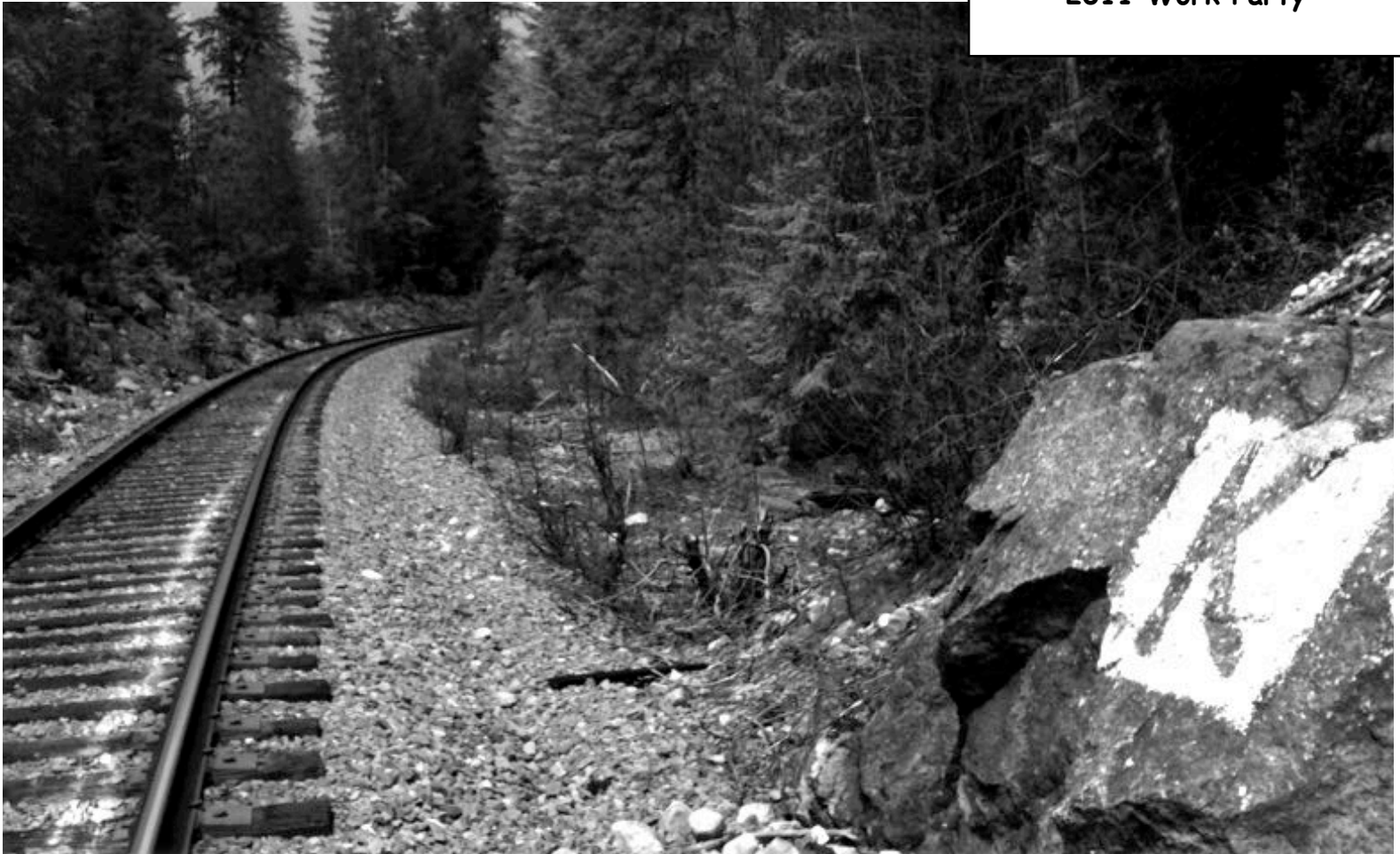
Norm and Theo



Lunch time in front of the Lodge!



2011 Work Party



Robin Murray, Doug Scott and Keith Simmonds

Robin and Keith clearing the beaver dam





Tristan and Robin deciding how to put the
Katimavik's to work



Patrick Canning



Vincent Lok



Charly Baxter pulling
Rachel Hickey



Tiffany Brown

2011 Work Party With Katimavik



Jess Currie and Rachel clearing the beaver dam

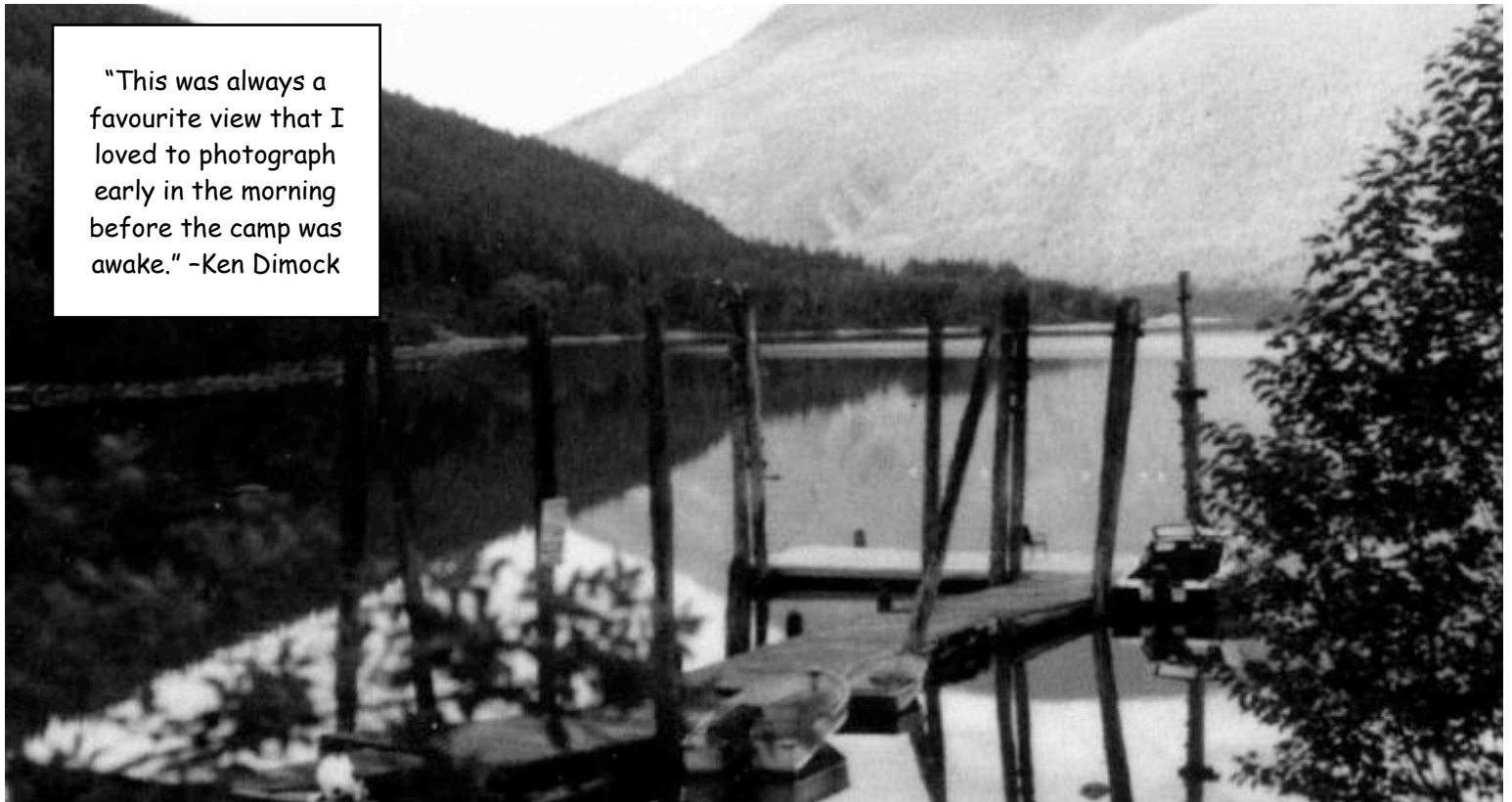


GROUP PHOTO

Back: Robin Murray, Ken Dimock, Patrick Canning
Middle: Charly Baxter, Tiffany Brown, Bernard Gamache, Rachel Hickey, Avalon Moore, Catherine Oullet, Jess Currie, Vincent Lok
Front: Tristan Bondett, Eirin Murray



"This was always a favourite view that I loved to photograph early in the morning before the camp was awake." -Ken Dimock



Thanks for 80
years of
extraordinary
memories with
Camp Koolaree

