

Handicapped Discover Their Capabilities at Camp Courage

Easter Seal Appeal Supports State's Only Handicapped Camp

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There's something contagious at Camp Courage. It makes campers ask for more. It makes campers talk about the camp the rest of the year.

"I'm not alone in this... look at all these other guys and they're jacked, so why not me," one camper said. He referred to sailing and fishing about two miles, making girls for friends in the craft shop, going on a pontoon and fishing, returning to Cedar Lake, having boat, canoe and water bike rides, overnight trips and sleeping in tents on Ohiska Island, singing and square dancing.

ALL THE CAMPERS are handicapped. Some are blind, some wear braces, some have speech difficulties.

Camp Courage is Minnesota's only camp for physically handicapped children and adults sponsored by the Minnesota Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Located between Annandale and Maple Lake, Minn., the camp served 307 children and 118 adults last summer.

The camp season was extended last summer by adding a one-week experimental session for senior handicapped persons from June 11 to 18. The Service Club for Handicapped, Inc. spent one week at Camp Courage at the close of the regular season with 79 students.

WEEKEND activities began with the Annual Institute for Families of Blind Children and culminated in the Annual Lions Halloween Party Oct. 29.

Nature program equipment includes a glass-bottom boat, dissecting microscope, a microprojector and screen, microscope slides and nature recorders. A small animal zoo is provided and bikes are taken.

Wheel chairs, crutches and hydraulic lifts are provided, but that's all that's possible. A hospital staff members and counselors help campers only when they need help. Campers discover many things they can do for themselves.

CAMP COURAGE is supported by the Minnesota Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. which will conduct a one-week camp Sunday. The society's program for crippled persons includes recreation and research, employment, aids and appliances, treatment and education.

A day camp was started at Grand Rapids, Minn., last summer and another was started in Austin the year before. Year-round swimming and recreational programs have been started in metropolitan areas.

Research grants of the society are made through the Easter Seal Research Foundation of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. This provides conception and coordination of research of experts on a national level.

The Ability Building Center, Rochester, affiliated with the society since its inception in 1957, is a center workshop which provides on-the-job training to handicapped people from Southeast Minnesota. The Therapeutic Rehabilitation Center works with handicapped people who already have received maximum physical restoration services, but have not been able to obtain employment. A similar center is located in Minneapolis.

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last year served 400 handicapped individuals during the regular session, and hundreds more through weekend activities. Total investment is approximately \$2,000,000 and all buildings were built

and equipped at special service projects by statewide organizations such as the American Legion and Auxiliary, Lions Clubs Association of Moose Lodge and Women of the Moose, Eagles and Jew-

elars. Minnesota University, St. Olaf and St. Francis, Minnesota school districts, Rotary Clubs and many foundations, clubs and individuals.



GLORIA BUBBETT, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hubitz, 260 W. Cedar St., report telling about her first camp ride and the wonderful camping trip that was staged out when she attended Camp Courage last summer. Gloria and Mrs. Bubbett second from left above are shown discussing Camp Courage with Mrs. Frank Kuzma Jr., district mayor for their district. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Zehner, city chairman, right in



preparation for the Easter Seal appeal Sunday. At right a group of blind children are shown in a special program at the camp designed to help them in the world of sight to them. Blind children as well as children handicapped from polio, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, arthritis, accident or any other physical handicap are admitted at Camp Courage.



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always welcome at Camp Courage. The camp opens for its regular season June 10 to the year and continues through Sept. 1. Overnight trips and nature hikes are part of the fun. A 17-acre island, called Ohiska Island, in a nearby lake was acquired for overnight

and primitive camping experiences. Archery, baseball (softball) and other sports are engaged in. At Camp Courage children are given new hope, health and happiness through the many different activities and the warm relationships with recreation (right) and other campers. The spiritual life at the camp is nurtured through a service at camp for Protestant children and Jews at a nearby parish for Catholic children.

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