

THE HISTORY OF CAMP DAGGETT BY JERRY DONNELLY

The Beginning of Camp Daggett 1922-1925

A few of the leaders in town right after World War I ended felt that Petoskey should have a recreation program for its young men. This idea was carried in the minds and hearts of local businessmen and came to fruition in 1922 when those leaders became the leaders of the newly formed Petoskey Rotary Club. It became the number one goal of the new Rotarians to provide a recreational program for the town's young men. Park Lantz, who was a Rotarian, was also the superintendent of the Petoskey Public Schools. In 1923, Mr. Lantz hired Walter J. MacMillan to become a physical education instructor with a special financial gift from the Rotary that "Mac" would run a boy's camping program during the summer. Mac would lead the camp for the next three decades.

"Mac" during that first summer had a ten-day boy's camp to the south of present-day Camp Daggett. The following summer of 1924, he held another such camping experience for Petoskey boys just to the north of present-day Camp Daggett. In the fall of 1924 "Mac" went to Rotary Club meeting to explain how the Rotary Club could further help. "Mac" spoke of how nice it would be to have a permanent site on Walloon Lake. The irony of this request was answered by a Rotarian named Bert Cook who was at that meeting. Mr. Cook was married to Henrietta Daggett who had died in 1910. Mr. Cook was in touch with his in-laws who had moved to California. Harriet Daggett Harper inherited this property from her uncle, August Daggett, who had purchased the site in 1892 for \$350. Mrs. Harper quickly claimed the deed (for \$1) to the newly-appointed Camp Daggett board with the stipulation that the camp be called Daggett Camp after her father Henry R. Daggett, who was a local hardware businessman, and August Daggett's brother. These coincidences and selflessness started the legend that continues to this day which has been emblazoned in the spirit of Camp Daggett and its motto of "the other fellow first." The Daggett family's gift to the greater Petoskey area continues to this day in the truest sense of 'paying it forward.' Little did the Daggetts know the profound effect their generosity would have on the thousands of children who would attend Camp Daggett for the next 95 years.

History of Camp Daggett 1925-1940 Establishing a Footprint On Walloon Lake

During the latter part of 1924, a plan was developed to open Camp Daggett on the west arm of Walloon Lake. The parcel of land which was generously donated by Harriett Daggett Harper

was to establish its first camp (all boys) which was called Daggett Camp in the original deed. Lots of work had to be done to appoint a Board of Trustees, begin plans for development of the new property, and recruit help for doing the hard work of clearing the property and laying out the future for what would become known as Camp Daggett.

Those who jumped in to help came from members of the Petoskey Rotary and the Petoskey Kiwanis clubs. The first projects were to build a bridge across the creek and bring in stones from the surrounding fields for the new kitchen. The first two years of camp at Daggett were obviously “wilderness” camping. Tents were used for housing campers, counselors, staff, and for the “cook’s kitchen.” Water was brought up from the creek.

By 1927, girls’ sessions of camp were added and the kitchen was completed. A well was completed with a hand pump, one third of the new main lodge was complete with a Delco battery system for lighting the lodge and kitchen, and the new one-lane road was constructed into “lower camp.” In 1928, the Petoskey Rotary laid six cement pads on what is called today “Downtown Daggett.” The Petoskey Rotary Club donated six World War I tents which sat on those six pads and were used for housing summer campers. By 1930, the first wooden cabin was built by B.H. Cook. That cabin today sits on the Northeast corner of one of those six original pads. By the end of 1931 there were four cabins built on the original World War I tent pads and also two staff cabins on the lake. By 1932 the middle section of the lodge was added and in 1933 a cook’s cabin became a detached building in back the lodge. That building is still on site and currently being used as a life jacket/canoeing shack.

In 1934 and 1935 the fireplace was added to the lodge as a gift from Mrs. William Hodgkiss and a strip of land was purchased to be used as a parking lot just outside the gate on the lower road. Prior to 1940, the Director’s (administrative lodge) cabin was built, a sanitary facility (Egypt) was built, an electric system was brought into camp, and the reverter clause to the property was taken off by Hazel Harper, the granddaughter and heir of Harriet Daggett Harper. These were huge events in establishing an even more permanent place for the future of campers on Walloon Lake.

Even though the author of this article knows camp’s motto of “the other fellow first” came before camp even opened, he wonders if all of the selfless acts which followed cemented not only the motto, but established a core belief for those who support, work and play at Camp Daggett. Camp Daggett has truly and continually been blessed. Camp wouldn’t exist without the support and plain old hard work of all of those “other fellows.”

History of Camp Daggett
1930– 1950

By the mid 1930's, four cabins had been built in the center of camp on cement pads which originally had World War One tents housing the campers. As the wooden cabins replaced the tents, the focus of the Board of Trustees was to bring improvements to the other areas of camp which needed attention.

In 1932 the Petoskey Kiwanis Club to build a main lodge overlooking Walloon Lake. This project was to be built in three sections over the next several years. The lodge was to act as a mess hall and gathering area during inclement weather. A cook's cabin was built and Mrs. Myrtle Rehkoff became a long-time fixture behind turning out meals for campers and staff. Money for the lodge was raised by selling movie tickets at the Hollywood Theater in Petoskey. In 1934 Mrs. Ora Porter saw to it that a fireplace was added to the new lodge. In 1935 Walter J. MacMillan resigned under protest of a lack of commitment from the board in supporting the camp. The board would not accept his resignation, and appointed James Quinn to become the interim director. Mac returned to summer camp in 1936. By 1939 a Director's Cabin which doubled as an administrative office, and new modern sanitary facility (Egypt) was built. The name Egypt was a carryover from campers who would usually say when traversing the sanding soil to get to the "outhouse(s)" – that they were going up to "Egypt."

1939 was a very important year in Camp Daggett history. During this year Hazel Harper, granddaughter of the original Daggett family, eliminated the reverter clause. This meant if Camp Daggett were ever to close, the land would revert back to the Daggett family. The Camp Daggett Board of Trustees now became the official owners of Camp Daggett property. Also, this year electricity came into camp from the Top of Michigan Rural Electrification Association.

In 1945 camp was closed due to the lack of available counselors because of World War II.

In 1948 the Arts & Crafts building was built from the trees on the property. A deep well in back of the kitchen was drilled with an electric pump - no more hauling water from the creek. Refrigeration was installed in the old kitchen and the Board of Trustees was expanded to nine members (with the caveat that at least two members had to be women – after all this was a boys and girls camp since 1927 with two separate five-week sessions every summer).

The twenty-fifth anniversary was celebrated in 1948 (1923-1948). 1923 and 1924 were the first dates Mac had taken boys to camp on other sites but not the current site of Camp Daggett. Today our anniversary date starts with when we received the Daggett property in 1925. Mac received a green 1948 Chevrolet automobile from the combined service clubs in the area. The story goes that he was so excited that he jumped into the car which was down near the beach and promptly put it in the wrong gear and drove it into the water.

The lodge which was built started during the early 1930's and completed by the early 1940's was separated by an open area between the old stone kitchen and the lodge. Food and dishes had to be carried between the two buildings until in 1950 when an addition connected the two buildings.

This era of the Daggett's history was establishing a pattern for things to come. A reluctant board had to be threatened by a resignation of its beloved director to make them realize this was a special place for the communities of Northern Michigan and beyond. Someone was watching over camp and guiding it in its development.

History of Camp Daggett

Walter J. MacMillan

Retired 1954

The most significant thing which happened to Camp Daggett was the resignation of Walter J. MacMillan after 30 years as the Summer Camp Director of Camp Daggett. Mac and Thelma MacMillan were the backbone of this camp during the "building a foundation" phase for Camp Daggett. I was lucky enough to meet "Mac" during my first year as Business Manager, and coincidentally the 50th anniversary of Camp Daggett, in 1975. Mac's eyes danced whenever he spoke of Daggett. He instilled in me and many others who have followed, the true meaning of the "other fellow first." His spirit of giving without expecting anything in return was evident when he spoke of all of those "others" who helped make Camp Daggett what and how it is today. His central emphasis was always on his continuing mission of "the other fellow first." His spirit continues today in every fiber of what Camp Daggett continues to do to emulate his legacy.

I know Mac was a devout Christian. He told me on several occasions of stories of others who helped camp keep its doors open. He felt that camp had a very special place in God's heart. I have personally been a witness to this phenomenon during forty-three years of involvement with Mac's philosophy. Those of you who know me know that I couldn't hold a candle to Mac and his strong religious tenants. I have always been a little bit of a doubter when it comes to my own religious beliefs. Let me tell you, though, when it comes to Camp Daggett I can irrevocably say this camp has been "touched by the hand of God." Whenever we have been in need, some organization or some individual donor(s) have stepped forth and provided. It continues to happen to this day. Mac would always say to me, "it wasn't me Jerry, it was everyone else." He never wanted to take any credit for his constant devotion in building the foundation with a mission that continues to hold true through the test of time.

Mac would tell stories of the early camping days and while telling those stories it was never I did this, or I did that – it was always WE did this. He would always give credit to all the many people who helped implant his vision – and there were many. I have chronicled many of these organizations and individuals in my earlier histories of Camp Daggett. Mac’s reaction to praise made him very uncomfortable – he only saw himself as a small cog in a much bigger picture of benevolence. To me this lesson on how to live one’s life has been the most important life lesson anyone could give. I was very lucky to have known this man – he taught me a lot. I hope to be able to pay forward those things I have learned by being part of the Camp Daggett experience.

I know Mac would not appreciate these few paragraphs about him. His sincere thanks were always about what the other fellow did for camp. We couldn’t have survived all of this time without those “other fellows.” I am proud to also been one of the many.

History of Camp Daggett 1954-1975

In 1954, after 30 years of dedication by the MacMillan family, Walter J. MacMillan chose to retire. Mac gave the direction and the mission which provided the foundation for the next six-plus decades of camping.

Will Splan and Margaret Johnson were hired to follow in Mac’s footsteps in 1954. Splan and Johnson were both teachers in the Petoskey Public School system. They quickly formed a partnership with Central Michigan University to help provide counselors for Camp Daggett. In 1955, Bob Woodruff, another teacher from Petoskey, took over the reigns as the Summer Camp Director and remained with Camp Daggett for the next ten years. Bob was the summer recreation supervisor prior to taking leadership at Camp Daggett. In 1977, the rec field was named in Mr. Woodruff’s honor for his service to Camp Daggett and also recognized his dedication to youth programs in Petoskey.

1957

Some of the significant changes during the Woodruff era were four more cabins built in “downtown Daggett” in 1957. These cabins were built by members of some of the new board members' service clubs from Charlevoix and East Jordan. 1957 was the first year when service club members from counties other than Emmet were allowed to become board members. As a side note, women participated as board members in the mid 1940’s. The first woman board member was Mrs. Leighton Bates. Many other women became board members prior to the 1950’s and continue to hold board positions to this day.

1968

Board minutes from 1957-1966 were lost when garbage pickup mistakenly picked up what he thought was trash from Secretary Brown's back porch. Prior to 1966, we do know that the Chapel was completed in 1959 and the Recreation Building was built in 1960. The Recreation Building was moved from its original spot from where today's pickleball and sand volleyball courts are located. The recreation building now sits above the rec field. In 1966 Bob Woodruff resigned and Al Sommerville from CMU was hired as the Summer Camp Director

1974

In 1966, the Nature Building was added from funds donated from the Chris Christopher trust. This building along with two other Boyne Falls log homes were added in 1969. Today they serve as the nurse's station and for housing for summer camp personnel. Lyle Spading became the new summer camp director in 1969.

By 1970, the Charlie Wilson era began. During the early 1970's, the building of new camper cabins on the boy's side of camp began. In 1971, camp had its first co-ed staff. That meant male and female staff were on the premises for the entire summer. There were two distinct five-week sessions. The June to late July sessions were boys-only sessions, and the late July thru August were the girls-only sessions. From 1972 to 1974, the first cabin built was by the Petoskey Kiwanis (the Burr Lodge) which was the Huron Cabin. In 1973, the second cabin was built by the Boyne City Rotary (Hamantree Cabin) – Ojibwa . Also, in that same year the McPherson Cabin (Chippewa) was built. In 1974, Bob McCullough, a Boyne City educator, was hired as the Summer Camp Director. Also, in 1974 the Petoskey Rotary (Christopher – Treloar Cabin) - Mohawk, was built along with the Jaycees building of the Clark Ketchum-Mike Hills cabin – Odawa.

There were many changes in summer camp directors after the retiring of Bob Woodruff in 1966. The Board of Trustees were wrestling with the issues of not enough campers to fill all the available spots, the reluctance to increase pricing, and a deteriorating facility. The president of the board, Clark Ketchum, suggested the board hire a business manager to be on-site for the summer and report back to the board at end of the summer of 1975 as to his recommendations. The era of upgrades to camp began in 1975.

Camp Daggett
1975-1976

I have been very fortunate to have received a phone call from Clark Ketchum encouraging me to take a summer position as Business Manager for Camp Daggett. I was seven years into a career as a teacher at a high school in Macomb, MI. I had just settled into something I loved to do and probably would have ignored that phone call if it weren't for my wife. Her excitement to be back in the Petoskey area during the summer and being at one of her favorite places in the entire world led me to sit up and take notice. Her fond memories of Camp Daggett were forged during her eight years as a camper. I didn't have a clue what I was getting into by accepting the position of Business Manager. I was 28-years-old and Camp Daggett became my life's guide over the next seventeen years. It was my learning ground and there was a whole lot of learning to experience.

When I arrived at Camp Daggett my immediate thoughts were "What have you got yourself into, Jerry?" Now Clark's position in hiring me was twofold. He wanted someone from the outside of Daggett to evaluate why they were bleeding dollars every year, and he wanted me to play fastpitch on his softball team. I knew I would love to play softball in Petoskey again, but I didn't know that softball would become secondary. I found myself not wanting to leave camp to go into town to play. I found myself loving what I was doing more than what I was playing. Unknowingly, this became a guiding force in my life – do what you love and love what you do. And there was so much to do at Camp Daggett.

At camp I met two of the guiding forces in my life. They were Walter J. MacMillan and Art Treloar. Yes, there were many others who over the years I met as a result of my association with Camp Daggett who embodied the spirit of "the other fellow first," but these were my first-year teachers who exemplified what Camp Daggett was all about.

I met "Mac" at the 50th anniversary of Camp during my first year at camp in 1975. The spirit of this man simply danced in his eyes and his stories of the founding of Camp Daggett were many. What I really liked about "Mac" was that he never took the credit for his part in Daggett. It was always someone else who he singled out. I learned this simple lesson from him.

Art Treloar was another that I have held on a pedestal. He was a gruff no-nonsense guy on the outside to his students at Petoskey High School. On the inside he was the embodiment of "the other fellow first." When the Board of Trustees assembled at the final meeting of the summer, they asked me "why are we losing so much money every year?" My answer was 1. We do not charge enough and 2. We do not have boys and girls at camp at the same time. He asked me then what was the solution. I said to have both boys and girls in camp at the same time. Art sat with his arms folded in disgust and said, "No way in hell is that going to happen." After the discussion of the whys and wherefores, the board voted, and they chose to adopt my proposal. Art was not a happy man when he left that meeting. He phoned me the next day and wanted

me to come to his home and discuss this radical proposal. We talked, and he became convinced that maybe even though he didn't like it, he saw it as a possible way to stabilize our financial position even though he wasn't sure girls and boys together at camp was the answer.

Art then amazingly volunteered to supervise the building of the girls' side of camp that fall of 1975 to be completed by opening day during the summer of 1976. Art was there every day and they built four new girl's cabins that fall and a girl's bathroom facility which became known instantaneously as Israel. Art was supervising C.E.T.A. (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) workers and his industrial arts teacher skills kicked into overdrive. We were very lucky in having Art, the workers, and the government programs, which all came together to give us direction into the future of Camp Daggett. I learned a lot from the example set by Art Treloar. Even if you don't agree with something and others do - then compromise your feelings and move forward. Art did eventually come around to girls and boys being in the same sessions.

It turned out that Art was the right person at the right time. It gave direction to Camp Daggett which wouldn't have happened without Art Treloar or Walter J. MacMillan. What great lessons to learn early in my career as an educator. I have told those stories of sincere giving and expecting nothing in return for decades. I am a lucky man to have known them. What valuable lessons we all can learn from other's examples of how to live one's life.

Camp Daggett History 1976 – 1992

During the spring of 1976, the girl's side of camp had four new camper cabins later named the Blackfeet, Sioux, Iroquois, and Crow. They were built from donations from the E.J. Rotary (Iroquois) and Charlevoix Kiwanis (Crow), private donation (from Betty Libke – Sioux) and Camp Daggett building funds (Blackfeet). Now both the boy's side and girl's side of camp both had five camper cabins.

Also, Tim Pierson became summer camp director in 1976 for the first ever co-educational camp on the grounds of Camp Daggett. Later in 1977 the fifth girl's cabin was added by the Petoskey Jaycees (Gogebic).

At the board meeting in 1978 the idea of year around camping was suggested. The board was not immediately on board but were not totally opposed to this idea in camp's future.

In 1979 Steve Okuly and Nancy Decker became summer camp directors and camp began to gain nearly a split of boy and girl campers during the period of 1979 – through the 1980's. A

new camper cabin sponsored by Cathy Crosby (A-jit-a- ma) was built for boys in honor of Allen Crosby in 1981. By 1982 Jerry Donnelly assumed both the Business Manager and Summer Camp Directorship in 1982. In 1983 Paul Benington was hired to run both the spring and fall outdoor education programs. In 1985 Bob Woodruff was recognized by dedicating the recreation field at camp. Bob was the summer camp director from 1956-1966.

In 1985, a five year plan was being developed by Benington and Donnelly which included a year around facility. The years 1985-1990 included the purchase of multiple pieces of ten-acre parcels of property which were contiguous to Camp Daggett along Church Road.

During 1987 plans for a year-around facility being developed. Lyn Jenks was hired to coordinate the capital campaign for the new building by 1989. There were to be three phases of building this project. They were the Main Lodge, the dormitories and classrooms, and the finishing of the upper level for a year around residence. The new lodge was called the Mort Neff Center and the dining hall was called Mac Hall. Mac Hall is the name which has stuck as the new facility has progressed to this day. Mort Neff was willing to lend his name as a strong supporter of this project and thus the original naming of the building in his honor. Camp will never forget his interest in catapulting it into the future and thus the dual name designation for the building itself. Also, in 1990 the huge Recreation Hall was moved from its original location to the immediate east of the Arts and Crafts building to its current location above Woodruff recreation field.

Camp Daggett History 1990 – 2005

Once the new Mac Hall/ Mort Neff Center had been built, there were a succession of years which I would call the “trial and error” period of camp. The landscape of camp was changing as were the long-time staff members who had helped move Daggett into the future. By 1991, I had submitted my resignation in order to become an administrator at my real job in education. By 1992 Paul Benington had resigned ten years after starting the year around program. Paul was then pursued a legal career in environmental law. Scott Okerlund was hired as the first Executive Director of Camp Daggett in 1992 and John Guirey, a former counselor in 1982, became Summer Camp Director in 1992. John is still summer camp director as of this writing and is celebrating his 26th year in that position. He will become the new executive director in the fall of 2019. Tammy Bogedin became the administrative assistant to Scott Okerlund in 1994. These were the growing years when camp was refocusing on who we were, what we wanted to become, and how we were planning on doing what we felt we were capable of doing.

Naturally, all of these things required a little imagination both practically and financially. I have said on many occasions that camp has been “touched by the hand of God.” Whether you want to believe that quote or not, a series of good things came along at the right time which catapulted Daggett into its future.

During the years of 1995 – 2005 plans had been sketched out to update camp’s facilities. We needed another Cabin on the girls’ side of camp, a new bathroom facility to replace the one built in 1939 (which we called Egypt), a sailing pavilion, refurbished the original cabins to house our expanding summer staff needs, an administrator (John Heinzelman) for our new Outdoor Education Program, a new pole building to house our maintenance needs, a commitment to a huge project of building a new indoor adventure facility, and programming to attract a different type of clientele to fill that building. All of this wouldn’t have happened if camp had not received generous donations from both the Dorothy Hoffman and the Ed Soblesky estates – thus the “hand of God” reference. In 2002 Scott Okerlund resigned to pursue other interests and John Heinzelman took over the reins of Executive Director. Brent Marlatt was hired to take John’s place at the Adventure Center. We also received grants and began to seriously pursue fundraising when Jen Booher was hired as the development director in 2004.

By 2002 the new adventure building was opened, and the next decade was the challenge of programming in order to fill the building. During the beginning the board realized the available funds through donations and camper fees were needed to help subsidize the adventure program. This process was evaluated every year in an attempt to provide the best programming in team building, (corporate and camper), school groups adventure initiatives, summer camp adventure trips, and the like. This was also the time when Josh Martin was hired to run the Northern Cairn program which offered Medical Wilderness Training.

When the 80th anniversary was celebrated in 2005, camp was roaring into the 21st century. A base line had been established to measure the progress of Camp Daggett as to who we are, where we are going and how we were going to accomplish new goals. New goal accomplishments are just the start of camps’ learning curve.

History of Camp Daggett 2007 – 2012

In 2005 Karen Marietti was hired as the Assistant Adventure Director and the new Maintenance Building/Northern Carin Building was being completed. It was our eightieth anniversary year.

The next years of 2007 - 2012 were the growing years. It was not only an infrastructure facelift, but an overall revamping of the infrastructure. They were the organizational years of finding out who we were, what we were about, how we were going to move into the future, who was going to be responsible for creating the new dynamic, and the setting of dates as to when all of the new Daggett would move into the future. These needed changes were codified into our by-laws, our strategic planning, our policies and procedures and finance manuals, and our leadership choices. This was the melding of the old with the new. Many organizational changes with the way were to do business and yet maintaining the spirit of “the other fellow first” and the “Full Value Agreement” which were at the core of catapulting camp into a better more user-friendly future.

The chronological list below outlines the changes which have guided Camp Daggett from 2007- 2012.

2007 Doll-Loesel Foundation grants \$200,000 in matching donation to payoff Adventure Building

- John Heinzelman retires as Executive Director
- Brent Marlatt assumes the Executive Director position
- Karen Marietti takes over as the Adventure Center Director
- Andrew Barr hired to become Assistant Adventure Director
- Fall Festival held in October (over 2000 participants)

2008 Flooring downstairs of Mac Hall courtesy of Beson family

- Staining of Mac Hall (\$10,474)
- Strategic Plan completed (2009-2011)
- Fireplace insert replaced
- Start of PUD process (Emily Myerson, consultant)
- 1989 Jeep Waggoner secured as backup vehicle
- Julie Guirey hired as Camp Registrar
- Randy Calcaterra produces a video of Camp Daggett with Boyne City H.S. video class
- Porch renovations completed on Director’s cabin porch
- New swimming docks installed
- Refurbishing of Israel with Beeson family grant
- Emerald ash borer invades camp trees
- Nelson Greenier hired as new Maintenance Director

2009 Kate Jensen Szpunar hired to head Marketing Committee (\$400 per month)

- Strategic Plan adopted at January board meeting
- Josh Martin rents Northern Cairn Building for \$6000 per year
- Kathy Bardins offered the contract of Kate Jensen Szpunar to head marketing
- PUD was slated to be finalized by March 1 (Didn’t happen until December of 2010)

In lieu of insurance payment cancelled effective July 1, 2009

Freeze on all spending June of 2009

President McLeod said we would run out of cash in November and need \$60,000 to end year

Purchased a Boston Whaler in July with money from sale of donated boats

Purchased a Road Grader (\$1700) in August with donated money from neighbors and private funds

Brent Marlatt is dismissed as Executive Director by some members of the Executive Committee (The complete story of this event and events leading up to and following this action may be found in separate documents in the history file)

Emergency Board meeting took place on August 31, 2009 to discuss the reasons for the dismissal of Brent Marlatt (no minutes were taken)

Brent rescinds his forced resignation

Board of Trustees tabled the action and sent problem to the personnel committee for a recommendation

The next day six board members resigned along with one staff member

A plan of action outlining eleven problems with possible solutions was suggested by Jerry Donnelly and accepted by the board as a course of action for the remainder of the 2009 year and the 2010 season (see history file).

The first Eco Challenge was held in September

The third every other year Fall Festival was held in September thanks to a \$5000 donation from the Dorothy Carter trust.

Jen Tarquini hired to replace Shellie Johnson as the Administrative Assistant

Year-end financials were healthy with no need to borrow

2010 Four-Wheeler donated by Dr. Timothy Linehan

New Website designed by Alpha Geek

First Father Son Weekend in March

Doll-Loesel Foundation donates \$29,000 for renovation of Arts & Crafts Building

New Donor Packets developed by Development and Marketing Committee

Additional Fuel Tank Purchased

\$4000 per month reinstated for repair and replacement fund

McAdams property swap offer turned down

Arts and Crafts Building Renovation bid accepted from Jim Knibbs Construction

Camp Daggett becomes program partners with United Way

Replacement of Bunk Beds for dorms by White Cedar Log Furniture Co.

Advisory Board established as advisors to the Executive Committee

Second (every five years) Camp staff reunion hosted

Grace Ketchum hired as Fund Development Director

Erosion Plan completed by Advanced Geo-matics of Charlevoix

Nature Building severely damaged by falling tree – Will be replaced in 2011

Rec Hall repainted by fellowship volunteers and resingled

Egypt resingled

Jean MacMillan Bradley gives camp her Camp Daggett Memories booklet to camp (In History File)

Used 15 passenger van purchased for \$11,000

Used pontoon boat purchased for \$4,000

PUD finalized with Bay Township in order to get building permit for A&C building

Twelve new committee members added during 2010

2011 Policies and Procedure Manual with Fiscal Policy adopted at January board meeting

Contract awarded to East Jordan Construction for replacement of Nature Building

\$100,000 Line of Credit was established at the Bank of Northern Michigan

Contract awarded to Jim Knibbs for two additions to the Arts and Crafts Building

Board of Trustees approved porches to be added to both the nature and A/C building

New Language for Section 3.2 Part A (regarding approving service club members

becoming board members) was approved at March board meeting

Director's Cabin resingled

Ice Dam situation rectified in Main Lodge by removing old insulation and adding foam insulation (Jordan Construction)

Camp Daggett Improvements: 2010 thru 2012			
Physical Plant Improvement Year		Amount	Responsible Party
Paint Recreation Hall	2010	1,600	Youth Group Volunteers
Replace Doors on Walk in coolers	2010	3,800	Superior Mechanical
Maintenance Coat First Aid Cabin & Sequoia	2010	5,000	Woodland Finishing
Multi-Vine	2010	1,500	Project Adventure, Inc.
Erosion Control (basketball court - curb)	2010	800	Camp Daggett

Water Softener	2010	3,100	Culligan Water
Synthetic Tile - Upper Level of CDAC	2010	2,568	Lowe's
Replace Bathroom Countertops (Main Lodge)	2010	900	Boyne City Volunteers
Repair Fire Circle Bricks	2010	2,598.05	PC Lawn Care
Install Bathroom Paneling (Lower Main Lodge)	2010	1,200	Camp Daggett
Nature Building	2010	30,800	Jordan Construction
Arts and Crafts Additions	2010	45,642.30	Jim Nibbs
Arts and Crafts Covered Porch	2010	10,000	Jim Nibbs
Arts and Crafts Log Siding Staining	2010	20,000	Woodland Finishing
Renovation of Summer Camp Canoe Rack	2010	800	Boyne City Volunteers
Built New Canoe Rack For CDAC	2010	500	Camp Daggett
New Flagpole at CDAC	2010	Donated	Volunteer
Septic Fume Problem Fixed (CDAC)	2010	300	Koteski Brothers Excavating
Improved Drainage Near Sugar-Bush Operations.	2010	100	Volunteer
Nature Trails Wood Chip Project	2010	100	Camp Daggett
New Camp Store	2010	500	Boyne City Volunteers
Paddle Shack Life Jacket Awning	2010	800	Camp Daggett
Strip and Restain Log Supports back/front CDAC	2011	6,000	Jordan Construction
Erosion Control (Lakeside Plantings)	2011	500	Camp Daggett
Replace Roof on Egypt	2011	6,200	Kalinski Roofing
Replace Shingles on Rec Hall	2011	2,000	Kalinski Roofing
Patch's Shack Roof Work	2011	1,200	Youth Build Program

Bunk Beds in Mac Hall	2011	6,000	White Rustic Cedar
New Roof on Camp Store	2011	800	Jordan Construction
Entire Baseball Field Renovation	2011	900	Camp Daggett
New Roof on Summer Staff & Director's Office	2011	2,000	Kalinski Roofing
Rebuild Bunk Beds in All Cabins	2011	3,298.89	Camp Daggett
New Shelving Units in Kitchen	2011	800	Boyne City Volunteers
Replace Sailing Dock	2012	8,878.85	Camp Daggett
Finish Inside of Nature Building	2012	2,200	Boyne City Volunteers
Erosion Control: Sailing Pavilion	2012	2,800	Camp Daggett
Asphalt Surfacing: Erosion Control Phase	2012	25,500	H&D
Replacement of Two Low Ropes Elements	2012	225.5	Camp Daggett
Replace Window Screens in All Cabins	2012	2,000	Camp Daggett
Insulation Project for Main Lodge	2012	44,350	Jordan Construction
Replacement of Back Door: Recreation Building	2012	300	Boyne City Volunteers
Reverse Doors on Yurt for Fire Code Compliance	2012	50	Boyne City Volunteers
Retaining Walls Leading to Camp Store	2012	600	Camp Daggett
Renovation of Retaining Wall: Chief Statue	2012	1,300	Youth Build Program
Gutter System on Front of Main Lodge	2012	1,075	Jordan Construction
Gutter System on Sailing Pavilion	2012	800	Jordan Construction
Drainage System Near Helix Tower (CDAC)	2012	200	Volunteer

Drinking Fountain Drainage Renovations	2012	150	Camp Daggett
Split Rail Fencing Guarding Asphalt	2012	1,000	Camp Daggett
New IT Room in Attic Area of Main Lodge	2012	5,265	Jordan Construction
Main Line to Well Repair	2012	2,800	Koteski Brothers Excavating
New Over-Head Garage Door: Rec Hall	2012	850	Boyne City Volunteers
Repair of Israel Commodes	2012	100	Camp Daggett
Renovation of Egypt Bathroom Stall	2012	100	Camp Daggett
Nature Building Window Screens	2012	650	Skip's Glass
Elevator Lighting System Repaired (CDAC)	2012	570	Kilmore Electric

The next period of the history of Camp Daggett (2013- 2019) will be written by the current staff who have lived and built what Camp Daggett has become as a respected recreational and educational entity in both Emmet and Charlevoix Counties.

It has been my great pleasure to take our readers through the first eighty-eight year journey of our history. It is time for me to move on and handoff the research mantle to the next generation who have lived and know their part Camp's proud heritage. This year will be my 45th year of association with Daggett. I will continue to do my small part as needed as my fellow emeritus members John DiMartino, Pat McFall, Mike Farrimond, John Hess, Jock Rader and Bob Esford and I pass the torch on to the present generation. They are already doing an excellent job of moving Camp forward. We know they have great historical core values to act as their guide.