

THE HISTORY OF CAMP DAGGETT

By Jerry Donnelly

The Beginning of Camp Daggett, 1922 – 1925

Immediately following the end of World War I, some of the town leaders felt that Petoskey should have a recreation program for its young men. This idea was floated around for a few years, and it finally came to fruition in 1922 when community leaders came together to form the Petoskey Rotary Club. The new Rotarians made it their top priority to make this boy's recreational program a reality.

One Rotarian in particular, Park Lantz, was also the superintendent of Petoskey Public Schools at the time. In 1923, Mr. Lantz hired Walter J. MacMillan as a physical education instructor; this was made possible by a special financial gift from the Rotary Club. "Mac," as he was affectionately called, was given the task of running a camping program for young men in the summertime. Mac would rise to the occasion, leading the camp for the next three decades.

During that first summer, Mac held a 10-day boy's camp to the south of what we now know as Camp Daggett. In the following summer of 1924, he put on another camping experience for the young men of Petoskey just north of present-day Camp Daggett. Then, in the fall of that same year, Mac attended a Rotary Club meeting with the goal of explaining how the club could provide further assistance. Mac explained how great it would be to have a permanent location on the shores of Walloon Lake. This request fell on the perfect audience—a Rotarian by the name of Bert Cook.

Mr. Cook had been married to a local woman named Henrietta Daggett, who passed away in 1910. Mr. Cook, however, was still in contact with his in-laws, though they had since moved to California. Harriet Daggett-Harper, a relative of Henrietta's, had inherited a plot of land from her uncle, August Daggett, who had purchased the site in 1892 for \$350. Mrs. Harper quickly claimed the deed to the land—for just \$1—to the newly-appointed Camp Daggett Board of Trustees. She did this on one condition: that the camp be named Daggett Camp after her father, Henry R. Daggett, who was a local hardware store owner as well as the brother of August Daggett's.

The vision, collaboration, and generosity that led to the opening of Camp Daggett culminated to a legend that remains alive today. This can be witnessed in the spirit of

camp as well as our motto, "the other fellow first." The Daggett family's gift to the Northern Michigan area continues to 'pay it forward,' welcoming children and groups to Camp Daggett to learn about and experience all this beautiful region has to offer. Surely, the Daggetts could not have known the profound impact their kindness would have on the thousands who have enjoyed camp over the last nearly 100 years.

History of Camp Daggett, 1925 – 1940: Establishing a Footprint on Walloon Lake

During the latter part of 1924, a plan was devised to open a camp on the west arm of Walloon Lake. The parcel of land generously donated by Harriett Daggett-Harper was to be used for establishing this formal camp (all boys), which was called Daggett Camp in the original deed. There was a great deal of work to be done: appointing of a Board of Trustees, planning for the development of the property, and recruiting help to prepare the land for what would become known as Camp Daggett.

Those who stepped up to help were often members of the Petoskey Rotary and the Petoskey Kiwanis clubs. The first major 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 took the form of "wilderness" camping: tents were used for housing campers, counselors, staff, and 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 hand-pumped well was put in; one-third of the newly-constructed main lodge was complete with a Delco battery system for lighting the lodge and kitchen; and a new one-lane road was constructed into "lower camp." In 1928, the Petoskey Rotary laid six cement pads on what is known today as "Downtown Daggett." The Petoskey Rotary Club donated six World War I tents which sat on those pads and were used for housing summer campers. In 1930, the first wooden cabin was built by B.H. Cook. That cabin still stands today, resting on the Northeast corner of one of the six original pads. By the end of 1931, there were four cabins built on the original World War I tent pads as well as two staff cabins on the lake. By 1932, the middle section of the lodge was added, and in 1933, a detached building behind the lodge became the cook's cabin. That building is still on site and is currently being used as a life jacket and paddle storage shack for the Canoeing area of camp.

In 1934 and 1935, the fireplace was added to the lodge as a gift from Mr. William Hodgkiss. Additionally, Camp Daggett purchased a strip of land to use as a parking lot just outside the gate on the lower road. In the late 1930s, the Director's (administrative lodge) cabin and a sanitary facility (Egypt) were built. An electric system was also introduced to

camp, and the reverter clause to the property was jettisoned by Hazel Harper, Harriet Daggett-Harper's granddaughter and heir. These were all major events in establishing an even more permanent place for future generations of campers on Walloon Lake.

Even though I know the camp motto of "the other fellow first" came before camp even opened, I wonder if all of the selfless acts to follow not only cemented this motto, but also established a core belief for those who support, work, and play at Camp Daggett. Camp Daggett has truly and continually been blessed; it wouldn't exist without the support, persistence, 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. As the wooden cabins replaced the tents that had previously housed campers and staff, the Board's focus shifted to improving other areas of camp that required attention. In 1932, the Petoskey Kiwanis Club took on the project of building a main lodge overlooking Walloon Lake. The structure was to be built in three sections over the next several years. The lodge was to act as a full-time mess hall and a 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 put in the new lodge. In 1935, Walter J. MacMillan resigned in protest of the lack of commitment the Board of Trustees was showing to support Camp Daggett. The Board, however, would not accept his resignation, and in the meantime, they appointed James Quinn as interim director. Mac returned to summer camp in 1936. By 1939, a Director's Cabin—which doubled as an administrative office—and a modernized sanitary facility (Egypt) were built. The name Egypt was a carryover from campers who would say that they were going up to "Egypt" when traversing the sanding soil to get to the outhouse(s).

1939 was a very important year in Camp Daggett history. As was previously mentioned, Hazel Harper, granddaughter of the original Daggett family, eliminated the reverter clause. This clause had said that if Camp Daggett were ever to close, the land would revert back to the Daggett family. However, once the clause was removed from the deed, The Board of Trustees became the official owners of camp's property. Also in 1939, electricity was brought into camp thanks to the Top of Michigan Rural Electrification Association.

In 1945, camp was forced to remain closed for the summer season 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 behind the kitchen was drilled with an electric pump—no more hauling water all the way up from the creek! Refrigeration was also installed in the old kitchen. In the same year, the Board of Trustees was expanded to nine members with the caveat that at least two members had to be women—after all, this had been 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 years during which Mac had taken boys to camp on other sites, but not the current site of Camp Daggett. Today, we consider our anniversary date to start with when we received the Daggett property—in 1925. As a ‘thank you,’ Mac received a green 1948 Chevrolet automobile from the combined service clubs in the area. The story goes that he was so excited about the gift that he jumped into the car (which was down near the beach) and promptly put it in the wrong gear, driving it right into the waters of Walloon.

The new lodge was started in the early 1930’s and completed by the early 1940’s. It was separated from its predecessor by an open area between the old stone kitchen and the lodge. Food and dishes had to be carried between the two buildings until 1950, when an addition connected the two buildings. This era of Camp Daggett’s history was critical in establishing a pattern for things to come. A reluctant board had to be threatened by the resignation of its beloved director to realize that this was a special place for the communities of Northern Michigan and beyond.

Walter J. MacMillan Retires, 1954

One of the most significant things to happen to Camp Daggett was the resignation of Walter J. MacMillan after 30 years as Summer Camp Director. Mac and his wife, Thelma MacMillan, were the backbone of Camp Daggett during its “building a foundation” phase. I was lucky enough to meet Mac during my first year as Business Manager, and coincidentally that was in 1975, the 50th anniversary of Camp Daggett. Mac’s eyes sparkled 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 putting “the other fellow first.” His spirit lives on even today in every fiber of what we do at Camp Daggett.

I know Mac was a devout Christian. On several occasions, he told me stories of others who helped camp keep its doors open. He felt that Camp Daggett had a very special place in God's heart. I have personally been a witness to this phenomenon during my 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 skeptic when it comes to my own religious beliefs; let me tell you, though, that 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 individual donor(s) have graciously stepped forth and provided. In fact, it continues to happen to this day. Mac would always say, "it wasn't me, Jerry, it was everyone else." He never wanted to take any credit for his constant devotion to building a foundation with a mission that has withstood the test of time.

Mac would frequently 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 the many contributors who helped bring his vision to life—and there were many. I have chronicled several of these organizations and individuals in my previous histories of Camp Daggett. Praise made Mac very uncomfortable; he saw himself as a mere piece of a much bigger picture of benevolence. For me, this lesson on how to live has been the most important life lesson anyone could give. I was very fortunate to have known Mac—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 have been and to continue to be 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 provided Camp Daggett the direction and the mission to continue building up the foundation for the next six-plus decades of campers.

Will Splan and Margaret Johnson were hired to follow in Mac's footsteps after his retirement in 1954. Splan and Johnson were both teachers for Petoskey Public Schools, and they quickly formed a partnership with Central Michigan University to help staff Camp Daggett with counselors. In 1955, Bob Woodruff, another teacher from Petoskey, took over as Summer Camp Director and remained with camp for the next ten years. Bob was the

summer Recreation Supervisor prior to stepping into a leadership role at Camp Daggett. In 1977, the Rec Field was dedicated in Mr. Woodruff's honor for his service to Camp Daggett and to recognize his commitment to youth programs in Petoskey.

One of the most significant changes during the Woodruff era was the addition of four more cabins to "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 that service club members from counties other than Emmet were allowed to become Board members. As a side note, women began participating as Board members in the mid 1940's. The first female Board member was Mrs. Leighton Bates. Many other women promptly followed suit and continue to hold board positions to this day.

Unfortunately, Board of Trustees meeting minutes from 1957-1966 were lost when garbage pickup mistakenly took what they thought to be 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 Rec Building was moved from its original spot, where today's pickle ball and sand volleyball courts are located, and now sits above the Rec Field. In 1966, Bob Woodruff resigned and Al Sommerville from CMU was hired as the new Summer Camp Director.

In 1966, the Nature Building started to be built using 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 quarters and for summer camp personnel housing. Also in 1969, Lyle Spading took on the role of Summer Camp Director.

By 1970, the Charlie Wilson era had begun. During the early 1970s, construction began on new camper cabins on the boy's side of camp. In 1971, Camp Daggett 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 session was a boys-only session, and the late July to August was a session for just girls.

From 1972 to 1974, the first cabin, Huron, was built by the Petoskey Kiwanis (Burr Lodge). In 1973, the second cabin, Ojibway, was built by the Boyne City Rotary Club (Hamantree Cabin). In that same year, the Chippewa cabin (McPherson Cabin) was built. In 1974, a Boyne City educator named Bob McCullough was hired as the Summer Camp Director. Also in 1974, the Petoskey Rotary Club sponsored the construction of the Mohawk cabin (Christopher-Treloar Cabin) while the Jaycees built the Odawa cabin (Clark Ketchum-Mike Hills Cabin).

As one can observe, there was a period of shuffling summer camp directors after the retiring of Bob Woodruff in 1966. The Board of Trustees was wrestling with issues like not having enough campers to fill all the available spots, reluctance to increase pricing, and deteriorating facilities. The president of the Board, Clark Ketchum, suggested that the board hire a business manager to be on-site for the summer of 1975 and report back to the board at end of the summer with his recommendations. Thus, an era of major upgrades to camp began in 1975.

History of Camp Daggett, 1975 – 1976

I am 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 teaching at a high school in Macomb, MI. I was settled into something I loved doing, and I probably would have ignored that phone call if it weren't for my wife. Her excitement to return to the Petoskey area and one of her favorite places in the world for the summer 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 directed me through life over the next seventeen years. It was my learning ground, and there was a whole lot of learning to experience.

When I first arrived at Camp Daggett, I immediately thought "Jerry, what have you gotten yourself into?" Now, Clark's position in hiring me was twofold: first, he wanted someone from the outside of Daggett to evaluate why they were hemorrhaging money every year. Second, he wanted me to play on his fast pitch softball team. I knew I would love to play softball in Petoskey again, but what I *didn't* know was that softball would take the backseat. I found myself not wanting to leave camp to go into town and 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 greatest mentors I've had. They were Walter J. MacMillan and Art Treloar. Of course, there were many others who embodied the spirit of "the other fellow first" that I met over the years via my association with Camp Daggett. Still, Mac and Art were my first-year 'teachers' who exemplified what Camp Daggett was all about.

I met Mac at camp's 50th anniversary celebration during my first year in 1975. The love this man had for his job danced in his eyes as he told his many, many stories of the founding of Camp Daggett. What I truly admired about Mac was that he never took any

credit for his part in camp; it was always someone else who he singled out and praised. This was one of the simplest yet most important lessons I learned from him.

Art Treloar was another mentor that I have held on a pedestal. Outwardly, he appeared to his Petoskey High School students to be a gruff, no-nonsense guy. On the inside, though, he was the human embodiment of “the other fellow first.” When the Board of Trustees assembled at their 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 in camp at the same time. Art then asked me what the solution was. I said that it was simply to host boys and girls in camp at the same time. Art sat with his arms folded in disgust and returned, “No way in hell is that going to happen.” After the discussion of the whys and wherefores, the Board voted, and they actually chose to adopt my proposal. Art was not a happy man as he left that meeting. He phoned me the next day, asking me to come into his home to discuss my radical proposal. We talked, and he became convinced that perhaps, even though he didn’t like it, it was a potential strategy for stabilizing our financials. Still, he remained skeptical that having girls and boys at camp together was the answer.

To my surprise, Art ended up volunteering to supervise the building of the girls’ side of camp in the fall of 1975. It was set to be completed by opening day for the summer season of 1976. Art was there every day, and they built four new girl’s cabins that fall as well as a girl’s bathroom facility, which became known 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 to have Art, the workers, and the government programs that all came together to propel us into the future of Camp Daggett. I learned a lot from the example set by Art Treloar. If you don’t agree with something, meet the other party in the middle. And, in the end, Art did eventually come around to girls and boys being in the same sessions.

Art Treloar and Walter J. MacMillan were both important guiding forces for Camp Daggett, overseeing changes that may well not have happened without them. I often think about what great lessons I was fortunate enough to learn from them early in my career as an educator. I have told these stories of sincere giving and expecting nothing in return for decades. I am a lucky man to have known them, and Camp Daggett is a lucky organization to have had them.

History of Camp Daggett, 1976 – 1990

During the spring of 1976, the girl's side of camp gained four new camper cabins they were later named Blackfeet, Sioux, Iroquois, and Crow. They were built thanks to donations from the East Jordan Rotary (Iroquois) and Charlevoix Kiwanis (Crow), a private donation Ms. from Betty Libke (Sioux), and Camp Daggett building funds (Blackfeet). Now, the boy's side of camp had five cabins to house campers, and the girl's side had four.

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

At a 1978 Board meeting, the idea of year-round camping was suggested. The board was not immediately into it, but they were not totally opposed to this idea for camp's future. In 1979, Steve Okuly and Nancy Decker became Summer Camp Directors. Camp started to see a nearly-even split of boy and girl campers between 1979 and the 1980's. A new boy's cabin (A-Jit-A-Ma) sponsored by Cathy Crosby was constructed in honor of Allen Crosby in 1981.

Jerry Donnelly had been with Camp Daggett as the Business Manager, but in 1982, he took on a second role as Summer Camp Director. The following year, Paul Benington was hired to run the spring and fall outdoor education programs. In 1985, Benington and Donnelly were in the process of developing a five-year plan, which included a year-round facility. From 1985-1990, multiple ten-acre parcels of property contiguous to Camp Daggett along Church Road were purchased, expanding camp about 30 acres.

In 1987, plans were in the works for a year-round facility. 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: The Main Lodge, the dormitories and classrooms, and the finishing of the upper level to be a full-time residence. The new lodge was called the Mort Neff Center and the dining hall was known as Mac Hall (after Walter "Mac" MacMillan). In fact, Mac Hall is the name that stuck as the new facility has progressed to this day.

As a strong supporter of this large project, Mort Neff was more than willing to lend his name to the cause, and thus the building was originally named in his honor. Camp Daggett will never forget the roles that Mort and Mac played in catapulting camp into the future, so the dual name designation for the building itself is a way to memorialize their contributions. In 1990, the Rec Hall was moved from its original location (next to the Arts and Crafts building) to its current location above Woodruff Recreation Field.

History of Camp Daggett, 1990 – 2005

Once the new Mac Hall/Mort Neff Center had been built, there were a few years that I would call the “trial and error” period of Camp Daggett. The landscape of camp was changing, as were the long-time staff members who had helped make Daggett what it was. By 1991, I had submitted my resignation to camp so that I could become an education administrator in my ‘real’ job. By 1992, Paul Benington had resigned, ten years after starting the year-round program that still exists; he then decided to pursue a legal career, specializing in environmental law. Also in 1992, Scott Okerlund was hired as the first Executive Director of Camp Daggett, and John Guirey, a former counselor (1982), became Summer Camp Director. Tammy Bogedin became Scott’s administrative assistant in 1994. These were years of growth, as camp staff was refocusing on who we were, what we wanted to become, and how we should go about the things 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 Daggett has been “touched by the hand of God.” Whether you want to believe that or not, a series of good things came along at the right time which propelled camp into its future.

During the years of 1995 – 2005, plans were sketched out to update camp’s facilities. We needed another cabin on the girls’ side of camp, a new boy’s bathroom facility to replace the one built in 1939 (which we called Egypt), a sailing pavilion, modernized cabins to cover the needs of our expanding summer staff, an administrator (John Heinzelman) for our new Outdoor Education Program, a new pole barn to house our maintenance materials, a commitment to the huge project of building a new indoor adventure facility, and programming to attract a new clientele demographic to fill that building. All of these tasks would not have been possible without 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 the reins as Executive Director. Brent Marlatt was hired to take John’s place at the Adventure Center. Camp Daggett also received grants and began to seriously pursue fundraising when Jen Booher was hired as Development Director in 2004. By 2002, the new adventure facility was opened, and the next decade brought the challenge of developing programming to *fill* the building. In the beginning, the board realized that the funds available 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 group adventure

initiatives, summer camp adventure trips, and the like. Also around this time, Josh Martin was hired to run the Northern Cairn program which offered Medical Wilderness Training.

When Camp Daggett's 80th anniversary was celebrated in 2005, camp was roaring into the 21st century. A baseline had been established to measure camp's progress: who we are, where we are going, and how we were going to accomplish new goals. After all, new goals are just the start of our 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 Cairn Building was being completed. It was also Camp Daggett's eightieth anniversary year.

The five years between 2007 - 2012 were more years of growth. It was not just an infrastructure facelift, but a large infrastructure overhaul. They were the organizational years of finding out who we were, what we were about, how we were going to continue moving into the future, and who was going to be responsible for creating the new dynamic. These needed changes were codified into our by-laws, strategic planning, policies and procedures, finance manuals, and leadership choices. This was the melding of the old with the new. Many organizational changes with the way camp did business took place, yet the spirit of "the other fellow first" and the Full Value Agreement remained at the core of it all, pushing Camp Daggett into a better, more user-friendly future.

Updates to Camp Daggett, 2007 – 2012

The chronological list below outlines the changes that took place within Camp Daggett from 2007- 2012.

2007:

- Doll-Loesel Foundation grants \$200,000 in donation match to pay off Adventure Center
- John Heinzelman retires as Executive Director
- Brent Marlatt assumes Executive Director position
- Karen Marietti takes over as Adventure Center Director
- Andrew Barr hired as Assistant Adventure Center Director
- First-ever Daggett Fall Festival held in October (over 2000 participants)

2008:

- Flooring downstairs of Mac Hall (courtesy of Beeson family)
- Staining of Mac Hall (\$10,474)

- Strategic Plan completed (implementation 2009-2011)
- Fireplace insert replaced
- Start of PUD process (Emily Myerson, consultant)
- 1989 Jeep Wagoneer secured as backup vehicle
- Julie Guirey hired as Camp Registrar
- Randy Calcaterra produces video of camp with Boyne City HS video class
- Porch renovations completed on Director's Cabin porch
- New swimming docks installed
- Refurbishing of Israel (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
- PUD slated to be finalized by March 1 (did not happen until December of 2010)
- In lieu of insurance payment cancelled effective July 1, 2009
- Freeze on all spending: June of 2009
- President McLeod says we will run out of cash by November and need \$60,000 to end year
- Purchased a Boston Whaler in July (money from sale of donated boats)
- Purchased a Road Grader (\$1700) in August with donations and private funds
- Brent Marlatt dismissed as Executive Director by some Exec Committee members (complete story, events leading up to, and events following this action may be found in separate documents in history file)
- Emergency Board meeting takes place August 31, 2009 to discuss reasons for Brent Marlatt's dismissal (no minutes taken)
- Brent rescinds his forced resignation
- Board of Trustees tables the action and sends problem to personnel committee for a recommendation
- Next day, six board members resign along with one staff member
- Plan of action outlining 11 problems and possible solutions suggested by Jerry Donnelly and accepted by Board as a course of action for remainder of 2009 year and 2010 season (see history file)
- First Eco Challenge held in September
- Third bi-annual Fall Festival held in September (thanks to a \$5000 donation from the Dorothy Carter trust)
- Jen Tarquini hired to replace Shellie Johnson as Administrative Assistant

- Year-end financials healthy with no need to borrow

2010:

- Four-Wheeler donated by Dr. Timothy Linehan
- New Website designed by Alpha Geek
- First Father Son Weekend held in March
- Doll-Loesel Foundation donates \$29,000 for renovation of Arts & Crafts Building
- New Donor Packets created by Development and Marketing Committee
- Additional Fuel Tank Purchased
- \$4000 per month set aside 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 – to be replaced in 2011
- Rec Hall repainted by fellowship volunteers and re-shingled
- Egypt re-shingled
- Jean MacMillan Bradley gives camp her Camp Daggett Memories booklet to camp (can be found 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
- 12 new committee members added in 2010
- 2011 Policies and Procedure Manual with Fiscal Policy adopted at January board meeting
- Contract awarded to East Jordan Construction for Nature Building replacement
- \$100,000 Line of Credit established at the Bank of Northern Michigan
- Contract awarded to Jim Knibbs for two additions to Arts and Crafts Building
- Board of Trustees approves porches to be added to both Nature and A/C Buildings
- 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 re-shingled
- Ice Dam situation rectified in Main Lodge by removing old insulation and adding foam insulation (Jordan Construction)

| <u>Camp Daggett Improvements: 2010 - 2012</u> | | | |
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| Physical Improvement | Year | Cost | 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 woodchip project | 2010 | 100 | Camp Daggett |
| New Camp Store | 2010 | 500 | Boyne City Volunteers |
| Paddle Shack life jacket awning | 2010 | 800 | Camp Daggett |
| Strip and re-stain 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 |

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| 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 2 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 fence 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 |
| CDAC elevator lighting system repaired | 2012 | 570 | Kilmore Electric |

The next period of Camp Daggett's history (2013- 2022) will be updated by the current staff and Board of Trustees, who have played roles in the institution Camp Daggett has become: a respected recreational and educational entity in both Emmet and Charlevoix Counties and beyond.

It has been my great pleasure to take you through the first 88-years of Camp Daggett's rich history. Nevertheless, it is time for me to move on and pass the torch of telling camp's story to the current campers, staff, and Board members. I will continue to do my small part as needed, as will my fellow emeritus members John DiMartino, Pat McFall, Mike Farrimond, John Hess, Jock Rader, and Bob Esford. Now, though, we hand down the responsibility to the present generation. They are already doing an excellent job of moving Camp Daggett forward—we know they have great historical core values to guide them into the future.