

CYO Plans Day Camp

No more pencils,
No more books,
No more teacher's
glaring looks!

This is the chant that expresses the sentiments of thousands of Rochester youngsters as summer recess begins. Too often, thought, after only a few short days, the anticipation of this summer of "Freedom" turns into a series of long, boring days.

In recognition of this need for children to belong to an organized, well supervised summer program, the Catholic Youth Organization has opened a fifth CYO sponsored day camp. Neighborhood location of campsites is making this activity accessible to hundreds of children who formerly could not find means for participation. The CYO has camps at Holy Redeemer Parish, St. Andrew's, St. Michael's, Holy Apostles, and in the Columbus Civic Center, 50 Chestnut St. One Thousand Children

This year, approximately one thousand children, between the ages of six through twelve, will enjoy a season of organized fun and activity, the major part of which will be conducted in outdoor settings. Swimming, hiking, nature study and handicrafts number only a few of the many, many interesting projects scheduled to make up a well-rounded program.

Youngsters may enhance their skills in fields of their choice and are encouraged in phases where they may not be so aptly suited. Day Camp brings to all participants a sense of security in belonging and opportunities for recognition among fellow campers and counselors.

Counselors are carefully screened and are selected for outstanding ability and personality. Many members of the staff are specialists in some field such as swimming, dancing or handicrafts and are able to pass their talents on to the children. Day Camps provide unmatched educational values and essential practices for "getting along with others."

"Overnight Camp"

For the senior camper, ages ten through twelve, the annual "Overnight" represents the highlight of the entire season. Here resident camping is experienced as youngsters pack duffie bags, kiss "mom" good-bye, and leave at last for a week of "real camping" at beautiful Powder Mill Park. Huge dormitories house the groups and to many city children, this is their first "away from home" experience. On the "Overnight" all of those activities found impossible in an urban setting are now realized. There is no thrill like that produced by the cheerful campfire at dusk, its awesome ceremonies and the sense of neighborliness felt as the last strains of "Taps" fade into the night.

Family Activity

On the theory that mutual participation in the activities strengthens family bonds, CYO Day Camp programs include many events in which parents and family groups are invited to participate. Family swim sessions in the CYO pool are proving more popular each season.

Family picnics bring parents, counselors, campers and staff together in a social setting and the annual all-camp variety show gives campers and counselors a chance to "shine" in a real "stage production."

For the normal, happy youngster, day camp provides healthful experience, life-time friendships and just plain fun. Parents and children alike look forward to summer and day camp where each share a part of the responsibility for building youngsters into better citizens.



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