

# Lure of the Great Outdoors Involves The Whole Family

Interest in Outdoor Recreation has grown tremendously during the past several decades. Perhaps the most significant aspect of this growth is the manner in which it has moved beyond the vast number of rugged males who like to rough it, to involve all of the members of the family.

Now more and more mothers are becoming ardent anglers; look forward to getting away from urban life into the pristine glories of nature for some camping, for boating — and so do their daughters. The mounting pressures created by this constantly expanding interest have played their part in stimulating governments to provide the facilities necessary to accommodate the hunger of the populace.

More scenic lands are being dedicated to human enjoyment; conservation moves apace and steps are being taken — sometimes with great difficulty — to preserve the purity and the beauty of more rivers and more lakes.

Schools Take It Up  
Dedication of more leisure time to enjoyment of the outdoors is being further accelerated by modern trends in education which seek to incorporate instruction and appreciation of these basic values into school curricula.

The mounting interest has, in turn, created a mounting demand for new outdoor recreational equipment, to which industry is responding with products to provide almost any degree of comfort and efficiency required to satisfy the varying demand.

Despite the growth in outdoor recreation education, the greater number of our schools still are not prepared to supply it.

Therefore, education in outdoor recreation and the simple skills that make it so pleasurable remains for the most part the welcome task of parents.

Fortunately they do not require a vast store of knowledge or experience to introduce a child to the pleasures of the great outdoors.

In fact, with very little effort, parents can become quite knowledgeable on the subject. There are books, pamphlets, guides, even instruction from

PRESTIGIOUS YALE UNIVERSITY is developing a model Outdoor Education and Recreation Center on 2,200 acres of land in central Connecticut, not far from the seat of the University in New Haven. Already in operation, the Center is planned to include facilities for virtually every type of outdoor activity from camping to flying.



Ed Migdalski, our Guest Editor, was chosen to direct the development of Yale's Outdoors Center and in turn was invited to be our Guest Editor this year because of his especially appropriate background and experience.

He is internationally famous as an authority on Outdoor Activities. He has travelled the world, camping, fishing, hunting in more than 25 different countries in addition to the U.S. and Canada.

He is the author of four books on fishing, and countless magazine articles on a wide variety of outdoor recreational activities. He is an ardent conservationist.

And very important to our readers, he is the father of a 10-year-old boy named Tom, who enjoys nothing more than a camping trip with his dad, and a daughter named Nancy. Daughter Nancy and her mother also have become ardent participants with him and Tom in Outdoor Recreation.

experts available, and quite readily. Government offers much literature. Youth organizations, local sports clubs, and frequently many of the stores, offer instruction.

Modern outdoor recreational equipment makes the task even easier for the parent. No longer is it necessary to be an expert backwoodsman, knottier, mechanic, seaman or sailor to thoroughly and safely enjoy an outdoor holiday.

My son Tom, age ten, has had no problem learning quickly to operate an outboard-motor-powered boat for use in going fishing, or even river cruising. Improved new spinning reels have quickly helped oldsters as well as youngsters to become more happy anglers.

Camping — as you like it — has been made so much more pleasant for the women, they need no urging. The new tent trailers, or rigid ones if you prefer, provide all the luxuries of home in any degree. Modern tents for on-the-ground camping have become in most instances as easy to erect as it is to open an umbrella.

How to get where you're going on your outdoors vacation is a matter of wide choice. Most will, of course, go by motor.

The new flock of recreational vehicles — designed specifically for outdoor recreational pleasure with a bonus of nor-

mal day to day utility — includes super station wagons, four wheel drive vehicles of the go-anywhere type.

Private Flying  
And then there also is the surging interest in personal flying with private planes that can comfortably fly the whole family to distant destinations — right over the top of the crowded traffic lanes — in jig time.

The rapidly developing "outdoor way of life" is bringing about a re-evaluation of the homeowner's own backyard. Instead of limiting one's view of it as the place for the vegetable garden and maybe a patio, many families are now reacting to their backyards in terms of their own private slice of the great outdoors, and equipping them accordingly.

Our office of Outdoor Recreation and Education at Yale University has been able to guide parents to a wide variety of activity for their families ranging from huntsmanship to trips into the Canadian wilderness.

One factor has become especially apparent to me out of my own experience. Any program that includes father and son in side by side participation is most appealing.

I take keen delight in sharing field trips with my son Tom. Whenever possible we include mother and sister Nancy. We fish, take bird walks, identify trees, and go camping.

## Snapshots Add New Dimension To Boating Fun

Snapshots add a new dimension to boating fun, but there are a few photographic bugs that should be guarded against: overexposure — water reflects far more light than ground surfaces.

Use fast shutter speeds — 1/1000th or 1/2000th of a second — and don't brace against the boat because it's moving all the time. Watch out for water on the lens, too; even one drop can spoil the picture.

Finally, warns the Johnson Motors News Bureau, protect that camera from the jarring it'll probably get in the boat. Be sure to secure the camera, and not to leave it loose and unprotected on the boat seat.

## Campers Stretch Vacation Budget For Families

Budget stretching savings for the family figure high in the rising popularity of vacationing by campers.

Figure it out, say those who know. Motel rooms might average \$18 a day, meals \$20. That's \$532 for two weeks.

Vacationing in a camper, the family has brought along its own comfortable sleeping facilities, its own efficient kitchen, as well as a daytime living room and unlimited mobility.

## TIMING VITAL

Have you ever wondered why proper timing is so important to good performance? According to Champion Spark Plug Company, being only five degrees overadvanced in timing can cut 35 horses off a 200 horsepower engine.



Young couples, discovering the pleasures of camping, the delight with which their children take to the adventure, and the vacation time economies to be found in the great outdoors, are accounting for a substantial part of the vast growth in ranks of those who now seek their fun in going back to nature the modern way.

Tom and I look forward to participation in the annual father and son program of the Anglers Club of New York. I have been greatly impressed by Hunting Seminars for father and son which Tom and I have attended.

Helpful Organizations  
Organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts provide excellent leadership and outdoor programs for children. Many Boys Clubs, YMCA's, Community Houses,

City Recreation Departments and church groups are now programming outdoor activities on a regular basis.

The values of outdoor recreation have been recognized as a means of drawing the family together, as a tonic for senior citizens, and as a contributor to health. It is an activity by which the public is made aware of the importance of conserving our open space and cleaning up our air and water.

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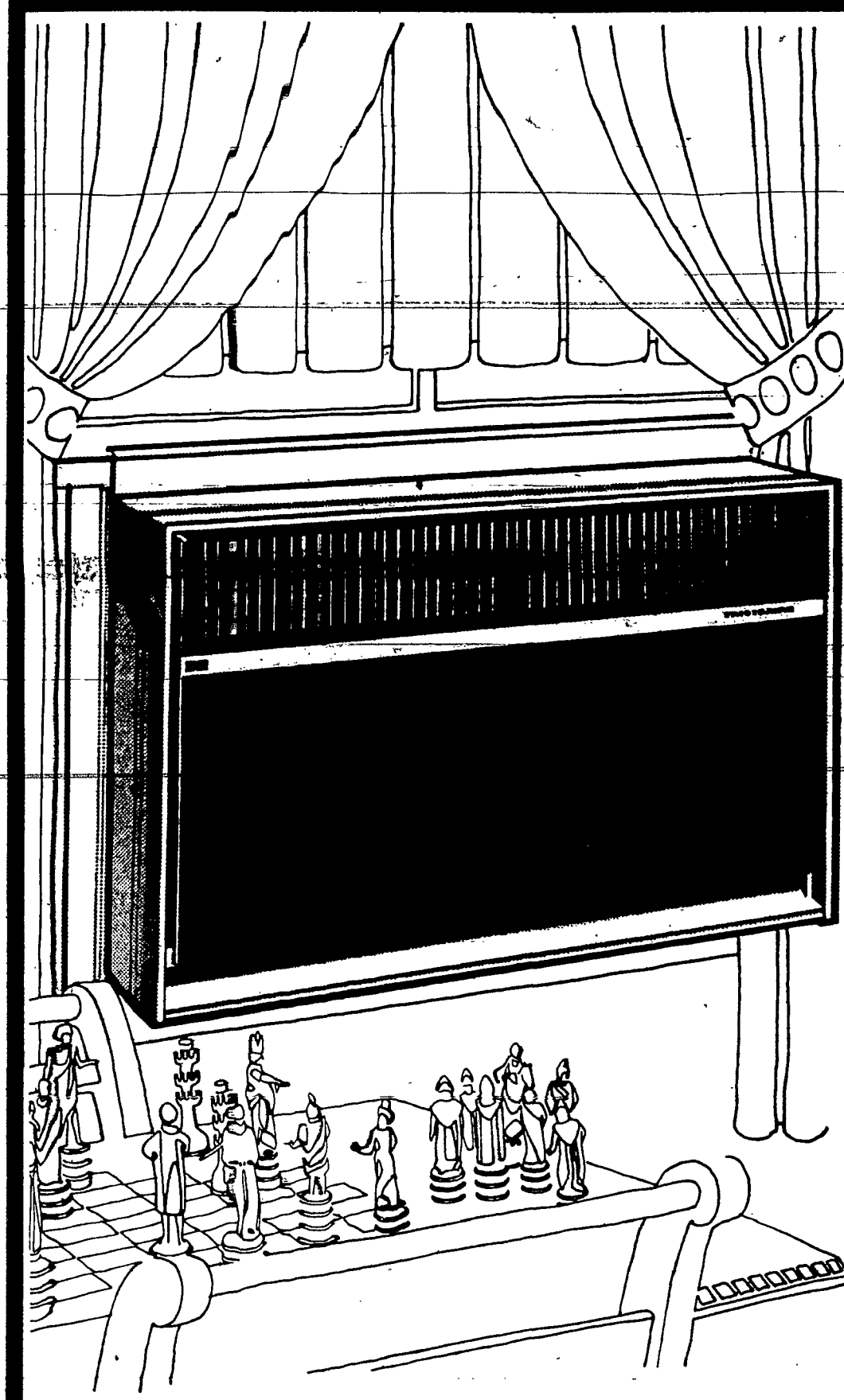
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## Federal Government Acts to Keep Up Rising Interest

Keeping pace with the numbers of people who taking part in outdoor recreational activities has become a monumental task. As the of outdoor enthusiasts continue to swell so too does need for larger, better equipped and more easily accessible recreation lands.

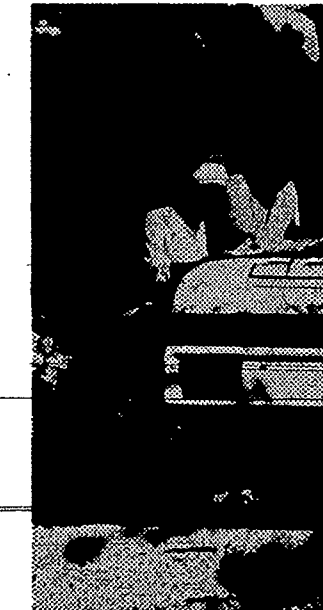
Former President John F. Kennedy told the Congress in March last year, "In our time, there has become more difficult ever more urgent. Our numbers grow, our cities become more crowded, the pace of lives quickens — but need to raise his spirit, expand his vision still further."

In an effort to insure there will always be places "raise man's spirit and expand his vision," the Government has embarked an acquisition program designed to set aside areas of undeveloped and waters for recreation.

Half Million Added  
During the past three years alone, almost one-half million acres of lands and waters have been set aside for recreation purposes, at a cost of 783,000, but that figure undoubtedly seem modest when the population grows and the price of land advances.

Since 1964, Congress authorized nine new National Recreation Areas: Lake Mead, Nevada; Delaware Water Gap, Pennsylvania; Spruce Knob-Spruce Knob, West Virginia; White Mountain National Forest, New Hampshire; Shasta-Trinity, California; Mt. Rogers, Virginia; Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming; and Ross Lake, Washington.

During the same period three National Seashores, two National Lakeshores, and one National Monument were authorized: Fire Island National Seashore in New York.



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