

Stella Har 16

The camp, while it has the stamp of Catholicism, is actually an ecumenical getaway for boys and girls, a place where they can try their hands at sports, crafts, outdoor living and that perennial camp favorite, singing around the campfire.

Stella Maris provides counsellors for every six children. Its waterfront is guarded by Red Cross trained lifeguards. A registered nurse resides at the camp and a doctor lives a few miles away in Avon to serve the children.

The staff for the boys encampment is chosen from area seminaries, and school teachers and college and senior high school girls make up the staff during the girl's encampment.

The idea for the camp originated with Msgr. Gerald Lambert, then a student at St. Bernard's Seminary. In the summer of 1926 he proposed the project to a former classmate Eugene B. Hudson and together they set up the program, raised funds and carried through the first season.

The next year the camp received its second and now permanent site, a gift of the late Max Russer.

In 1930 Bishop J. F. O'Hern recognized the camp as an official diocesan institution.

Stella Maris will hold its second open house for the public, on Sunday, June 6, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Families are invited to visit the camp, meet the counselors, participate in games, enjoy refreshments.

The camp, located at 3052 East Lake Road, Livonia, offers six weekly encampments for boys, ages 7-14, from June 27 to August 7, and three weekly encampments for girls, 8-14, from August 8 to August 28. Registrations are now being accepted at the Camp Office, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester.





The boys make it rough for a counsellor

