

the age of the camper group that is going. The canoe trips are overnight or two or three days in length. Not more than four canoes leave camp at one time, and at least two counsellors are assigned to each group. I have a paper here that you can sign for the kind of trip you would like to take. Of course, a lot depends upon your ability for this kind of thing. We are responsible for the safety of each child, so there may necessarily be some changes made. Our pack trips are mainly day journeys, covering approximately twenty-five miles of trail. The stop for the noon meal is entirely up to the campers, as is the preparation of it. By station wagon we take larger groups to nearby points of interest, and these trips are really back-to-civilization treats for the campers. All of our excursions are more or less impromptu as far as the campers are concerned. Of course, we have to plan for meals out of camp, but the cook does that, so these trips are always a surprise to the campers and they just love it!

Margaret and I have spoken in some detail about a camper council in which they can have opportunity to discuss their problems, and to appoint certain individuals for honors. Some of these are lighting council fire, making announcements at meals, and helping plan entertainments to be given on rainy nights that come every so often. You have done a lot with these programs, Margaret, what are your ideas for this summer?

Margaret

I'm afraid that I can't express much of an opinion, because those programs turn out to be just as much a surprise to me as they are to you. Remember last summer how we racked our brains and ransacked the camp trying to get up outfits for a Pirate Party? Then how we chased every kind of a living thing around camp for our Pet Party? And you ask me to tell you what is going to happen this year. Running more sedately throughout the camp week are our inspiring council fires. The campers plan a theme for each camp fire, and we dramatize stories of the stars, of Indian legends, and of our own camp. On Sunday we have Chapel in the woods. Here each camper, sometime during the summer, contributes to the beauty and impressiveness of the hour by reading a bit of poetry, a simple story of admirable character traits, or joining with some of the others in giving a musical selection. All of you can see that we try to keep everything as informal as possible, and not regimented. We do get up and go to be by the bugle, however, and come to meals whenever the welcome warning is sounded. There are certain hours for the classes in swimming, and the hour for general swim, but aside from these set times, the program goes its own speed - and very smoothly, too.

Virginia

You didn't mention that each camper has time to be by herself to read, write a letter home, or mingle with other groups. I think that is overlooked too often in summer camps, when each minute of the camper's time is planned for her and she seldom is alone to do as she pleases. Then also ----- How do you do? Mrs. Grant, its very nice to see you here. Mrs. Grant, this is my counselling staff.

Joie L.S.

Your group certainly looks as if they are very capable, Miss Anderson, and I know Nancy will be well taken care of. I wanted to ask something about the facilities for caring for the health of my little girl. Will you tell me something of how she will live while at camp?