

P089- YMCA John Island Camp fonds

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1910-1990

41,2 cm of textual records & photographs

Administrative history: "John Island Camp, constructed and owned by the Sudbury Y's Men's Club and operated by the Sudbury Y.M.C.A, was first opened in 1954 and has operated annually since that time. The camp objective is ...'To Offer High Quality Camping for Youth in Northern Ontario'."¹

"On the eastern shores of John Island lies the site of YMCA John Island Camp. Donated to [YMCA Sudbury](#) by the Bell family in 1949, the 272-acre property features a ½ km long sandy beach with camper cabins set among the pines at it's edge."²

Scope and Content: The records describe the daily activities of the camp and camp tradition, as well as the operational and financial side of running such a camp. The photographs portray the children and camp activities.

The fonds is divided by business papers, newsletters, newspaper clippings, pamphlets and photographs.

Immediate source of acquisition: The fonds was donated by Gary Gray, Executive Director of YMCA, John Island Camp in 1993.

¹ "John Island Camp for boys and girls" brochure.

² "John Island Camp Website <http://www.johnisland.ymca.ca/summercamp/location.htm>"

Listing

1. Alumni Meeting
1954-1983
0.6 cm of textual records

"The Camp Reunion" by Gary Gray, John Island Camp News, newsletter
2. Annual Reports
1958-1970
2.6 cm of textual records

Reports
3. Camp News
1955-1972
2.9 cm of textual records

Newsletters
4. Camp Papers, songs, etc.
1956-1971
1.1 cm of textual records

Newsletters, schedules, letter from Hector the Indian Chief, letters, songs
5. Counsellor Training Certificates
N. D.
1 sheet

Blank certificate
6. History
1923-1958
0.7 cm of textual records

Speech by H. T. Berry, correspondence, description of the camp, summary of camp capital fund, expansion plan
7. Ledger
1966; 1981-1987
4 cm of textual records

Listings of payments & fees by camp members

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8. Memorabilia
1982-1990
14 badges, 5 brochures

Honor Camper badge, Polar Bear badge GRA-Y badge, John Island Camp badge, Woodsman badge, Master Camper badge, brochures
9. Miscellaneous
1954-1967
0.4 cm of textual records

Christmas card, article, newsletter, proposed design of Hi-Y on the lakeshore, ad in paper
10. Newsletter
1958-1972
2.4 cm of textual records

Newsletters such as: "The John Islander", "Director's Chit-Chat", "Smoke Signal" and "John Island Totem Scroll"
11. Newspaper clippings
1954-198?
0.8 cm of textual records

Clippings
12. Pamphlets
1957-1978
2.2 cm of textual records

Pamphlets, application forms
13. Reunion
1965-1971
0.3 cm of textual records

Correspondence, newsletter, invitations
14. [Counsellor's Handbook]
1964-1969
2.7 cm of textual records

Handbooks

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15. [Song Books]
N.D.
0.5 cm of textual records

Song books
16. [JIC Manual]
N.D.
1 cm of textual records

John Island Camp Manual
17. [Camp Manual]
1971-1972
2.5 cm of textual records

Information regarding the camp and documentation for the operation of the camp
18. [Operation Manual]
1964-1973
4.5 cm of textual records

Staff listing, budgets, facility guides, minutes, transportation, forms, promotional calendar, reports
19. Photographs
1910-1979
4 folders of photographs

Photographs
21. Posters
1962; 1978
0,5 cm of textual records & other types of records

This file consists of posters, copy of the Weekend Magazine for the Sudbury Star & paintings.