

CAMP KERN, FORT ANCIENT, OHIO.

Owned and Operated by the Dayton, Ohio, Y. M. C. A.

Report of 1927 - 18th Season

The 1927 season at Camp Kern included marked gains in several phases of the camp life and program over the previous year. The attendance at the boys' camping periods was 30% larger than in 1926. Further advances were noted in getting the campers to share more in determining and promoting their activities. The Camp Council composed of boys elected by their lodge-mates sponsored the building of two rustic bridges by campers and leaders along with other camp projects. They also sat as a jury on what few discipline cases we had.

During the summer we were host to the Farmersville Scout Troop at Chapel Services. We also had the Newark Y.M.C.A. Boys' Educational Tour and the Van Wert Y.M.C.A. Boys' Bicycle Club as our guests for several meals.

The following men spoke at one of the Chapel services or some other meetings: L. E. McLaughlin, China, O. L. Cunningham, Montgomery County Farm Bureau, (4 times) "Bird Life," Dr. Dean, O.S.U. Forestry Division, Mr. Naghasteen, Persia, Prof. Frank Slutz, Messrs. Henry Dickson, G. H. Morris, Paul Cromer, J. W. Goodnough, and Geo. Langland.

Attention should be called to two gifts to Camp Kern this year. One was a piano of fine tone given by the Slutz Class of Grace M.E. Church thru the efforts of Bill Chryst and the Anderson Piano Co. The other was a large American Flag for the upper campus flag-pole given to Camp by Mr. & Mrs. Mason Lytle. Both are real additions to our permanent equipment.

This year, the eighteenth season, began June 11 and ran until August 15. The attendance was divided as follows:

Religious Retreat for men	-	33	Registered	-	2	days
Slutz Class Outing	-	66	"	-	2	"
Boys' Camp Periods	-	324	"	-	45	"
High School and Young Men's	-	14	"	-	2	"
Colored Boys' Camp	-	33	"	-	7	"
Hi-Y and Y. M. D. Council	-	25	"	-	2	"
Total		495	"	-	60	"

SUMMARY FOR BOYS' CAMP ONLY

- 5 Periods - 4-10 day periods & 1-5 day - Total 45 days.
- 324 Total attendance
- 65 Period Average
- Every boy given a thorough physical examination before entering camp.
- 80 Boys completed Honor Tests.
- 48 Out of 59 non-swimmers taught to swim.
- 55 Won National Y.M.C.A. Swimming awards.
- 72 Participated in the C. B. Kern Bible Reading Contest held each period.
- 10,355 Meals were served during the season.