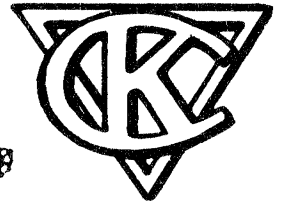




# THE KERNEL



## CAMP KERN NEWS LETTER

### KERN CLOSES A FANTASTIC SECOND PERIOD OF FUN

Today marks an end to the first full two week period of the exciting SUMMER '69 at Camp Kern. In all respects the period has been an unquestionable success. This success can be attributed to many reasons. The staff has been enthused, creative, and energetic. All the threads of Kern seemed to run smoothly together and our "product", the camper seemed happy and pleased. Physically the camp has been in top shape. All activities were go and with the addition of new physical facilities (sewage disposal system and ranch camp) life was made better for all. Kudos go to those men who have donated a great deal of financial and planning assistance to bring these dreams into realities. It is the function of the KERNAL to finalize the period in words of both staff and campers. We invite you to come with us as we tell the story of second period Kern, SUMMER '69.

### COMMENTS FROM THE COOK'S CABIN-II

And so we come to an end of another camping period here at Kern, SUMMER '69. The two of us with nine years of Kern experience deeply entrenched in our minds feel moved to say that this has been one of the best two weeks spent in the wooded retreat. Why? Because the staff has been able to effectively communicate with one another in promoting program, cabin activity, and the "little things" which make Kern. When this occurs, there is a natural carry over into the individual experience of each camper.....One program we feel compelled to laud in this article is the Pioneer Program. The staff of the Golden Dome under the responsive, energetic, and sensitive leadership of their Village Director Paul Sestina has worked out many new evening programs and different activities to better fulfill the needs of our older campers. As a result there seems to be a unity that exists in Pioneer Village never before perceivable. Congrats Paul and all the boys under the Dome.

### Ranch Camp

The famously well known place around Kern is the horse barn. There you will find Ranch Camp. The new bunk house was just built this past year. It has three rooms for campers and one big and small rooms for staff. In addition there was a new barn built too. It has stalls for 30 horses and two tack rooms. In ranch camp there are five ranks: Colt, Yearling, Mustang, Bronco, and Jr. Wrangler. This period we had 11 ranch campers. ---Dale Dittrick

"THERE IS NO SUCCESS LIKE FAILURE BUT FAILURE IS NO SUCCESS AT ALL"  
---Bob Dylan, "Love Minus Zero"

## ACTIVITIES!

The Craft Shop--This year there are many new things to do at the Craft Shop. In the morning they usually finish the thing from the day before. In the afternoon they usually do copper enameling.

JERMY SCHOLL

N. Ameling

Do your thing at NATURE--You can really do your thing at Nature because something is happening all the time! For an example there is an exciting new electric eel that will really turn on. We are always taking great snake hikes and also fantastic fossil hunts. You can hold most any animal and look at all sorts of exciting stuff like the racoons, or the tropical fish, or even watch mice tunnel through the dirt! Nature is really neat because they always do exciting and new things.

ROSS VETA

BASKETBALL--Basketball is one of my favorite sports and this period me among others has had a great time playing basketball. Basketball is a sport that I thought was good in but already I see I have a long way to go. Basketball is a sport that just can't be played without teamwork; basketball helps you to get along with others and be a good sport. Basketball is a very demanding sport. It demands a fast moving body and lots of skill. So, if you want to have fun and challenge yourself--Basketball is it.

WES VINES

RIFLERY--This year I am so pleased because we have some great rifle activities---yes, Riflery. The advanced class consists of Phil Bradfield, John Spurlino, Ed Sullivan, Bob Hunsaker, and Mark Leclider. The maintenance staff with Fearless Fred, the Head has been working diligently working on a new shelter which will soon be completed. On July 3rd the advanced class experienced a trip to Spring Valley. The staff includes Gary Packer and Joe Archer. These two and other things help to make riflery the most desired activity at Kern.

Mark Leclider

Fun at ARCHERY--Mark said we really would have to work hard, and we did. We had to work on our form until it was right. But, the work became fun. We shot at targets, played tic tac toe with balloons hooked on targets. We also make our own arrows and bow strings. Our instructors are Mark Hoffman and Dick Bossymeyer. We went to Spring Valley to shoot at field targets and at Mark.

BO STRING

ASTRONOMY--I think that this year Jacson Q. Harding has done his best to help us learn a lot. Sometimes, though, Jack walks a little funny. During this period we looked at sunspots, it was the first time I ever saw them, and on our Astronomy overnight we went to Pete's Observatory. We saw four of them, and four planets and the rings of Saturn. Jack is a very aged sage in Astronomy. He shows us filmstrips. I know I have learned a lot.

Jay Smith

SAILING was very fun this period. Us old sailors learned new things. Mark Gagee is the Admiral and knows lots about sailing and life. He treats us nice. He doesn't have to sugar coat the program like others try. Us guys (13 of us) went to Cowen Lake for some real fun on them cool boats. Sailing is tops. Other teachers are Mark Shafier, Tim Hart, and John Finch occasionally shows up when the winks are good and Marty lets him come out of the airconditioning. by, Eddie Fenwich

## PAUL BUNYON NITE/DAY

Wow! I liked the foot long hot dogs for lunch, I'll bet Paul was louder than us at meals. I got sick of the song though. It penetrated my eardrums throughout the day like the barking of dogs. The events at night were great! I liked best the Blind Ox Race and the Milk Drinking Contest. I think I won an axe. I'm really glad there is still Paul Bunyon Day, but I wish there was still a Rodeo.

Sam Suttle

## THE TALENT SHOW

The Talent Show this period was great. Many of the counselors were in it and sang and put on skits. Many campers also had skits. Some of the counselors got water thrown on them which was real funny. The CIT's did something that got them all messed up. Most of the counselor's skits were funny but sometimes they did not make sense. I think I liked the camper's skits best and I hope there will be more next time.

Irving Pincus

## THREE YEARS AGO TODAY

Don "Atomic BB" Luber, the BB and he both were alive.....Shep.....Mick and James were good.....Bill Allen took the ridiculous attitude of opposing the war in Vietnam .....Snake.....Nature smoked out a Badger...Hopple may still show up... Gary and Reed started the brothers trend... pioneers had a B owell... Sailing wore a Frazier...Tom King vowed never to get married... The big and little waters...Things have changed a lot. Back then Jack was director, Kent was assistant director, and J. Harding was in Cabin 5. Now it's all different. Jack is director, Kent is assistant director, and J. Harding is in Cabin 8.

THE EDITORS

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As I visited your camp recently, I was moved to write this letter commenting on your seemingly excellent staff. You have apparently assembled in your camp one of the finest staffs in the country. This is evidenced by the enthusiasm that they radiate. They are undoubtedly all individuals of integrity and virile manhood. Jack Singerman certainly is fortunate to be able to rely on their leadership qualities and willing 110% (A.C.) output. Congrats, Jack!

U. N. Biased

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to take this opportunity to vent my spleen about the music that comes over the PA as the camp marches in to breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Basically the sounds are tasteless, boring, and carry no significant social commentary. Paul Bunyon Day furnishes a prime example. A top ten of Kern should be established. I feel it is the obligation of the staff of Kern to acquaint campers with contemporary acid-rock, soul, blues, and folk-rock. A little Aretha, Dylan, Iron Butterfly, etc., are in order.

## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

Non-understood separatism breeds ill-will! Hmmm.  
Say Confucious: "Why "kent" men be more "paulnite?"

## Canoeing

Over the past few weeks of canoeing have been, for the most part exciting, dull, interesting, boring, unpredictable, and generally one of the finest programs at Camp Kern. Now as the period comes to a close we can look back at some of the more interesting events at canoeing. This period we had a new camp record for the distance from the dock to the finger and back. This was set at 5:29 by Gene Cosey and Bob Barnheiser. Also we remember the hours of instruction and practice necessary to win a place on the canoe trip down the Little Miami. But more important we remember the first lessons we had, the first time we went out in a kayak or alone in a canoe and the first time we capsized to practice Red Cross Methods. Over the last two weeks we've learned that it is these little things which make the canoeing program so successful and so much fun.--Mark Beardmore and John Larkin

## Canoeing by Mike Frazier

Canoeing is adventurous fun. Bill, Jack, John, and Mark team together to teach us how to canoe right and safely. Elk Lake has some very interesting features--the finger, the motorboat waves, and the graceful sailboats. We had canoe swamping, races, relay races, etc. The goal of all canoers is to make the trip down the Little Miami.

## Tennis

A good feature of the tennis program is that the top 12 on the ladder go on a trip to Lebanon to take part in the world famous tournament. The winner of this tourney is the sole person in camp to receive the famous Camp Kern Golden Dome Ball ~~ZZZZ~~ Award. Behind this award is 600 years of Camp Kern tradition. The tennis staff consists of Mac O Otten and Kevin Fischer. Both are former Davis Cup champions and played in the Wombolten playoff in 1923. John Brown and Dave Scacchetii are to be watched in the tournament.-----Dave Scacchetii.

## ELECTRO by Ernie Von Kes

ORegonia (July 3) CKPI. It was announced today that that the Nature Staff of Camp Kern (of this city) were proud parents of a 52 pound unravelling cigar, alias electric eel. Although Electro (formerly of the Amazon River) packs a walloping 600 volt charge as has contributed many things to Erskine and company (namely a zapped Ernie). Electro was presented to Camp Kern by his parents Roy Tan and White Owl (his Indian mother) The ceremony was witnessed by Dutch Masters and William Penn.

## Cabin 7

In cabin 7 we went snake hunting on "snake Island." We didn't find any snakes but we had fun anyway. Cabin 5 went along with us and we crossed the Little Miami. On our overnite we went to Elk Lake. We didn't go fishing but we had a big campfire and roasted our counselor, Al --- David Nedelman

## Cabin ZZ 9

Gary Pickard and Tim Hart are great counselors they know what to do with boys. I don't know just how to put it but they do. article by Todd Plattenburg.

Cabin 4- Cabin 4 is the greatest cabin in camp. We came in first at the track meet. We didn't do as well in Paul Bunyan but we came in third. However, we got first in the swim meet. We also came in first in the great race and the treasure race. We have a cool counselor, Mike Connell. Our fine CIT is Mike Sprout. The guys in the cabin are: Tom, Ben, Chip, Bob, Jeff, Mark, Tracy, and Bill.

Cabin 8\* My name is Paul Adams. I am in cabin 8 with seven other boys. They are Eric, Mark, Rand, Cres, John, Ray and Wes. The boys in our cabin are always goofing off and skipping chapel and stuff like that. We have a lot of fun because our counselor, Jack, is a nice guy. We have won all the contests like Paul Bunyan and Track Meet and we have gotten almost always 10 point flags for clean up. All the time we have gone on a campfire or a sleep out at Pete's Tower it has rained, and we have had to come back but one time we had a cookout and boy was that fun. We had an ice fight and if it would not have rained we could have slept on top of the tower. That may not make any sense but it is true because some idiot dropped a shoe on my head and so Jack said we couldn't sleep on the tower. That's about all I have to say except that Cabin 8 is the greatest.

Cabin 13- In our cabin we have won the track meet, Paul Bunyan and the fabulous skill a ramaelon. We have won 17 CK awards. The guys who have worked to help us win these awards are: John, David, Greg, Eric, John H., Rick, Mike, Len, and Steve.

Cabin 3- After having swept the track meet, the swim meet, Paul Bunyan, the Great Race, Skill a ramamelon, and cabin clean up we will proceed to cop honor cabin by a landslide. The members of our cabin are: Hairy Larry Stofer, Jim Lanyard Scholl, Jerry the Rift Rapp, Jon the Bomb Lillenhamer, Jeff William Tell Borkan, Dave Cassias Montgomery, and Dave Paul Onion Stiffler. The illustrious staff which heads up the great cabin are Win Neverlose Toll and Mac Mt. Rushmore Otten. Our cabin pole vaulted the Jerimia Morrow Bridge, Sky diving from Pete's tower and swimming 20 miles up the river. The period was a great success and we all had lots of fun.--by Dave Stiffler

Cabin 14- There has only been one evening program that we have won but the whole cabin has tried their best and our second year camper, Larry Sherilly is helping us with things we can't do. We think we have tried hard in everything we have done.--by Craig Arnson and Adam Gordon

What we like least about our counselor

"he always wants us to work"- Don McElory

"He's always yelling at us when we're late to the flagpole and then today he was late."-Bill

"Do you have a long list of paper, he's fuddy-duddy, nit-pickey; he yells too much"-Dave Pendl

"What I ~~XXXXXX~~ miss most"

playing with my gerbils"-Dick Wallace

"banging on my drums"-Jay Smith

"saying hello to my goldfish"-Howie Batty

"my girlfriend"-Bill Henderson

"taking a bath"- Mark Ebeling

## THE WOOLLY REVISITED

Have you heard the Beatles are breaking up? Paul no longer wishes to be associated.

When Bob ran tramps it must have never gotten above 80 degrees.

Here's a surprise, cabin 3 got honor cabin.

B rush your teeth in this water; you'll know where the yellow came from.

Isn't there a mandatory retirement age?

### "FLAGPOLE CHATTER"

Camper 1: Does your counselor's ghost stories scare you?

Camper 2: No, it's still light out at the end of devotions.

Camper 1: "Devotions?" Did Hitchcock write that?

Camper 1: I'm worried because we have to raise the flag tomorrow.

Camper 2: OH, don't worry it's simple.

Camper 1: I know it's easy but, the guys who put the record on don't know  
45 from 33 1/3!

Camper 1: By the way, have you shot any arrows lately?

Camper 2: You mean you have been going to archery?

Camper 1: Yeah, it's neat! You only have to go four periods a day.

Camper 1: Hey, who's your favorite CIT?

Camper 2: Jack Harding

Camper 1: But he's a counselor.

Camper 2: Well, I heard him complaining that he's on the lower end of the staff again

Warren G.

## THE CAMP KERN KERNAL

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SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!!!!!!!