2014 Year in Review

YMCA WILDERNESS ADVENTURES
“Is this Camp Widji?” my 3-year-old son asked, face pressed against the car window, as we turned left off the North Arm Road into camp.

“It is!” I responded.

“Can we sleep in a canoe tonight?” I assured him that while we could paddle in a canoe the following day, we would be sleeping in a cabin that night.

He seemed satisfied with my response but the next day his eyes got wide as a group of us carefully lifted the North Canoe off of its beautiful new stand and placed it gently into Burntside’s waters. Through a child’s eyes, the canoe probably appeared bigger than a house. Indeed, we were able to fit current staff, alumni, and future campers alike inside.

As our paddles pulled the water we shared stories, songs, silence, and laughter. We may have been an unlikely trail group—ranging in age from three to 77, but we moved effortlessly and got along famously, bound by our common Widji experiences.

Despite these changes, the reunion made it abundantly clear that the common elements at the core of the Widji experience remain unchanged. Whether you slept in a canvas or nylon tent, each of us remembers the incredible deepening of friendships as we helped each other along the trail. Whether you grew up with a rotary phone or an iPhone, each of us recalls the feeling of awe and wonder as we gazed out over an incredible vista. Whether you are three years old or seventy-seven, each of us now knows the feelings of joy and pride that come from traveling together through the wilderness.

As the weekend came to a close I realized that another thing hasn’t changed: it is still hard to leave. Since we can’t turn back time, I hope that those of who have been up at camp in the last year use these feelings as fuel for our work on behalf of camp. I am more committed than ever before to working year round to honor our collective past, celebrate our present, and continue building for the future.

As my son Miles summed up as we gently placed the North Canoe in its cradle after our paddle, “Again Mommy! Can we go again?”
From the Director

BY LIZ FLINN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Widji campers, old and young, share the bond of The Widji Way. This is not only reflected in how we travel through the wilderness but also with how life-long friendships are created. Last summer I experienced all aspects of the Widji community both through the celebration of Widji’s 85 years and through my nephew who was a new camper.

Widji’s 85th Anniversary weekend was a wonderful weekend to connect with friends, tour Widji’s new and remodeled buildings, and simply to hang out at Camp. Saturday night a banquet was held with beautiful table decorations and a terrific meal (including blueberry pie!) followed by a moving Closing Campfire filled with many songs (including one of my favorite songs; “Hey Ho”). I enjoyed having the opportunity hear from folks how they found their way to Widji as a camper. I love putting this question to Widji people because inevitably there is a fun story attached to it. A video from the weekend is posted on widji.org and includes recollections from many former campers and staff.

My nephew was a Pathfinder this past summer (our newest program—a five-day session with a one-night overnight for 6th graders). When they returned from trail, I had a chance to sit outside the Dining Hall with him before his banquet and listen to his Tales from the Trail. He and another camper from his group, giggled as they shared how they had to try about a million campsites before they found one where they could camp (they were on Burntside). It was great fun to hear about their epic adventure!

Last summer I was filled with inspiration from our campers; former campers shared how Widji has impacted them throughout their lives and many of our Pathfinders declared their excitement to someday be Voyageurs or Mountaineers. I can’t wait for our 90th anniversary!
Pathfinders make an early start

BY BRIAN GEISLER, SUMMER PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Camp Widjiwagan saw an amazing number of campers come through the summer wilderness program! Among those campers were a very special and rugged group. About 67 curious and excited sixth graders joined us over five different session dates throughout the summer through our new Pathfinders program. The Pathfinder experience is a five-day journey focusing on the very basics of camping and canoeing, the history and traditions of Widjiwagan, as well as an overnight trip experience where the campers learn to work together to overcome challenges, meet new people, and have fun in the outdoors.

Pathfinders spend the first two days at camp with their two counselors, getting to know each other through fun interactive team building games and activities. They learn about Widji’s rich history of canoeing and backpacking trips, as well as other history like the fur trade era between the Native Americans and French Voyageurs that lived and traveled many years ago. The Pathfinders spend time learning about how to use their equipment and have a chance to visit the Canoe Shop to learn about the history of the wood canvas canoe at Widji.

On the third morning after breakfast, Pathfinders depart camp for their overnight journey. Many groups left right from camp to travel on Burntside Lake or took a short drive up to Big Lake and camped for the night. The groups worked on their paddle strokes, set up their tents and settled into life on trail. In just that one night, Pathfinders experienced the comradeship that an outdoor excursion has to offer. Through the challenges, victories, and new opportunities, the groups shared a bond that is similar to what every other group out on trail is experienced.

After an epic overnight adventure, Pathfinders returned to camp along with all the other trips that are returning from trail that same session. When the campers finished with their cleanup and gear return, they participated in a mini Voyageur Rendezvous, learning more about the fur trade and the reunion of groups coming together after a long time apart. To conclude the experience, the Pathfinders sat front row for the Closing Campfire and shared about their first Widjiwagan experience with the rest of the Widji campers and guests. After one more night in their cabin with their cabin, the campers departed for home on the morning of the fifth day (yes, all that in five days!).

Some of the summer’s most touching feedback of the summer came from our Pathfinder campers. Here are a few of their comments...

What are some new things you learned through this experience?
“Homemade granola is VERY good!”
“That you can live in the wild without knowing the time!”
“That I want to be a Voyageur or Mountaineer!”

What did you like most about your Pathfinders experience?
“My group—we got along very well!”
“We had fun playing games and getting to know each other.”
“I learned how to portage a canoe and I carried it 40 rods!”

Thank you 2014 Pathfinders, we are excited to see you for your Intro trips this coming summer! 

DID YOU KNOW?

Last summer Widji...
• Travelled to 6 states, 3 Canadian provinces, and 2 Canadian territories.
• Drove approximately 62,500 miles.

Packed out through the Trail Building...
• 425 pounds of chocolate chips
• 800 pounds of oats
• 4,000 pounds of pasta
• 1,392 pounds of raisins

Last school year Widji...
• Hosted 24 different schools for week-long outdoor education programming.
• Collaborated with Ely Public Schools to offer day-long programming for fourth, fifth and seventh graders.
• Provided fun educational experiences for kids to learn AND be unplugged.
“Polar Vortex!” “Bitter Wind Chills!” “Governor Cancels School for the Entire State!”

BY KAREN PICK, OUTDOOR LEARNING PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Those were some of the headlines in the news as Minnesota set new records for cold in winter 2014. Up at Widji however, cancelling the Outdoor Learning Program isn’t an option. Students come to camp every week of the winter and we need to make sure they stay safe while still having a fun and educational experience which includes spending a significant amount of time outside exploring and playing. In order to do this, it is imperative that the Widji staff are knowledgeable about winter safety.

Consequently every winter, the first part of staff training focuses on making sure the Widji instructors know how to prepare for and stay comfortable in cold temperatures. If they aren’t comfortable, they won’t be able to keep their students safe and warm. We practice and refine our own layering systems, we teach each other games and other techniques to get and stay warm and finally, we spend time making our “ready packs;” a pack each instructor carries that contains matches, a lighter, a tarp, a sleeping bag, some food and other emergency equipment. In addition, we discuss prevention of cold related illness and injury. Finally, we spend time learning how to “read” the ice—noting differences in ice conditions in a variety of aquatic eco-systems and what to watch for.

Winter 2014 was a challenging one as we had numerous days of temperatures that stayed well below zero between January and the end of March. However, more than 600 students participated in our program during that time and learned that despite the cold temperatures, if you dress appropriately and pay attention to how your body is doing, you can have a terrific time outside!
The summer of 2014 was another very successful programming season for Camp Widjiwagan. We welcomed 747 campers and sent them out on a total of 171 different trips. These groups traveled to 6 states, 3 Canadian provinces, and 2 Canadian territories. They hiked, paddled, and camped in 22 different wilderness areas.

Each one of our 171 groups went on a unique trip this summer. I’d like to highlight one of the areas to which we travel by focusing on Isle Royale National Park. Isle Royale is one of two areas, along with the Superior Hiking Trail, to which we send our youngest backpacking campers.

Isle Royale is located in Lake Superior. Our groups get there by driving from Widji to Copper Harbor, Michigan, and then taking a ferry to Rock Harbor on Isle Royale. It is about 55 miles from Michigan’s Keweenaw Peninsula. Isle Royale consists of one large island surrounded by over 450 smaller islands. The main island is 45 miles long and 9 miles wide at its widest. The Park offers 165 miles of hiking trails for Widji groups to explore.

These islands are home to only 18 species of mammal, which stands in stark contrast to the surrounding mainland, which has more than 40 species of mammal. The ecological study of wolves on Isle Royale is the longest running large mammal predator-prey study on earth. The park celebrated the study’s 50th anniversary in 2008. Research has shown that all members of the Isle Royale wolf population have descended from a single female, who arrived during the late 1940s. This intense level of inbreeding has led to a 50% loss of genetic variability within the population today.

The park was authorized by Congress in 1931 and 99% of the land within the park is designated as wilderness. Perhaps the most fascinating stat about Isle Royale National Park is that more people visit Yellowstone in a day than visit Isle Royale in a year!

As spring rapidly approaches, we are looking forward to sending more campers to Isle Royale in 2015!
HOW YOU CAN HELP SUSTAIN WIDJI

YMCA Camp Widjiwagan endowment funds provide essential support for camperships, programs, operations and more. Your donations will help.

- Gifts to the YMCA Camp Widjiwagan General Endowment Fund provide support to Widjiwagan where needed most.
- Tribute gifts to any fund may be made in honor, memory or appreciation of friends or loved ones.
- Include Camp Widjiwagan in your will or estate plan and be recognized as a Heritage Club member.
- For information on establishing a named fund, please contact Linda Ramacier or Liz Flinn at 651.645.6605 or linda.ramacier@ymcatwincities.org or liz.flinn@ymcatwincities.org
- Send donations to “YMCA Camp Widjiwagan Endowment” and write the name of the fund you are contributing to in the memo line.

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DISTINGUISHED YOUTH LEADER

Katie was very involved with the Widji Leaders program. She demonstrated an initiative and drive that other Widji Leaders appreciated and were motivated by. She has an enthusiastic personality and is a very positive presence within the Widji community. Katie has been a leader among her peers and facilitated some service events of her own. She is passionate about Widjiwagan and the experiences it provides. Her time and energy were essential from the very start of the Widji Leader season. Katie attended Convent of the Visitation School and is currently a first year student at Bates College. She will be a first-year counselor at Widji this coming summer.

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Osprey Cabin: A Moving Tale

BY JOE SMITH, PROPERTY MANAGER

What is now known as “Osprey” is a log building built in 1959 by Robert Zimmerman to serve as Widji’s Office. Whitey Luehrs was the director at that time.

Armand Ball was the director when I stepped into the Office to check-in as a first year camper in 1968. Back then I didn’t give much thought as to how I would go about moving the building, the possibility never entered my mind.

Bob Rick was the director when I worked as a counselor in the mid-’70s and when I started as caretaker in 1986. The office was still the log building that had been built in ’59.

One of the first decisions Rolf Thompson made upon becoming the director in 1990 was to move the office into the former Sigurd Olson Center. The old office building became the Staff Lounge and was named Osprey. I wanted to call it “Cahoots”—I rarely succeed with name suggestions.

During the first summer as Osprey, an alumni, thinking it was still the Office, came into the Staff Lounge to meet the new director. He met Tom Strouse, a trail staff, stretched on the couch reading a book. There are elements of risk and surprise involved when making a change. Osprey was also “winterized” during this time to provide housing for fall–winter–spring groups.

During Tom Kranz’s tenure as director, the new Sigurd Olson Center was built and the summer staff surprised us by vacating Osprey on their own and establishing the staff lounge rooms on the lower level of SOC. This meant that Osprey’s only function was providing housing for school groups who didn’t mind not having a biffy nearby, and for in–camp summer staff we couldn’t fit anywhere else.

It was a beautiful log building but the location was not suited for a camper cabin or staff housing so with Liz Flinn as director the decision was made to move it to the area between Fox and Wolf (aka the tennis court or volleyball court depending upon your era).

With the activity of year–round program and the challenges of construction in the winter, when to start a project like moving a building is critical. We started near the end of last summer when there were no kids around but a few trail staff to help. The strategy was to take the building completely apart (there are 120 logs) and assemble it on the new site with a new door, windows, roof, and floor.

How to get the building apart and moved without damaging material (or ourselves) required some thinking—several of the logs are very heavy. Trail staff provided lots of help tearing the roof apart, pulling out doors and windows and moving the logs to the Athletic Field. Once there, each log was disk sanded all around to bare wood to make them look nicer and to allow application of a non–toxic product that discourages bugs from eating the logs. Disk sanding logs is not fun and Jake Cahill should be mentioned for his help in all aspects of this project.

Skip Wilke stopped by while all the logs were spread out on the Athletic Field and reminisced about seeing the same logs there back when the Office was first built.

Pinckney Construction was responsible for assembly. Two of its employees, Charlie Sippola and Joe Folz, have many years of log building experience, and it went together much faster than taking it apart.

To get power to Osprey, a trench was dug across the Athletic Field with two side trenches dug for lights to make winter games safer when it is dark at four in the afternoon. There were also some pretty deep ruts from trucks and equipment. Lots of time was spent hauling fill and grading to get the field smooth.

While doing the landscape restoration work, it became apparent how the old Osprey site has a special feel to it; being a level place for folks to gather on a natural walkway from the East side of Widji to the front of Kirby with a nice view of Burntside. Osprey is now ready to be used as an all season camper cabin in its new location.

It is fun to see how a single project—moving Osprey—fits into the larger plan of creating an east side “Cabin Row” with an Amphitheater Program space and a beautiful path to the front of Kirby.
In Memoriam

REMEMBERING BOB RICK

BY JOHN SHEPARD

Bob Rick was known to say with evident pride that from age 15 to 56 he spent every summer at a camp. Two summers featured “camping experiences” offered by the armed services. Others he spent directing some of the YMCA’s largest and most prestigious camps. And at the end of his distinguished camping career, Bob reflected that his final 15 years, as director of Camp Widjiwagan (1974-1989), were a peak experience like no other.

The aura of canoeing “The Widji Way” captured Bob’s attention even before he first got his boots wet in a Boundary Waters lake. As a St. Paul Central High School student in his native St. Paul, where he was born March 9, 1933, to Gerhardt and Louelle (Sprain) Rick, Bob worked at the Downtown YMCA. There he learned about Widjiwagan from Whitey Luehrs (Widji director from 1951-1961), whom Bob admired as a strong leader with great personal warmth.

Bob, at 19, first came to Widjiwagan in 1952 with a group of fellow counselors from Camp St. Croix, where he was hired as a dishwasher four years earlier. “It was my first wilderness experience,” he recalled of that trip, “and it really opened the door to a lifetime appreciation of wilderness.”

After graduating from the University of Minnesota with a recreation degree in 1954, Bob married Joy Johnson in 1955 and served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957. He earned a Master’s Degree from Chicago’s George Williams College in 1959, where Bob became friends with Armand Ball, Widjiwagan director from 1962-1974. The two of them shared a memorable mid-winter road trip from Chicago to St. Paul to attend an American Camping Association convention. “It was ten below zero the whole time,” Bob recalled with a laugh. “And Armand, who had just come up from Florida, swore that there was one place in the world that he would never work, and that was Minnesota.”

Bob’s career path to Widjiwagan took him and Joy first to Michigan’s Camp Ohiyesa, then to the Oklahoma City YMCA’s Camp Classen. Next they trekked northeast to sprawling Camp Speers-Eljabar in Pennsylvania’s Pocono Mountains.

Under Bob’s leadership, Widjiwagan grew in a number of important ways. The girls program completed an evolution from originally requiring two male trail guides in addition to a female counselor to finally achieve true equity with the boys program. Freed of the extra help, women counselors competently led trips along the same routes and for the same durations enjoyed by boys groups.

Backpacking came into its own at Widji, including the addition of Mountaineer trips in Alaska and the Yukon Territories that paralleled Voyageur canoe trips on Arctic rivers. Offering multiple Mountaineer and Voyageur trips each summer also became standard.

Widji’s environmental education program grew from a winter-only experience to one that filled the calendar from September to May. This ultimately resulted in more youth—many from diverse backgrounds—coming to Camp in the “off-season” than during the summer months.

After leaving Widjiwagan, Bob served as Vice President of Financial Development for the St. Paul YMCA until his retirement in 1993. The final chapter of his life was rich with family time and his love of wilderness and outdoor adventure. Until Joy passed away in 2002, the two of them backpacked, camped, and biked throughout the country. Bob married Joanne Oyen in 2004, and the two of them continued to enjoy a life of adventuresome travels. The irrepressible Bob remained an avid telemark skier into his 80th year, when he was diagnosed with brain cancer.

Bob passed away January 16, 2014. He will be dearly remembered as someone who touched thousands with his deep love of traveling lightly along wilderness trails and waters.
In Memoriam

JAMES PATRICK ADAMS

James Patrick Adams died on February 28, 2014, in a tragic automobile accident in Northfield, MN. He is the beloved son of Jim and Julia, brother to Jack and Jane.

James was born in St. Paul on March 17, 1993 and attended Adams Spanish Immersion elementary school, followed by St. Paul Academy and Carlton College. At SPA he was an accomplished athlete and scholar. At Carleton College he was a junior majoring in chemistry and a member of the CUT Ultimate Frisbee team. The team was traveling to Stanford University for an invitational tournament at the time of his death.

James was first introduced to Camp Widjiwagan when his 7th grade class at SPA participated in a week of outdoor learning, January 2007. In 8th grade, James enrolled as a summer camper and took his first Boundary Waters Canoe trip, where he fell in love with wilderness tripping. He returned for the next four summers for more challenging trips through 2011, when he became a Voyageur. Andy Cochrane led James and fellow campers Connor Dowdle, Matt Godfrey, Henry Raether, Robbie Seltzer-Schultz and Will Sparks on the Dubawnt River to Thelon River in the Northwest Territories of Canada. That trip made a lasting impression on James and his traveling companions. He felt like all of these men were his brothers. In his journal, James wrote over and over that “I love my life” and “how lucky he was” and how he needs to “thank and tell his parents how much he loves them.” James was very articulate and joyful in his writing.

James’ memory and legacy will live on at Widjiwagan through a named endowment fund called the “James Patrick Adams Memorial Endowment Fund.” This is a living memorial to James, as it works in the lives of Widji campers for generations to come. The Widji Athletic Field will be refurbished to further honor James, allowing campers and students year round to be able to play games just as James did during his time at camp. The A-Field will represent James’ life as a leader, making and welcoming new friends into his communities.

LEON GOODRICH

Leon Goodrich served on the Camp Widjiwagan Board in the 1980s for six years. It was his sense of community and the coming together around the mission of sending campers to Widji that retained his volunteer commitment. He passed away on February 17, 2014 after a brief illness.

The Goodrich Family were du Nord campers; their son Daniel was a St. Croix camper and daughter Aileen was a Widji camper and counselor. For more than 40 years, Leon and wife Kitty (Katherine) have remained loyal supporters to all three camps annual campaigns.

Leon spent most of his life in the Twin Cities. He graduated from Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School. Leon spent 42 years at Oppenheimer Law Firm, focusing on antitrust law. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Saint Paul and the Somerset Country Club. Leon loved running, singing, playing piano and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Katherine, children James (Marion), Aileen (Michael), and Daniel (Megan) and seven grandchildren.
CHARLES WILLIAM LARKIN

Charles William Larkin, known as Bill to friends and family, passed away at age 91. He was a Widji camper in the ’30s, and that experience lasted a lifetime.

Bill grew up in Saint Paul and married his high school sweetheart Harriett in 1947; they were married for 67 years. He spent most of his working career in the YMCA where he became the Executive Director of the West YMCA in Grand Rapids, Michigan. From there he went on to be the Director of a Community Center in Greenville, Michigan. After a long career, the Larkins returned to Saint Paul and later to Texas. They settled in Corpus Christi where Bill enjoyed watching ships come into harbor, daily walks on the beach, swimming in the ocean and caring for the environment. He is remembered by his family as loving, kind, faithful, full of integrity, and a man of high morals. Church was a big part of his life and he served on numerous committees throughout his lifetime. Bill also served in the Great War as a Merchant Marine where he travelled the world while serving his country.

He is survived by his wife Harriett and their children, Tim and Nancy (Jim) Larkin, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. To honor Bill’s memory, memorials were directed to Camp Widjiwagan enabling campers to have that life-lasting experience that he had so many years ago. ▼

EVIE NORDMAN

Evie Nordman, a Widjiwagan alumni, passed away on October 13, 2014 at the age of 91. She worked at Widjiwagan as a secretary for 10 years in the 1950s through the early 1960s. It was at Widji where she met her husband Len; they married in 1949. Over the years, Len and Evie made many return visits to their beloved Widjiwagan, and in the late 1990s they donated their canoe to camp.

She was an active member of Bethel Church in Owatonna, where she taught Children’s Ministries for over 30 years, sang in the choir, led Bible studies and was a founding member of the Christian Women’s Club. Her hobbies included cooking full course meals, knitting, bird watching, and her Swedish heritage. She will be remembered for her love of family and God, her love of coffee, hosting friends, her hugs, smiles, brilliant white hair and her sweet spirit.

Evie is survived sons Jon (Gretchen), Dan (Sandy) and three grandchildren.

Evie had many fond memories of Widjiwagan and knew the impact that the program had on so many teens. To honor her memory, memorials were directed to Widjiwagan for camp scholarships for those who could not otherwise go to camp. ▼

EARL QUEHL

Earl Quehl, a good Widji friend, passed away peacefully on January 3, 2014. He was never a camper or camper parent. Earl and wife Mary Jo heard about Widjiwagan through a friend whose daughter had a very impactful experience. The Quehls would put on golf tournaments each year to honor the tragic loss of their daughter Jayne and her husband Steven Dumas. Funds raised from the tournament were then donated to a worthy non-profit organization each year. Widjiwagan was one of those recipients and a named endowment fund was established called the “Steve and Jayne Quehl Dumas Memorial Fund,” honoring the life and legacy of this beloved couple. Interest from this fund provides financial assistance to campers, enhances staff training and development and maintains high quality equipment.

Earl proudly served his country in World War II as a member of U.S. Marine Corp. He was an entrepreneur and a successful business owner of E. K. Quehl Company and Northern Business Forms. He was a devoted member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and taught Sunday school for 33 years. His faith, family and friends, were the cornerstone of his being.

He is survived by his loving devoted wife of 60 years, Mary Jo, children Claudia (Jeff), Cynthia, Peter (Wendy) and Paul (Jeanie) and eight grandchildren. ▼
More than 150 people attended Widji’s celebration of our 85th Anniversary last summer at camp. Folks enjoyed going for a paddle or pontoon ride around Burntside, touring new buildings and swapping stories from Widji trips. A banquet was held on Saturday evening followed by a closing campfire. In addition to singing well-loved songs, Gary Clements shared thoughts written by Armand Ball who was unable to make the journey to camp.

“As I walked our dog last evening, the full moon shone across our little lake, and my thoughts turned to Widji and Burntside and the Reunion, and all of you there. How Bev and I wish we could be there with you physically rather than in spirit.

“I am sure by now you have now seen recent physical improvements that have resulted from the Widji community’s gifts.

“Of course, those are not the essence of Widji but only tools to help enable the adventure similar to a good canoe and paddle and good pair of boots. As you will recall, the essence of Widji happens in the magic of the small group experience with a sensitive staffer and most of it far away from our buildings, the digital/electronic world, and one’s everyday world. I hope have you had time this week to paddle a canoe or walk the trails or sit on a rock and remember in the stillness why the wilderness world is so important to preserve.

“As some of you will recall at closing campfires we always lit a candle recognizing how those who came before had led the way for us….. and another candle for those who would come after us. In the stillness there, I always hoped the campers would remember they had a responsibility not only to retain the spirit of Widji but also to make sure that experience was there for youth from all walks of life in the future. It used to be that we would leave some wood behind on the campsite for the group that followed and no other evidence that people had been there. I guess it is no longer allowed to leave a stack of wood behind, but that ethic of the wilderness should not be lost. That spirit lives on—take time as you return home to revisit that from time to time. Happy trails…and beginnings!” —Armand Ball, July 2014
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in memory of Judy Sandberg
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Sale proceeds benefit the Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord Garage Sale Endowment Fund to support scholarships.

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BY DAVE JERDE

Reflecting back on the successful Capital Campaign for Camp Widjiwagan, I am reminded of people. The campers, of course, will benefit from the improvements and enhancements to facilities and the growing Endowment Funds that will support a continuation of Widji programs into the future. My granddaughter will be one of those beneficiaries, in about 12 years, and the improvements we are making now will ensure a strong program for her.

I am also reminded of all of you—past campers and friends of Widji that have supported this campaign with your time and your money. Almost 700 individuals and families have contributed to this campaign and helped to make it a success. Many volunteered countless hours to help us tell about the campaign and to ask for your support.

You are encouraged to stop by Widji the next time you are in the area. (Better yet, schedule a visit—it is well worth the drive.) You will be able to see and experience first-hand how Widji is Preserving Traditions, Building Legacies and Transforming Lives.

Thanks for your support of Camp Widjiwagan!

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Daniel Raether & Susan Gunderson

2014 Annual Campaign Success

The 2014 annual campaign raised a total of $229,184 in donations, surpassing the $205,000 goal. Camp Widjiwagan is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who donate every year to contact our alumni, campers, staff, family members and friends to raise money for this important campaign. The funds raised support camperships, which helped 44 summer campers fund their 2014 summer trip. In addition, 337 participants received assistance through the Outdoor Learning program during the fall, winter or spring. This annual campaign also supports staff training and development, repairs and replaces trail equipment, wood canoe maintenance and funds purchasing safety equipment.

The campaign for 2014 took place in the fall of 2013, and was chaired by Mary Stoick. Many thanks to Mary, the following chairs and all of our other volunteers:

**Admin. Volunteers:** Shelley Carpenter & Jennifer Harmon
**General Calling:** David Kilpatrick and Mary Stoick
**Board Division:** Ned Patterson
**Major Gifts:** Matt Bailey and David Lauh
**Team Leaders:** Matt Bailey, Marjorie Fedyszyn, David Lauh, Ned Patterson, Court Storey and Amy White

A special thanks to the 75 general call night volunteers and to the 38 major gift campaigners who dedicated time and energy to support experiences for youth at Widji.
### Enrollment History

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Disomma Family Foundation - Annual Fund

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