

## CAMP LAYOUT

Camp Wendy takes its name from the book Peter Pan and the sites are thematically labeled, i.e.: Greenwood, Lost Boys, Tinkerbell. Physically, Camp Wendy is laid out around 53.6 acre Lake Louise (a.k.a. Lake Elwood).

As one enters camp, Borden Hall, the large dining hall/kitchen, is seen. It's fireplace is the center of activities for rainy evenings at Camp Wendy. Passing the showerhouse and maintenance shed, one sees Martin Lodge and the flag pole. Martin Lodge is the staff house in the summer and a winter camping center for troops. Two IBM Funds for Community Services Grants in 1984-85 provided handicap accessibility to the lodge and Flower (Martin's latrine).

In main camp there is also a director's cabin/troop tool shed, the infirmary, cook's cabin and two latrine sites. Poppy's Tree is to the southeast of the infirmary. Many home-sick campers have sent letters to Poppy during summer sessions. The mystery of their friend remains in an adult's memory as she becomes Poppy, answering with the understanding and confidence-restoring love needed.

As you continue eastward through Greenwood, there are latrines, platform tents and a kitchen site. Greenwood Lodge is here as well as the site of the old ice house. Across the Wishing Bridge and up the hill to Pioneer one goes. With similar facilities as Greenwood, showerhouse and a tulip tree grace this "mountainous" site. It has been a favorite of many Cadettes.

Leaving Pioneer, you ascend to Romany. This unit is the highest in elevation and unique, as it does not have platform tents, but lean-to's. There are all the facilities here as in the other sites but its physical detachment from the rest of the camp has always been special.

In order to continue around the lake, you must go single file across a small dam. Many fathers have helped build and rebuild this tiny bridge throughout the years. Down the path and through the trees, you can picture the primitive site known as the Indian Ceremonial Grounds. Campers set up every year on a tiny bit of cleared land bordered by the lake. One summer, a teepee was erected and inhabited by our Indians and Chief.

Not far from this site is Jungle. A favorite among Juniors, Jungle overlooks the lake to Pioneer. Jungle Lodge and meadow are also located on this site. The campers cross Hook's Bridge daily to go to main camp.

Over a knoll and back to main camp, one passes the shores of Lake Louise. In Spring, the docks are set for the summer, with a port for the canoes, row boats and dingy. Above this lake-front center is the fenced-in Olympic size pool constructed in 1972. Water activities and swimming have been a focal point of camp activities for Girl Scouts and counselors since 1923.

Meandering along the edge of the woods as you return to Borden Hall, you will note an inconspicuous path on your right. If you seek a spot for quiet contemplation, follow the trail through the woods and over a stream to the Quiet Place. Located in Lost Boys it was dedicated in honor of Kit Hammett. While there, see if you can find the "W" of pine trees planted at Wendy's dedication.

In November, 1982, Camp Wendy was designated as a Lou Henry Hoover Memorial Sanctuary. Objectives of the program are to improve the environmental habitat of the site and to increase the environmental education potential for those using the site. L.I.F.E., a group of environmentally concerned Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts, develops the long-range goals and education activities required to maintain sanctuary status.