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Summer Camp Project Report

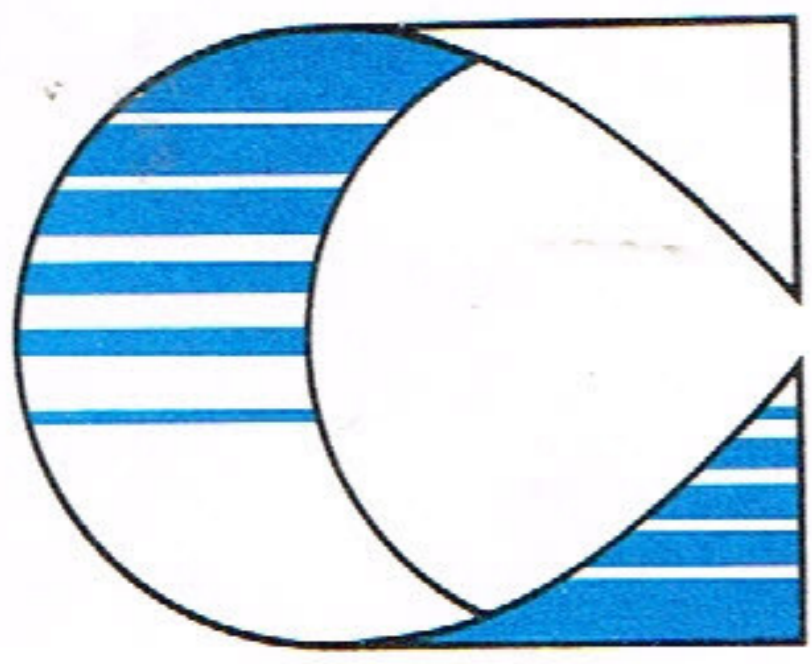
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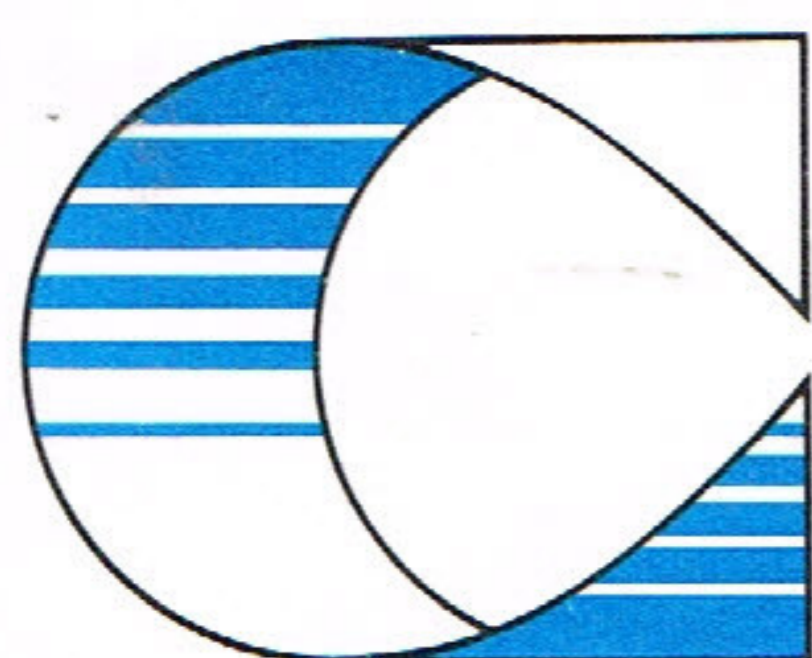
Introduction

"Hello Mama, Hello Papa,


"Here we are in Camp Granada. It is very.....
entertaining, and they say we'll have some fun when it stops
raining!"

Alan Sherman

May 15, 1978, I was approached to research "private" exclusive camps within a 70-200 mile radius of Montreal. The primary stipulations were to seek-out a camp that would possess plenty of athletic facilities and activities, (ie. recreation center-horse-back riding) all contained in a picturesque setting. There was a total of 25 camps surveyed, in the Laurentians, Eastern Townships, Ottawa region, and the State of Vermont. Every owner or director contacted, was extremely enthusiastic about the idea. Naturally, they saw the venture as a great promotional vehicle. However, most stressed a desire that the film portray camping as a good experience. Though, based on the outline of the script I supplied, they all seemed reassured. This report will endeavor to briefly discuss the type of camp I encountered, followed by reasons for the 3 I recommend.



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Laurentians

In general the camps located in the Laurentians were for either welfare case children or those from middle class families. Based on the script requirements, camps such as; B'nai B'rith, Kamp Kanawana, Pine Rose, were eliminated considering they appeal to a lower income bracket. The middle class camps like Maromac, Pine Valley, Pripstein's were for the most part, in my ^{opinion} ~~opinion~~, potential sites. However with the exception of Maromac, the two latter are reputable camps especially amongst the Jewish community, possessed fine facilities, though lacked an "exclusive" quality.

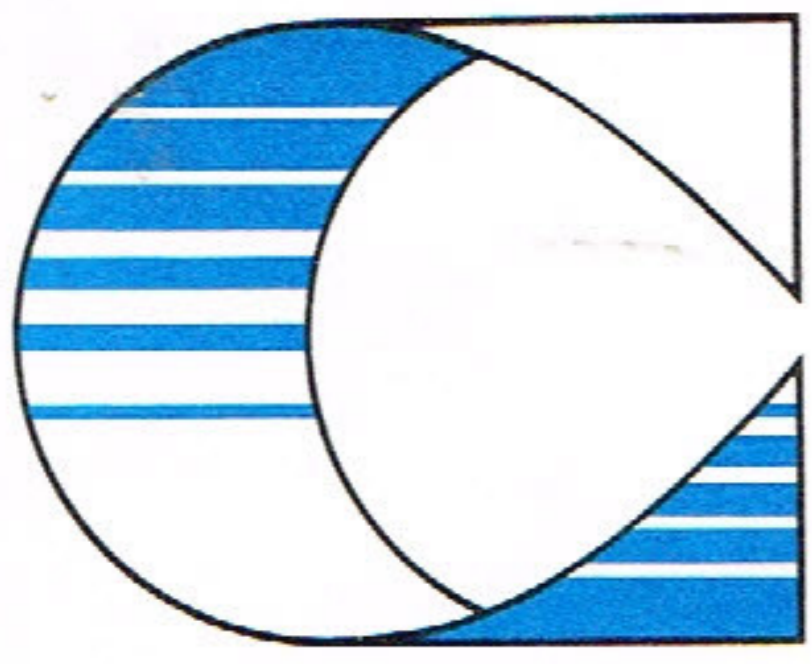
Camp Maromac, a site I recommend, will be discussed later in the report.

Eastern Townships

In the past 25 years, the Eastern Townships has always offered a good number and a variety of camps. Today the majority of Quebec camps are in the Laurentians.

Frontier Lodge and Quebec Lodge Camp, appear to be the last existing ones. They were not considered after discussion with the owners and directors, as they did not meet the requirements. Second, even if Frontier Lodge had met our needs, it is primarily a religious retreat camp and would be occupied during the time we require it.

The only other camp in this area is Wilvaken. Its premises are rather basic and crude regardless of the high registration fee.



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Ottawa

After calling the city's private schools, I discovered like Montreal, there are no camps affiliated with the schools. However, upon the recommendation of Mr. John Bedelle, Physical Education Director, Ashbury College for Boys, two ^{were} recommended.

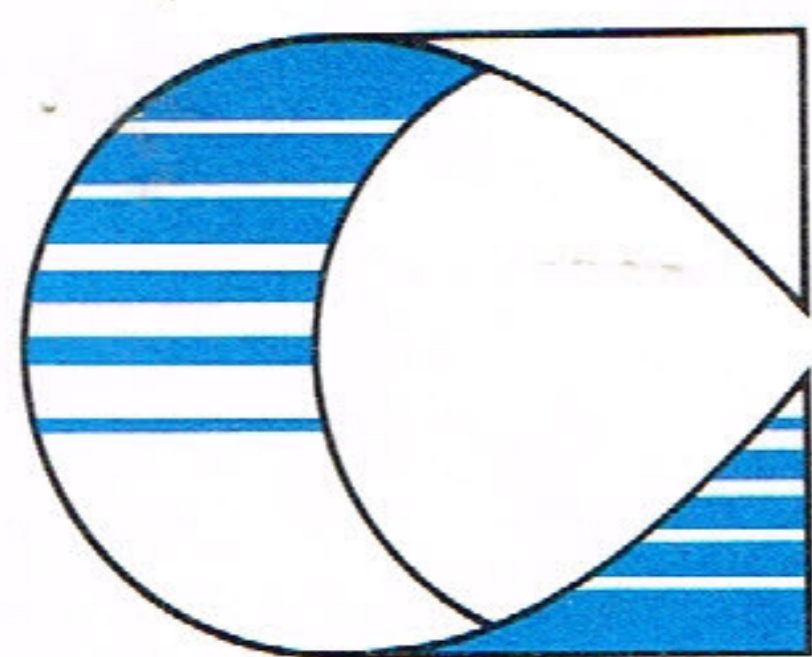
The first was not available for our tentative shooting dates. The second, Erindale Acres, located in Gatineau Park, was lovely but couldn't accommodate our size of crew, as well as, lacked the exclusive element.

The two Taylor Statten camps as it appears from their brochure, meet our needs, though are 300 miles away from Montreal.

State of Vermont

I visited Brown Ledge in Mallot's Bay, and Camp Winapee in East Charleston, Vermont. Both were impressive and more than adequate as shooting sites. They are the two others I recommend.

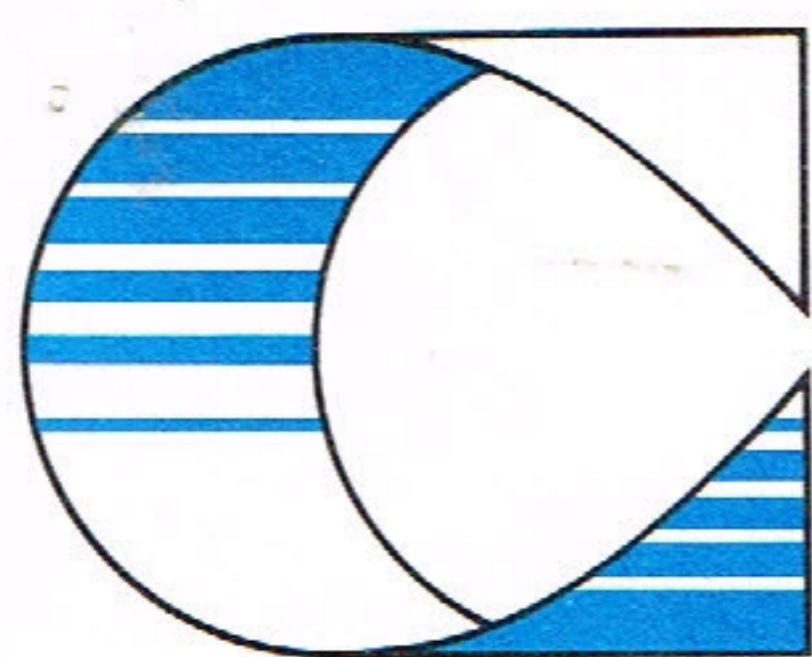
Brown Ledge maintains a high standard and a variety of sporting activities. After one passes the horse rings, and fields at the entrance of the camp, the camp proper is nestled amongst pine trees. It is dark in this area, but the fields and beach are within easy walking distance. One gets the impression, the girls attending would form close relationships because of the lay-out of the cabins, dining hall, recreation center etc.



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Camp Winapee unlike Brown Ledge, is spaced-out. Situated on 300 acres, many of the boys activities ie. nature trails, horse-back riding, mountain climbing, water skiing, (see info. sheet) take place on several areas of the grounds. Similarly, the living quarters, are in one distinct area, but more spread out than Brown Ledge. The owners live on the premises, as well as, possess two other homes occasionally occupied by visiting relatives. They have four bedrooms, fully equipped and furnished, and would be made available for us if required.



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Recommendations

Maromac located in Val des Lac is not as prestigious as say Camp Winapee. However, with the abundant facilities and the Maromac reputation for well thought out programs etc. it would serve as an adequate and realistic setting. Lac Quenille and surrounding grounds in my opinion, would be ideal for the planned dramatic and colorful scenes.

Camp Winapee definitely is a posh set-up. It is a two hour drive from Montreal and offers some beautiful scenery. Bordered by the owners' mountain in the north, (Mt. Echo) south-Lake Seymour, east, Lake Echo, and west-evergreen hills. Due to it's expansive territory, one would have to read the script, to see if this aspect would suggest the appropriate "tone".

Brown Ledge camp as seen by the pictures has a different "tone". It's "tone" seems to be intimate. The surrounding grounds are very private. Once again like Winapee, both would be ideal, though the director would be needed in the final selection to interpret which "tone" would satisfy the script.