

SHADY TRAILS

THE NATIONAL SPEECH IMPROVEMENT CAMP



Operated in co-operation with the
Speech Clinic of the University of Michigan

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Why a Camp-Clinic?

Shady Trails Camp is a pioneer in the appreciation that speech, like other muscular and nervous action, is dependent to a greater or less degree upon the condition and function of every part of the body. With this appreciation, a re-training program for boys with speech problems must attend to physical and personality needs as well as to speech needs.

For more than three-quarters of a century groups of boys have attended recreational summer camps. The summer camp situation has served in the acquisition of health; in the transition through adolescence; in the adjustment of emotional and social problems. Boys have gained from their summer camp experience an ability to live happily with others; an increase in willingness to take responsibilities; the faculty of self-direction and leadership; a confidence in recreational and social activities.

Shady Trails Camp has taken this modern vehicle for the development of desirable traits in "normal" boys and given it to boys with speech problems, for whom the need is many times greater. It has added classes, specialized recreation and varied programs in speech improvement to the advantages of camp environment. Thus, it provides not only for the acquisition of good speech, but builds as well a physical and personality framework on which good speech may continue to thrive.

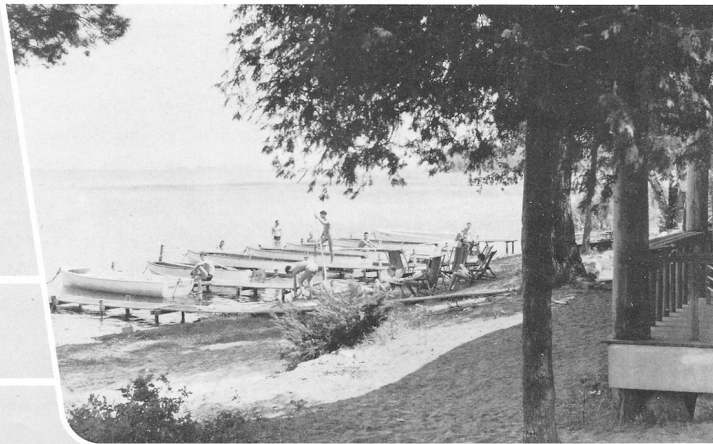
In Camp the contact between teacher and student, whether in or out of the classroom, is always first hand. The counsel of members of the staff begins each day with reveille and ends only with taps.

No other clinical situation can provide the same type of recreational, physical, social and guidance advantages as that of the camp-clinic.

Camp Quarters

The Camp occupies a site of more than eighty acres of well-wooded land with nearly a mile of beach on Grand Traverse Bay.

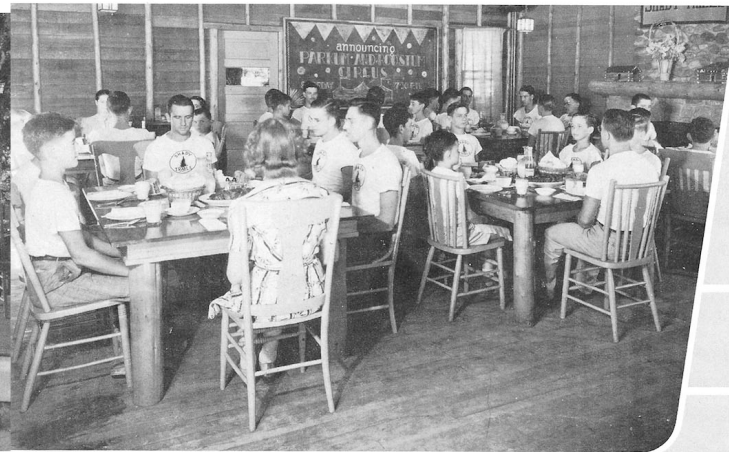
The lounging rooms, sleeping rooms, class rooms, dining room and kitchen are housed in finely constructed, well-ventilated lodge and cottages with modern conveniences and attractive appointments. Electricity and running water are amply supplied.



Camp Diet

The preparation and serving of food at Shady Trails is personally supervised by Mrs. Clancy. Her accomplishments are evidenced by gratifying gains in weight in most campers.

Use of the word "diet" in connection with the conduct of the Camp does not signify restricted rations, but rather well-balanced meals. Good food and plenty of it, served in a cheerful atmosphere, contributes to the healthy status of campers and thus indirectly to their speech welfare.





Camp Staff

Only those persons are on the staff of Shady Trails in the capacity of examiners (speech and medical), speech correctionists, physical directors and advisers who have received special training in their subjects at a first class university or college, who in addition have had adequate practical experience, and whose personal traits merit the confidence of their associates.

The staff is a sizeable one and each member is carefully selected with the welfare of the campers in mind. The contact of staff members with campers is first hand, in camping activities as well as in class, and "around the clock" every day of the session.

The 1944 Resident Staff

Director:

John N. Clancy, Ph. B. (University of Notre Dame), M.A. (University of Michigan).
Admitting Officer and Clinical Supervisor, University of Michigan Speech Clinic.

Camp Mother:

Mrs. John N. Clancy.

Co-ordinator of Activities:

E. William Bitto, B.S. (Michigan State Normal College), M.A. (University of Michigan).
Director of Wayne University Speech Clinic.

Speech Correctionists:

D. E. Morley, A.B. (Michigan State Normal College), M.A. (University of Michigan).
Adviser in Special Education, Pennsylvania State Department of Education.

Vivian Mowat, A.B. (Adrian College), M.A. (University of Michigan). Speech Correctionist in the Public Schools, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Catherine Furbee, B.S. (State Teachers College, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania), M.E. (Pennsylvania State College). Supervisor of Speech Correction in the Public Schools, Saginaw, Michigan.

Isabel Barker, B.S. (State Teachers College, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania). Speech Correctionist in the Public Schools, Monroe, Michigan.

George Herman, A.B. (Brooklyn College), M.S. (University of Michigan). Clinical Assistant, University of Michigan Speech Clinic.

Assistant Speech Correctionists:

Patricia Lewis, A.B. (University of Michigan).

Arlene Caster, A.B. (University of Michigan).

Dolores Knapp, A.B. (University of Michigan).

Mrs. Edith Roskam, A.B. (Pennsylvania State College).

Marion Francis, Advanced Student (Wayne University).

Physical Directors:

Victor Jewell, A.B. (Wabash College), M.A. (University of Chicago). Principal of High School and coach, Tolono, Illinois.

Keith Maxwell, B.S. (Purdue University). Science teacher, High School, Griffith, Indiana.

Resident Staff—Continued

Charles Anderson, A.B., M.A. (University of Michigan). Captain, New Mexico Military Institute.

G. C. Hall, (Eastern Illinois State Teachers College). Principal of Grade School and coach, Tolono, Illinois.

James Aldridge, Advanced Student (Michigan State Normal College).

Camp Secretary:

Martha Raitanen, B.S. (University of Michigan).

Counseling Staff

(NON-RESIDENT)

Medical Examiners:

L. Dell Henry, M.D., Staff Physician and Lecturer in Speech Pathology, University of Michigan Speech Clinic.

T. W. Thompson, M.D., Assistant Medical Director, Traverse City State Hospital.

Camp Physician:

E. J. Bolan, M.D., Physician at Northport.

Advisers:

Ollie L. Backus, Ph. D., Acting Manager of the Speech Clinic, University of Michigan.

H. Harlan Bloomer, Ph.D., Manager of the Speech Clinic, University of Michigan (On leave USN).

G. E. Densmore, M.A., Chairman of the Department of Speech, University of Michigan.

Hildred A. Gross, M.A., Supervisor of Speech Correction Classes, Detroit Public Schools.

R. P. Sheets, M.D., Medical Director, Traverse City State Hospital.

Clark Tibbitts, B.S., Director of the Institute for Human Adjustment, University of Michigan.

Harold B. Westlake, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Speech, Northwestern University.

Norman Westlund, M.D., Director, Saginaw Valley Children's Center.



Your Questions

A question that frequently and quite naturally occurs in the minds of interested parents is one regarding the effect of close association between boys with speech handicaps.

In our many years of experience at the Camp and at the Speech Clinic of the University of Michigan we have found that the common bond between boys with speech handicaps has definite advantages. We have yet to see an instance in which harmful results have occurred from such association.

If this or similar questions arise in your mind we suggest that you inquire information on these points from the parents of boys who have attended the Camp. References to families nearest your neighborhood will be furnished upon request.

A Camper's Typical Daily Program

Morning:

- 6:50 Rising
- 7:00 Setting-up Exercises (Dip optional)
- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:00 Rooms in order
- 8:20 Group Speech Class
- 9:00 Study Hour
- 10:00 Individual Speech Class
- 10:30 Recreation
 - Park Avenue—Games
 - Roost—Trail Blazing
 - Neophytes—Badminton
 - Cavemen—Basketball
 - University Club—Tennis Class
- 11:30 Ease Period (Ready for Dinner)
- 12:00 Dinner

Afternoon:

- 12:30 Rest Period
- 1:30 Group Speech Class
- 2:00 Individual Physical Instruction
- 2:30 Work Period
- 3:30 Special Assembly
 - Junior Choral Reading
 - Senior Choral Reading
 - Progressive Relaxation
 - Remedial Reading
 - Physical Education
- 4:00 Rhythmics
- 4:20 Recreation
 - Senior Groups—
 - Swimming and Water Sports
 - Junior Groups—
 - Rowing and Fishing
- 5:30 Ease Period (Ready for Supper)
- 6:00 Supper

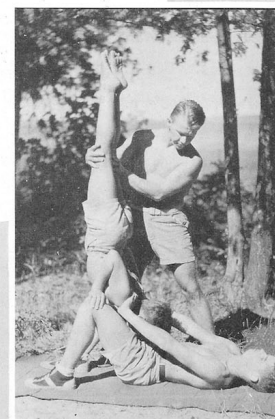
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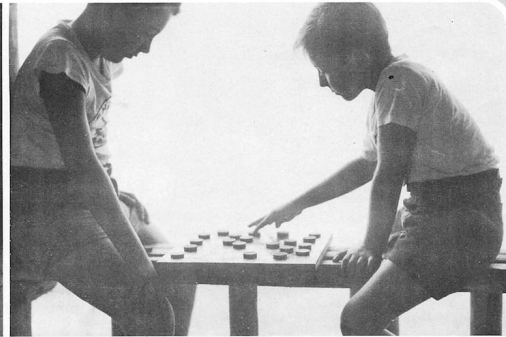
- 6:30 Ease Period (After-dinner speaking, letter writing, reading, checkers, etc.)
- 7:15 Recreation
 - Senior Groups—
 - Meeting of Open Forum Club
 - Junior Groups—
 - Council Ring with Stunts
- 8:30 Park Avenue and Roost Retire—Lights out at 8:45
- 9:15 Neophytes, Cavemen and University Club Retire—Lights out at 9:30



The Clancy's are responsible for the establishment of speech correction on the "camp-plan." Under their direction no aspect of physical or personal adjustment is regarded as unimportant for the permanent welfare of their campers.

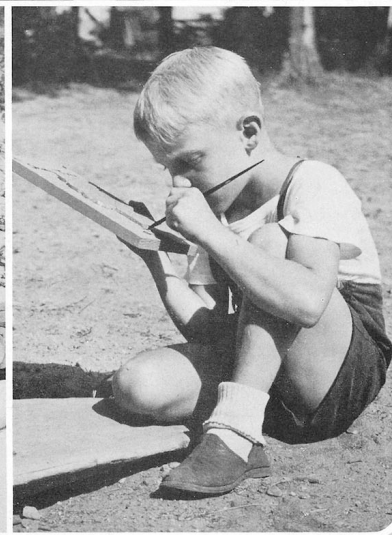
Bill Bילו has ably assisted in the direction of Shady Trails for ten years as chief physical director and coordinator of speech and physical activities.





The Park Avenue A COTTAGE FOR BOYS AGES 8-9-10

As in other groups, daily activities for younger members of the camp offer an unique opportunity for the carry-over of new habits from the classroom to practical environment.

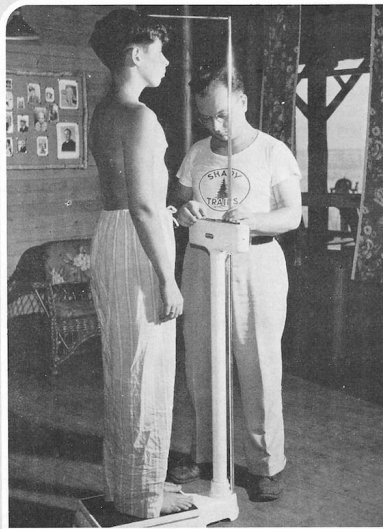




The Roost A COTTAGE FOR BOYS AGES 11 - 12 - 13

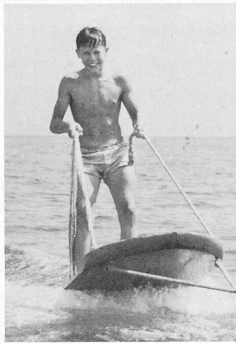
The surroundings at Shady Trails are pleasant and harmonious—the buildings modern and comfortable—the atmosphere friendly. Home-sickness is literally unknown in any age group.

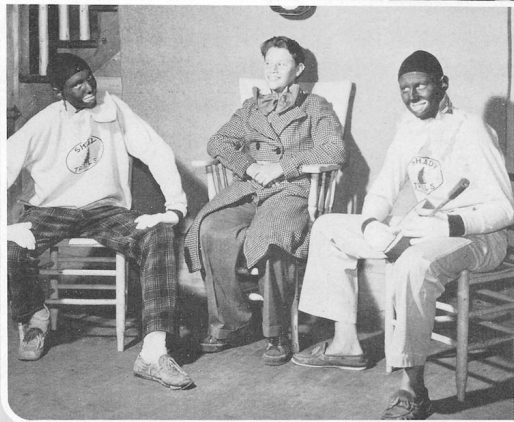
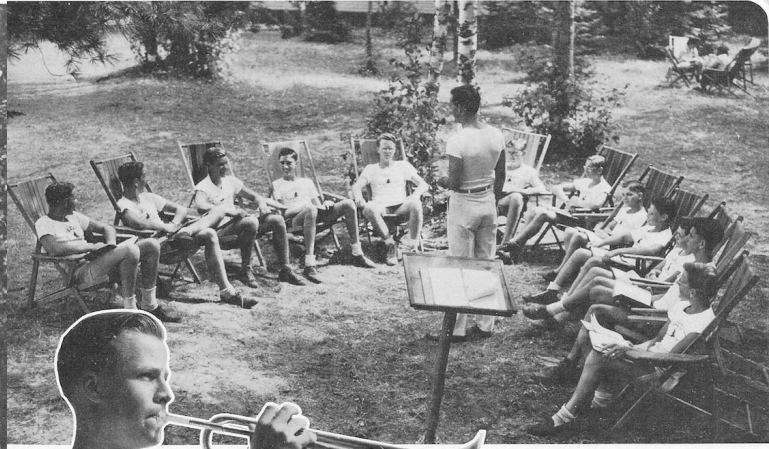




The Neophytes A GROUP OF BOYS AGES 13 - 14

Group living, as afforded at Shady Trails, gives practical experience in the art of living happily with others; provides for sensible guidance in the transition through adolescence.

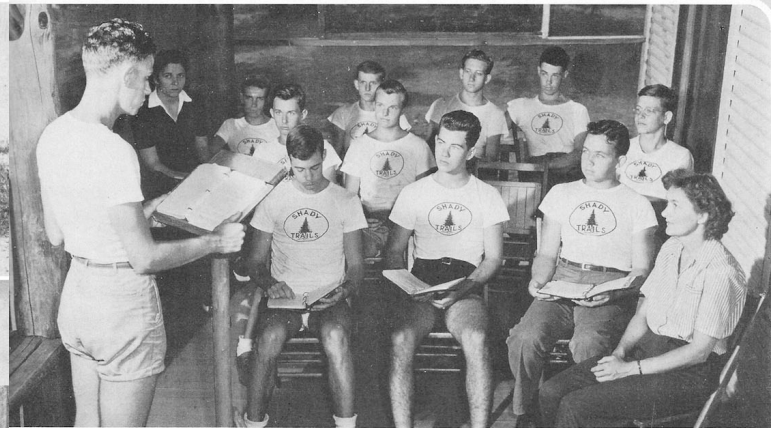
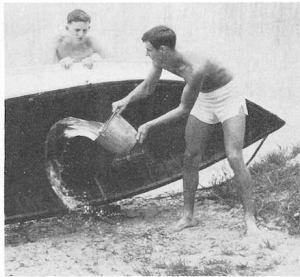




The Cavemen

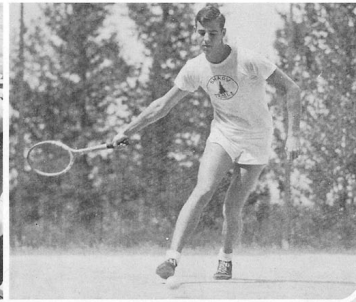
A GROUP OF BOYS AGES 15 - 16 - 17

Life at Shady Trails is made varied and interesting through informal programs of swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, baseball, basketball, volley ball, tennis, as well as frequent club meetings, dramatics, camp fires, parties. In all these activities the staff participates and always "speech comes first."



The University Club BOYS AGES 18 THROUGH 21

The counsel of a mature and competent staff assists in the adjustment of personality and social problems so often concurrent with speech difficulties in older boys.



Organization

The Camp's enrollment is divided into age levels with twelve boys in a group. The full time and effort of three staff members (speech correctionist, assistant speech correctionist and physical director) are devoted exclusively to each group. The staff includes also such general and administrative members as medical examiner, speech examiner, camp director, camp mother, program director and camp secretary.

Each camper attends two group speech classes daily and participates in a group study period. He receives daily individualized speech instruction and counsel. He takes active part in the Camp's morning, afternoon and evening recreational program.

His group, with its staff members, is a social unit in which much of the life of a camper at Shady Trails centers. Whether in class, at a picnic, on a hike, or around a camp fire, this unit is small enough to allow adequate individual participation and large enough to provide experience in the group situation. The planned classes and programs provide for this participation and experience many times a day so that a camper acquires skill by doing.

Policy

It is the policy of Shady Trails to have each camper understand thoroughly every bit of his work of the session. The Camp does not feel that its obligations are discharged with the close of the camping season. It is anxious to assist each camper in a satisfactory adjustment of newly acquired habits upon his return home.

To this end the Camp makes complete reports to parents during the session covering analysis of difficulty, training at camp, the camper's response, and recommendations for continued improvement. Upon request copies of these reports will be sent to the camper's school, physician or referring clinic.

Duration

The session at Shady Trails is eight weeks. Enrollments are accepted for the full session only.

Boys are expected to arrive in Camp the day previous to first classes and to remain until after the last class of the session.

Restrictions

The Camp's enrollment is limited to sixty boys between the ages of eight and twenty-one inclusive. When enrollment for the current season is completed, usually by late winter or early spring, application may be made for the following season.

The privilege is reserved of returning any boy to his home if the results of diagnosis and examination indicate that his difficulty will not be materially benefited or that he is not of good moral character. In such instance a proportionate fee adjustment will be made immediately.

The service of the Camp is strictly speech rehabilitation wherein adequate results are expected by the staff, the parents and the camper. The Camp avoids enrollment of the mentally retarded.

The Camp is strictly non-sectarian. Boys of Protestant faiths attend Sunday services in Camp. Catholic boys attend Mass on Sunday in a neighboring village with a member of the staff.

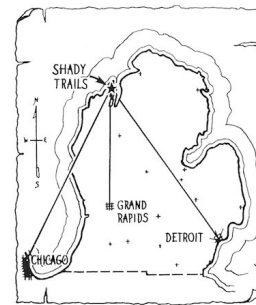
In the best interest of campers it is strongly suggested that visits from home between the opening and closing dates be limited to one visit.

Past, Present, Future

Shady Trails, the National Speech Improvement Camp, was founded in the summer of 1932 by its present director. The Camp is built upon the cornerstone of service to boys with speech problems. Its sole objective has been and is to place in the hands of speech handicapped boys the tools with which to build normal speech.

The success that has attended the efforts of the Camp accounts for the healthy growth in enrollment from four boys, all from Michigan, in the summer of 1932 to an annual enrollment of sixty boys who come from twenty or more states.

To the boy who now comes to Shady Trails, we extend a hearty invitation to determine his future—and thus the future of our camp-clinic.



By highway from Shady Trails Camp to:

Chicago	356 miles
Detroit	285 miles
Ann Arbor	285 miles
Grand Rapids	178 miles
Traverse City	28 miles

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