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Summary information

Repository:	Trent University Archives
Title:	Camp Tamarack fonds
Reference code:	95-020
Date:	1942-1973 (creation)
Physical description:	31 cm of textual records ca. 160 photographs 6 cloth patches 2 architectural drawings 1 map

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Camp Tamarack was established in 1922 as a Jewish Boy Scout's camp. The camp was situated on 350 acres of land in the Muskoka Lake District near Bracebridge, Ontario. The camp aimed to provide a camp setting where each boy counted. The boys were divided into small groups with two staff members to five boys. This allowed the boys to have individual attention instead of being part of a mass group of people. This Jewish Boy Scout Camp was owned by the Tamarack (59th) Association which was a member of the Ontario Camping Association. The camp was first located in the Lake of Bays area. The first Director was Mr. Edgar Reason, also first Scoutmaster of the 59th Scout Troop. In 1957, Stanley G. Wild was appointed Director. Activities at the camp included swimming, canoeing, water skiing and horseback riding as well as numerous other special events like baseball games, fishing, campouts, gymnastics and handicrafts. The campers lived in cabins while they were in the camp. In 1972 the camp closed.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of records of a Jewish Boy Scout Camp called Camp Tamarack. The fonds has minutes of the Tamarack Association, correspondence, form letters, bulletins, photographs, financial statements, inventories, accounts, reports, camp programmes, menus, brochures, insurance policies, construction proposals, Public Health Department licenses and reports, minutes of the Camp Services Co-operative and other information regarding school camping and the Boy Scouts of Canada.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

This fonds was donated from an unknown source.

Restrictions on access

None.

Related material

For related records see: The Canadian Camping Association fonds, The Ontario Camping Association fonds, The Quebec Camping Association fonds and The Society of Camp Directors fonds.

Note [General]

Special thanks to volunteer Claire Stewart, who rehoused and re-described this accession in Summer 2026.

Note [General]

Oversized material located in map cabinet – drawer 10.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Maps and atlases (documentary form)
- Objects (documentary form)
- Architectural plans and drawings (documentary form)
- Camps and Camping (subject)

Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
95-010/001(01)	File - Tamarack association minutes <i>Scope and content:</i> File also includes a Canadian Camping Association certificate for Camp Tamarack.	1968-1972	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(02)	File - Form letters and bulletins addressed to campers, parents, staff and members	1956-1972	1 folder of textual records

95-010/001(03)	File - Form letters and bulletins addressed to campers, parents, staff and members (continued)	1964-1968	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(04)	File - Campers and staff lists	1968-1972	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(05)	File - Daily schedules, trip outlines, closing instructions, and special programmes	1972	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(06)	File - Weekly and daily menus	1970-1972	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(07)	File - "Guide to Camp Tamarack: Camp Counsellorships", song book and other information pertaining to counsellorship	1972	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(08)	File - School camping correspondence, and "A List of Available Camps"	1969-1972	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(09)	File - Reports on Camp Tamarack	1957-1958, 1972	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(10)	File - Camp Tamarack inventories	1972	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(11)	File - Accounting and budget records, and correspondence	1971-1972	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(12)	File - Financial statements	1942-1959	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(13)	File - Year-end financial statements	1960-1965	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(14)	File - Year-end financial statements	1966-1971	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(15)	File - Building and construction records <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes correspondence, financial statements, a copy of "Building By-Law" from the township of Macaulay, and proposal plans for a dock and stable building.	1958-1973	1 folder of textual records2 architectural drawings
95-010/001(16)	File - Mortgage records <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes schedule of payment, and correspondence.	1971-1972	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(17)	File - Public Health Department records <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes reports, licenses, correspondence, "Regulation under The Public Health Act regarding Summer Camps", and "Environmental Health Hints for the Operation of Summer Camps".	1962-1972	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(18)	File - Insurance records <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes policies, correspondence, financial statements, accident reports, inspection reports, and a copy of "Bill 32: An Act to amend The Public Lands Act."	1962-1972	1 folder of textual records3 photographs1 map
95-010/001(19)	File - Miscellaneous papers <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes dialogues including "As the Campers See It – A Mini Study" by Elizabeth Raymer, and "Camping in the Seventies – Change or Perish" by Jake Pearce and Stan Wild, inventory records, financial records, correspondence, and other items.	1964-1970	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(20)	File - Promotion brochures, posters, and patches	1963-1973	1 folder of textual records1 drawing6 objects (patches)

95-010/001(21)	File - Boy Scouts records <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes registration cards, and correspondence between Camp Tamarack and Boy Scouts of Canada.	1962-1971	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(22)	File - Camp services co-operative minutes	1966-1972	1 folder of textual records
95-010/001(23)	File - Camp services co-operative minutes (continued)	1961-1966	1 folder of textual records
95-010/002(01)	File - Camp Tamarack photographs <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of photographs of the camp, campers, and camp activities including water skiing, team building, canoeing, boy scouts, and sports/games. File also includes one photograph from Camp Oconto.	1960s?-1970s?	69 photographs
95-010/002(02)	File - Camp Tamarack photographs (continued) <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of photographs of the camp, groups of campers, and camp activities including sports, cooking, and swimming.	1969, 1960s?-1970s?	44 photographs : black and white and colour
95-010/002(03)	File - Camp Tamarack photographs (continued) <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of photographs of groups campers, and camp activities including canoeing, sports, fishing, and water skiing.	1960s?-1970s?	55 photographs 56 negatives : 35mm
95-010/002(04)	File - Camp Tamarack photographs (continued) <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of two photographs, one of campers swimming and another of campers participating in a team building activity.	1960s?-1970s?	2 photographs
95-010/003-mc(01)	File - Large photographs of Camp Tamarack (originally framed) <i>Note [General] :</i> Located in map cabinet – drawer 10. <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of photographs of campers swimming and playing sports.	1960s?-1970s?	4 photographs
95-010/003-mc(02)	File - Plan of land of Camp Tamarack: Township of Macaulay, Muskoka, Ontario, survey by Richard H. [Peene?]. Scale: 1 inch = 50 feet <i>Note [General] :</i> Located in map cabinet – drawer 10.	July 1959	1 map