

Cache Lake History

One of W. D. Boyce Council's Best Kept Secret is its Very Own Borderland Camp.

The Council Outpost Camp of the W. D. Boyce Council, B.S.A., Peoria, Illinois, is located in "Bach Bay" on Sand Point Lake in beautiful S. W. Ontario, Canada. The Location is about 650 miles North of Peoria, Illinois, with the access point being Crane Lake, Minnesota, 28 miles east of Orr Minnesota. The last 8 miles to camp is over water by boat.

The camp was originally built in 1962 on Brown's Bay of Sand Point Lake in Minnesota on leased State Forest land by a group of scouts from the Corn Belt Council in Bloomington, Illinois. The Cache Lake facility was conceived by J. N. Bach of Forrest, Illinois, as a site for camping for older scouts to specifically keep older boys interested and active in the Boy Scout camping program. In the 1970's, the camp became part of W. D. Boyce Council through mergers of the three central Illinois councils. Also during this time the leased land and thousands of acres around it were ceded to the U. S. Department of the Interior for development as Voyagers National Park.

In the early 1990's, the Cache Lake Committee of the Council signed a new lease with the Ontario Provincial Government. The camp was relocated approximately four and one half miles to the east, outside Voyagers National Park on the Canadian side of the border where a new larger Cache Lake Camp was built.

The camp on secluded Clearwater Bay of Sand Point Lake, has several buildings including a Bunk House that sleeps up to 40 and can be divided into separate sleeping areas for co-ed use, a Dining Hall fully equipped, Boat House with fish cleaning facilities, hot showers and even electricity for refrigeration and lights. This North woods camp offers endless aquatic program opportunities including boating, canoeing, fishing, swimming, sailing, water skiing and much more!