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CAMP CAZAUX



you've ever wanted to go camping, but felt uncertain about where So. If you've dreamed about fishing and boating but weren't quite sure ow to go about it. If you've thought about sleeping out under the stars, loafing in the sunshine, frolicking on a sandy beach, swimming in a freshwater lake of indescribable beauty, then Camp Cazaux is your answer.

Bigger and better plans, with the accent on more fun and frolic, at this year's summer encampment at US Army Communications Zone, Europe's Camp Cazaux are in the making. The AYA-sponsored camp has to be seen to be fully appreciated. In the following pages we will try to tell you just a little about the camp, but for a real testimonial ask someone who has been there.

IT'S THE GREATEST!

What can you say about a camp that has just about everything?Once you get talking about that fabulous beach, and the lake and all, then you're liable to forget to mention the hills, and how beautiful the campsite is, hidden away in the pine trees. You can see the lake from where you lie in bed.

Honest, when the people who put this booklet together asked me to write something about Camp Cazaux, at first all I could say was -- it's the greatest!

I really don't know what I liked most about the camp. We used to sing around the campfire on the beach at night and toast hot dogs and marshmallows. That was fun.

I actually learned how to swim, and upright a cance, and dive, and I got to row, and paddle, and just about everything. Our instructors were perfect and the counsellors were out of this world.

It only rained once when I was there, but we had handicrafts and art in the Rec Hall, and I took the opportunity to write home. The time went so fast we didn't even notice the rain.

Sometimes we went hiking, and I learned all about archery. It isn't all as easy as it looks. Then we used to play volleyball, and beach ball, and softball, and I don't know how many games. Boy, did I ever sleep.

Oh and the meals. There's this big mess hall that holds about 250 people, and sometimes it gets pretty roud in there, but the meals are terrific. Mom thought I migni lose weight, but I fooled her and put on nearly three period

I didn't go fishing but I could have if i'd wanted to. Some of the kids got to visit the famous sand dunes not far away, but the beach was good enough for me. I practically lived on it.

Anyway, my brother and I missed going to camp the first year we were over here in France, but we made up for it last year.We're going back to the States in June, so I won't be seeing you there. Gee I wish we didn't leave until August. What I really mean is, if you get the chance to go this summer, don't miss it, believe me it's the greatest!

a Camper



Camping In The Pines

IDEAL LOCATION

Camp Cazaux, the American Youth Activities summer camp, began operations in 1960, and has provided a barrel of fun for just about everybody who has been there since.

Located on the shores of beautiful Lake Cazaux,50 miles south of Bordeaux, France, the campsite is just a short distance from the picturesque village of Biscarrosse Plage. The climate and terrain are perfect for summer camping.

Swimming And Boating Is Best In France



Trail Through Cool And Shady Glen

THE CAMPSITE

Encompassing approximately 40 acres of pine-covered hills lying about 150 yards behind a spacious beach, the campsite is one of the choice recreational areas in Europe.

The semi-permanent buildings include a mess hall, recreation hall, dispensary and shower building, all hidden amongst towering pines. The sleeping quarters are tents set on cement floors. The secluded campsite is in the heart of an extremely popular resort area. The summer is normally warm and sunny. The average temperature is 84.7 degrees.



Susan

Time For Rest And Relaxation

SCHEDULE FOR CAMP CAZAUX - 1963

A lot of thought has been given to this year's schedule in order to avoid conflicts with other youth activities. Just about everybody has an opportunity to get away from it all and enjoy a couple of weeks of real outdoor life.

Activity	Session	Days	Dates
ARC Water Safety Course	A	6	17 Jun - 22 Jun
Explorer Week	В	7	18 Jun – 24 Jun
Girl Scouts	C	11	25 Jun - 5 Jul
AYA Girls	D	11	6 Jul - 16 Jul
Family Session*	E	21	17 Jul - 6 Aug
Boy Scouts, 1st Week	F	7	7 Aug - 13 Aug
Boy Scouts, 2nd Week	G	7	14 Aug - 20 Aug
AYA Boys	Н	9	21 Aug - 29 Aug

NOTE THESE DATES

School closes	- 12 June 1963
Military staff reports	- 13 June 1963
School starts	- 4 September 1963

Campers should report after noon on the day preceding the first scheduled day and should depart not later than noon of the last scheduled day.

Participants in the ARC Water Safety Course and Explorer Week will pay for their rations.

*Family session campers can bring their own tents or trailers and use the camp grounds.

THE STAFF

The purpose of operating the camp is to provide summer sports, fun and exercise for dependent children of the command. Members of the staff, from the Camp Director to the kitchen police, have been carefully selected and are extremely well qualified to work with children in the 8 to 18 age bracket.

The director of the camp is an Army officer; other military personnel operate the kitchen, and still others are fully qualified life guards. A medical officer and a nurse are on duty at the dispensary at all times. Hospital facilities are available nearby.

The Boy and Girl Scout programs will be conducted under the supervision of professional Scout officials. AYA sessions will be conducted by officials of that organization. Counselors are provided on the basis of one per eight campers.

Members of the staff are dedicated to insuring each camper the best vacation he has ever had. Health, safety and sanitation are commensurate with the highest standards.



Friendly Nurse And Stubbed-Toed Patient

ELIGIBILITY

<u>Explorer Scouts</u>: All American Explorer Scouts living in the Fleur des Lis (France) District are eligible to attend. Explorers can get full details from their Explorer Advisor.

Boy And Girl Scouts: American Boy and Girl Scouts residing in Europe (Brownies and Cubs excluded), are eligible to attend Camp Cazaux.

American Youth Activities: Dependents from age 8 to 18.

Family Session: Families of U.S. Forces personnel or Department of the Army Civilian employees stationed in Europe.



Rowboat Full Of Adventurers



Teenagers Take Time For Talk



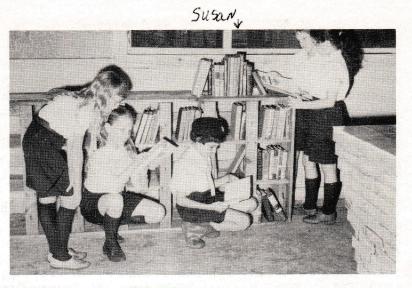
Boy Scouts Prepare Their Mid-Day Meal



Come On In The Water's Great



Everyone Attends Lifesaving Class



Lots Of Books For Leisure



Good, Wholesome Food In Big Mess Hall



Top Instructors Are On The Job

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APPLICATIONS

<u>Session A</u>: Applications for the American Red Cross Water Safety Course should be submitted through the local American Youth Activities Officer. Applications will be accepted from qualified military personnel or dependents of military or civilian personnel. Minimum age is 18 years.

<u>Session B</u>: Explorer Scouts of the Fleur de Lis District are invited to assist in setting up the camp. Details can be obtained from local Explorer Advisors.

<u>Sessions C.F.G</u>: Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts should make application through their local Scout officials.

<u>Session E</u>: Sponsors who desire to attend the Family Group Session will submit requests for reservations, in writing, to: G-1 Division, Hqs USACOMZEUR, ATTN: Project Officer, AYA Summer Camp, APO 58, US Forces. The letter should include the name, age and sex of all campers in the party and the inclusive dates of attendance desired. Applicants may apply for any period of one week or more. Upon acceptance of application, sponsors will be furnished appropriate instructions.

NOTE: Applications from personnel located in areas outside of COMZ boundaries, for all sessions should be addressed directly to:G-1 Division USACOMZEUR, ATTN: Project Officer, AYA Summer Camp, APO 58, US Forces.



Barbara

Dinner Is Served

Fees for all sessions except the Water Safety, Explorers and Family are \$2.50 daily per camper. Water Safety and Explorer fees are \$1.25 per day.

Family Session charges are: Adults, and children 13 years of age and over - \$2.50 per day. Children 6 to 12 years - \$2.00, and all below 6 years free. Family Session campers can bring their own tents or trailers and use the camp grounds. The same fees are charged. Advance reservations must be made.

Fees include all meals and available recreation material.No fishing equipment is available.



Teenage Gab Session

NOTES WORTH REMEMBERING

<u>Visitors</u>: Parents and friends are encouraged to confine their visits to delivery and pickup of campers. Parents may not visit campers during the first day after arrival in camp. In many cases, undue emotional stress is created, thus defeating one of the primary purposes of camping - learning to live with others. There are no accommodations at the camp for visitors. Closet adequate hotels are in Bordeaux.

<u>Canteen Snacks</u>: Parents are asked to send no candy, cookies, fruits or other edibles to individual campers. As an exception, contributions of this nature may be given to counsellors, to be served to the entire group at appropriate times.

Personal Funds: It is highly recommended that children be given no more than \$1.00 to \$1.50 per week for sundry purchases.

<u>Reading Material</u>: Past experience indicates children will skip organized activities to remain in their tents and read comic books. They will also barter comic books for items of clothing and equipment. For these reasons, comic books should not be brought to camp nor can they be purchased at the camp. A small library of suitable children's books is on hand. Parents are encouraged to add to this collection by contributing books to the library.

<u>Church Attendance</u>: Both Protestant and Catholic services are offered each Sunday.

MORE NOTES WORTH REMEMBERING

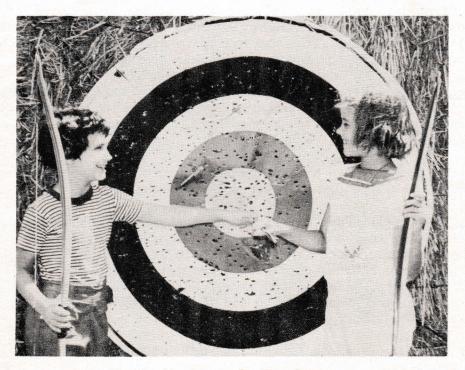
<u>Clothing and Equipment</u>: Parents must limit baggage to that which can be carried by the camper. One of the principles of camping is to live under relatively austere conditions. Since food, shelter, and ample bedding are provided, there is no need to bring excess amounts of "comfort items,"or to ask for unreasonable standards of appearance in dress while in camp.

While it may appear unnecessary to mention it, experience has taught us to advise parents against allowing their children to bring knives, guns, hatchets, or other weapons.We also caution against allowing campers to bring rings, valuable watches, jewelry and other things which can easily be lost.

WE SUGGEST BRINGING

Bathing Suit - 2 ea Bathing Cap - optional Beach Sandals - 1 pr Plastic Drinking Cup - 1 ea Flashlight, extra batteries Raincoat w/hat, or poncho Rubber-Soled Shoes, or Tennis Shoes - 1 pr Socks - 7 pr T-Shirts - 4 ea Underclothing - 7 sets Toilet articles - 1 set Eyeglasses - 2 ea Hankerchiefs - 6 ea Padlock w/2 keys - 1 ea Pajamas - 2 pr Rubber footgear - 1 ea Slacks or Jeans - 3 pr Shirts, sport or Blouses - 4 ea Shorts, walking - 4 pr Sweater, wool or Jacket - 1 ea Towels, face - 4 ea Towels, bath - 4 ea Washcloths - 4 ea

The above items should be plainly marked, where practical, with name.



That's My Arrow In The Center

JUST A FEW MORE NOTES

Private Transportation: Parents or sponsors who drive youngsters to the campsite are requested to leave the area as soon as possible. Young campers and their luggage should arrive between 2:00 and 4:00 o'clock on the afternoon preceding the opening day of each camp session. Departing campers, tanned, and full of exciting stories, should be picked up no later than one o'clock on the final day of the session. (See map on next page).

By Train: Campers arriving by train will be met at the Rail Transportation Office at Bordeaux.From there they will be taken by bus to the campsite. Groups or individuals planning to travel by train should contact their local AYA Officer for group travel arrangements, which are available at considerable savings over the normal fare.

<u>Camp Discipline</u>: This has never been a problem; however, the Camp Director, in coordination with the Program Director, is authorized to terminate the attendance of campers whose conduct warrants this action. Refunds will not be made in such cases. Smoking is prohibited, except where parents give their permission (on reverse side of camp registration card).

<u>Withdrawals</u>: It has never happened, yet it might be wise to point out that children may be withdrawn only upon formal request to the Camp Director by parent or legal guardian.

<u>Telephone</u>: (For emergencies <u>ONLY</u>) - Biscarrousse 530.

Camp Mailing Address:

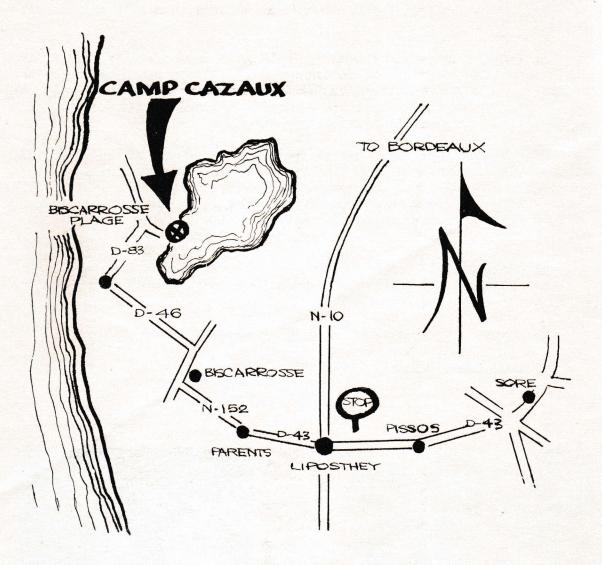
Name of Camper AYA Camp Cazaux Summer Camp APO 213, US Forces



Arts And Crafts



Compass Reading



To reach Camp Cazaux by car take RN-10 going south from Bordeaux for about 37 miles to Liposthey. At Liposthey, turn right on D-43 and continue through Parentis and Biscarrosse. North of Biscarrosse turn left on D-146 to Biscarrosse-Plage. Turn right on road D-83.Finally, take the first road to the right directly to the campsite. 2