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INTO THE WILDERNESS . . . Youngsters got a chance for horseback riding as well as hiking. Together with the leaders, the boys made tours of the area and held one overnight hike. They saw many deer and other animals on their nature hikes.

105 Youths from YMCA Answer 'Call of Wild'

Some 105 Torrance youngsters answered the "call of the wild" recently, as they spent a week at Torrance YMCA Camp Round Meadows, high in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Boys from 8½ to 14 years old enjoyed life in the mountain beauty of the camp, some 16 miles from Redlands, during the week of July 12 to 19. Fourteen Counselors,

members of the Torrance Hi-Y clubs, were on hand to guide the youngsters and check their more dangerous inclinations.

The week of camping, hiking, nature study and just plain fun, was climaxed on Sunday, July 19, with parents' day activities, when 60 fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and other relatives came up to the camp to see what their boys had been doing.

Parents Watch

The proud papas and mamas watched as the boys put on a swim carnival, showing what they had learned in a week which included daily swim instructions, both for beginners and more experienced boys. The pool is located on the camp site.

Parents also saw a lizard race, featuring tiny animals caught by boys during the week. Each of the 14 cabins entered an animal in the race, and boys cheered on their favorites, just like a real horse race.

Mothers and fathers also received gifts of all kinds which their offsprings had fashioned for them in craft activities, also held daily at the camp site.

Boys Hike

During the week, the youngsters were treated to an exhibition of nature in the raw, going on frequent nature hikes and studying the tall trees, mountain streams, and deer and other wild life in the area. There was horseback riding

over the mountain slopes for the boys, and an overnight hike and camping trip to Barton Flats, where boys made their own camp and slept in tents.

All sorts of organized sports were held for the youngsters during the day, led by Roberts and the counselors.

Chapels—with worship services led by YMCA Secretary Stan Roberts—were held daily in a clearing surrounded by tall green pine trees.

Campfire Sessions

In the evenings, there were sessions around the campfire, with story telling activities and a discussion of the day's activities.

At night, the boys tumbled into bed in one of the 14 cabins, each led by a counselor. Daily inspections of the cabins were made by counselors, with demerits and extra duties for those who failed to keep their area clean.

The trip both ways was made by chartered bus.

Roberts served as camp director, with John Anderson, Bill Moore, Bill Oehlert, Pat Makeska, Warren Heaton, Bob Clifford, Myron Schmidt, Jess Hason, Ed Hutchinson, Tom Cavanaugh, Roger Davis, Royce Davis, Bob Isbell and Doug Hall serving as counselors.

Former THS Student Transferred by Army

Army Pvt. Gene K. Moreno, son of E. F. Moreno, 2843 Danaha St., recently arrived at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, for duty with the 9771st Technical Service Unit.

Private Moreno was last stationed at Fort Ord, his basic training camp.



UP GOES OLD GLORY . . . Taking down the flag, symbolizing the end of a day's activities, are these Round Meadows youngsters. This was part of the daily ritual at the camp. A daily chapel was provided each day for the boys.



FOR DIRTY FACES . . . Gathering around the washbasin for the morning ritual of washing hands and faces and brushing teeth are these youngsters on the YMCA trip to Round Meadows. Boys were quartered in cabins, with a counselor for each.



SALAAM, SALAAM . . . Boys who failed to pass their cabin inspection, held daily, were required to salaam to the East to make up for their omission. Here, Counselor John Anderson watches as one of the boys makes amends. Cleanliness was emphasized at the camp.

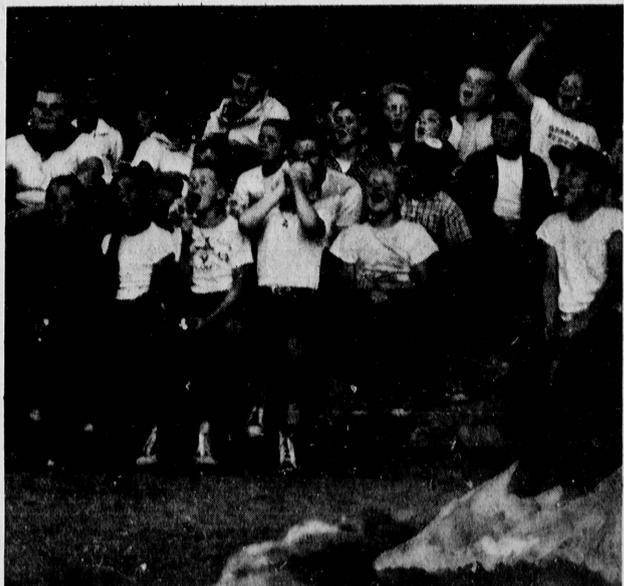


CALL OF THE WILD . . . In a rustic setting of tall trees and mountain streams, the YMCA youngsters enjoyed a week of hunting, camping, and other outdoor activities at Camp Round Meadows. Shown here is the craft

shop, where youngsters made gifts for their parents. They lived in cabins which were constructed similar to the shop. Stan Roberts, YMCA secretary, served as camp director, with 14 high school boys acting as counselors.



GOOD FOR DUCKS AND BOYS . . . These boys are taking their daily splash in the pool at Round Meadows. Boys were given daily swimming instructions, with a swim carnival climaxing the festivities on Sunday, which was parent's day.



FIRELIGHT SESSIONS . . . The 105 youngsters — all between 8½ and 14 years old — gathered around the campfire each night for story telling and a discussion of the day's activities. A real pioneer, Counselor Bill Oehlert, (back row) wears a Davy Crockett hat.