A scenic view of a lake with mountains in the background and trees in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

*"The Camp Where the
Wild Loon Calls"*

CAMP DEKA

A camp for boys situated on Deka Lake in the heart
of the historic Cariboo of British Columbia, Canada.

Owned and Operated by
MAY AND LORNE BROWN



MAY BROWN, B.Sc.(P.E.), M.P.E.

The Director Owners

Camp Deka is under the personal direction of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Brown. May Brown took her undergraduate degree in Physical Education at McGill University and her Masters degree at the University of British Columbia. She has taught at elementary, high school and university levels. She has been associated with the Y.W.C.A. both in Vancouver and Montreal. Her community interests are varied and include long experience with camping associations.

Lorne Brown studied at the University of Oregon and is at present Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia. He has been associated with the Y.M.C.A. Camp Elphinstone for many years and has provided leadership in Camping Conferences through the university. Over the years he has written a number of articles on camping. He is a past president of the B.C. Camping Association. Mr. Brown takes an active interest in community affairs.



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HISTORY

Camp Deka was founded in 1961. The 96-acre property was acquired by Mr. and Mrs. Brown in 1958, and the building of a road, the clearing of the waterfront and the construction of the basic buildings was started. For the next three years each summer was spent in planning, building and purchasing equipment necessary for the operation of a boys' camp. On July 3, 1961, the first group of 18 campers arrived and Camp Deka came into being. In 1962 an additional 32 acres was purchased across the lake at the foot of Mount Deka, and resulted in the opening of the first Wilderness Camp for senior boys in 1964.

THE CAMP LODGE AND DINING ROOM

"There's where we eat."



A CAMPER'S TENT AND CABIN

"I'd rather live in a tent."

THE CAMP, PROPERTY

Camp Deka is situated on the shores of Deka Lake in the southern Cariboo of British Columbia. It is composed of open woodland stretching back from the lakeshore. Three-quarters of a mile of gently sloping shoreline makes it very suitable for all waterfront activities. Country roads and trails lead out from camp for hikes and nature excursions. The northern section of the eight-mile long lake provides a wilderness setting for the camp program. Mount Deka rises 1100 feet above the lake and with its open meadows and breath-taking views, provides an excellent spot for day and overnight trips. Many forms of animal and birdlife abound in the groves of whispering aspen and tall firs.

The altitude of the camp is 3600 feet above sea level with a typical climate of warm days and cool nights.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE — The following statement of purpose will be the basis for the operation of Camp Dekka. It has been made up after years of experience by the Directors and will be put into practice at every opportunity.

WE BELIEVE:

1. IT IS THE RIGHT AND NEED FOR BOYS TO LIVE WITH EFFICIENCY AND COMFORT CLOSE TO NATURE AND AWAY FROM THE DISTRACTIONS OF CITY AND URBAN LIFE.

Therefore — we have purposely established this camp on the shores of a beautiful inland lake in a wilderness setting.

2. CAMPING CAN AND SHOULD BE A TRULY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

Therefore — every effort will be made to have boys learn new skills, develop desirable attitudes toward nature, and mature socially.

3. THAT BOYS ARE IN GENERAL CAPABLE OF TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR.

Therefore — provision will be made for campers to share in programme planning and in setting up camp rules and regulations.

4. THAT DESIRABLE ATTITUDES TO BOTH WORK AND PLAY ARE IMPORTANT.

Therefore — every boy will be expected to share in camp duties and participate in constructive work as well as play and recreational activities.

5. THAT EMOTIONAL MATURITY AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS ESSENTIAL TO A WELL-BALANCED LIFE.

Therefore — ample opportunity will be given for boys to spend quiet unorganized periods in the camp, on the trails, in the canoes, in the woods, and around the campfires.

WE BELIEVE:

6. THERE IS AN EVER-INCREASING NEED FOR GREATER INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF ALL.

Therefore — the camp will be open to boys of any race, color or creed and the programme will include activities international in character.

7. THAT PHYSICAL FITNESS IS TAKING ON A MORE IMPORTANT ROLE IN A SEDENTARY SOCIETY.

Therefore — every boy will be encouraged to take part in activities which will increase strength, stamina and endurance.

8. THAT MATURE AND SKILLED LEADERSHIP IS ESSENTIAL.

Therefore — all staff and counsellors will be required to meet high standards and will be carefully selected as to their personality, skill and interest in boys.

9. THE CONSERVATION OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT.

Therefore — every opportunity will be given for boys to develop a love and appreciation of trees, flowers, birds and animals in their natural setting.

10. THE INDIVIDUAL BOY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE CAMP.

Therefore — every part of camp will be planned to do the most for each camper according to his ability and needs.





CAMPCRAFT

"Your axe should always be sharp."



WILDERNESS TREKKING

"What are we waiting for?"



RIDING

"Out for the morning trail ride."

THE CAMP PROGRAMME

CAMPFIRE COOKING

"Sure smells good!"



NATURE LORE
BIRD RECOGNITION
PHOTOGRAPHY
COMPASS AND MAP
SHELTERS
AXEMANSHIP
COLLECTING
ROCK HOUNDING
CAMPFIRES
CHALLENGE NIGHTS
CAMP SINGING
SKITS
CAMP LIBRARY

WILDLIFE

"Mounting a ground squirrel."





BOATING

"Do we have to come in now?"

Waterfront Programme

SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

REGATTAS

ROWING

LIFE-SAVING

CANOE SAILING

FISHING

RECREATIONAL SWIMMING

CROSS THE LAKE SWIM

CANOE INSTRUCTION



SWIMMING

"Boy . . . is this water mint!"

CANOEING

"Heading for the portage and two days out."



LIFE SAVING

"That's the rhythm . . . easy now!"



FISHING

"Hope I get a trout!"





"We planned this canoe trip ourselves."

FOOD SERVICES

A modern kitchen and a professional cooking staff plan and prepare high quality meals. Evening snacks are served at the end of each day.

"Boy, am I ready for dinner!"



CABIN GROUPS

Camp Dekka operates on the basic concept that social maturity results from boys living together in small groups with a mature and skilled leader. Campers live in tents or cabins and have every opportunity to initiate and carry out daily activities and projects.



"Is the nurse in?"

HEALTH SERVICES

A camp nurse and a health centre ensures that the welfare of each boy is adequately cared for. A radio telephone puts the camp in immediate contact with the doctor at 100 Mile House. Both of the directors have advanced training in life-saving and first aid.

"What a fine looking staff."

THE CAMP STAFF

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, along with a carefully selected staff, personally supervise the camp programme and have a close contact with the campers at all times.

A confidential report is sent to all parents at the conclusion of the camping season.



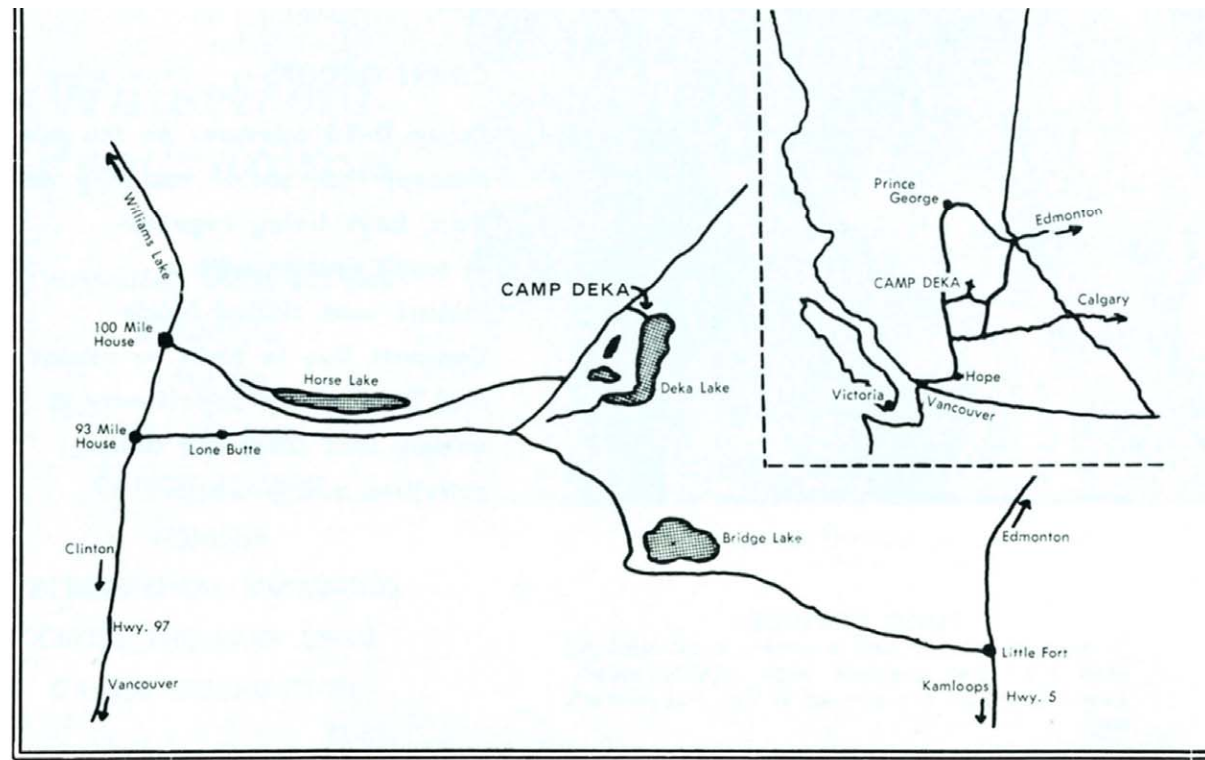
TRANSPORTATION

Boys from the west coast travel by Greyhound Bus from Vancouver to 100 Mile House (an eight hour journey). The trip into camp, a distance of 30 miles, is via chartered bus. Boys from other parts of Canada and the U.S. have special arrangements made for transportation to and from camp.

Parents wishing to drive boys to camp may do so. Resort accommodation is available a few miles away. It is suggested that it may be better to call for boys at the end of the camp period, rather than drive them to camp.

Parents are welcome to visit camp at any time. There are no formal Parents' Days.

The road from the Cariboo Highway is gravel. The distance is 32 miles from the 93 Mile House. SIGNS direct those who may wish to visit the camp. It takes about an hour to drive from 93 Mile House.



THE WILDERNESS SITE

"Lots of woods there."



SENIOR WILDERNESS CAMP

Small groups of "graduate" campers spend two weeks at the wilderness site — entirely separate from the main camp except for periodic meals and riding. Under the direction of a specially selected mature leader the boys live in a tepee, cook their own meals and plan their own programme. Here the older boys can really "live" in the out-of-doors!

"The first wilderness camp."



THE TEPEE TENT

"That's our home for two weeks."

