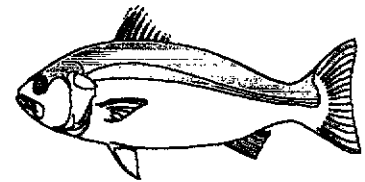
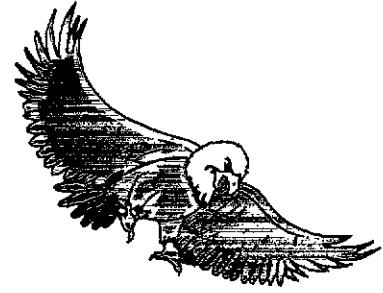


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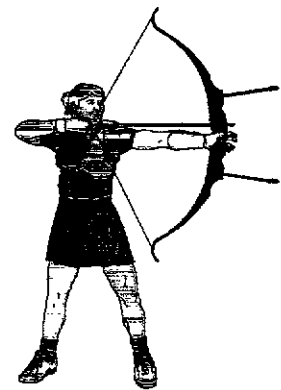


Promoting Conservation Through Camp Mollenhour



**A White Paper Project
Presented By:**

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Brent Hoffman**



History

The camp has been in existence for over sixty years. It started in 1938 as a camp for boys to learn about soil and water conservation. Originally named Kosciusko Council of Conservation Clubs, Inc., in the 1950's the name changed to C. O. Mollenhour in honor of Chauncy Mollenhour for his dedication to the camp. The focus of the camp eventually changed to bring outdoor skills to boys and recently girls as well.

The camp is staffed by volunteers. It provides cabins, modern restrooms and showers, and cooking facilities. The camp can accommodate up to 80 boys and/or girls ages 9-14.

Goals of Project

To increase the awareness of the camp and it's services in the community.

To contact and seek out identifiable sources of possible funding to support camp services either in the form of a child's registration or general maintenance.

To establish procedures and informational sources as references that can be used by future camp directors and/or volunteers in order to maintain up to date contacts.

To identify new uses of camp facilities in order to boost camp income to promote the longevity of the facilities

Goals Obtained

Several organizations were contacted either in person or through a letter (see attached letter and list of contacts). A few of these organizations invited us to speak at one of their meetings. These contacts were important for two reasons. One, to build community awareness of the camp and its services. Two, to allow us the opportunity to create contacts which will potentially lead to sources of funding. In fact we were able to raise immediate funds from these contacts.

Kosciusko Leadership Academy also provided us with a very nice contact, proving the resourcefulness of community involvement. We learned that United Way can and does have the ability to meet certain monetary requests for specific child related activities designed to educate. United Way was willing to make available, upon board approval, \$1,350 to sponsor ten children who show a desire to attend the camp but may lack the family resources to do so.

Goals Obtained (cont.)

A new colored brochure was updated. The aim of this brochure is to once again create community awareness of the camp and it's services. The legwork has been completed with the information in the possession of a local printer when the board decides to proceed.

Yet another potentially successful contact came through one of our very own classmates. Sharmion Bowell who is employed through Bowen Center, created the opportunity for Bowen Center and Camp Mollenhour to work together in the future to satisfy two needs. The camp is searching for other uses of the camp and Bowen Center has a curriculum for special needs children which includes a week long outdoor retreat as an incentive to do well. It will hopefully one day be possible that Camp Mollenhour may become the sight of choice for these recreational retreats.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we feel the long tradition of Camp Mollenhour in our community is of vital importance. With the growing need of technological experience we must not forget the continuous responsibility we have to our natural environment. This environment can provide numerous recreational activities for our children to enjoy. With the continuing promotion of our objectives Camp Mollenhour can remain a unique environmental experience for many young children.

Kosciusko Leadership Academy



Club
Contact Person
Street Address
City, State and Zip Code

Date

Dear Mr. or Mrs.:

We, as classmates of KLA, would like to bring to your clubs attention a children's camp in need of financial assistance and hope that you will present this to your members. Our white paper project is to help with the revitalization of Camp Mollenhour, a not for profit organization in Silver Lake. The camp has been in existence for over 60 years relying solely on donations and camp fees. The camp offers boys and girls, ages 9-14, a unique, one week environmental experience ranging from survival skills, boat safety, gun safety, animal and plant identification, and many more skills to numerous to mention.

We are asking your club's financial assistance in one of the following forms:

- Sponsoring a child's registration fee. Simply decide the number of children you would like to sponsor. Then, your organization can designate the children to attend, or if you should choose, you can allow the camp board to fill the attendance. The camp fee is \$135.00 per child.
- Straight monetary donation to Capital Improvement Fund: (ie. brochures, facility restorations and improvements).

We feel the long tradition of Camp Mollenhour in our community is of vital importance. We hope that you will agree with us and help keep this tradition alive for many years to come.

Should you wish to hear more about Camp Mollenhour or other ways you can be of assistance, please feel free to contact any one of us.

Thank you for your consideration.

KLA Members

Dean Trippiedi
Othy, Inc.
267-8700 Ext 201

Sharmion Bowell
Bowen Center
267-7169 Ext 431

Brent Hoffman
Lake City Bank
267-6144 Ext 6361

P.S. We would be glad to personally pick up any donations. Donations should be made out to the Kosciusko County Foundation c/o C.O. Mollenhour Conservation Camp Endowment Fund.

Clubs and Organization List

American Legion - North Webster

American Legion – Warsaw

American Legion – Pierceton

Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Kos. County

Combined Community Service

Family Learning Center

Habitat for Humanity of Kos. County

Indiana Lakeland Girl Scout Council, Inc.

Kiwanis Club – Warsaw

Kiwanis Club – Lakeland

Kiwanis Club – Wawasee

Lions Club – Warsaw

Optimist Club – Warsaw Noon

Optimist Club – Warsaw Evening

Optimist Club – Warsaw Breakfast

Pike Lake Conservation Assoc.

Kosciusko County Lakes Preservation Council

United Way

Biomet Inc.

Othy Inc.

C. O. MOLLENHOUR CONSERVATION CAMP, INC.
LONG RANGE PLAN CONCEPTS

MISSION STATEMENT

To teach the principles of conservation to young people through instruction and experiences in a camp wilderness setting.

MAJOR GOALS

- I. DEVELOP ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS
 - A. Maintain natural state as much as possible
 - B. Plant with purpose
 - C. Focus on eco system including shoreline development
- II. TEACH OUTDOOR SKILLS
 - A. Hunting
 - B. Fishing
 - C. Boating Safety
 - D. Camping
 - E. Swimming
 - F. Aquatic Biology and Lake Management
- III. PROVIDE RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES
 - A. Softball
 - B. Volleyball
- IV. PROVIDE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
 - A. Leadership
 - B. Teamwork
 - C. Achieving respect for important components of society and appreciation of others.
 - 1. Law Enforcement - Why laws protect freedom
 - 2. Conservation Department and how environment is protected



C. O. Mollenhour

1999 Conservation Camps

near Silver Lake, IN

Boy's Camp

JULY 11-16

Girl's Camp

JULY 18-23

FOR AGES 9-14

- DNR EDUCATION COURSES ON HUNTING & BOATING SAFETY
- FISH & WILDLIFE DEMONSTRATIONS BY BIOLOGISTS
- SUPERVISED HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN TRAP SHOOTING, RIFLE RANGE & ARCHERY
- WILDLIFE REHABILITATION
- AND A FULL WEEK OF OUTDOOR CONSERVATION-ORIENTED PROGRAMS

REGISTRATION FEE: \$135.00

FOR REGISTRATION FORMS OR INFORMATION

CALL: Dawn Armey (219) 267-6306 OR

Carl Lozier (219) 267-2151 OR Deron Manwaring (219) 268-1768

OR WRITE: P. O. BOX 1366, WARSAW, IN 46581



CAMP 1999:

BOYS - JULY 11 - 16

GIRLS - JULY 18 - 23

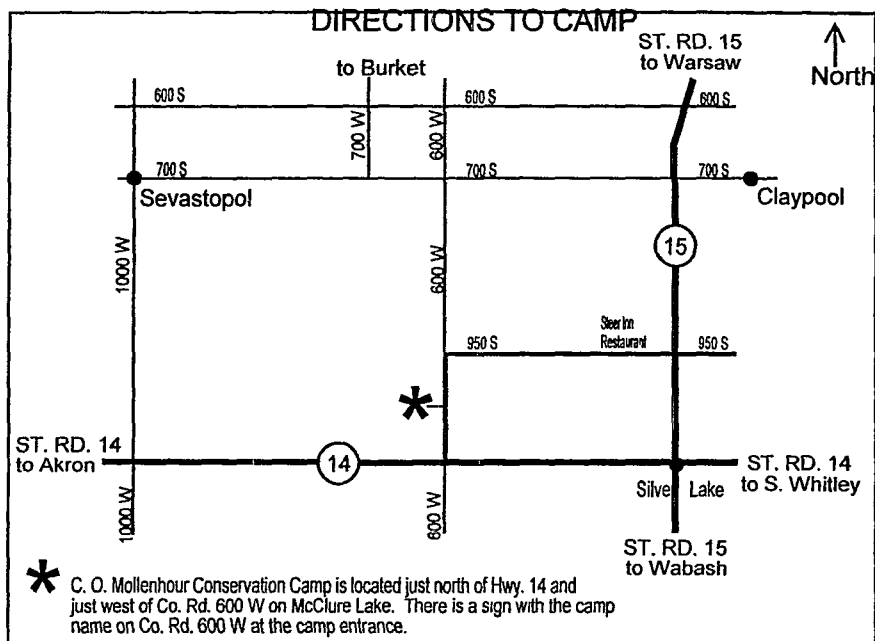
Dear Campers and Parents,

We are excitedly anticipating our 62nd year of Conservation Camps. As always, our goals are to help each child develop skills in conservation, teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship and an awareness of the outdoors. In order for us to provide for the safety and well-being of our campers while we work to accomplish these goals, we have the following rules:

1. Campers must be 9-14 years old – they must have had their 9th birthday and not yet reached their 15th.
2. Registration forms and the \$135.00 camper's fee must be returned to C. O. Mollenhour Conservation Camp, Camp Registration, P. O. Box 1366, Warsaw, Indiana 46581-1366 no later than **July 1, 1999**. The camp is limited to the first 80 registrations. Payment must be made upon registration. (Late registrations will be charged an additional \$10.00 and will only be accepted on an availability basis.) If an organization or individual other than a parent or guardian is sponsoring a camper, a check or a letter from the sponsor with the sponsor's name and phone number included **MUST** accompany the registration form.
3. Check-in will begin at **2:30 p. m. on Sunday**. Please – no early check-in's!
4. No camper will be admitted without a signed "Consent for Medical Treatment" form on file to be turned in at registration.
5. The Camp Director should be informed if any child has special needs so that consideration can be made towards those needs.
6. If there is a valid reason that a camper must leave or be visited by parents during this week, special arrangements need to be made with the Camp Director during the check in time. Should an emergency arise during the week, please call the camp to inform the director of your needs. Separation of the child from the parent is part of the camp experience.
7. Each camper is to provide a sleeping bag, pillow, extra blankets, extra towels, toilet articles, insect repellent, sun screen, flashlight, bathing trunks, clothing for five days and rain gear. Athletic equipment or fishing gear may be brought to camp, but the camper must assume full responsibility for these items. The camp cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items. Please make sure all items are marked with your child's name.
8. **DO NOT BRING BLOW DRYERS, VIDEO GAMES, RADIOS, KNIVES, POP, MONEY or FOOD.** Please do not send items of value with your child.
9. For campers' safety, swimming is only allowed during specified times and under the supervision of a lifeguard. (We use the "buddy system" as an additional safety measure.)
10. Each camper is expected to help keep the camp clean and in working order as well as cooperate with counselors, other staff and fellow campers. *Any damage to camp property will be the responsibility of the camper's parent or guardian.*
11. We will make every effort to make each camper's stay an enjoyable one, but cooperation is very important. The Camp Director reserves the right to send a camper home *at the parents expense* if they become unmanageable.
12. Rules for acceptance and participation in the program is the same for everyone without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, disability or national origin. Any person who believes he has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write to: Secretary of Agriculture Washington, DC 20250.
13. **THE AWARDS CEREMONY AND PICK-UP WILL BE ON FRIDAY AT 6:00 p. m. SHARP!** *There will be no dinner served Friday evening.* **PLEASE BE PROMPT.**

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DIRECTIONS TO CAMP



A partial list of this year's planned programs & presentations (subject to change):

- DNR Education Course on Hunting, Boating, Trapping
- Indiana Dept. of Fisheries - fish surveys, water quality & shock boat
- Forestry – Tree Identification
- Naturalist
- Waterfowl Identification
- Hands-on experience in Trap Shooting, Rifle Target Shooting and Archery
- Time for Fishing, Swimming and Canoeing
- Building Bat Boxes
- Outdoor Cooking, Cabin Competitions, Compass Reading, Fish Cleaning
- Wildlife and Non-Game Biologists – Fur-Bearing Animals and Endangered Animals
- Scuba Demonstration
- Project WILD
- Project Learning Tree

The Camp Address & Phone are:

MOLLENHOUR CONSERVATION CAMP
10265 SOUTH 600 WEST
SILVER LAKE, INDIANA 46982

PHONE: (219) 352-2607

Camp Directors are: Boys – Rich Krider and Girls – Dawn Armev
Indiana Conservation Officers provide programs and are present throughout the week.

Questions concerning the camp should be directed to: Dawn Armev (program coordinator) at (219) 267-6306 or Carl Lozier at (219) 267-2151 or Ken Murphy (219) 352-2448.

This camp is sponsored by C.O. Mollenhour Conservation Camp Council, Incorporated. All money generated by this camp is used to operate the camp and for upgrading and improving the camp's facilities. Donations are gladly accepted and necessary to continue to offer this worth-while educational experience to boys and girls. We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors for
C.O. Mollenhour Conservation Camp



C.O. Mollenhour Conservation Camp

Camper Registration and Medical Release Form

Camper's Name (first & last):	<input type="checkbox"/> Boy's Camp July 11 - 16	<input type="checkbox"/> Girl's Camp July 18 - 23	Current Date:
Street Address:	Social Security Number:	Age at start of camp session:	Birth date: / /
City:	State:	Zip Code:	Home Phone Number:
Parent's or Guardian's Place of Employment:	City:	Phone Number:	Hours:
Parent's or Guardian's Place of Employment:	City:	Phone Number:	Hours:
Emergency Contact Name (Other than Parent)	Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Relationship to Camper:
Emergency Contact Name (Other than Parent)	Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Relationship to Camper:
I have read and fully understand the rules of the C.O. Mollenhour Conservation Camp. I promise to abide by them or I will be asked to leave.			
			Signature of Camper
Each camper should have a medical check-up 30 days prior to camp. Parents or Legal Guardians are to report any unusual conditions to the camp director. I have discussed the rules with my child and assume full responsibility of my child while he/she is at camp.			
			Signature of Parent or Guardian

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY – PLEASE DO NOT MAIL CASH PAYMENTS

Payment Amount: \$ _____ NOTE: Payment or letter of sponsorship must accompany this registration form

Delegation of Authority to Consent to Health Care

Authorization by parent/guardian for another to consent to hospitalization, surgery or special medical procedures for minor child during absence of parent/guardian.

I (We) the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____ do hereby appoint the camp director of C.O. Mollenhour Conservation Camp and/or his/her designee as the person who, during my/our absence shall be authorized to consent for all medical and/or surgical treatment and/or special procedures (including by way of illustration and not limitation, administration of anesthesia, blood transfusions, diagnostic tests, etc.) which may be required during my/our absence. Without in any manner of limiting the forgoing appointment and authorization, if circumstances permit, I/we would like to have our doctor consulted in connection with such medical and/or surgical treatment and/or special procedures.

(Name, Phone and/or Address of Physician)

List camper's allergies and current medications, if any. _____

Any medical facility, it's officers and personnel and any physician providing medical or surgical services to the child named above may rely upon the consent of authorization executed by the above named appointee with the same force and effect as if personally executed by me/us. The consent and authorization shall include and extend to all matters for which consent or authorization is required under the policies of the treating medical facility. In consideration of the services which are rendered to the child named above, pursuant hereto, we agree to pay for all such services. This authorization shall be effective until the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) pick up the child at the end of camp.

Parents' or Legal Guardians' Signature(s)

Parents' or Legal Guardians' Printed Name(s)

Date

Signature of Adult Witness

In the event that this form is executed by only one parent, please state below the reason why the signature of the other parent cannot be obtained.

If the child is under guardianship, the guardian should execute this authorization. (Parents, Guardians, consult your attorney for assistance and questions of law)

FOR CAMP USE ONLY, DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

CHECK#: _____ \$ _____ SPNSR: _____ CC _____ ENTRD _____

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