SPORT AND TRAVEL SHOWS WE WILL BE ATTENDING IN 2025

February 19th - February 23rd Conference Center ry 19th

(Show closed Monday & Tuesday)

CANADA SHOW - GREEN BAY Wisconsin - Oneida Hotel (Oneida Ca January 23rd - January 26th

Travel Lite Package Plan

Brookfield, Wisconsin January [·]

CANADA SHOW

To include modern cabin, boats, motors, mixed gas, life-jackets, minnow buckets, landing nets, freezers and I bag of ice per boat daily

2 Adults per Boat.....\$605.00 per adult per Week 3 Adults per Boat.....\$580.00 per adult per Week Party of 5 Adults.....\$590.00 per adult per Week (2 Boats & 2 Motors)

Children 6 thru 12.....\$210.00 per child per Week (when accompanied by two adults) Children 5 & UnderFREE

Housekeeping Cabin

RATES INCLUDE: Modern Cabin, Boat (no motor), Freezers, and I bag of ice per boat daily

..\$555.00 per Adult per Week Children 6 thru 12.....\$210.00 per child per Week (when accompanied by two adults) Children 5 & Under

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July 5th to August 8th

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(2 Boats & 2 Motors) Children 6 thru 12.....\$185.00 per child per Week (when accompanied by two adults) Children 5 & Under

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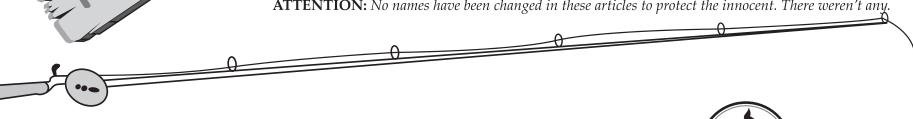
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GOLD ARROW CAMP 2024 - A Year In Review

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WARNING: FROM THE "STURGEON GENERAL", the truth of any news event reported in this paper may be stretched so far as to be hazardous to any honest fisherman's integrity. But will be okay for most of our guests to read.

ATTENTION: No names have been changed in these articles to protect the innocent. There weren't any.



EDITORIAL

You know the year is coming to a close when the Gold Arrow Newspaper is officially out! Looking back, we are amazed at what a year it was with so many guests once again gracing us with your presence. Not exactly sure how we manage to attract so many great people year after year and we certainly don't take it for granted. Overall, it was a very busy, successful season as well as an extremely smooth one. All of you were awesome leaving your cabins extremely clean, and the equipment well taken care of. Going from memory, this was the first year that not even a single prop needed replaced. Having good water levels might have had something to do with that!

Our main project this year, as promised, was spending about forty days brushing Fleet North & Fleet South Roads with access being better now than ever. In addition, the approach to Ord Lake along with all the remote portage trails were also brushed out. Our time in the brush was pretty

Naturally more road projects are already planned for next year as the brush doesn't stop growing.

With Christmas fast approaching it means we are less than a month out from our "Sport Show"

Due to an extremely high rebooking rate, we plan on only attending three sport shows this winter. Last year we attended five shows and during the

last two, we didn't have a single cabin left to offer! There is nothing worse than meeting new people at a show, getting them excited to come up, and then having to tell them we're full. If you're not already booked for 2025, consider giving us a shout prior to the sport shows starting to ensure getting the dates you want.

Thank you to every one of you who may have sat by the bon-fire with us, shared a cup of coffee in the camp store during the morning, or joined us during desert night. Getting to visit with you all is the main highlight of being your hosts.

In closing, thanks to all of you who make Gold Arrow what it is. We couldn't be more blessed. Wishing you all a very *Merry Christmas* and a fantastic 2025 filled with many new memories!



CAMP

2024 LARGEST FISH AWARDS

Species	Length	Caught By
Walleye	29"	Linda Simpkins & Garrett Carlson
Northern	44"	Amy Schmidt
Small Mouth	19.5"	Kristine Ostertag
Perch	13"	Niki Blankespoor & Al Kiepert
Muskie	50"	Ed Hofstra
Lake Trout	32"	David Sandridge
Crappie	15"	Kolten Gifford & Kevin Blankespoor
Large Mouth	16"	Marty Sennett

Nice to see so many big fish caught and released again this year. Congratulations to everyone that made the board throughout the season! Your persistence and excitement for simple bragging rights are always appreciated.









Amy Schmidt - Northern







Ed Hofstra - Muskie



BEST HOOKED AWARD PIERCE GETS PIERCED

Seems like each year someone ends up with a hook in their finger and occasionally that means a trip to the local ER to get it removed. This year, Pierce wanted to make the newspaper with the biggest bass caught but instead he is getting published for the most original, *Best Hooked*

David Sandridge - Lake Trout

Unfortunately, he forgot that he had set his lure on the bench precisely where he decided to stretch out. First time ever that we have had a hook in the back! Luckily one of his

fishing partners was a nurse and was able to Award. Taking a break from fishing, Pierce successfully remove the hook but his shirt decided that he would lay down across the didn't fair quite as well and ended up having a few holes in it for the trip home.

> Congratulations Pierce, you made the newspaper. Next year, try catching a big fish





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Tim Adrian didn't waste any time Shot his bear 10 minutes after sitting down!

cracked skillet.

ruined didn't comfort that turtle at all!



Captain Don Moore taking us and Rob & George Hamm on a speed boat ride on Perrault Lake. Beautiful, warm fall day for

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO, HMMM...

Over the years of ownership, we have had several incidences that make us scratch our

heads and wonder what people were thinking. We've had a snapping turtle brought back

to camp in a cooler, which is okay, but why did they feel the need to put our boat cushion

in the bottom of the cooler for the turtle's comfort? Believe it or not, the cushion they

There have been guys that thought it would be a good idea to put tackle boxes, coats,

and all their trash in the landing net to carry it to the truck. Surprisingly, our landing

nets aren't made to carry 50 pounds of junk to the truck, they are made to land fish. Not

We have stories that go on for days but this year we had two new incidences that we felt

we needed to share. Now we know that our ice bags aren't as strong as they used to be

and we try to explain to everyone that if you drop them gently a few times, it is better

than slamming them down once and having ice explode everywhere. Who would have

ever thought that another way to break ice would be to use an expensive cast iron skillet

like a hammer. Well, unfortunately, cast iron wasn't made to beat solid blocks of ice and

they will crack...surprisingly before the ice does. Get out your wallet, you just bought a

The second incidence luckily wasn't as costly, but could have been the end of cabin #10.

Have you ever burnt eggs and just put water in the skillet over a fire to loosen it up for

easier clean up? Well, that is a great way to do it, but when you add a plastic spatula in

the skillet and head out fishing without turning off the gas burner, bad things tend to

happen. My morning routine of collecting trash ended up being not only a cabin saver,

surprisingly, they do break and guess who just bought a broken landing net?



you can catch at Gold Arrow

Chase is in Awe of the big perch



empty, someone ends up staying behind.

bear hunt. Made for a nice 3 generation picture with Dad/grandpa Bill who just came along to fish.

DUMB CAMP OWNERS

The main purpose of this newspaper is to roast the guests for some of the crazy stunts

that they pull during the season. After all, if we can't tease you at the end of the year then

what fun is it running the camp! Angie & I could also be roasted just as much as all of you,

however, as luck usually has it nobody is around to witness/document our stupidity.

Note the word "usually" doesn't mean always. Once in a while when we think camp is

Early this fall found camp deserted, or so I thought, when I just happened to hear some

geese down at the landing. Now having geese in camp sounds inviting until you walk

out to where they were and experience their droppings they left behind. They can quickly

turn a yard or beach into a goose dropping minefield. This is why hearing geese in camp

makes my blood pressure go up. No one should have to worry about stepping in goose

Because of this, I do everything in my power to keep them away which includes a few

warning shots now and then from the good ole 12 gauge. Naturally I don't like to do

this while the guests are in camp so I usually wait until after everyone heads out fishing.

Upon hearing the geese at the landing, I quickly put three rounds in the shotgun and

slipped over to the fire pit. As usual the geese saw me and started to take flight but I was

gonna get my three warning shots off. Boom, boom, boom as the sound echoed off the

I thought to myself that was pretty darn productive until I looked down at the main dock

and saw Phil Bontempo crouched behind the bench. Note to self: a brown sweatshirt really

blends in very well with the dock bench! Thankfully, I didn't shoot in Phil's direction, but

I'm sure he was startled with the three gunshots to say the least. Something about sitting

I headed down and quickly apologized for what had to be a pretty dramatic awakening.

Fortunately, Phil seemed to take it pretty good, kidding that as long as I replace his

PEE-WEE COMES TO CAMP

Not exactly sure why bad movies from my youth seem to stick with me. Often

a flashback to the 80's (my youth era) might be triggered by a current guest's

When Heath Knepp pulled into camp this fall there was just something that took

me back to the 80's. Forget the fact that Heath has been coming to Gold Arrow

forever, there was just something different this time. At first, I thought it was the ZZ

Top beard, they were definitely popular in the 80's but, no, I had seen that before.

Maybe it had to do with the fact that Heath was attempting to be the first guest to

take a bear with his self-made bow, after all recurves were popular in the 80's. Nah,

Finally, it hit me the next day when we headed out to the bear stand. Upon unloading

my ATV, I looked behind me and asked Heath if he was ready to follow me out? He

gave me the thumbs up, honked the horn on his bike, and laughed heh, heh heh!

With that bike we had a bona fide Pee Wee Herman impersonator in camp! So yeah,

Heath was slightly picked on based on his mode of transportation getting to the

in solitude and the next thing you know a twelve gauge is cutting loose.

underwear, we'd call it good. This was my bonehead moment of the year!.

appearance, demeanor, or even their possessions.



Beautiful eagle posing so nice for this candid shot!

We had a bumper crop of blueberrries and raspberries this year. Great spring and summer with perfect rainfall each week. Been a while since we've seen



pit. Grab a cigar or pipe and your favorite beverage and join the fun



maybe the ladies will burn their bras.



Mark Wedeward posing with the biggest bear harvested this year. Congratulations, Mark!

oblivious and took Jon's boat and placed

it nicely in a driveway as if Jon had

Of course, the chains and electrical were

damaged and needed replaced, but what

a stroke of luck to find it all in one piece!

Jon, I hope you bought a lottery ticket

that day because luck was on your side!

parked it there himself.

FAMILY IS THE BEST

This year we did something that we have never done before. We completely closed down camp for a week to spend precious time with our family.

Three out of five of our boys, their wives, 2 grandkids (ages 10 months & 4 years), and a cousin were all able to arrange their schedules so that they could be in camp the same week!

Getting a chance to unwind and relax for a week with them was amazing! So many memories made, stories told and laughs shared. From our grandson catching a pike with a blueberry as bait to Todd's son thinking he had the perch record, when in fact he had caught a small mouth bass (been outta Canada a little too long, I think!) and every memory in between, we treasured our time with them all and are excited for 2025

So, thank you to our kids for making time to be with us in the place we love and thank you to our guests for understanding why we

I know we say it a lot, but we are truly



which is a huge accomplishment!

all of our predecessors, Thank You!

when we do it all again with hopefully all 5 of our kids and their families.

closed down for a week.

blessed with the best family and guests that anyone could ask for!!

GOLD ARROW 75TH ANNIVERSARY

We are not quite there yet but 2026 will mark the 75th anniversary of Gold Arrow

Camp. Looking this up, 75 years is commonly referred to as the "Diamond Jubilee"

For most receiving this newspaper, the vast majority are familiar with only the past

two owners of camp. Don & Sharon Moore purchased Gold Arrow in November of

1973, started running it in 1974 and continued to do so for the next 36 years which

is by far the longest tenure. Angie & I purchased it in 2009, and this will be our 16th

year which makes us the second longest tenure. Combined, the past two owners

have a whopping 52 of the 75 years. Often when working on a cabin I think back to

the difficulties those prior owners endured to get Gold Arrow to where it is today.

It would have been really neat to sit down with the past owners to swap stories

but unfortunately, prior to Don & Sharon, everyone else is now gone. They would

all probably tell us how lucky we are to have the modern equipment versus all the

hand tools they had to use when camp was first built. Imagine cutting ice in the

dead of winter, hauling it to shore, burying it deep in saw dust, expecting it to last

Of course, modern equipment ends at the laundry room with Angie still using the

good old wringer washer. Some things you just can't improve upon. I've learned if

history isn't documented it simply isn't preserved so with that in mind here are all

the camp owners that have helped build the legacy known as Gold Arrow Camp. To

Certificate of Ownership

the entire summer. Now we go in the ice house and get it out of a machine

WHERE'S MY BOAT

Season opener is always an exciting time busy parking lot? Jon immediately called Well, God sometimes smiles down on the are eager to be the first on Canadian explained the situation.

when he didn't show up at his normal time. When he finally pulled into camp early that evening, he appeared frazzled but in good spirit. When we ask why he was so late, he laughed and told a rather humorous story.

Coming up from Wisconsin, and for all his hard work would be destroyed. the first time ever, pulling his newly acquired, fully self-customized boat that was his pride and joy, he and his fatherin-law stopped at the Chocolate Moose to have a bite to eat. After finishing, they came out to the truck only to find that the boat and trailer were gone!

Who would have the balls to steal a boat and trailer in broad daylight and in a

for both, us as owners, and the guys who the police and when they arrived, he Maybe a little upset and talking a little

Jon Murrish is typically one of the first too loud, a guy pumping gas overhead to arrive, but this year he had us worried the conversation and approached Jon. He asked Jon if he had lost his boat and trailer and proceeded to tell him that about 30 miles south there was one sitting alongside the road.

> The description seemed to fit so Jon headed south all the while dreading that How could anything survive coming unhitched while driving 65 miles an hour and skidding into a ditch.

> On the other hand, how do two men not realize that a boat and trailer came off 30 miles ago and not notice that they weren't attached when they pulled into the restaurant to eat??

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Several of the remote lakes had some sketchy bridges at them, that were used by the timber companies to access logging areas. Not sure if this is the one that gave a short cut to Gerrard Lake, but story goes that at the end of its life, you had to move the planks around to cross it "safely". In my book, having to move planks is never "safe"!!

Diving Board

Back in the day, Gold Arrow Camp had a floating dock with a diving board. Now, if you want to dive into the water, you have to go across the lake to the cliff pull yourself up a rope and then you can plunge in from about 20 feet high. Do this at your own risk....definitely not covered by our insurance!



Pickerel Creek

Many of you will remember the scary, spider intested low clearance bridge that used to connect Jackfish Lake to Pickerel Lake. A few years ago, this relic was replaced and feels much safer to go under... and over for that matter!



These 3 VanRenterghem kids were so much

July 23, 1951 – April 13, 1959 Alex & Minnie Bethune

April 14, 1959 - September 28, 1960 **Honore Perth**

September 29, 1960 – November 6, 1973 Bill Kochan

November 7, 1973 – December 30, 2009 Don & Sharon Moore

> December 31, 2009- Present Todd & Angie Heath

The Wittkamper group always takes time to get a group shot before heading home. This year guys came from 7 different



Sometimes you have the will but not the enery to fish. Laying down on the job seems to work for Sydney.



but also a life saver. Upon opening the cabin door, I was not only greeted by a cabin full of smoke from the melted spatula in the skillet, but also a dog that was looking for some clean air to breath. Yep, their prized hunting dog was stuck inside with all the windows

YOUNGEST GUESTS OF THE YEAR

It's been a while since we have had a little one in camp but, this year, we had two that were under the age of one year old. Faith Waldock came up with her parents, Adam & Dani in June at the age of 6 months making her our youngest this year. Coming all the way from Arkansas, not only did she have a lot of hours in the ride up but she had a lot of hours in a boat.

shut. So thankful that I did my chores first thing that day.

Mistakes happen, and thankfully this one didn't end in tragedy.



I think she is destined to be a great fishing partner for nom and dad. The runnerup for youngest guest was our granddaughter, Everly, who was 10 months old in

September. She came up with her parents, Garrett & Kelsey and her brother, Jeremiah (4). She also had a long ride coming from Indiana and loved her time in the boat too.

outdoors, enjoy new adventures and realizing that they are never too young to come to Canada!



Kudos to both families for raising their kids to love the



Let me tell you I was skeptical about that darn bike getting to the stand but by gosh it performed way better than I had expected. And to top it off Heath was able to become the first hunter to ever succeed with a self-made bow!

stand. If only he had worn a red bow tie it would have been perfect.



A More Mature Heath, cira 2024

where my mom needs to bring in the soap), I

yell F*@KER while standing right infront of

the window. For some reason I immediately

look outside and who is standing in the

driveway, scared to move thinking that I

was yelling at him, but a bear hunter who

just so happens to be a minister! Granted, he

showed up 6 hours early for check-in which

was probably why he thought I was yelling

that slang at him, but I would have loved to

have a shovel to dig a hole to hide in. I don't

think I have ever been so embarrassed.

Stair step cousins. Another great group

MOM WOULD WASH MY MOUTH OUT

Saturday mornings can be hectic during normal weeks, but add in the fact that during bear season Todd leaves me around 9:00 am to run baits, and the pressure to to the foot of the bed to get more air from the get 9 cabins cleaned before guests arrive is escalated. This year was going extremely smooth, maybe too smooth, where you just know something is going to go wrong. Yep, 3rd week of bear baiting and 1st week of hunters and it happens

If you've never been in cabin #8, let me set the stage. There are 2 bedrooms, each with 2 stand-alone twin beds with a very solid, built-in bunk above the headboard end of the twin beds. Admittingly during hot the beds, I had done it backward.

Dessert night is always a hit but this particular week everyone showed up at the same time. Such a bonus to have these social times attended so well.



weather, having your head under the bunk does get a little stuffy. Most people just untuck the blankets and move their pillow ceiling fan and window.

Not the case this week. Instead, they turned both beds 90 degrees. Now, they did strip the beds for me when they left, which would normally be beneficial in time management, but not this week. As you know, there is not a lot of extra space in the bedrooms, so turning two beds was a struggle but I managed. I was making the1st bed and upon tucking in the blankets, I realized that when I turned

Lily Carlson had a day to remember on Upper Lawrence. Not only did she catch this monster, but several more in the size range. Dad must have been a good guide!

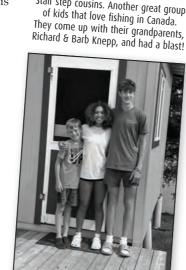


The "headboard end" of the frame was now at the foot board end. Backwards!! So much for saving me time by stripping the bed, I didn't even consider that the two ends were different. I debated on leaving it since no one would ever notice, but the OCD in me couldn't leave it wrong. I decided it was quicker to turn the mattress since it was

that wasn't it either.

already made, then rotate the beds...again. Upon getting the 2nd bed in place, I stand up with a sigh of relief and (remember those very solid, built-in bunk beds?), yep, I busted the back of my head. I was hot, sweaty, aggravated, running behind and now have a head-ache, and out of frustration, (this is

This year we had plenty of rain which means lots of beaver dams in the creeks. Some guys turn around, others, like Rob, jump out and start tearing them apart to get to their favorite lake.



Grandpa Todd showing our grandson how to bait bears. Jeremiah lead the way like it was nothing to walking into



an active bait.

The Carlson family knows how to fish. Here they had a walleye triple while fishing on Smith Lake. I guess the work getting there was worth it!





