

With over 30 years of experience,

Tim has mastered the art of

walleye fishing.

### SPORT AND TRAVEL SHOWS WE WILL BE ATTENDING IN 2026

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January 16<sup>th</sup> - January 18<sup>th</sup>

ALL CANADA SHOW - GREEN BAY Green Bay, Wisconsin - Oneida Hotel (Oneida Casino) January 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 25<sup>th</sup>

> Bryan Carlson got up early and was ewarded with a nice stringer of dock caught crappie

INDIANAPOLIS BOAT, SPORT & TRAVEL SHOW

Indianapolis, Indiana - Indiana State Fair Grounds February 20<sup>th</sup> - February 22<sup>nd</sup>

February 25th - March 1st

(Show closed Monday & Tuesday)

Raleigh with his 40" muskie.The color on this beauty is amazing.





Coeltan found out on his first trip to

Pretty nice small mouth Miles







Taylor landed a beautiful perch







Kitchel with his first ever muskie. Measuring 41", it might be a while before he catches a bigger one.

# **Travel Lite** Package Plan

RATES 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.....\$615.00 per adult per Week 3 Adults per Boat.....\$590.00 per adult per Week

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

Housekeeping Cabin

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Children 5 & Under .....FREE

(when accompanied by two adults)

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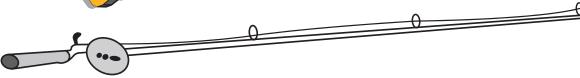
# GOLD ARROW GAMP

2025 - 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

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



Camp will celebrate our 75th year of being in operation and our 17th year as owners. It has been an honor to be the fifth owner of such an amazing camp, and we look forward each year to the new adventures, experiences, guests, and fun times we have along the wav. Though we knew it would be a great lifestyle, we had no idea the memories and lifelong friends we would make during this journey. Each year, we look back and realize how blessed we are to be able to give so many people an experience that will hopefully last forever in their memories too.

As the holidays approach, we want to take a moment to wish each of you a very blessed

Species

Walleye

Perch

Muskie

Lake Trout

Large Mouth

Whitefish

Crappie

Northern

Small Mouth

**2025 LARGEST FISH AWARDS** 

Caught By

Roger Robenhorst

Howard Loker

Mike Ostertag

Anthony Purdy &

Garrett Duhnovsky &

Chase Cook

Rob Hamm

Isaac Purcell

Tom Baugh

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

Aaron Anderson

Length

28"

42"

13 5/8"

30"

Year. Here's to making new memories, and may they be filled with fantastic experiences with good friends and family.

God Bless; Todd & Angie



Aaron Anderson - Small Mouth Bass





Tom Baugh - Whitefish









# **BEST HOOKED AWARDS - BRUCE AND JEREME GET PIERCED**

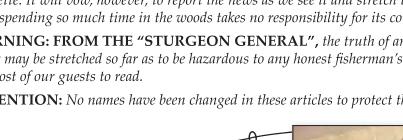
are always appreciated.

This year was a close race for the Jereme Wiederin came to camp. a crappie out of the water! Hearing

Best Hooked Award. We had two First day, and after only a few hours this, I double checked to make sure contestants vying for the award. on the water, he also took a treble the doctor really did remove the Bruce Harder was first to enter the hook to his finger. The hook was hook, and sure enough, it was gone. contest. In June, mid-week, he made equally as deep, but he added a little Like Spiderman, I think his hand a trip to Dryden for his hook removal. flair by getting his ring finger. Trip absorbed something off the hook The treble hook was deep in his index to Dryden and again a successful and gave him superpowers to catch finger, but the doctors removed it removal with no side effects...or so fish bare-handed. Because of this, easily with no issue. Bruce definitely we thought. Mid-week, Jereme's Jereme, you win the award for Best made a valiant effort to win the group heads to the north dock for Hooked in 2025! Congratulations to competition. No additional guests some night fishing. Lights on and both contestants, but keep in mind, wanted to enter the competition fish in the water, Jereme reaches there are better ways to get your until the end of September, when down and, with his bare hands, pulls picture in the newsletter.















Howard Loker - Northern Pike

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best walleye measuring in at 27"



The Knepp family of bear hunters. 6 hunters, 5 bear harvested. Great shooting guys!



Pierce, 16, skipped school to harvest his first bear. Definitely a good trade off in his eyes!

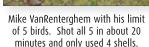


done on night #5



Brody Swartzentruber didn't give up and finally got his bear on the last





# I think she was proud of you, Bryan.

Vanna White, aka Sydney, showing off her dad's catch.

Arrow, could always tell a story or two

about lost bear hunters spending the night

in the bush. The stories were usually

quite colorful, followed by a chuckle since

Hunters spending the night in the woods

usually occurred in the process of tracking

Lost hunters also occurred because they did

not mark the trail as they followed the bear

deeper into the woods. Today, when we

which guides us right back to the bait site.

This works even on the darkest of nights, as

the white toilet paper stands out nicely, and

with the next rainfall, the toilet paper will be

This year, for the spring bear hunt, one of the

washed from existence.

help guide them back from the bush.

everything always seemed to turn out ok.



Jerry Pipp introduced his grandson, Jackson, to Canadian fishing. He was definitely a fan!.

walks right under his stand.

Mr. Moore, the previous owner of Gold hunt, Mr. Bear decides to cooperate and

a bear with no one staying at the bait site to was to believe, there was no blood to be

track bears, we hang toilet paper in the trees, bear, so it was time to get out of the woods.

hunters was Jason Scholten. To say Jason is shoreline of the lake. He then proceeded to

a seasoned hunter at Gold Arrow would be head south, keeping the shoreline in sight,

an understatement. A few days into Jason's knowing that our boats were at the road he

**LOST BEAR HUNTER?** 

being too close and, as Iason found out, 5

yards is too close! After taking the shot and

waiting a few minutes as the bear crashed

through the woods, Jason got out of his tree

and looked for a blood trail. As hard as it

Jason exhausted all possible game trails,

going deeper and deeper into the woods

until he concluded that he did not hit the

Thankfully, he didn't panic and looked

around to get his bearings. He knew that

he was hunting on the east side of Gerrard

sun, he headed west until he could see the

at the Air Base they would meet in the

evenings in the breezeway where it was

got back home, thus the Breezeway Boys

were formed. The breezeway sounds like

a cool place to meet until you hear that it

is routinely 110 degrees in Saudi Arabia.

So, does that mean the breezeway was a

comfortable 90 degrees?

shooting a few grouse.

Lake, and with the help of the sinking

Only problem is, which way was out?



Bob Lomont held the record for several weeks with this 13  $\frac{1}{2}$ " perch. Great catch, Bob!

Believe it or not, there is such a thing as The only problem is if you ever analyzed the



lim Johnson and his daughters, Jenna & Justine. One of the few father/ daughter groups we have.

was hunting off from. Sounds easy enough,

shoreline, you would see just how rugged it

is. It is filled with small cliffs, ravines, and

bogs to traverse through, along with many

deadfalls to climb over. Not only a difficult

route of about a mile and a half, but also one

he would have to complete in rubber knee

The good news is that roughly two hours

after he started this route, he arrived at our

boats. The bad news is he now needed to

head back north 2 miles to get to his ATV at

Finally, around dark, he made it back to

where it all began. Needless to say, after all

those miles, Jason didn't have any problem

falling asleep that night. The next morning,

we headed out just to take a second look at

where the bear was shot at, and after three

guys looked for over an hour, I am pleased

to report it was indeed a clean miss.

boots and without any drinking water.



Several from our family came up for a week of relaxation and laughs. Great memories made!

YOUNGEST GUEST OF

THE YEAR

### WHAT ELSE COULD POSSIBLY HAPPEN?

Arrow with their family for quite a few and upon turning sharply, you guessed it, years now. Each year is entertaining and full of laughs, but this year topped all the past now there is a dent in the truck's tailgate years combined.

Coming up from Illinois, two trucks pulling two boats, 5 family members strong. The trip was going well until they entered Minnesota, and that is when the crazy week from hell began.

Dave decides to hand off the driving to Lisa so he can rest, and, of course, that's when a suicidal bear decides to run across the road. Lisa did everything right and held her line as not to cause an accident, but the bear ran right into the boat trailer. It did cause some damage, but nothing too bad that they can't continue on with their trip, so onward to Gold Arrow.

A couple of days after arriving, they venture to Cliff Lake. Fishing wasn't the best, so they load the boats on the trailers, put everything in the bed of the truck, but forgot to shut the

Now, getting out of Cliff Lake public landing

the tailgate and trailer come together, and to match the damaged boat trailer from the

Just when you think nothing else could possibly go wrong, Dave decides to throw his Father's Day present fishing pole into Nancy Lake. Miraculously, after quite a few casts, they are able to bring it up. Good

Well, it was until the following morning when they were loading the boat and Dave turned his fishing seat only to realize that his pole tip was in the seat and he snapped off the tip of the pole he just recued from the bottom of the lake. Later that day, Lisa also broke her pole while fishing. Now things usually happen in 3's, right? Well not for them, they are just getting warmed up!

Now, out on Mystery Lake, Dave's cruising along with his trolling motor, and they are having a good time catching smallmouth. Only problem is that the trolling motor locks up, and they can't shut it off or change

Dave and Lisa have been coming to Gold to head north requires a pretty sharp turn, speed. It is frozen in the "ON" position and

I guess they will fish with the 150HP he has

Now, leaving Mystery is quite an incline and very rutted out, so you have to really pick your line and go. Well, Devon, their son, is pulling his bass boat with a new GMC truck and doesn't want to damage it either so, you guessed it, it gets stuck. With no tow strap,



that Dave can hook on and give Devon a little help getting his GMC up the hill (I'm telling you, Ford is the way to go, lol).

So now it is Friday, and all should be good,

NOT! With lots of chickens, ducks, and 4 dogs at home, they hired a pet sitter for the week. Now I can't go into detail, but trust me when I say the security cameras that they had at the house showed images of the sitter that gave me nightmares for weeks. The lady went off her medication and trashed their house, and did some other crazy stuff that was unimaginable, and ended up with her getting arrested. Thankfully, though, all the animals were fine.

### LOCKSMITH TO THE RESCUE

Based on a typical Saturday turnover, we have learned that not everyone respects our 3:00 p.m. check-in time, but all things considered, the majority of you are very good by not arriving too early.

After getting up early and cleaning nine cabins, the check-in time gives Angie & I a chance to shower and grab a bite to eat prior to your arrival.

Often, folks running a little bit ahead of schedule will make a side diversion, such as stopping to pick berries, hitting up the Beer Store in Dryden, eating lunch at the Whiskey Jack, or maybe fishing the falls at the Wabaskang River.

noticed that he was running a little bit ahead of schedule, so he decided to stop at the falls and see if he could catch a Walleye or two. After fishing for a bit, he glanced at his watch and decided it was time to move on

Locksmith. The closest was in Dryden,

Reaching into his pocket for his keys, he was there. Thinking he might have dropped was pleasantly surprised when somebody avail. They could have fallen out on the Locksmith showed up and got his truck bank where he was fishing, but they weren't unlocked. there either, so now what?

Don did have a spare key in the truck, so if pay, Don felt something strangely familiar: he could just get inside, he could continue

Don Blasing was heading to camp and to camp. He thought about breaking a side window, but maturity made him realize that probably wasn't a good idea!

Looking at his phone, he was surprised to see he had service, so he called a local which is nearly 45 minutes away, but still better than breaking a window. Figuring somewhat surprised to feel that they weren't he would get an answering machine, he them, he looked all around the truck to no actually answered. An hour later, the

Reaching for his billfold in his back pocket to

Cary Carlson held the pike record for

quite a while with this 40" beauty

As Don later said, he never puts keys in his back pocket, but in his excitement to go fishing, he must have done it subconsciously. The bright side in all this is we now have a name for a good Locksmith, Don still has all his truck windows intact, and it was only a \$200 "Canadian currency" lesson.



## **MAKING DO**

Most guests try to pack light but also try not to forget essentials. Sometimes, Todd and I shake our heads when we see people unpacking and wonder how or why they bring so much stuff for a week of fishing.

Others amaze us when we tell them to unpack, then come get their gear, and we see them back in 15 minutes. Did they even remember to pack underwear? How did they get done so fast?

This year we had two funny exceptions. Adam and Dani brought their almost 2-year-old daughter up, and packing for a toddler's needs is difficult! At that age, getting sick and cutting teeth seem to happen at the most inconvenient times.

Trying to figure out how high her fever was without a baby thermometer, Adam's dad wisdom kicks in, and he used his meat thermometer. Making do in the middle of nowhere is key, but my question is, how did a meat thermometer rank higher than a baby thermometer in the

packing list? Another example of making do occurred when Jason showed up for his bear hunt with his ATV on a trailer.

Only problem was, his ATV seat blew off somewhere between Iowa and Canada. I've never road down our bear trails on an ATV without a seat, but I can't imagine it would be very comfortable. Luckily, we have 2 ATV's so we took our seat off one of them and let him borrow it. It wasn't a perfect fit, but again, we made do in the middle of nowhere.

Ben Schmidt and Hunter Sanderson

had a good day of grouse hunting!

Tim Boyce's smile is almost as

big as his catch



Smoker's bar, also known as the fire pit

### **DRY CONDITIONS**

On August 9th the City of Milwaukee received 9.18 inches of rain, with some areas receiving as much as 14 inches. Bryan & Sue Blanke from the Milwaukee area happened to be in camp that week, and watching them attempt to get someone to pump their basement out was sad to see.

What does this weather report have to do with Gold Arrow, you might ask? Well in direct comparison, we received a TOTAL of 10 inches of rain from the end of April through the

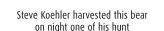
Milwaukee got in one day what we got over the entire five-month season! As you can imagine, a lack of rain never helps with lake levels, especially the remote bush lakes

Fortunately, Mr. Beaver was helpful building some dams in just the right places, which kept the streams to Gerrard, Caribou, and Schultz high enough for most of the season.

Pickerel was the only lake lost for part of the season due to low water. Another negative with the lack of rain was the very minimal berries to be found. The blueberries were small and sporadic. There were basically no raspberries, pin cherries, or mountain ash

One positive was that, with the lack of berries, the fall bear baits were quite active. We were happy to see the bears harvested were still sporting a lot of body fat. This means the bears were able to find other food sources to help prepare them for winter hibernation.

Forest fires were also prevalent in Northwestern Ontario this past summer, fortunately with no serious ones close by. There were times when the air had a slight smokiness, but never so bad that you couldn't go out and fish. Hopefully, next year we can bounce back to normal rainfall amounts.





Barry Lomont is showing off his group's table full of fish. Looks like a lot of work to me.



In 2011, the Anderson siblings were at Gold Arrow with their parents. Now, 14 years later, they made a return trip for more memories.



David Weaver harvested our biggest bear of the year. Hard to believe, but it was a huge sow!



Shawn Eisch with Ginger and Barney. These dogs are hunting machines.



### This year we didn't have any big projects During covid we replaced all the cabin decks grass in their place seemed like a waste of growing trees and shrubs, and also clearing time with the lack of rain, but eventually it out all the bear trails.

The 3 main storage sheds had a few rotting boards, so they were all replaced, and the maintenance never ends, and the little sheds were all painted. Cabin 4 received a new toilet and new vinyl flooring, and Cabin 11's porch floor was replaced.

Todd continues his war with the roadside and brush growing. Many hours were spent clearing the overhanging limbs, quick-

Arrow. Congratulations to Jordan & Mariah. Wishing you many years of happiness!



Sad year at Gold Arrow when we were told that the Derdzinski's were calling it quits. Thank you for many great years and



Michaela Hudson with a monster musky. Not quite as big as her dad's record setter, but very respectable!



they call camp, and Todd takes one down so



I admire this family's resilience. Not sure that I would have been smiling and laughing through the week they had...well, at least up until the dog sitter incident...or ever rebooked another vacation in my life. but they are an amazing and fun family who enjoy life and time together and took it all in stride with a smile on their face the whole week. Till next year, Dave and Lisa, and we pray for a year of no incidents!

# **BREEZEWAY BOYS ARRIVE**

If you Google the distance from the United asked about it they said that while stationed States to Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia, it seems a straight line is roughly 7,500 miles. Pretty safe to say not too many cooler and discuss what to do once they of us have been there or, for that matter, ever been that far from home.



This fall Gold Arrow was honored to have Ben, Hunter, Jereme, Jacob, and Daniel, aka the "Breezeway Boys" who had been stationed at Prince Sultan Air Base. These guys represent the finest that the US Military has to offer and were a joy to be around.

I was curious, however, just how did they get their nickname, and how in the world did they end up at Gold Arrow? When

,500 miles away planning a trip to Canada.

It is humbling to think of guys that far away planning a trip to come to your place. Men, hank you for choosing Gold Arrow and more importantly thank you for all that you

Anyways over the course of two years of planning, notes and ideas shared back and forth on Microsoft Teams, discussing what to do once they got home, they finally decided on a fishing trip. The goal being someplace that was not hot, somewhere they could catch fish, and somewhere they hit 440 guests for 2025. could use their weapons training while

Being away from home, these nightly breezeway sessions gave them something to look forward to. I can just picture this but instead, record-setting cancellations! group of young men sitting in a foreign land

This year's winner, hands down, was our own grandson Hudson James Heath. Born in Iune and arriving in camp 3 months later, he wins the award this year.

Being first-time parents and taking on an adventure with a 3-month-old baby is quite an undertaking, but Hudson loves the outdoors and took it all in stride.

So thankful to have not only Hudson in camp this year, but several from our family who joined us for our week of shutdown. It means the world to us. Thank you all for taking time out of your lives to spend with us in our little piece of heaven.

## **CANCELLATIONS AND DEPOSITS**

Coming into the 2025 season, we were looking at a record-setting year of guests. Typically, we are blessed with about 350 - 375 people each year. In 2024, we had people. Thinking we would never see a best to fit you in and move your deposit. better year, we were surprised when we

Knowing that things happen throughout the year, we always expect to have a few cancellations. Little did we know, this would not be a year of record-setting guests

In total, 55 people cancelled this year. Some with good reason, others with no reason at all. Was it fear of the border with tariff threats or passport issues? We don't know, but we had to make changes to our policy to protect ourselves.

We decided to split the risk 50/50. The deposit has been bumped to \$300 per person. The rest of our policy has not changed. If you need to move your date to a fantastic year, reaching a little over 430 a different time in the year, we will do our

> Of course, we can't guarantee that we will have an opening, so please make arrangements with work, family, hotels, etc, before locking in your week. If you need to cancel, we will try our best to fill your vacancy. If we are able to refill your cabin, we will refund your deposit. We know that things happen, but please realize this is our livelihood, and we have a very short window to do so. Thank You

All are somewhat minor details and mostly

unnoticed improvements to guests, but

things are what keep the camp looking and

running smoothly, and bush roads and trails

# **2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

to complete, but we did have several small, sometimes unnoticed changes. One of these last longer and keep the wood siding our top priority items was to replace the behind them from rotting, we decided it was the fish cleaning table. Hard to believe with all the water that goes onto it, the original frame lasted over 20 years. Rust had finally eaten its way through, so now we have an industrial-strength frame that will long outlast our tenure.

broken, rusted-out steel frame holding up time to put gutters on the problem areas. So, 5 cabins now have new gutters. Over the years, we have lost a lot of big

trees in the yard, leaving lots of stumps and exposed roots to mow around. This summer, with the dry ground, we decided it was a good time to remove all 11 of them. Planting

and built a few new ones. In order to make

did fill in pretty well.

Another marriage proposal at Gold





