American Camping Association Convention
Children's Welfare Federation Luncheon
Hotel Pennsylvania, March 4, 1966

OUTLINE OF L.B.S.' TALK

1200 camps in N.Y. state – 250,000 campers
A.C.A. study for figures in U.S.

Organization Camps:

By organization camps is meant –

Boy and Girl Scouts
4-H
Church
Welfare
Boys clubs
Camps whose fees pay only part of expenses

Programs vary as names – each as year-round feature

Organization camps are pressed to care for large numbers and it is
easy to slide into pattern of mass camping –
regimented
routinized
military pattern
competitive

Aims of Camping –

Have been very general – off streets
vacations in country
added pounds and costs of tan
good citizenship

Resulted in programs and outcomes of very general nature

Should we not now think more of individual – his personality growth
and development and his relationship to environment and group –
and related problems.

Meaning of Camping –

More than city activities or school in woods

Adventure, exploration and discovery – in smaller groups as the es-
sential part of program.

What is Youth's Challenge to Camping today –

We have approached youth problems:
Often after it is too late
And while it is being too late
And before it is too late
They need more help before it is too late - with purposeful, vigorous character building activities.

Youth needs more activity.

We now have a new champion in this general field -

Boys Club of America - congratulations

Mr. Sanford Bates - formerly Dir. - Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Govt.
now Executive Director of Boys Club

He knows about - when too late
He is now giving his force and thinking to
the cooperative character-building activity.

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