

~~-----~~ American Camping Association Convention  
~~-----~~ Children's Welfare Federation Luncheon  
Hotel Pennsylvania, March 4, 1938

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 coats 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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