

1964, an additional 50 acres of land were acquired to provide for the constantly increasing needs for camping service in Montreal.

Ottawa

Camp B'nai B'rith in Ottawa was founded in 1935 when Ottawa Lodge came to the assistance of local Jewish Boy Scouts who wanted to spend a couple of weeks at camp. When it was discovered that the majority of these Scouts could not afford to pay their way, the lodge sponsored 40 boys between the ages of 12 and 17 at a camp situated just outside of Fritzroy Harbour.

In 1936, 75 boys were accommodated at the same site. Camp directors were volunteers and a number of junior counsellors served without pay and even paid a nominal amount for their stay during the two weeks of the camp season. In 1937, the camp was located at Dunrobin, Ontario. More than 80 youngsters attended and plans were considered by the Executive of Ottawa Lodge to move to a bigger and better site. In 1938, new camping grounds were obtained and many improvements were made in facilities. That year, too, boys were accommodated for a four-week period after which a two-week period was set aside for girls. In 1939, Ottawa Lodge decided to search for a permanent site and plans were developed to hire an experienced director and a staff of counsellors.

From 1939 to 1945, the camp's operation was suspended because of the War. In 1945, however, a 100-acre site was acquired near Quyon, Quebec. It was also felt that while the necessity for an "underprivileged children's camp" had almost reached the vanishing point, there was an urgent need for a camp for Jewish children in the Ottawa area.

Today, Ottawa's Camp B'nai B'rith is a modern, community service which includes a staff of 100, with a completely equipped Health Centre where a qualified doctor and registered nurses are in attendance throughout the camp period of seven weeks. All campers are housed in cabins and the different cabin areas have indoor washrooms with hot running water and showers. The camp also has a recreation hall, an arts and crafts workshop, four tennis courts, a canteen, a chapel and a counsellor's lounge. Fees are \$200 for a three-and-a-half week period and \$400 for the full seven-week period for Ottawa residents. Non-residents can attend but fees vary from \$250 to \$500 for such campers. Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14 are accepted and provision exists for scholarships for those who cannot afford all or part of the fee.



GIRL campers enjoy a rest after a spirited game of volleyball. Sports are important part of program.