

## GIRLS CAMP AT EBERHART

Our Centennial caused many questions to be asked. One of them was: Who Have the Directors Been? The Boys' Camp directors are well identified thanks to Tom Vance. It was easy for my contemporaries to assume that Mrs. Cooper had directed Girls' Camp from the beginning. It is hard to imagine anyone before her but history doesn't start with our memories. I searched for information in files at the South Bend Public Library and the YWCA in South Bend. Girls' Camp started in 1913 with two weeks of camp run by the YWCA. I did not find any mention of who was in charge. In 1915 most or all of the YWCA staff went to camp for ten days in August. A Miss Myers may have been the director. In 1918 there were nine days in August. For 1919 to 1921 Mrs. Robert Happ may have directed. Her name was prominent during those years. In 1922 there were eight days in August and Miss Mary C. Johnson of Berea College, Kentucky was the director. In 1929 there was reference to the annual two weeks at Eberhart and Girls' Camp was 10-24 July. Irene Sibreil (Sibrel?), Mrs. William Sibreil, directed 1928 and 1929. Starting in 1930 Girls' Camp was always mentioned in June, but I don't have dates for all years. I remember June, cold and wet. In 1933 Mrs. Cooper, was on camp staff. She was a widow and not yet married to Coop. Miriam Ellerman directed and in 1934 Miriam Ellerman Bowles directed. Director for 1935-1937 was Miss Leona E. Hannon. Miss Barbara King directed in 1938 and Miss Bayonne Gray in 1939-1941. Director for 1942 was Beverly Myers and in 1944 and again in 1946 Irene Sibreil was back as director. Mrs. Cooper was camp nurse in 1945 and Marguerite Cook of Acton, Ohio was director. The last year of YWCA camp was 1946.

Margaret Van Hoesen of Scotia, New York directed Girls' Camp for the YMCA in 1947. I have no information on who directed 1948 and 1949 and Mrs. Cooper was director in 1950 and I assume continuously until she retired in 1965.

Nancy Campbell Smith, Pam Frambourg and Gina Lionberger followed. I am not sure of which years. There were more after that.

Any one with memory or solid information about things I have missed or have wrong please let me know at: [dmoore@iquest.net](mailto:dmoore@iquest.net).

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CAMP EBERHART  
GIRLS' CAMP

YEAR	DATES	DURATION	ORGANIZATION	DIRECTOR	NOTES
1909-1912					no girl's camp
1913		2 weeks	YWCA		
1914			YWCA		
1915	2-12 Aug		YWCA	could have been Miss Myers	YWCA staff went to camp
1916			YWCA		
1917			YWCA		
1918	19-28 Aug		YWCA		
1919			YWCA	could be Mrs. Robert G. Happ	
1920			YWCA	could be Mrs. Robert G. Happ	
1921			YWCA	could be Mrs. Robert G. Happ	
1922	21-29 Aug		YWCA	Miss Mary C. Johnson of Berea College KY	
1923			YWCA		
1924			YWCA		
1925	10-23 Aug		YWCA		
1926			YWCA		
1927			YWCA		
1928			YWCA	Irene Sibreil, Mrs. William Sibreil	
1929	ends 24 Jul	2 weeks	YWCA	Irene Sibreil, Mrs. William Sibreil	"annual two weeks"
1930	starts 15 Jun	2 weeks	YWCA		
1931	ends 28 Jun	2 weeks	YWCA		
1932			YWCA		
1933	18 Jun-	2 weeks	YWCA	Miss Miriam	Mrs. C was

	2 Jul			Elleman	there
1934	end 1 Jul	3 weeks	YWCA	Mrs. Miriam Elleman Bowles	Mrs. C was there
1935	9-30 Jun		YWCA	Miss Leola E. Hannon	
1936	start 14 Jun		YWCA	Miss Leola E. Hannon	
1937	13 Jun-3 Jul		YWCA	Miss Leola E. Hannon	
1938	12 Jun-2 Jul		YWCA	Miss Barbara King	
1939	11 Jun-1 Jul		YWCA	Miss Bayonne Gray	
1940			YWCA	Miss Bayonne Gray	
1941	8-29 Jun		YWCA	Miss Bayonne Gray	
1942			YWCA	Beverly Myers	
1943	13 Jun-4 Jul		YWCA	Beverly Myers	
1944			YWCA	Mrs. Irene Sibrel	
1945			YWCA	Marguerite Naeve Cook, Acton OH	Mrs. C. was nurse
1946	16-29 Jun	2 weeks	YWCA	Irene T. Sibrel	
1947			YMCA	Margaret Van Hoesen, Scotia NY	
1948			YMCA		
1949			YMCA		
1950		2 weeks	YMCA	Mrs. Cooper	
1951	10 Jun-	3 weeks	YMCA		
1952			YMCA		
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