

**P089- YMCA John Island Camp fonds**  
**1910-1990**  
**41.2 cm of textual records & photographs**

**Administrative history:** "John Island Camp, constructed and owned by the Sudbury Y's Men's Club and operated by the Sudbury Y.M.C.A, was first opened in 1954 and has operated annually since that time. The camp objective is ...'To Offer High Quality Camping for Youth in Northern Ontario'."<sup>1</sup>

"On the eastern shores of John Island lies the site of YMCA John Island Camp. Donated to YMCA Sudbury by the Bell family in 1949, the 272-acre property features a 1/2 km long sandy beach with camper cabins set among the pines at its edge."<sup>2</sup>

**Scope and Content:** The records describe the daily activities of the camp and camp tradition, as well as the operational and financial side of running such a camp. The photographs portray the children and camp activities.

The fonds is divided by business papers, newsletters, newspaper clippings, pamphlets and photographs.

**Note: Immediate source of acquisition:** The fonds was donated by Gary Gray, Executive Director of YMCA, John Island Camp in 1993.

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<sup>1</sup> John Island Camp for boys and girls brochure.

<sup>2</sup> John Island Camp Website: <http://www.johnisland.ymca.ca/summercamp/location.htm> [dead link]

### Listing

1. Alumni Meeting  
1954-1983  
0.6 cm of textual records  
  
"The Camp Reunion" by Gary Gray, John Island Camp News, newsletter.
2. Annual Reports  
1958-1970  
2.6 cm of textual records  
  
Reports.
3. Camp News  
1955-1972  
2.9 cm of textual records  
  
Newsletters.
4. Camp Papers, songs, etc.  
1956-1971  
1.1 cm of textual records  
  
Newsletters, schedules, letter from Hector the Indian Chief, letters, songs.
5. Counsellor Training Certificates  
n.d.  
1 sheet  
  
Blank certificate.
6. History  
1923-1958  
0.7 cm of textual records  
  
Speech by H. T. Berry, correspondence, description of the camp, summary of camp capital fund, expansion plan.
7. Ledger  
1966; 1981-1987  
4 cm of textual records  
  
Listings of payments & fees by camp members.

8. Memorabilia  
1982-1990  
14 badges, 5 brochures  
  
Honor Camper badge, Polar Bear badge GRA-Y badge, John Island Camp badge, Woodsman badge, Master Camper badge, brochures.
9. Miscellaneous  
1954-1967  
0.4 cm of textual records  
  
Christmas card, article, newsletter, proposed design of Hi-Y on the lakeshore, ad in paper.
10. Newsletter  
1958-1972  
2.4 cm of textual records  
  
Newsletters such as: "The John Islander", "Director's Chit-Chat", "Smoke Signal" and "John Island Totem Scroll."
11. Newspaper clippings  
1954-[198-?]  
0.8 cm of textual records  
  
Clippings.
12. Pamphlets  
1957-1978  
2.2 cm of textual records  
  
Pamphlets, application forms.
13. Reunion  
1965-1971  
0.3 cm of textual records  
  
Correspondence, newsletter, invitations.
14. [Counsellor's Handbook]  
1964-1969  
2.7 cm of textual records

Handbooks.

15. [Song Books]  
n.d.  
0.5 cm of textual records

Song books.

16. [JIC Manual]  
n.d.  
1 cm of textual records

John Island Camp Manual.

17. [Camp Manual]  
1971-1972  
2.5 cm of textual records

Information regarding the camp and documentation for the operation of the camp.

18. [Operation Manual]  
1964-1973  
4.5 cm of textual records

Staff listing, budgets, facility guides, minutes, transportation, forms, promotional calendar, reports.

19. Photographs  
1910-1979  
4 folders of photographs

Photographs.

21. Posters  
1962; 1978  
0,5 cm of textual records & other types of records

This file consists of posters, copy of the Weekend Magazine for the Sudbury Star & paintings.