

# TRADITION • SPIRIT



BLIND RIVER, ONTARIO

## CAMP BIL-O-WOOD

ESTABLISHED 1946



# FRIENDSHIP • ADVENTURE

A SUMMER AT  
BIL-O-WOOD OFFERS A  
UNIQUE EXPERIENCE  
AND A LIFETIME OF  
MEMORIES



# GENERATIONS OF CAMP EXPERIENCE

Since in 1946, Camp Bil-O-Wood has offered an exceptional summer camp experience for boys and girls ages 7-17. Our 500-acre property provides an expansive, private and pristine, safe outdoor setting.

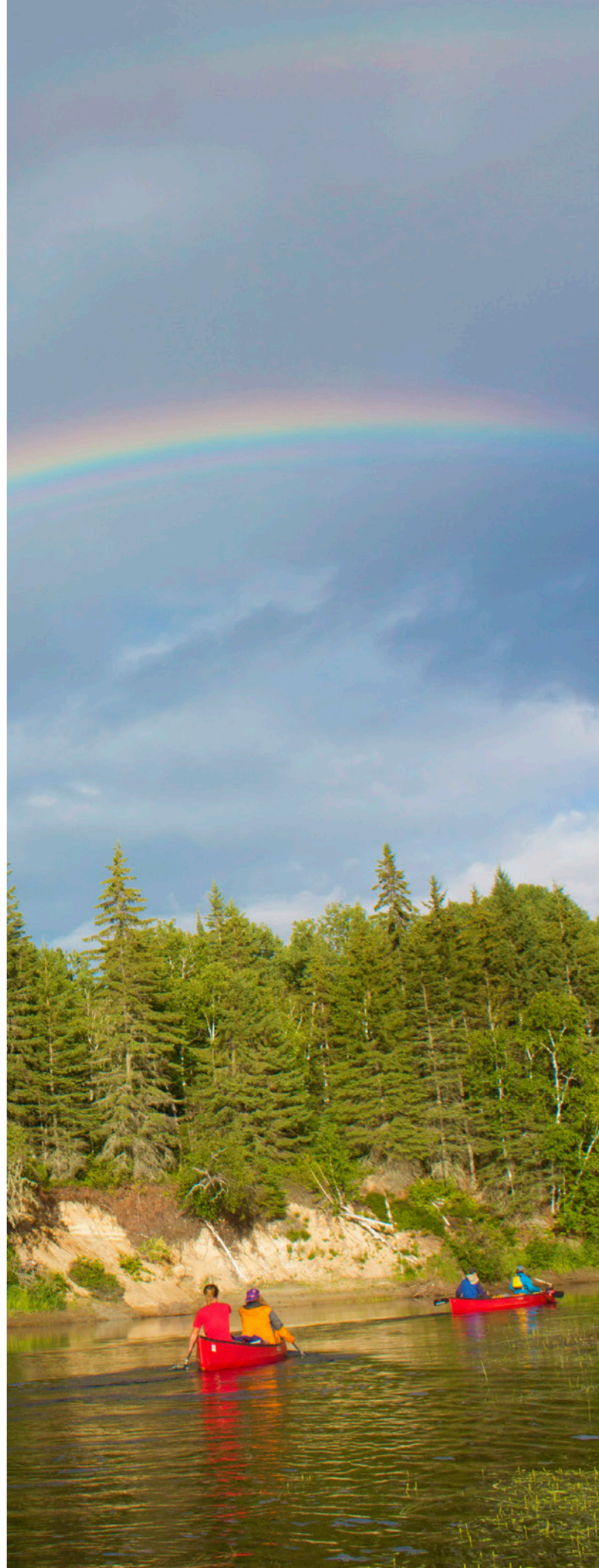
A traditional overnight camp, Bil-O-Wood offers an extensive selection of in-camp activities and a premier wilderness camping and canoeing program.

Whether in the woods, on the lake, at the craft center or on the athletic courts, Camp Bil-O-Wood's program presents an opportunity for every camper from the novice to the expert.

Our supportive family environment allows children to explore, challenge, and develop physically, socially, and emotionally while building lifelong friendships and creating lasting memories.

## IT'S THE BIL-O-WOOD WAY

*Camp Bil-O-Wood is committed to helping children achieve their highest potential through positive, upward growth and development.*



# GET THE CAMP ADVANTAGE:

COMMUNICATION

COLLABORATION

RESILIENCE

RESPECT

TEAMWORK

LEADERSHIP

INDEPENDENCE

OPTIMISM



# EXPERIENCE THE TRADITION, FEEL THE SPIRIT

## A BRIEF HISTORY

Founded in 1946, Camp Bil-O-Wood began as a training ground for young athletes. Soon after, campers began to explore the exquisite lakes and rivers of Northern Ontario, developing over 25 canoe routes from 10 to 400 miles. Initially, 37 campers, Bil-O-Wood evolved into a multi-sport and canoeing camp for 150 children from over 30 states and 6 countries.

Camp Bil-O-Wood is currently under the leadership of the 4th generations of the Ludwig Family.

## THE AREA

Set between two spring-fed lakes, the 500-acre property stretches over hardwood forests and sits on a mile of picturesque waterfront. The town, Blind River, is just five miles from camp, half-way between Sault Ste Marie and Sudbury, Ontario and six hours Northwest of Toronto.





# AS MUCH FUN AS THE DAY CAN HOLD

The Bil-O-Wood program is divided into four structured activity periods, two free periods, including swim sessions, and rest period. With over forty choices from land to water to outdoor to crafting, there is no shortage of opportunity for exploration, growth or mastery in an area of interest.

With the guidance of our excellent staff, campers feel confident exploring new activities and advancing their skills in specific areas. From basketball lessons with college coaches, to footwork with our UK-based soccer instructors, to lifeguard certification to mastering knot-tying & orienteering with our outdoor specialist, campers are sure to come home with a host of accomplishments.

Our youngest campers participate in a morning SuperKids program, which features shorter activity periods and appropriate levels of fundamental instruction intermixed with playtime. SuperKids is staffed by experienced instructors.



## ACTIVITIES

ARCHERY  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
BASKETBALL  
BASEBALL  
CAMPING  
CANOEING  
CAMPFIRE COOKING  
CONDITIONING & WEIGHT  
TRAINING  
DANCE  
DRAMA  
FIELD HOCKEY  
FISHING  
FOOTBALL  
FRISBEE  
FROG & TURTLE FINDING  
GOLF  
GYMNASTICS  
HIKING  
HORSEBACK RIDING  
LACROSSE  
LIFEGUARDING  
MUSIC  
NATURE STUDY  
ORIENTEERING  
PADDLE BOARDING  
POTTERY  
PORPOISE BOARDING  
SINGING  
SOCCER  
SUPER KIDS  
SWIMMING  
SAILING  
TENNIS  
TUBING  
WAKEBOARDING  
WATERSKIING  
WATER TRAMPOLINE  
WRESTLING  
VOLLEYBALL  
YOGA



*Bil-O-Wood is a safe,  
supportive, family  
environment*





# IT'S THE BIL-O-WOOD WAY TO TRY & TRIUMPH

Camp Bil-O-Wood is an environment of support, challenge, exploration, and confidence building. New and seasoned campers feel safe trying new activities and continue to push themselves upward, summer after summer. Activities are structured at appropriate levels, and we encourage healthy competition through cabin challenges and local competitions.

## FREE TIME & FREE PLAY

Periods of free time are allotted to allow campers to relax, socialize, and further explore areas of interest. Campers can enjoy waterfront activities, play games, or be creative in the outdoors or craft centers.



## OUR DAILY SCHEDULE

Every day is exciting. Five days a week are typical days. On Thursday, we venture out hiking or on overnight trips. On Sunday, we shake it up with all-camp games and the option to sleep-in!

Morning activity is selected by the camper and is designed to work on skill-development in an area of choice. Afternoon activities are scheduled by cabin group and rotate so that each cabin experiences all activity areas.

The evening activity session offers endless options for cabin challenges, creative games, campfire bonding, swimming, playing, crafting, or just about anything you can think of.

- 8:30 Wake Up
- 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:45 Clean-up
- 10:15 Morning Activity
- 12:00 Swim Call & Free Time
- 1:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Rest Period
- 3:00 Afternoon Activities
- 4:45 Swimcall & Free Time
- 6:30 Dinner
- 7:30 Evening Activity
- 8:30 Snack
- 10:00 Bedtime

# CAMPING & CANOEING





## OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Possibly the most exciting and memorable part of Camp Bil-O-Wood is the canoe trip experience. Our premier outdoor camping and canoeing program begins at age seven. Gradually moving up in skill and challenge, campers progress to more advanced routes and longer trip duration.

## LIFE GOAL: PADDLE TO THE BAY

Our youngest campers explore nearby lakes, spending two nights out and paddling just a short distance. Our intermediate campers advance to four-five night trips, including lakes and rivers, as they learn to shoot rapids and portage canoes. Our senior campers progress to trips ranging from eight to twelve nights, canoeing over 450 Km or 300 miles. Our most advanced campers are offered the exclusive privilege to travel to the James Bay via the Missinaibi or Groundhog River, and return home to a candlelit celebration in honor of their achievements.

Camp Bil-O-Woods' leaders are required to have a high-level of trail experience and are lifeguard certified. All campers are required to pass a swimming and canoe skills test.

It is the Bil-O-Wood Way to respect the trails, lakes, and rivers that we travel, and we teach our campers how to live within the wilderness in a safe, comfortable, and environmentally responsible way.

# CAMP IS FAMILY

## HEALTH & SAFETY

**The health and safety of your child is our highest priority.** Our health center is staffed with a Registered Nurse and an assistant nurse. In case of urgent needs or emergencies a doctor is on call, and the hospital is just five miles away.

Prevention of illness and injury is key to our camper's success. Our staff is trained to ensure campers are eating properly, getting enough sleep, washing hands, and interacting and playing safely. Your child's emotional well-being is essential, and our staff is skilled at identifying, supporting, and helping to overcome homesickness.

## CAMP FACILITIES

Our facilities include twelve camper cabins, a ten-bedroom lodge, a dining hall for 200, a health center, a craft center, an outdoor and canoe-tripping center, shower houses, a maintenance building, three tennis courts, two basketball courts, two volleyball courts, a conditioning pavilion, a full-size soccer field, a baseball diamond, a mile of waterfront, camping outposts, a common area, and staff quarters.

## GOOD EATS

Excellent, nutritious, and delicious food is a must at Camp Bil-O-Wood. We serve three, freshly prepared and homemade meals everyday. Our menu is nutritionally balanced, appealing to kids of all ages, and plentiful, in order to meet the needs of active campers. Our salad bar ensures that campers have a variety of healthy choices, and fruit is available throughout the day. Snacks, treats, and drinks are offered before bed.



*A kind  
and caring  
counselor is  
integral to a  
happy camp  
experience*

## STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Great staff is the foundation of the Bil-O-Wood program. Our staff is comprised of experienced, past campers and carefully selected counselors from around the world. They are selected based on their maturity, soundness of judgment, understanding of children, and their ability to be an excellent role model. All staff must attend an intensive training program and be first aid and lifeguard certified.





# OUR DIRECTORS

With backgrounds in education, coaching, social work, nursing, and environmental science, our senior staff and directors, are highly qualified and experienced in child development and have over 70 years of experience in the summer camp industry.

Current directors, Paul & Trisha Ludwig, spend their time between Camp Bil-O-Wood and Connecticut, along with their three children and the camp dog, BOW.

Great grandson of Horace Ludwig and grandson of founder Woody Ludwig, Paul is the 4th generation owner of Camp Bil-O-Wood. Growing up at camp, he was a camper, counselor, and program director and now holds the position of executive camp director.

Trisha joined Camp Bil-O-Wood at seven years old and was a full season camper for the next ten summers. Later, she returned as a counselor, waterfront director, canoe tripping director, and camp nurse. She now co-directs the summer program and is responsible for sales, marketing, and communications during the off season.

Paul & Trisha share a genuine passion for passing on and creating an authentic and magical camp experience for children today and for many years to come.

Their work is supported by active family members, Tom Ludwig, Jim & Diann Ludwig, & Jim and Kristin Ludwig.



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FOR RATES, DATES AND ANNUAL INFO.



ACCREDITED  
MEMBER



# UNTIL THE RIVERS RUN DRY

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