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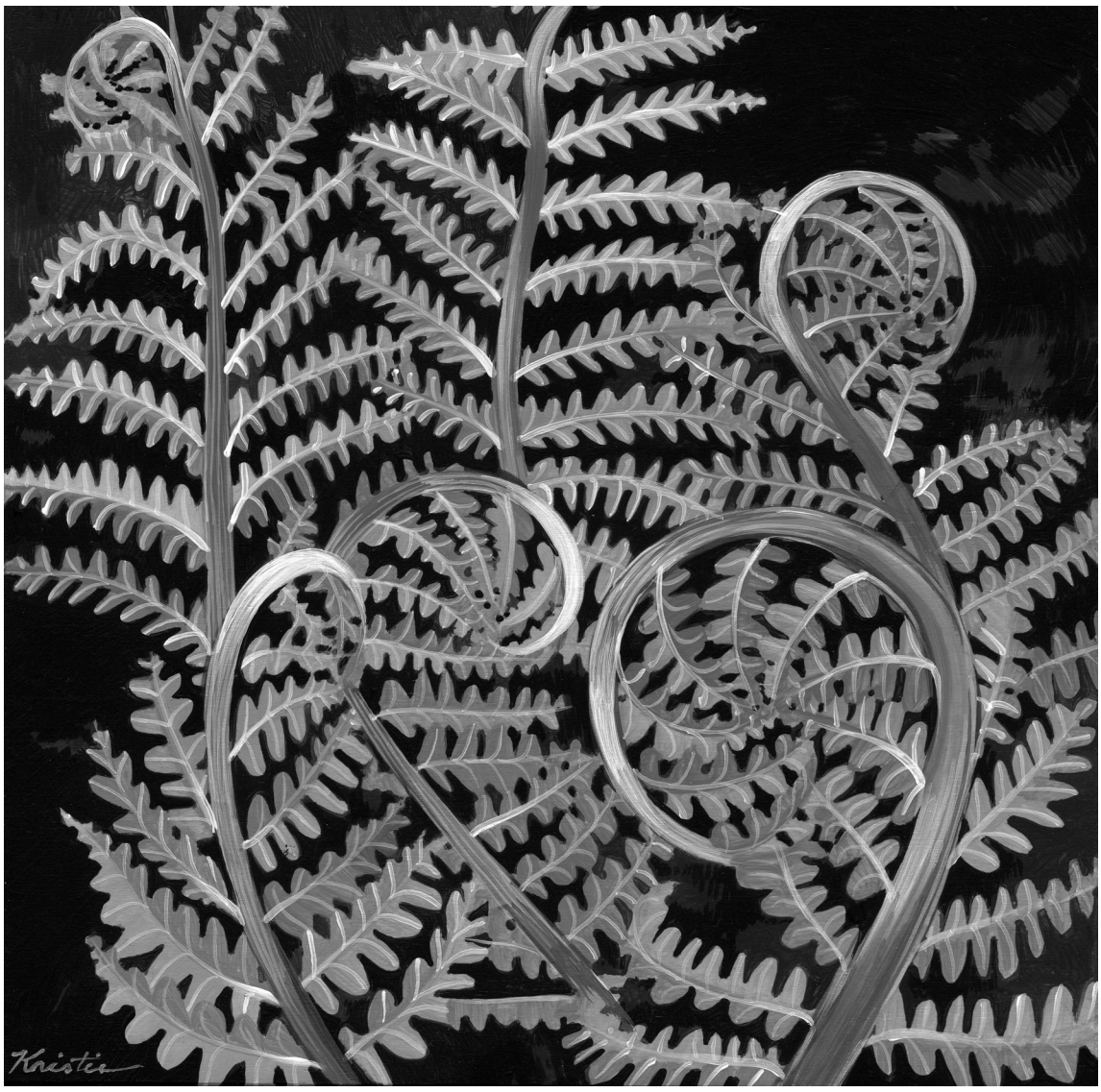
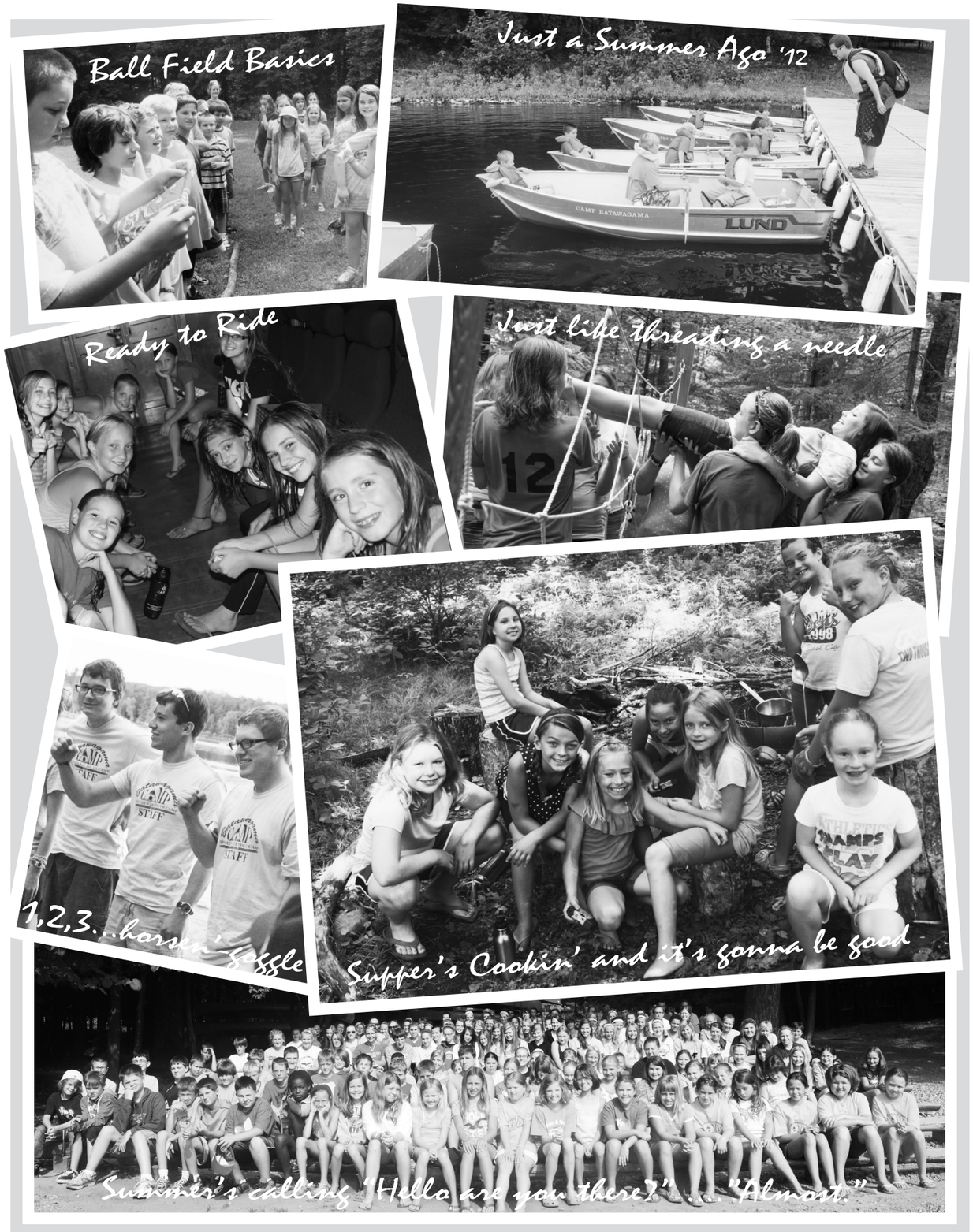


FIDDLE IN THE WOODS

The Ostrich fern is a colony forming fern that graces the northern states and the woods of Iron County. This plant prefers moist, shady woodland areas, wild gardens or wet areas near streams or ponds. Its large leaves resemble ostrich plumes, hence the common name. It grows to a height of 3 to 5 feet tall. The first emerging foliage is a tightly wound immature frond called a fiddlehead because it resembles the curled scroll of a violin. Native Americans were the first to value the fiddlehead as a food source. Today the fiddleheads of the Ostrich fern are a delicacy come spring in the New England States. They can be eaten fresh, steamed or sauteed. The flavor of the fiddlehead is nutty, earthy and resembles that of wild asparagus or broccoli.

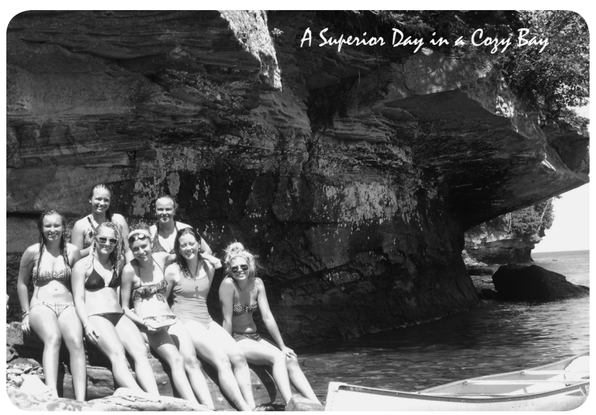
Fiddleheads are harvested in early spring when the curly sprouts are 2 to 6 inches tall. There are three ways to identify Ostrich fern fiddleheads. First look for the deep, "U" shaped groove on the inside of the smooth stem. Secondly, notice the thin, brown, paper-like scales covering the newly emerged fiddlehead. These scales fall off as the fiddlehead grows and elongates. Lastly, note that the fertile, spore bearing frond is distinctive in shape and also has a groove on the inside of the stem. Fiddleheads should only be harvested from healthy crowns that have at least four fiddleheads. Harvest fiddleheads by snapping them off by hand or cutting them off with a knife. Pick no more than half the emerged fiddleheads from each crown. Before cooking gently wash and rub off the papery coating.



"Batawagama serves as a place to share experiences, make memories and meet life-long friends. I have been fortunate enough to have been a part of the Batawagama family for eleven summers; seven as a camper and four on staff. I have actually been a counselor for the last three summers in a cabin that I was once a camper in! I have never been a part of such a wonderful, close knit community. I love Batawagama and my summers spent there have shaped me into the person I am today. I have had 18 different cabins full of girls ranging from ages 9-16. Each cabin brings their own charm and personality. It is a beautiful process watching how close a cabin can get in just a week. You see the girls come as strangers and leave as best friends.

I thought I would share some fond memories from a group of girls in my cabin last summer. It was mid-July last year and my cabin and I decided to go on a two-day canoe trip on the magical Lake Superior. We started our journey at the mouth of the Huron Bay and canoed to an area by Witz' Marina. We set up camp, collected fire wood, made dinner, sang songs and played games on the beach the first night. The next morning, we went exploring by canoe! We paddled all morning and ended up making our very own lunch area that overlooked the Huron Mountains; it was breathtaking! We continued paddling up to Finlander's Bay where we snorkeled and enjoyed the sunshine. The afternoon was full of laughter and joy! We canoed back to Witz' for the evening and painted pictures while the sun was setting over the bay. It was one of the most memorable days I've had at Batawagama. I can't wait to get back to camp this summer; my second home!" *Rachel Sabin*

Rachel Sabin graduated on May 4, 2013 from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor's of Science in Community Health Education and a minor in Human Nutrition. She presently works at the YMCA as the Registered Dietitian's assistant with the before and after school programs. She hopes to be accepted into the "FoodCorps," a program which would allow her to teach nutrition classes in school and tend school gardens beginning August 1, 2013. We look forward to having Rachel back at Batawagama this summer!



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2013 CALENDAR

FOCB SPRING MEETING.....MARCH 23

STAFF ORIENTATION.....JUNE 9-11

SENIOR DAYS.....JUNE 12-14

BAND CAMP.....JUNE 16-22

FACULTY CONCERT.....JUNE 20
7:30 PM in Soderman Hall

BAND CAMP CONCERT.....JUNE 22
7:30 PM in Iron River, West Iron High School Gymnasium

YOUTH CAMP.....JUNE 23-JULY 27

FOCB SUMMER CONCERT.....JULY 10 & 12
7:00 PM at Winsor Center, Iron River MI

FOCB FALL MEETING.....SEPT 28

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www.campbatawagama.com

In each of the main menus; Youth Camp, Band Camp and Senior Camp, we are including a Photo and Memory Gallery. If you would like to share any of your Camp Batawagama Photos or Memories from the past please email them to icyc@iron.org. If possible, please indicate the year that the photo was taken. Thank you!

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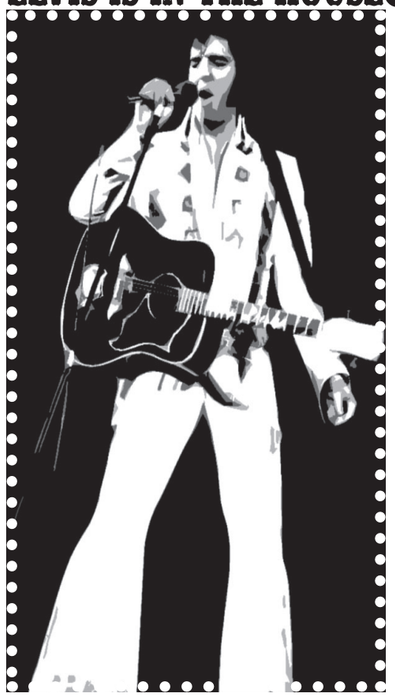

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WINDSOR CENTER, IRON RIVER MI
7 PM
TICKETS $15

AFTERGLOW WEDNESDAY JULY 10
ALICE'S SUPPER CLUB
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President's Message

It is hard for me to believe we have been in existence for almost 20 years. I do not think any of the Founders realized in the beginning what an amazing project we were about to embark upon. We all had a vision of helping Camp BATAWAGAMA perhaps to replace a few rowboats and canoes, but little did we realize we would some day contribute in the most meaningful ways.

Because of you we have replaced and updated latrines , built new arts and craft and creative arts cabins, totally replaced and expanded the waterfront dock, re-roofed cabins and other buildings, replaced and updated kitchen equipment, purchased new vehicles, secured permanent camping sites along the Brule River. We have purchased new song books, new and replacement backpacks and life vests, installed ventilation fans in all of the cabins and arts and craft buildings, awarded numerous scholarships each year.....and the list goes on and on. It truly is amazing how generous you all have been. All of this work has been done in a spirit of joy and cooperation.

Our board members over the years have been the most incredible folks who have worked tirelessly organizing golf outings, community concerts , building floats and doing "Whatever it Takes" to move our projects along. They have never been, nor have they asked to be reimbursed for attending biannual meetings in Chicago or any other FOCB event.

I would be remiss I didn't mention the very important financial contributions we have received from the Plum Creek Foundation, the Dickinson Area Community Foundation Forest Park Student Committee, the Pamida Foundation, the UPPCO Foundation and the Columbia Sportswear Foundation.

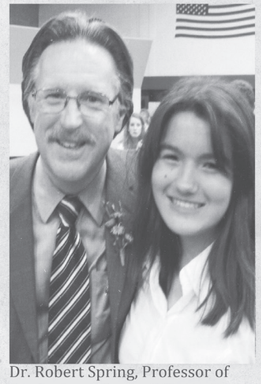
So, on behalf of the entire Board thank you so very much for your continued support over the past 20 years. This work we have all done is not really work at all: it is a labor of love for Camp BATAWAGAMA. It is the least we can do for all the memories.

Have a wonderful summer. I hope to see you all at the Band Faculty Concert, the Band Camp Concert and the FOCB "ELVIS IS IN THE HOUSE" concerts.

Pat Johnson Teranishi
President and Founder

It's Camp Batawagama or bust!

I have been going to the Batawagama Band Camp in Iron County for the past two years. It was founded in 1955 and is situated in the woods on the shores of Indian Lake between Crystal Falls and Iron River.



Dr. Robert Spring, Professor of Clarinet and Clarinet Student, GlenEllen Lehmberg. 2012 Band Camp Concert

Batawagama occurs annually the third week of June. It starts on Sunday with a chair placement audition and ends with a final concert the next Saturday. The time at Batawagama is filled with music, laughter, and making friends.

There are 13 amazing people who are instrumental specialists at Batawagama. These people come from all over the United States. They seem to love working with middle and high school aged kids.

Some of the people include Dennis Glocke, director of bands at Penn State University, Robert Spring, a clarinet professor at Arizona State University, and Andrew Pelletier, a French horn professor at Bowling Green State University. As you can see, it's a pretty impressive roster of instructors.

During the week, there is a Bata Band and a Gama Band splitting the students in two. I was in the Bata Band this past summer and Glocke directed it. I remember that he made the full band rehearsals a lot of fun. That is mainly because he picked music for us that was fun to work on and play for the whole week.

Since I play clarinet, I was able to work with Dr. Spring during sectionals for individual instruments. Those sessions were very fun as well and he is hilarious. He had us work on a clarinet choir piece, which was a Lady Gaga song that Dr. Spring arranged.

I enjoyed working on it and we performed it in front of the whole camp while they were in line outside the mess hall for lunch. I improved so much during sectionals and I loved it.

While I was at Batawagama, the Bata Band and I worked on music that we were going to perform for our families and friends at the end of the week. Some of the songs we played included, "Manhattan Beach March" and "Old Churches." There was also a piece that Robert Hanson, one of the instrumental specialists, wrote specifically for the week. It was called "In the Groove" and it was super fun to play.

Band camp went by quickly for me this year and it was even more fun than when I went the first time before my freshman year. It was a little sad for me at the end of what is called, "Skit Night" because it was the last time we sang the evening songs in Soderman Hall that week.

I had learned so much from the entire faculty and I loved every second of Batawagama and I didn't want to go home. I then realized that I would always have next year. I can't wait to be back with my Batawagama family.

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