

# They've found a home in the army—the Revolutionary War army, that is

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 jokes," marveled Greg Bulgarelli, company commander.  
 Children also show how to do crafts and help with chores. Because 18th century society wasn't as liberated as today, little boys throw tomahawks and carry water to the wounded.  
 The girls stick closer to the camp, helping cook and making yarn and clothespins dolls to sell. Along with stuffed dolls, there are Barbie dolls in 18th century dress.

CHILDREN YOUNG enough sometimes switch back and forth between girls' and boys' clothes so they can have more freedom.  
 When the crowds have gone home, the families sit around the campfire, cook popcorn and sing. Or just talk over the day's events.

"It's more like a therapy session than anything else," said Mrs. Hines. "This is like an extended family. If there are ever personality problems, we work them out."

"It's like camping all the time, but you know you're camping with."  
 Although Campeau's Company is always recruiting new members, those who want to join are interviewed to make sure they are committed to the group's goals.

"Some people don't feel it's a joy to scrape spiders out of a pot before cooking," said Mrs. Davidson.

Authenticity is top priority. Members sleep in small sergeant's tents on straw beds (or a hidden sleeping bag). Everything used in camp must be made of wood or tin.

Plastic is discouraged, but if used must be out of sight. Wood boxes hide coolers full of food. "We do have some hidden plastic. We're not too fond of ptomaine," said Mrs. Davidson.

Putting together clothes can take months by the time the right materials in the proper colors are found. Only cotton, linen and wool are allowed. All

stitching that is seen must be hand-sewn. Accessories like hats are ordered from Williamsburg.

FOOD IS LIMITED to 18th century fare. Mrs. Rees sometimes cheats by making "French chili" with tomatoes, which weren't available in colonial Detroit.

"When we go to a fort we can't cheat," she said. "But the kids get tired of stew. It's always stew."  
 Pop isn't allowed, so lemonade flows freely. And so does wine. "They didn't have carbonation, but they knew about fermentation," Mrs. Rees added.

Families interested in the group are also cautioned that supplies are costly, with each person investing about \$1,000 in equipment.

And travel is being curtailed with the rising cost of gas. Campeau's Company is accepting less engagements far away and carpooling more.

The group doesn't ask for payment, although provisions like straw and meat are willingly accepted. "We tell them what we demand are, then compromise," said Hugh Davidson. "On occasion we receive money, which we divide. But it's not something we expect and it doesn't pay our expenses."

Safety rules are very important and members hear about it if they are care-ess. "We have a lot of safety rules," said Bulgarelli. "We use gunpowder. And a blank can make a horrible wound. If they don't want to abide by the rules, they're out — no matter how much money they spend for equipment."

FOR MANY in Campeau's Company, the weekend jaunts mean giving up gatherings with relatives and hometown activities.

And they find people don't always understand what they're doing. "They stare a lot. They think we're gypsies or Amish," said John Dawson of Pontiac, who works in a machine shop during the week.

# Camp season opens for diabetic youths

Summer camp for diabetic children and teen-agers from 6-16 years old will be conducted in several sessions beginning July 6 at Tau Beta camp, Columbiaville, northeast of Flint.

Camp Midicha, sponsored by the American Diabetes Association, Michigan Affiliate is in its 26th consecutive season.

Three one-week sessions and one two-week session are scheduled. They are: July 6-12 for ages 6-10; July 13-26 for 8-14-year-olds; July 27-Aug. 2 for 10-16-year-olds and Aug. 3-9 for 8-12-year-olds.

Camp fee is \$125 per week and \$240 for the two-week session. Scholarships, called camperships, are available and no one is turned away for financial reasons.

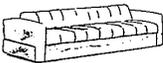
Applications and brochures can be obtained by writing to the American Diabetes Association-Michigan Affiliate, 6131 W. Outer Drive, Detroit 48225 or by calling 342-9333.

The camp offers youngsters with diabetes the chance to be away from home in a medically supervised setting and share problems and concerns with others in the same situation.

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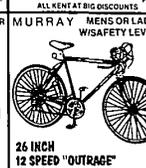
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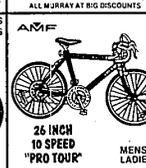
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