

# Students Enjoy Warm Weather At Outdoor School

The sixth graders of School District 509-J were blessed with perfect weather as they attended Outdoor School at Camp Tamarack in two four-day sessions in the past two weeks.

Apparently, Camp Tamarack is known to have wet weather and always during Outdoor School it seems.

Using the natural elements of the surrounding area of Camp Tamarack, the outdoor school offers classes in art, wildlife, water and weather, soil and geology, plants, and maps and the compass.

But camp isn't all studying. The campers also have recreation time and time to clean cabins for clean cabin awards. And at night a campfire program, which is looked forward to with much anticipation, is planned and conducted by high school counselors with assistance by district teachers.

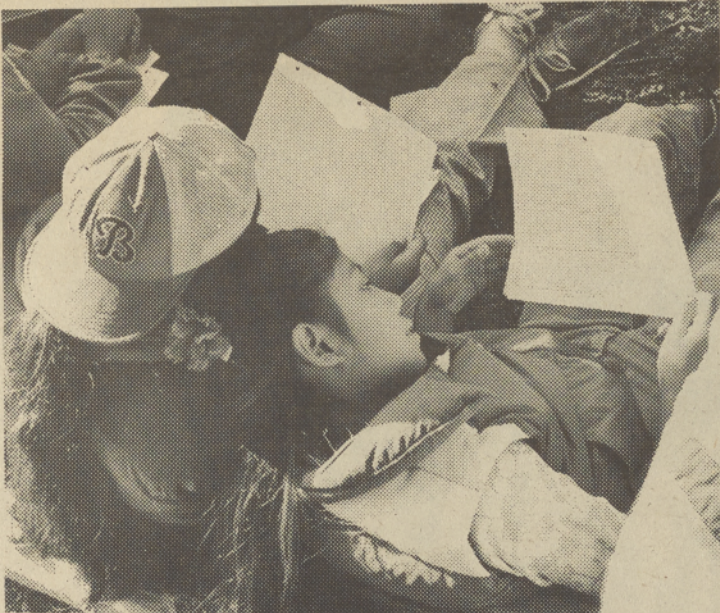
Counselors at Camp Tamarack are from Madras High School and are hand-picked by the principals. Counselors were often campers themselves when they were in the sixth grade and said when they reached high school they were going to come back and be a counselor.

Just completing its tenth year, it looks like outdoor school is going to stay as long as it holds up in the budget. Other than that, Camp Tamarack reached the goal it set, to better acquaint sixth graders with each other because from Jr. High level and up they will all be attending the same school.

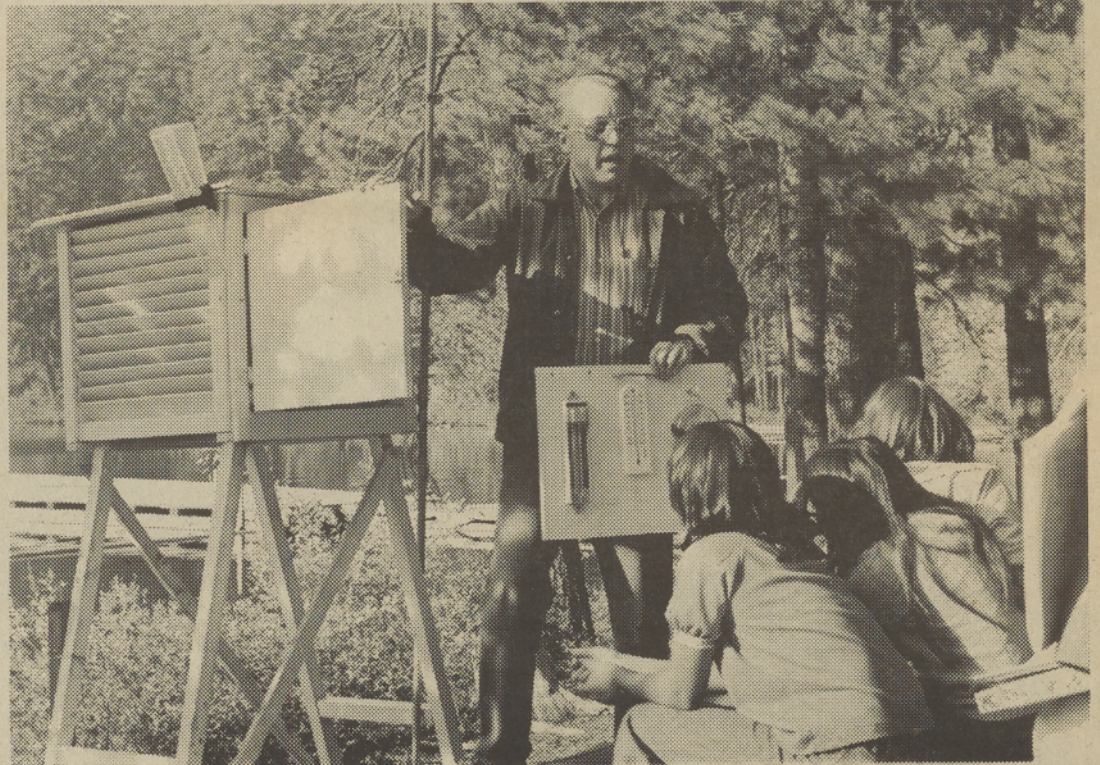


**GONE FISHING** - Counselors and campers probed the waters of Dark Lake at Camp Tamarack to try and catch the most aquatic life in a contest at Camp Tamarack. Weather conditions at camp were perfect at Outdoor School as each day was sunny and bright. (Roger Stwyer photo)

**Text & Photos  
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**TOGETHERNESS** - Saraphena Scott, left, and Sammie Allen, got a little relaxed at Outdoor School while learning how to read range and townships in maps and compass class. Getting relaxed proved to be a smart move for the girls because each class was two hours long. (Roger Stwyer photo)



**OUTDOOR LECTURE** - Under bright, sunny skies, sixth graders listen intently to Instructor Harry Phillips at Camp Tamarack as he discusses different types of instruments used in predicting weather. (Roger Stwyer photo)

## CAT Tests Next Week

High School counselor Ron Pinkham urges all students to be present for the California Achievement Tests which will be given half-days from Monday October 9 through October 11.

He said that it's important for every student to take the battery of tests because the results are used in determining

where a student stands and where his areas of weakness are. The tests will also be used in counseling situations, he said.

With these tests, we can tell if a student is starting to slip, if poor grades are related to poor attendance, or whether or not a student needs help in a particular area, Pinkham notes.

## 509-J Budget Committee Has Five Openings

Any registered school district voter is eligible to submit their name for nomination to the five positions open on the 509-J budgeting committee.

The ten-member committee consists of the five board members and five school district patrons.

The committee is on a volun-

teer basis and begins work whenever the administrative staff submits the budget, usually by December. The committee dissolves when district voters approve the proposed budget.

If you are interested in being a committee member, you can submit your name to any school board member.

## From the High School Counselor:

by Ron Pinkham

The fifth week of school has about come and gone. I've had many crises occur of which are both personal and-or school-oriented. It is hoped by myself that such crises are handled with much care and understanding by all. Identifying a need by a student and counselor would be a prime goal with the end result of resolving that need.

At this time the need for tutoring is quite evident, so your cooperation is needed. I will set up a room during the noon hour where I will assist the student to the best of my abilities. When-

ever a teacher is needed in a subject area they will be asked to assist. Currently, tutors are not being hired and use of the Adult Learning Center may be one source of assistance.

I have sent progress reports to the parents last week and if you did not receive any letter then feel assured that your son-daughter is doing fine thus far. It is hoped that those who did receive notices of students failures to this point are not solely due to lack of attendance.

I hope the community will assist the fund-raising activities of the Indian Club. Such an

activity has been the bottle drive. Any other activity which will raise money will be greatly appreciated. Furthermore, the Homecoming Parade of the 28th is an important event, where the Indian Club could put in a parade float. Your ideas and assistance are needed for the Homecoming Parade.

I cannot stress enough concerning my role as a counselor. Please call when you need my services. Parent or Student! Feel certain that any of your needs shall be dealt with to complete satisfaction, or else.

## Rockin' 4-H Livestock Club

The Rockin' 4-H Livestock Club will have their fall organizational meeting Tuesday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the 4-H

room. Election of officers and a report from Luke Sanders, who attended 4-H Summer Week is planned. In addition, the club

will be making plans for livestock judging at Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland.