



CAMP ARCHBALD TRIVIA

- 1. How much did it cost to attend one week of resident camp in 1921?**
\$7
- 2. When was the first Mariners unit in any Girl Scout camp started at Camp Archbald?**
Mariners Unit, established in 1938, is the first houseboat unit in the nation. Traditionally, older girls with swimming skills get to stay here at camp.
- 3. What is the oldest building still on camp property?**
The oldest building is the Trading Post which was originally built in 1923 as the administrative offices. It remained as such until the Lodge was built in 1938, at which point the cottage-style building was converted to the camp store, with a portion used for equipment storage.
- 4. Who is Camp Archbald named for?**
Mrs. Thomas F. Archbald
- 5. What lake do we use at Camp Archbald?**
Ely Lake. Many descendants of the Ely family still live in the area.
- 6. What Guinness World record did camp attempt to break?**
In 1979, camp built a 734 ft. bread twist cooked in a trough. They served it with peanut butter and jelly. Although the effort did not qualify for a spot in the Guinness Book of Records because it was technically not a bread loaf, it certainly made for a memorable experience!
- 7. What are victory gardens? What food did Girl Scouts can for food at camp?**
During WWII, people grew vegetables, fruits and herb gardens to reduce the strain on public food supply chain. In 1943, Camp Archbald Girl Scouts canned 175 jars of jam in outdoor kitchens from apples, raspberries and blackberries. Senior Girl Scouts canned 125 quarts of beans. They also raised enough potatoes, tomatoes, beans, carrots, and other produce for the entire camp season.
- 8. How many years did girls and staff live in pitched tents on Schooney before the units were built?**
5 years
- 9. When was construction on Treetops begun?**
1990
- 10. How were early campers transported to camp?**
In the 1920's, Girl Scouts came to camp via the Northern Electric Trolley from Scranton, which stopped a mile from camp. From there, girls – with bedrolls in hand – hiked or were transported by truck to camp.