

Shady Trails Reunion 2014



“Shady Trailers, hats off to thee!”

August 15 -17, 2014

General information

On the weekend of August 15 -17, 2014, the 2nd ever Shady Trails Speech Improvement Camp reunion will be held at the old camp location, 6880 North Shady Trails Road, Northport, Michigan 49670. All former campers, staff members, and special friends of the University of Michigan camp founded by John N. Clancy in 1932 and closed in 1995 are welcome to attend. Family members are also welcome.

The reunion will run from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, to noon on Sunday, August 17. The formal program will commence at noon on Saturday, August 16, and will include a tour of the camp and an afternoon barbeque.

The current owner of the site, which is currently being used a summer day camp for children between the ages of 5 and 14, has graciously agreed to allow the use of the original camper cabins for overnight stay on Friday and Saturday nights. These cabins have been very well maintained. The bunk beds and vinyl covered mattresses remain in good shape, but you will need to supply your own bedding (including pillows) and towels.

To Attend

For inquiries or to RSVP, please send an e-mail to shadytrails2014@yahoo.com. The cost to attend will be \$30 per adult (children under 18 are free). Please provide the names of attendees and their affiliation/history with the former camp, your phone number, and home address. Please also advise whether you will be utilizing the free overnight accommodations on site. Please send a check or money order for the attendance fee made out to **“Shady Trails Reunion 2014”** to the following address:

Bob Crissman, 14312 South 6th Street, Schoolcraft, MI 49087

Please also feel free to call Bob Crissman @ 269-267-5395, Tim Carter @ 734-664-5178, or Bob Voorhees @ 248-892-9149 for any questions that you might have. More details on the planned activities will follow. (This is a living document. Watch for updates.)

Lodging Options

You can stay either one or both nights (August 15 and/or 16) at the camp as mentioned above. However, please note that space is limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Make your reservations early via the above e-mail address to ensure availability. Please supply the names of the overnight “campers” and which nights you plan to stay.

Alternatively, you can utilize one of the following links to find other accommodations in the immediate area. (Remember, this a very popular vacation area, so make your reservations well in advance.)

A. General Websites

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g42531-Northport_Leelanau_County_Michigan-Hotels.html

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g42531-Northport_Leelanau_County_Michigan-Vacations.html

B. Local Chambers of Commerce

<http://www.leelanauchamber.com/>

<http://northportomenachamber.org/things-to-do>

C. Some Hotel/Motel Links

<http://www.leelanau.com/northport/lodging.html>

<http://www.homewoodcottages.com/>

<http://sunriselanding.com>

<http://www.casino2win.com/hotel.html>

<http://www.whalebackinn.com/index.php>

<http://www.stayonthelake.com/lake/?p=20>

<http://www.omenasunsetlodge.com>

Reunion Mementos

The following mementos will be available for purchase via the same method as the attendance fee. In your registration e-mail, please specify the number of coffee cups and/or t-shirts (with sizes) that you desire, and add the appropriate cost to your check or money order for the attendance fee. All purchases will be personally delivered to you at the reunion.

Coffee Cups

Commemorative “Shady Trails Reunion 2014” coffee cups are available (in advance only) at a price of \$10.00 each.

T-Shirts

Replica Shady Trails t-shirts in white with the above camp logo in blue with “Reunion 2014” printed below the logo are available (in advance only) at a price of \$12.00 each. Please specify size (available in men’s size S, M, L, XL, & XXL).

If you choose not to order in advance, there may be a very limited number of T-Shirts (no guarantees on sizes) and coffee cups available for purchase at the reunion.

Sign-In Times

Cabin Check-In/Early Sign-In: Friday, August 15, from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the main lodge. (Remember, there is no charge for cabin stays, but please make sure that on Sunday morning upon “check-out” you leave the cabins in as good or better condition than you found them!) If you are running late, please contact Bob Voorhees @ 248-892-9149. (I don’t remember whether the AT&T cellular signal at the camp site is decent or not.)

Main Event Sign-In/Late Registration: Saturday, August 16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the main lodge.

Breakfast on Saturday

Breakfast on Saturday morning will be provided free-of-charge to anyone who wishes to participate, even if you do not stay at the camp grounds Friday night. Breakfast, prepared by famous Chef Bob Crissman, will be served promptly at 9:00 a.m. Please indicate the number of people in your party who will be attending breakfast in your registration e-mail.

Main Activities

As previously mentioned, the detailed schedule of activities on Saturday will be forthcoming. It will include a tour of the camp, a barbeque, and a sing-a-long with piano accompaniment (provided by the world renowned Lance MacAllister). Please be prepared to be an active participant in “Announcements”, “Round Robins”, and “Wang-Ho’s”. As a special treat, former Director David Field will be conducting an “air mail” delivery demonstration. Anyone interested in putting on a Miffler?

Safety Notes

Swimming: “The water in the bay is cold today.” Swimming is strictly at you own risk. NO LIFEGUARDS!

Smoking: Only in a very limited, pre-designated outdoor area.

Additional Information

SHADY TRAILS YAHOO GROUP: A Shady Trails mailing list is open to former campers, staff and other interested parties. It’s a great way to stay in touch with Shady Trailers AFTER the reunion! Please visit

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ShadyTrails

CURRENT SHADY TRAILS DAY CAMP: Their web page also has a history of the Shady Trails speech camp

www.shady-trailscamp.com

MEMORIES OF SHADY TRAILS: Some additional information and pictures of the speech improvement camp are available at the Memories of Shady Trails website*

www.mnsu.edu/comdis/kuster/shadytrails.html

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The 2014 Reunion Committee members are Bob Crissman, David Field, Tim Carter and Bob Voorhees.

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