

ST. GILES LODGE

This patrol cabin had been used by the St. Giles' United Church Skating Club as a changing hut at its ice rink next to the church. It was donated by the church and moved out to camp in 1954. Some additions were made to it. It was located in the south-east corner of the Sports Field near the present Pump House. It originally was used as a four-boy cabin, but in the winter of 1958 was remodelled at a cost of \$120 and made into a two room, eight-boy cabin. It was heated with a wood stove and had a sink, ice box, table, two benches, four double bunk beds and six oil lamps for lighting.



St. Giles - 1954

After the construction of Panabode "A" in 1970, St. Giles was deemed unsafe. During the Victoria Day Camporee in 1970, the building was stuffed with balls of newspaper, and set alight to become one of the biggest planned campfires in Nemo history.



ALL INN

The original camp "lean-to" or Adirondak shelter was built beside the current All Inn in 1954 by leaders and

Rovers from a number of different Crews. It was built from materials provided by nature in that area. The building was named when, after a long day of construction, one of the members of the work crew announced that he was "ALL IN". The name stuck. Popular for winter camping, All Inn was repaired with a new roof and new boards from time to time. Finally time took its toll on the building and it could no longer be repaired.

A plan for an "Adirondak Shelter" had been developed in the early 1980's. Approval was received from the City of Burlington and from the Halton Region Conservation Authority for the construction of twelve of these shelters in the lower valley in the fall of 1989.



All Inn - 1954

The first new shelter, **Charterhouse** was built in early 1990. Scouters from Huron Division then built **Di-nizulu Den** and the new **All Inn** in June 1990 to complete the three shelters in what is now called Pod 2.

With the completion of a replacement, what remained of the original All Inn was torn down and used for firewood.



All Inn - 1989

HARVESTER LODGE

Number 2 Cub Lair, as it was once called, was built in 1958 at a cost of \$7,758 from Apple Day funds and a \$2,500 donation from the International Harvester Employees United Charities Fund. Contributions were made by the fund for a number of years thereafter for the upkeep of the building.



Harvester Lodge - 1958

The building was officially opened by representatives from International Harvester in July, 1958. It originally had a wall running down the middle of it. The front area was used for eating and sleeping. The back part was divided into a large kitchen and a leader's bedroom. The building also had propane gas lights. Windows were installed in the front a few years after the opening.



Harvester Lodge - July, 1958 at Grand Opening

In an effort to provide winter Cub camp facilities, the floor was insulated in 1969 at a cost of \$400, "as an experiment". Insulation and wood siding were added in 1981. Further renovations in 1981 extended the area for youth, reduced the size of the kitchen and created two small leader bedrooms.

We were lucky in 1988 when our warden, Gerry Bluhm, and his dog, Mandy, were out on rounds one night checking the building. The cap had been left off one of

the propane tanks, allowing ice to freeze the regulator. This caused propane to release into the building under pressure, causing a fire which was quickly put out by Gerry, who had recovered after tripping over Mandy. They had saved the building! The building was closed for a short period while the insurance company cleaned up the extensive smoke damage. In the end, we had a freshly painted building.

Electricity was added in 1991 and in 1998 an extensive renovation was completed resulting in an addition on the back to house a furnace and the "mud" room. Renovations to the bedroom and kitchen were done and financed by the Rotary Club of Burlington Central.

ADULT TRAINING LODGE

The Training Lodge was located in the Training Field in the valley between the Sports Field and Old Baldy. It was built by Rovers on Thanksgiving weekend in 1958 at a cost of \$950. The Training Committee built a kitchen addition in 1959. The bunkie for the cooks was near by and is now located behind the Warden's house. A dining shelter was added to the lodge in 1960.

When the Bronte Creek bridge at No. 2 Sideroad was destroyed by ice in the spring of 1978, the road became a dead-end by our lower gate, and an invitation to vandalism. We couldn't protect the building and it was dismantled in 1981, with the lumber stored in the Stockade which was destroyed by fire in April 1981.

The foundation from the dining shelter is still visible along with a set of cement steps. A building could not be placed at this location now due to restrictions by the Conservation Authority.



Adult Training Lodge - date unknown

SPECTATOR LODGE

The third Cub Lair was built thanks to a donation from the Hamilton Spectator in 1960. It was constructed by joining two Halliday garages. It was officially opened June 24, 1961 by Reverend John Witzel of Mount Hamilton United Church during the first public open house at Mount Nemo Scout Camp. Official recognition was also given to the two Troops representing the District at the 3rd Canadian Scout Jamboree. The 17th Hamilton Wolf Cub Pack participated.

This 20' x 40' building has a main hall, kitchen and leader's bedrooms. Minor renovations in 1981 removed an indoor toilet and changed the layout of the bedrooms slightly.



Spectator Lodge - 1961



Spectator Lodge - 1997

Unfortunately, the building was built on small concrete block footings which shifted over time. This caused the main joists to begin to rotate. The rotation completed when during the Victoria Day Camporee in 1983, the building crashed to the ground. The Venturer Camp staff occupying the building still are not quite

sure what happened. "Temporary" repairs were made to level the building. Electricity was installed in 1991.

Due to the costs of placing the building on a proper foundation, and other repairs that had to be made, it was decided to replace this building. In the spring of 1996, the Executive Board gave its approval for the construction of a new 24' x 60' building once funding was complete. The name of the new building is "Anniversary Lodge". Spectator Lodge was torn down the winter of 97 /98



Anniversary Lodge in front of Spectator Lodge - 1997

HENCHER DEN

This building was completed in September 1965 at a cost of \$1,500 to replace its namesake destroyed by fire the previous year. Insulation of the floor, walls and ceiling took place in 1969. It has always been a popular building for small groups, and is the only building still heated by a wood stove.

Hencher Den received new footings in 1991 and was renovated in 1992.



Hencher Den - 1992

ROVER CHALET

This building was built by the Rovers during 1965 and 1966 at a cost of \$4,000. The building was officially opened January 15, 1967. It originally had a large brick fireplace which was removed in 1971 because it was a fire hazard. It was replaced by an "Acorn" wood stove. Original plans called for the building to be used as a hostel for travelling Rover Crews.

When plans called for the building to be moved, the Rovers held fund raising dances, or "The Chalet Shuffle" to finance the project. Some of the money raised was used by the Rovers to shingle the building in 1991 and replace the windows in 1992. Renovations were completed in 1994 when the building was insulated, drywalled in the downstairs, had a new floor installed, was painted throughout and had vinyl siding installed. A deck was also added to the front. Some landscaping was done to draw water away from the building.



Rover Chalet 1994

CONFEDERATION LODGE

Located on the site of the former baseball diamond, the building was built as a Centennial Project in 1967. Originally called Confederation Field House, its unique design was to make use of laminated beams given to us

when a church project defaulted. Concrete block walls were used in the kitchen pod because there were three beams short.

Construction costs were originally approved in 1966 at \$15,000. Unfortunately, the building took longer to build and cost more than had been anticipated. The building was started in 1967 and completed in 1969 at a total cost of \$37,500.



Confederation Lodge - 1994

There were ongoing problems heating the building. Originally, two oil furnaces heated the front two pods, while a third oil furnace located above the washrooms heated the kitchen, bedroom and washroom area. Electric baseboard heaters replaced the third furnace in 1982. These in turn were replaced by a forced air propane furnace in 1995. The furnaces in the front pods had been replaced by propane units in 1991.

The building originally had large double-pane windows, many of which were broken over the years. These were replaced by smaller window units in 1992. Over the years the building has suffered the woes of a leaking roof. Dome skylights were removed in 1994.

Originally used for large groups only, camping by all sections was allowed when the need arose for additional facilities due to the advent of Beaver overnight camping.

PANABODE "A"

The construction of this and Gordon Williams Lodge was approved on January 29, 1970 at a total cost of \$14,600, including furnishings. The foundations were installed by contractors in May 1970. George Lethbridge and crew assembled the building kits, which

arrived in the spring, and the building was ready for use in October 1970.

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Panabode "A" - 1993

During a Fire Department inspection in the fall of 1980, it was determined that the wood stove was unsafe. In 1981, the sum of \$7,500 was approved for the renovation of both panabodes, including the installation of stairwells, kitchen, electricity, new doors, forced air propane furnaces and eating areas. Most of the structural renovations to Panabode "A" were complete by October 1981. Finishing touches would take several years.

A drainage problem in the building caused flooding during wet winter conditions and was eliminated when new drainage was installed in the fall of 1990. New windows were installed in April 1996.

GORDON WILLIAMS LODGE

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Originally heated with a Franklin wood stove, only the upper floor was available for Scout use. The lower floor was used as an equipment storage area. In time, it was found that the building could not be adequately heated. A space heater was installed in January 1972.

Gordon William Lodge also suffered the same fate at Panabode "A" during the Fire Department inspection in 1980. The wood stove was identical and was also deemed to be unsafe. \$7,500 was approved for the renovation of both panabodes in 1981, including the installation of stairwells, kitchen, electricity, new doors, forced air propane furnaces and eating areas. October 1981 saw the start of the structural renovations with the finishing touches taking several years to complete.

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Gordon Williams Lodge - 1995

WARDEN'S HOUSE

Built in 1972 at a cost of \$20,000, this has been the home of our camp warden and his family. Improvements were made during 1994, 1995 and 1996 which include new windows and doors, new roof, improvements to the bathroom, and the installation of a wood stove.



Warden's House - Date unknown

WARDEN'S BARN

Built in 1974-75 as a workshop for the warden, this building also houses building supplies, the camp tractors, Apple Day supplies and equipment turned in by Scout Groups that have ceased operations.

Two additions have been built: to the east side in 1982 and to the west side in 1989.



Rear of the Warden's Barn - 1993

BEAVER DEN

Built in the 1970's to supplement All Inn, this building was used as a headquarters for the annual Sap Tap event. Extensive renovations, including a new roof, were made in the fall of 1989.

Beaver Den was joined by two new Adirondak shelters in 1991 with the construction of "Wolf Lair" and "Moose Factory". This completed the three shelters in what became known as Pod 1.



Beaver Den - 1989

CHARTERHOUSE & DINIZULU DEN

These new Adirondak shelters were built along with a new "All Inn" in 1990. The three shelters are referred to as Pod 2.



Charterhouse during the construction phase - 1990

WOLF LAIR & MOOSE FACTORY

These new Adirondak shelters were built in 1991. Together with "Beaver Den", these three shelters are referred to as Pod 1.

QUETICO HUT & KILLARNEY

These two Adirondaks were completed at the base of the tractor road leading to "The Back Forty" in the spring of 1994, and are referred to as Pod 4. It is planned that Pod 3 will be built near the base of the "back" of Campfire Hill.

