



# MINIWANCA JARGON

These are terms that get used frequently at camp!

**Action Awards:** awards given to campers for kind acts at dinner

**Age Groups:** Darers (grades 3-5), Seekers (grades 6-8), Avail (grades 9-12), Four Trails (grades 8-12)

**Assembly:** afternoon activity space for skits, announcements, etc.

**Bays:** referring to the group of cabins. In west camp the cabins are numbered 10-60 (ex. Cabin 12 is in 10-bay) and in east camp they are lettered A-D

**BIFF:** Bathroom in the Friendly Forest- two sided bathrooms in the bays

**Community Time:** age group activities after breakfast and before morning interest groups

**Cruiser:** group or quad that sets each table before meals

**Dishland:** the dishwashing space at the back of each dining room. Also a duty assigned to a quad or other group after meals

**Eating Area:** cleaning the eating lodge after meals. Often assigned to a quad or other group) – Follow the order of trays, chairs, wipe, sweep!

**Eating Lodge (ELo):** place for all meals, occasionally rain day locations

**Exchange:** time period at the end of each meal where hoppers take serving trays back into dining hall, at dinner they exchange them for dessert, marked by the cheer "It's time for the EXCHANGE" and everyone crosses their arms in an X above their head

**Fire Circle:** both a noun- the physical location stone structure, and an event used for opening, closing, and special moments

**Five Founders:** William H. Danforth, Preston Orwig, John Alexander, Richard "Dad" Waite, and Marie Shaver are commonly known as the primary founders of the AYF.

**Flash Mob:** yearly camp-wide dance, often continued year after year

**Founder Friends:** the official welcome and song we sing to people joining our community

**Four Folds (PMSR):** philosophy of balanced living and spending time in the various areas of your life- physical, mental, social, reverent (connecting to something greater than yourself)



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**Fun Safe Summer:** concept of having a great session while being safe, can be used as a reminder to campers to make positive choices

**Funsies:** noise making/interactive activities at lunch (ex. Stomp, table beat, sing us a song, surfs up)

**Gaga/ Gaga Ball/ Gaga Pit:** popular game in the hexagon structure in front of Seay building (west camp) or Bryant field (east camp)

**Graceland:** colorful building and green space next to Four Seasons and Stony Creek, headquarters for all things Four Trails

**Hopper:** member of the table that grabs the food from the kitchen at a meal

**Interest Group:** classes/activities for campers (ex. Sailing, jewelry making)

**Newcom:** popular volleyball game

**Nights Doings:** Time after dinner for community activities, like games, trivia nights, talent shows, etc.

**Nine Square/ Nine Square in the Air:** popular game with tall PVC pipes and exercise ball located in the hollow/Bryant field area

**PMA:** Positive Mental Attitude, used to encourage campers or celebrate them. Also an award given at the end of each session in Boys Camp

**Pregnant Tree:** tree on the way to 60 bay/east camp and the waterfront- touch it for good luck!

**Quads, Quad Games, Quad Cup:** four camp-wide teams that compete in friendly competitions throughout the sessions. Avail campers also serve as quad leaders. Each quad has their own chants and cheers.

**Taco Tuesday:** Tuesday meal celebration. Boys camp has “Techno Taco Tuesday” with techno music

**The Paddle:** session-long “seek and find” game for quads to earn points by locating the hidden paddle

**The Shield:** end goal for the quad competition (trophy)

**Wanca Bread:** coffee cake breakfast item usually served on Saturday or Sunday



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## West Camp Locations

**Church of the Dunes:** community space above assembly, used for reverent activities like something sacred or evening reflections

**Class Cabins:** cabins used for NLC, quad meetings, interest groups, four trails, etc. (names like Ohio, Danforth, Missouri)

**Dad Waite Deck:** deck adjacent to west camp craft house

**Danforth Cottage:** original cabin for William Danforth, used as summer staff housing

**DDLC:** Donald Danforth Learning Center, the west camp office/health center

**Don Pearce Bridge:** large bridge crossing Stony Creek that is at the main entrance to West Camp, named for a longtime caretaker at Miniwanca

**Downtown Miniwanca:** includes the hollow, spa bathrooms, craft house gardens, benches, and tetherball in west camp

**Green Acre:** green court space next to Lake Michigan

**I Dare You Library:** white building overlooking Liz Gray Deck, home to the west camp library

**Liz Gray Deck:** The large deck outside of the lodge overlooking the Lake Michigan beach

**Marie Shaver:** older building usually used for music

**Ohle Center:** small reflective space above 30/40 bay

**Road to Nowhere:** At the end of 60 Bay there is a road on the right that goes for a long time and ends up nowhere

**Seay (pronounced like C) Building & Compton:** dorm lodging in west camp

**Stairs to Nowhere:** Stairs next to 50 Bay that lead to a tree patch

**The Best Self Trail:** trail connecting the stony creek parking lot, the Don Pearce bridge, and the end of 50 bay to the west camp ELo

**The Hollow:** green space in front of the lodge next to 10 bay in west camp

**The Lodge (Upper and Lower):** multipurpose building next to the DDLC

**The Monument:** stone structure in between the craft house and eating lodge in west camp

**The Spa:** the bathrooms under the west camp eating lodge

**Turn o the Road:** intersection of trail that turns to either the fire circle/main road in west camp or the trail to east camp/stony lake. Located right at cabin 43 in west camp

**Turtle Bridge:** the bridge behind 50 Bay that connects west camp to Four Seasons

**Waterfront Trail:** Starts at 60 Bay, a trail that turns off the road to take campers to the waterfront without walking through east camp

**West Dining:** dining hall, also called the Eating Lodge or ELo



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## East Camp Locations

**AC/ Activity Center:** houses the indoor challenge course, gym space, a stage (inside and out), used for lots of activities

**Archery:** Range located behind B Bay with targets and program storage for archery interest group

**Baldy Bubble:** Reflective space at the top of Baldy Draw

**Baldy Draw:** series of smaller dune hills leading to the beach

**Baldy:** TALL sand dune hill in B Bay

**Basketball Court:** court located next to the AC

**Blazer Lodge:** Indoor and outdoor program building in B Bay

**Bryant Field:** biggest open field at camp between the eating lodge and the AC

**C Bay Stairs:** Located behind the AC to go up the dune and to the top of C Bay

**Chapel Dune:** wooded dune area with chapel style bench seating located behind C Bay BIFF

**Darer Dune:** Dune accessed via trail above D Bay

**Explorer Lodge:** Located atop the hill directly behind D Bay

**Junipooper:** Small bathroom attached to the Stony Lake Waterfront Cottage, Juniper

**Leadership Point:** A small gathering space for debriefs located along even further along the ridge overlooking Stony Lake, north of Stonyview

**Lilypad/Waterfront:** Located over the bridge on the main road up into camp. Where all East Camp lake activities are held.

**Michigan Trail:** Trail into the woods behind Fire Circle. Leads to Baldy Draw and to the Well Site

**Orwig Chapel:** Reflective building in B Bay. Often used for Something Sacred or other reflective activities

**Stony Lake:** Smaller inland lake attached to East Camp where waterfront activities are led

**Stony Lodge:** East Camp Office located next to the Eating Lodge

**Stonyview Porch:** Small gathering space for debriefs located along the ridge overlooking Stony Lake, north of Orwig Chapel, behind A Bay

**Wanca Dome:** Large green play top area in B Bay

**Well Site:** On site "out camping" site located south of camp, behind the Facilities Shop

**Woodshop:** Program area in B Bay. Has laundry and program storage space in the basement.