



FOUNDERS DAY 2014



Alfred Wild had a dream in 1914 . . . and we are living it today!

TURNER CAMP CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

FOUNDER'S DAY AUGUST 1 - 4

In 1914, Alfred Wild first took a group of young Turners to a little piece of farmland in Cary, Illinois called Dunbar Cattle Ranch. Alfred wanted a place where Turners from all over Illinois could come and get out of the heat and still continue their fitness lessons while outside in the open air. He chose this location for many reasons; it was along the banks of the Fox River for swimming lessons, and also it was close enough to the Cary train station so that those Turners

without cars would be able to walk to the Camp ground.

The Cary camp ground served its purpose well for 5 years until in 1919 the Illinois District had the opportunity to purchase 36 acres of farmland across the river. This land would later be called Illinois Turner Camp. Over the years our land has increased and changed several times to a total of 102 acres.

But the basic principles are still the same . . .

One hundred years later, we are still mainly operated by a volunteer base of campers.

**Thanks to the
Cottage Owners and
Campers whose spirit of
volunteerism keeps
Turner Camp alive!**

Each cottage owner has 3 duties to perform each summer, and we still continue to gather at the dining hall to share meals!

For more information on lodging accommodations visit illinoisturners.org or email Nick Barts at nbarts5@yahoo.com for activities detail

Here's What's Planned

Friday, August 1st

5:00 p.m.

Fish Fry with German Cuisine Special at the Rathskeller

7:00 p.m.

Friday night program on the Rathskeller patio, including a brief welcome by the District Council, kids awards, special youth activity and live entertainment

Saturday, August 2nd

9:00 a.m.

Reunion flag football game at the A-field for all former coaches, gymnasts, members of the old Turner National Team and Turner Gymnastic Camps and anyone else who would like to play! And, basketball, volleyball and pickle ball, too.

11:00 a.m.

Beer and BBQ lunch at the shelter

1:00 p.m.

Friendly invitational gymnastics meet between Aurora and Northwest Turners at the A-Field shelter

3:00 p.m. (Saturday Cont'd)

Free time to walk the campgrounds or go to the pool

5:00 p.m.

Rathskeller opens for cocktails and German dinner at 6:00

Some call it Home, others call it The Cottage, but many of us call it

"A Little Slice of Heaven." Nick Barts



Over the years our land has increased and changed several times to reach a total of 102 acres, including 270 cabins, 3 volleyball courts, a basketball court, 3 tennis courts, a track, multiple fields for football, soccer and lacrosse, 1 softball diamond, a swimming pool with diving boards, and a shelter for gymnastics.

8:00 p.m.

Live entertainment by Sugar High

Sunday, August 3rd

9:00 a.m.

Program, parade and activities start at front gate and go to the A-Field. Special awards for float competition and cottage decorating -- Most Humorous, Most Original and Most German

11:45 a.m.

Turner Centennial Olympics Competition on the A-Field

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cultural Exhibit at the Ladies Auxiliary Clubhouse and McHenry County History bus

4:00 p.m.

Program at the Rathskeller

5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wiener Schnitzel dinner, OomPah band and dancing

7:00 p.m.

Open Northwest Turner 62-year-old time capsule and seal new Turner Camp time capsule to be opened at our 150th Founder's Day!

Monday, August 4th

9:00 a.m.

Farewell breakfast in the Dining Hall hosted by the Youth Staff

