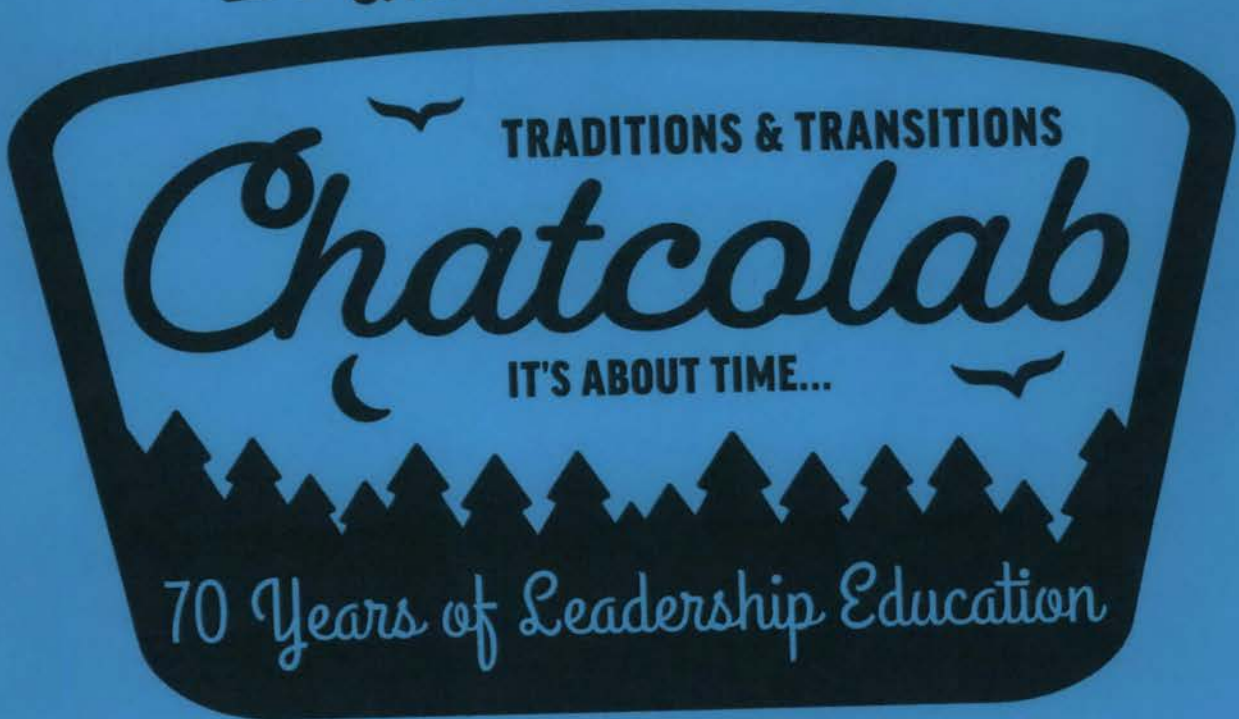


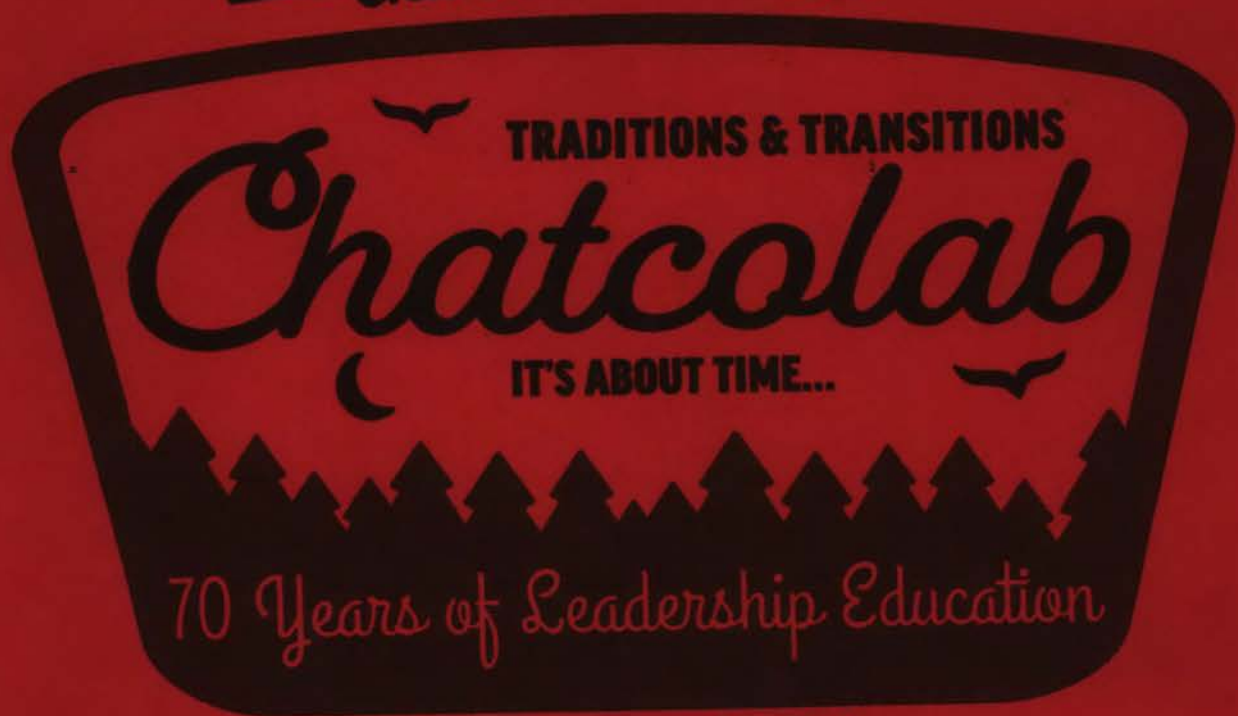
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The two most powerful warriors are patience & time.

Leo Tolstoy

All great achievements require time.

Maya Angelou

The butterfly counts not months but moments, And has time enough.

Rabindranath Tagore

Time is but a stream I go a-fishing in.

Henry David Thoreau

It takes discipline not to let social media steal your time.

Alexis Ohanian

Traditions & Transitions

It's about time

Chatcolab, Northwest Leadership Laboratory

June 9- 15, 2018

Planning Your Week

Health and Safety

The physical and emotional well being of Chatcolab participants is our top priority. Please do your part by taking care of yourself. Drink plenty of water, and get plenty of rest. We ask that you be courteous, respectful, and thoughtful of fellow labbers. Please do not disturb classes or activities, and respect camp quiet times.

Twinlow Camp policy mandates that there be no firearms, weapons, alcohol, or illegal substances on the premises. Smoking is allowed only in designated areas. Please drive only on the roads. You may drive vehicles on roads to the cabins and the lodge for unloading and loading purposes. Vehicles must be returned and parked in the parking lots. Roads must remain open at all times for fire lanes and emergency use. Use of the lakefront is allowed only when staff are present.

Workshops/Sessions

Workshops are a wonderful place to learn and share. Take time to go over the schedule to plan your week accordingly. Session locations will be announced on a daily basis. There are All Lab Sessions – Adult: “Leadership Through Becoming a Better You”, Youth: – “Choose Your Own Adventure”, All Lab “Music” and All Lab “Program Planning”.

Participants may choose any one of the 6 – four day In-Depth workshops: Fiber Arts, Intro to Blues Jamming, The Art of Great Writing, Basic Watercolor, Save Your Future, or Outdoor Recreation. Choose one from each session of the Mini workshops to expand your recreation and leadership skills.

- Some of the workshops have participant limits, age requirements and/or fees to cover material costs. You will have the opportunity to meet the presenters and hear a bit more about each class on Saturday evening. Please also review the workshop descriptions included in the notebook.
- Electronic devices can be very distracting during workshops or activities. Please silence cell phones and do not use electronics during classes. Please do your best to be on time for meals, workshops, and all facets of lab.

Schedule

The schedule at Chatcolab is full of opportunities for you to grow and learn. While participation is not mandatory, we encourage participation while taking care of yourself. All resource people and board members have volunteered their time and resources to ensure a successful lab. We ask that you be respectful and considerate by taking care not to interrupt sessions or activities.

Facilities

Proper care of facilities is one way we show gratitude for the gift of a place like Twinlow Camp and a learning opportunity like Chatcolab. Participants are expected to enjoy the facilities, but leave them in the best possible condition. If you need to move furniture for classes, please return to their place by the end of the week. If you see litter, please put it in trash or recycle containers. Please report any damaged facilities or equipment to Twinlow Staff.

Daily Duties

Many hands make light work! Please check the duty wheel. When everyone chooses to do their part, no one has to do more than their share.

Activity/Party Supplies/Costumes

Please feel free to use the items you may need during lab, remembering to take a moment tidy up after going through and/or using activity supplies or costumes.

Library/Resource Center

The reference library of books is for your use during lab. Please enjoy the material and but be sure return when you're finished so others may use them as well.

It All begins With You

As a participant of Chatcolab you are also a valuable voting member of Chatcolab. The annual meeting on Thursday will be a short business meeting as required by the state of Idaho for a non-profit corporation. At that time we will be voting on new board members. The constitution and by-laws of Chatcolab will be posted. Copies are available upon request.

All members are eligible to run for election to the board of directors. Three volunteer board positions will be filled each year. Please consider the opportunity to serve on the board and help plan future Labs.

Time flies. It's up to you to be a navigator.

Robert Orben

A friend is what the heart need all the time.

Henry VanDyke

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Chatcolab 2018
70 Year Celebration

Workshops/Presenters

Our theme this year is:

Traditions & TransitionsIt's about Time

Our Featured Presenters are **Tim McCain & Brian Fowlie** from California to instruct "**Leadership through Becoming a Better You.**" Both were former CDC inmates who choose a different path. Tim is CEO of an international software company and Brian went on to get a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration with Human Services focus. Both men enjoy shifting paradigms and teach leadership. Their 3 part program uses therapeutic hands on seminars and teaches the tools to address and overcome self limitations. They teach techniques such as meditation, physical exercise, prayer, accountability, and the development of action plans to succeed.

Youth Program Featured Presenters - **Dave Chandler, Bevy Larsen, & Preston Sorensen** are all experienced labbers who come to us from Montana, Michigan and Utah to encourage and enable participants to "**Find Your own Adventure**". All three are experienced labbers and have provided program instruction in the past at various laboratories including Chatcolab, Black Hills, Great Lakes, Hoosier, and Buckeye.

Family Dance and Singing - **Lori Spearman** has spent her career as the Recreation Program Coordinator in Casper, Wyoming. Lori is a Rec Lab Junkie, having attended several labs all over the country. She began teaching dance at 4-H camps and has taught International Folk Dancing, Country Western, Ballroom, family Dance Night, Clogging and amazingly enough...even a little Ballet. (All)

Program Planning - **Marianne Burton** is a business owner, entrepreneur, wife and mother from Sequim, Washington. Marianne, a lover of recreation and education by nature and by birth, has had many opportunities to work with a variety of individuals and groups through years of teaching outdoor education in the public schools, home schooling associations, and working with the State Parks. She is active in her church, caregivers support group, plus managing a family business. Marianne is a great supporter of the leadership laboratory concept and has presented workshops as several labs over the years. She will give us an overview of program planning and help us step outside our boxes in exploring options. (All)

In-depth Workshops:

Introduction to Blues Jamming – **Jon Stouffer** will teach the basics of the 12 bar blues, how to play as a group, how to accompany others and how to step out and take a turn as a soloist. It is an introduction to a common language called “the blues”, and it allows musicians of all backgrounds to find common ground as musicians. Jon is not a professional but has been playing music most of his life. He simply sees music as an art for all people to enjoy and invites you to join him in some jamming. (13 to Adult)

Save your Future- **Ross Hannibal** a Californian, describes himself as a Human Factors Engineer. This workshop explains the SAGE worldview which provides a foundation to lead humanity to a sustainable future. This philosophy of life is at its heart generational and life-centric and is complementary to existing philosophies and religious beliefs. Ross tells us “he is Lee’s younger and wiser brother” (14 to Adult)

Fiber Arts: A Timeless Tradition – **Debbie Schwendinger** Join Debbie for 4 days discovering anew the history, techniques and tools of working with fiber. Participants will crochet, knit, and experience the art of “Swedish Weave”. You will come away from this class with finished project(s). Debbie lives in California and has worn many hats in the course of her life including teacher, choir director, and caregiver. \$30 materials fee (15 and up)

The Art of Great Writing: Making Your Story Memorable – Lia Langworthy, a writing instructor at UCLA Extension, will guide us in this workshop. Lia has previously worked for Disney, Fox, Showtime and Paramount. Whether you’re on a tight deadline or have months to craft your story, great writing and a well-developed narrative are crucial to storytelling. Learn how to make your story memorable, compelling and enjoyable to your reader. It doesn’t matter if you’re developing a personal essay, crafting a short story or scripting an intro for your new podcast, everybody can use some tips for improving their skills. (13 to Adult)

Basic Watercolor Painting – **Dale Pace** Another long time labber, Dale is a retired Choral Music teacher from Indiana. Dale enjoys painting, drawing and woodworking in his “spare” time. Participants will learn basic techniques used in painting with watercolor. They will have several picture options to choose from and will leave with a completed painting(s) matted and ready to frame. \$5 materials fee for adults \$2 fee for youth (6 to Adult)

Mini Workshops:

Beginning Drawing – Dale Pace Participants will learn to recognize and draw basic shapes and items including use of shading, values and shadows.

Beginning Sailing – Lee Hannibal Learn the basics of sailing with Lee, the older handsome brother, on the beautiful Twin Lakes of Northern Idaho.

Be the Best You – Tim McCain & Brian Fowlie Kid friendly edition of the adult all Lab.

Finger Weaving – Debbie Schwendinger Simplified version of Fiber arts workshop.

Hmm. Herb, Herb? Herbs to Dry Annette Chandler Want to spice up your cooking? Learn how to plant, harvest, dry and use those herbs from this talented Montana lady.

History of Chatcolab – Jean Baringer Remember the 5 “W’s”? 51 years of attending Chatcolab certainly qualifies Montana native, Jean, to answer who, what, where, why and how of this 70 year old experiment in teaching leadership.

Outdoor Games – Lori Spearman Join Lori for some Ginormous fun outdoors with some Ginormous games out on the Ginormous field at Twinlow.

Ropes Course – Twinlow Staff The ropes course is always fun. Join us and challenge yourself & learn new skills.

Save Your Future – Ross Hannibal Opportunity for young people to expand their leadership skills.

Sharpie Sea Shells – Patty Pace Zentangle goes to the seashore in this fun class. Patty is a veteran of many labs and has shared her crafty ideas with people of all ages. The best part is you will come away with a completed project!

Wrap, Whack Piñata – Annette Chandler In this 2 session class, participants will be able to build their own piñata following step by step instructions. Annette,

another crafty lady, has shared her talents in many venues to a variety of ages.
(small material fee)

Yoga and Writing – Holly Moore-Purdy If early morning yoga isn't your thing or if you can't get enough, join Holly to learn more about fusing yoga and writing skills. Holly is a young mother (we will all love Saylor), teacher, writer and yoga practitioner from Whitefish, Montana.

How did it get so late so soon?
Dr. Seuss

Time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time.
Martha Trolly-Curtin

Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
Anthony G oettinger

Prejudice is a great time saver. You can form opinions without having to get the facts.
E. B. White

The time is always right to do what is right.
Martin Luther King Jr.

All great achievements require time.
Maya Angelou

*Let your life lightly dance on the edges of Time like dew on the tip
of a leaf.*
Rabindranath Tagore

Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has no yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.
Mother Teresa

Board Arrives Friday PM	Saturday June 9	Sunday June 10	Monday June 11	Tuesday June 12	Wednesday June 13	Thursday June 14	Friday June 15	
6:30 - 7:30	Board Pre-planning	Yoga	Yoga	Yoga	Yoga	Yoga	Breakfast	
7:00-7:30		Larks	Larks	Larks	Larks	Larks		
7:30- 7:45		Flag Raising	Flag Raising	Flag Raising	Flag Raising	Flag Raising		
7:45 -8:30		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast		
8:30 - 9:00		ALL LAB: Family Dance and Singing - Lori						Clean Camp...
9:00 - 10:30		Leadership Through Becoming a Better You – Tim McCain & Brian Fowlie YOUTH: Choose Your Own Adventure Program Planning – Dave Chandler/Bevy Larsen/Preston Sorenson						Have a safe trip home.
10:30 - 10: 45		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break		
10:45 - 12:15		Program Planning	Fiber Arts: A Timeless Tradition – Debbie Schwendinger Introduction to Blues Jamming – Jon Stouffer The Art of Great Writing – Katie Thomason Basic Water Color Painting – Dale Pace Save Your Future – Ross Hannibal					
12:15 - 12:30	<i>Labbers arriving...</i>	Table Set-Up	Table Set-Up	Table Set-Up	Table Set-Up	Table Set-Up	See you next year!!	
12:30 - 1:15		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
1:15 – 2:15	Registration...	Color Crew/ Break	Color Crew/ Break	Free Time (Waterfront)	Color Crew/ Break	Color Crew/Break		
2:15-4:15	Orientation/ Tours 3:30p	Wrap, Whack Piñata (1 of 2) Yoga and Writing History of Chat Be the Best You Beginning Sailing	Wrap, Whack Piñata (2 of 2) Beginning Sailing Finger Weaving Outdoor Games Save Your Future		Sharpie Sea Shells History of Chat Beginning Drawing Herbs to Dry Ropes Course	Annual Meeting Waterfront &/or Challenge Course 2:15-3:00 Break Youth Created Program 3:15 – 4:45		
4:15 - 5:15	WELCOME! Q&A	CREATIVE TIME	CREATIVE TIME (Group Photo 4:15)		CREATIVE TIME	4:45p Prepare for 70th Anniversary Party...		
5:15p	Table Set-Up	Table Set-Up	Table Set-Up	Table Set-Up	Table Set-Up	Table Set-Up		
5:30p	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
6:15p	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering		
7:00-8:30p	Opening Ceremony	Evening Group Activity	Evening Group Activity	Evening Group Activity	Evening Group Activity	Anniversary Party Closing Ceremony		
8:30p	Clean-Up	Clean-Up	Clean-Up	Clean-Up	Clean-Up	Clean-Up		
8:45p – 10p	Late Nite	Late Nite	Late Nite	Late Nite	Late Nite	Late Nite		

Black – all ages
Green – 6 & up
Pink – 10 & up
Blue – 13 & up
Violet – 15 & up

Chatcolab Northwest Leadership Laboratory – 2018

Officers and Board Members

Chair – Marianne Burton	2020
Vice Chair – Preston Sorensen	2018
Secretary - Randee Sorensen	2019
Treasurer (Non-board) – Bob Carver	
Registrar – Val Duffy	2018
Program Chair – Betsy Carver	2019

Members at Large

Holly Purdy(replacing Tyler Schlagenhauf)	2018
Kim Maes (replacing Doug Owsley)	2019
Jen McFarland	2020
Dave Chandler	2020

Board Alternates	Chris Beasley Ann Easterly Lee Hannibal Liz Hull
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Teen Delegates – Shania Nelson & Vivienne Fink

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Honorary Board Members

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Jean Baringer
Michael Early
Terry Weber



Thank You!

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Bob Downey
Debra Gillett

Past Chairs and Themes

1949	Don Clayton – Moscow, Idaho	Announcing the First Lab – It Finally Happened
1950	Don Clayton – Moscow, Idaho	Corridor of Nations
1951	Dan Warren – Moscow, Idaho	Being a Real Person
1952	Dan Warren – Moscow, Idaho	Our Heritage
1953	Larry Thie – Cooperville, Washington	To Know is to Care – To Care is to Share
1954	Hattie Mae Rhonemus – Eugene, Oregon	Peace through Participation
1955	Sally Schroeder – Coquerrille, Oregon	Menu for Fun (meal ticket)
1956	Mary McKenzie – Ephrata, Washington	Family Fun Fest
1957	Ken Branch – Bremerton, Washington	B.U. Roundup (leather)
1958	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	S.S. Friendship (ship lifesaver)
1959	Ed Cushman – Yakima, Washington	Logger's Jamboree (wood trees)
1960	John Moore – Moses Lake, Washington	Discovery Days
1961	Glen Dildine – Washington, D.C.	Within Us One World
1962	Don Ingle – Bonners Ferry, Idaho	Bridges to _____
1963	Angelo Rovetto – Yakima, Washington	Expanding Orbits (wood slices)
1964	Doc LaRale Stephens – Moscow, Idaho	From These Seeds
1965	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	The Music of Friendship (notes)
1966	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	Leadership, Key to the Future (keys)
1967	Doc LaRale Stephens – Moscow, Idaho	Carving a New Image
1968	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	Countdown for Tomorrow (rockets)
1969	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	Beginnings (masonite shapes)
1970	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	New Horizons
1971	Alice Berner – Wolf Point, Montana	The Unfolding Process
1972	Alice Berner – Wolf Point, Montana	Leadership is a Process (wood slices)
1973	Alice Berner – Wolf Point, Montana	Because We Care (25 th Chat)
1974	Brad Bradley – Seattle, Washington	Kollege of Knowledge (wood slices)
1975	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	Finding Life's Treasures (puzzle pieces)
1976	Leila Steckelberg – Arlington, Washington	An American Panorama (puzzle pieces)
1977	Dick Schwartz - Milwaukie, Oregon	Prospecting An Adventure in Discovery
1978	Jackie Baritell – Walnut Creek, California	Take Time to Reach Out (hands)
	Marianne DuBois – Julian, California	(Shared Chairs)
1979	Roy Main – El Centro, California	A Rainbow – Color it You (rainbow)
1980	Sally Heard – Great Falls, Montana	Bloom and Grow (flowers)
1981	Mark Patterson – San Jose, California	Take Time (clocks)
1982	Mark Patterson – San Jose, California	Spread Your Wings (birds & butterflies)
1983	Doc Stephens - Spokane, Washington	Focus on Leadership
1984	Dick Schwartz - Milwaukie, Oregon	Board the "LEADERSHIP" (ships)
1985	Dick Schwartz - Milwaukie, Oregon	Come Out of Hibernation - Come Alive in "85
1986	Jean Baringer – Conrad, Montana	Energize at Chat – Let's Glow Together
1987	Jean Baringer – Conrad, Montana	Follow the Rainbow
1988	Miriam Beasley - Oregon City, Oregon	Ruby Jubilee (40 th Chat)
1989	Miriam Beasley – Oregon City, Oregon	A Kaleidoscope of Leadership
1990	Jim Schuld – Milwaukie, Oregon	Laughter In Leadership
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		Emerge a Leader
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AS A RESULT OF LAB EXPERIENCE
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THE SPIRIT OF CHATCOLAB NORTHWEST LEADERSHIP LABORATORY

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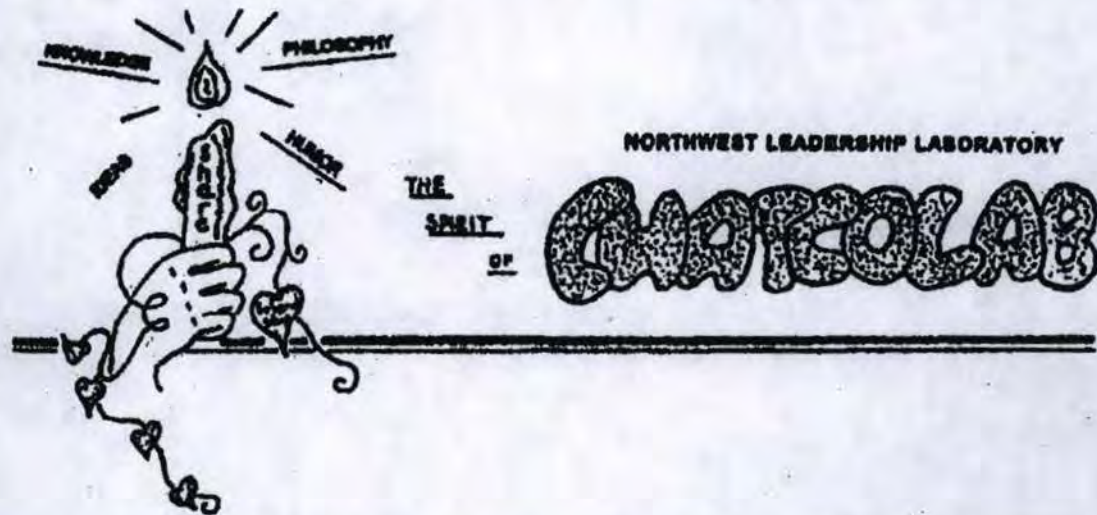
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This notebook is the outcome of one week of sharing experiences. The material was gathered and/or completed during camp.

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Logos and Notebook Cover

The old logo of the single hand with the flowing ivy, shown below, was designed and used as stationary in the early years, at least prior to 1955. The candles have always been a central part of the opening and closing ceremonies and represents sharing, with the rays of light representing ideas, knowledge, philosophy, and humor. All of these entwined, given and received, by friendship.



The former notebook cover picture, following page, was from a photograph of the campfire by Lake Chatcolet at Camp Heyburn. After the picture was drawn it was transferred to metal plates and used to print the cover page from 1953 to and including 1989. Leila Steckelberg still has these plates in her possession. This cover was retired in 1989 when we went with the silk-screened three ring binder and has now become part of Chat history.

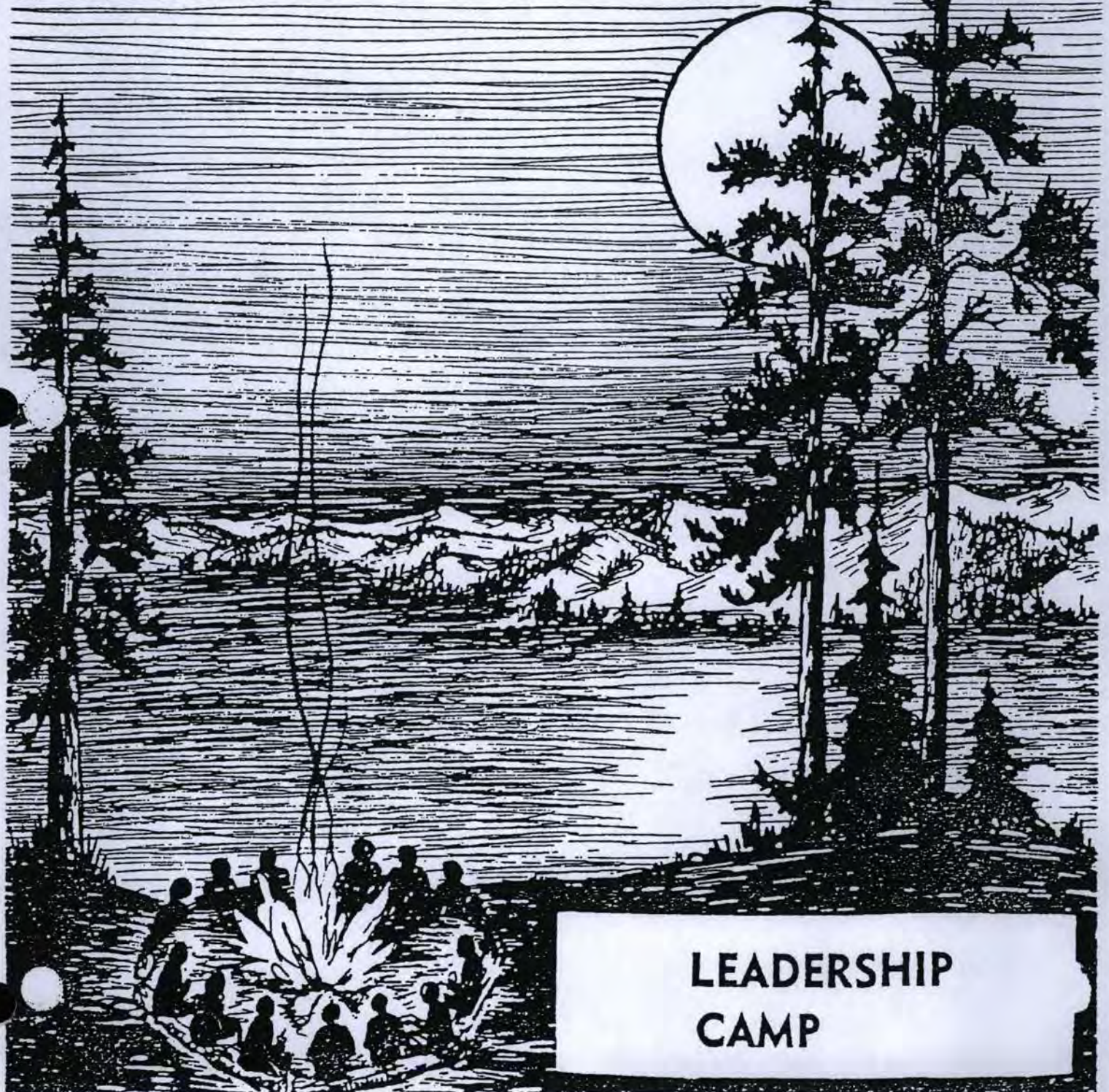
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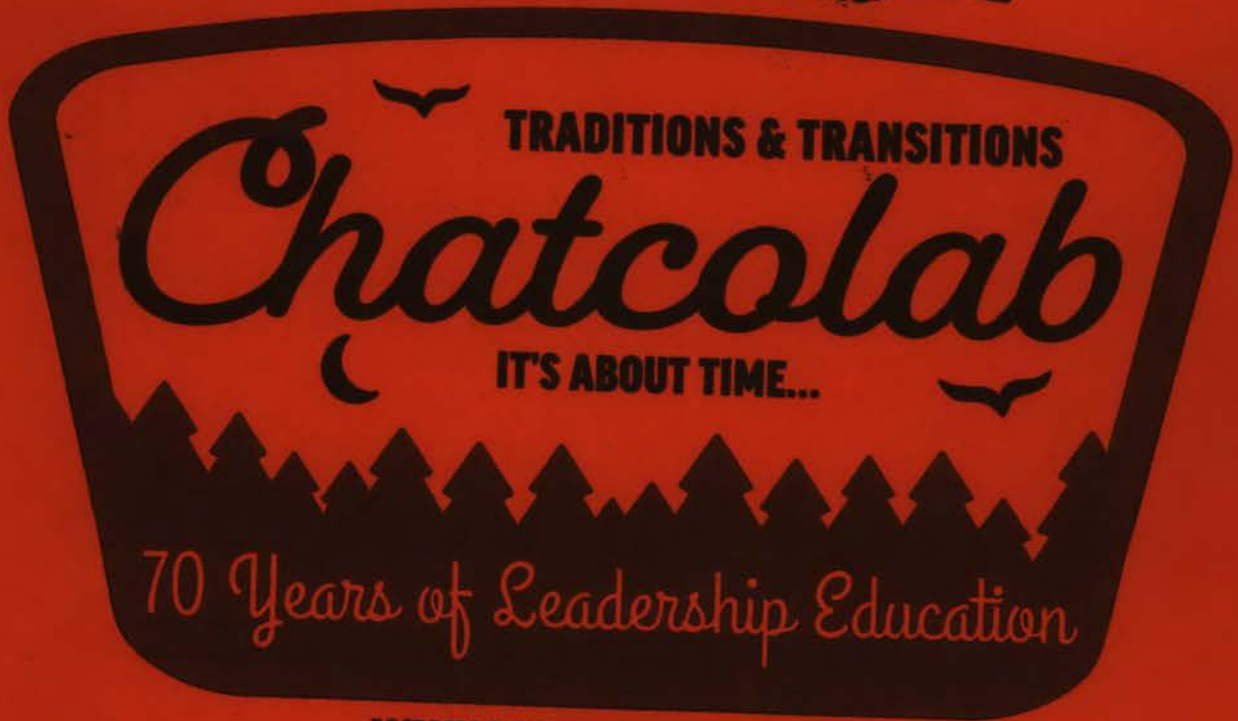


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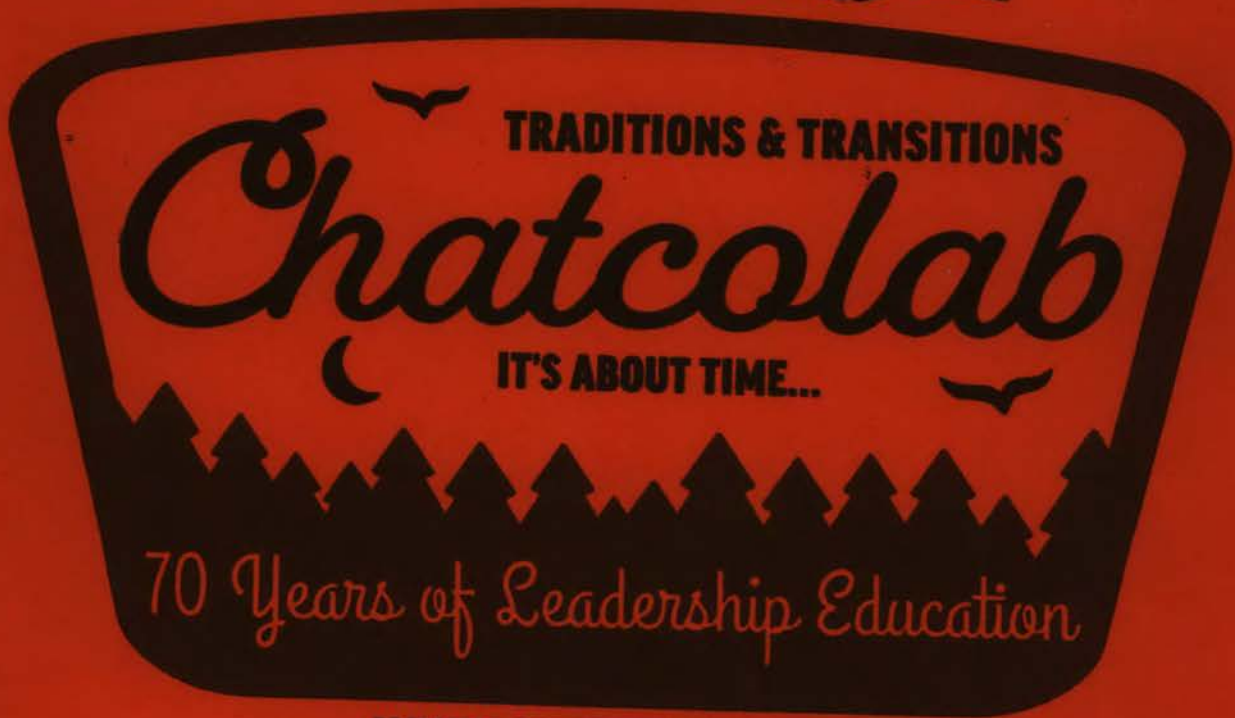
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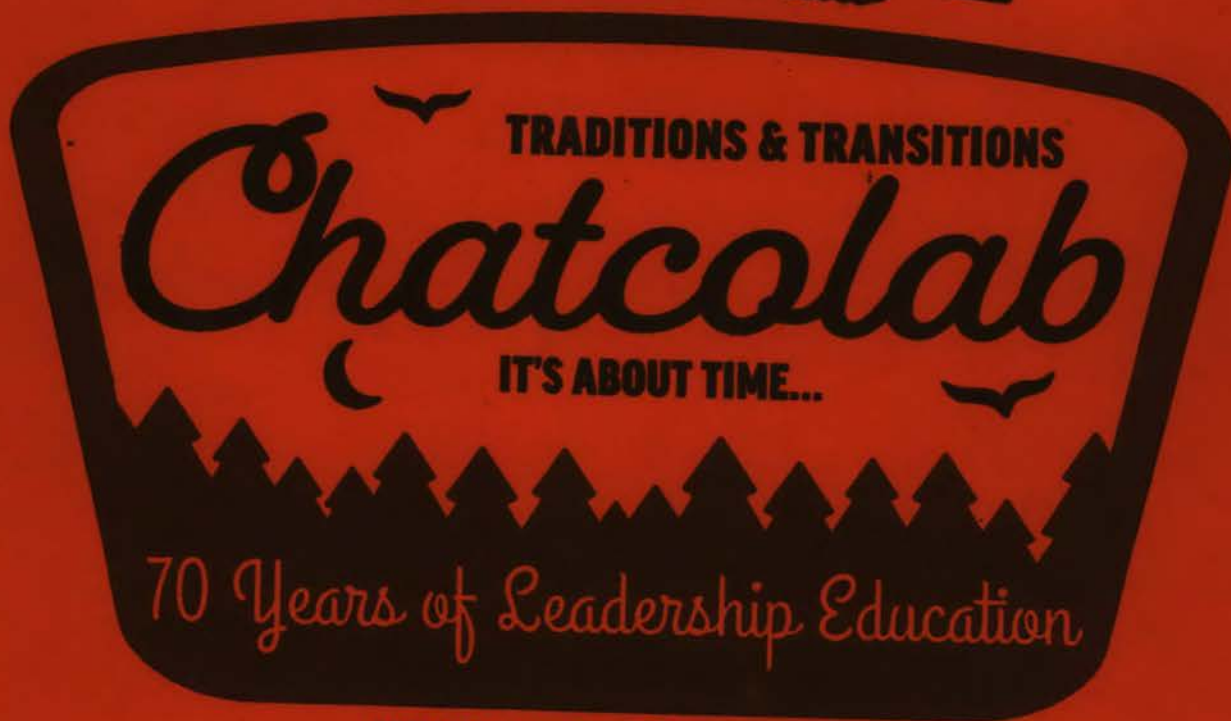
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Chatcolab Overview

Chatcolab is a blend of the recreation laboratory idea that was born in the early thirties at Walden Woods, Michigan and an older model for education the "Chautauqua" from New York. 2009 is the 61st year for this Idaho based leadership laboratory and non-profit corporation. This lab developed out of the College of Forestry at the University of Idaho and a Methodist minister's vision in 1948. It is focused on leadership education in a natural resource setting using recreation as a framework and serves the 13 western states.

It is slow paced and reflective....families come with adults who wish to continue their lifelong learning in an atmosphere of sharing.

Summary of Chatcolab History

From 1949 to 2014 a Northwest Leadership Laboratory has been held in Idaho, Oregon or Washington State and chaired by volunteer non-profit board members & leaders from the western United States using a Chautauqua format. The most important idea which has brought so much enthusiasm out of so many people for almost 66 years can be experienced in one word – **SHARING**.

Chautauqua stands out among the residential, independent adult centers for learning in the Nation. Founded in 1874 at what is now Chautauqua Lake, New York, its origin and growth are part of the history of adult education. Now over 100 years old it continues to draw adults and families to summer programs with their emphasis on culture, education and recreation (Atwood 1970). Chautauqua plays a unique educational role today, offering studies on a vacation level, a more serious level and a professional level. In addition, there are enhanced learning opportunities within Chautauqua's other programming. Music, the arts, religion, recreation and the pursuit of knowledge are all available. Younger and older students often share learning experiences in an open, congenial atmosphere. Children and young people are also provided with their own special programs.

Chatcolab is a Western Chautauqua and Recreation Laboratory. A Chautauqua is an adult education movement in the United States, highly popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Chautauqua assemblies expanded and spread throughout rural America in the Mid-1920s. The Chautauqua brings entertainment and culture for the whole community, with speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers, preachers and specialists of the day. Former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt is quoted as saying that Chautauqua is "the most American thing in America."

Planning meetings for a Northwest Recreation Laboratory started in 1948 by a committee from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. The first formal Lab was held at Heyburn State Park on Lake Chatcolet in Idaho in 1949. The name Chatcolab is derived from the name of the lake and the fact that this is a laboratory situation. Chatcolab

embraces a pioneer spirit as Chautauqua and Walden woods of the west inspired by its' first Chairman, Don Clayton a Methodist Minister from Moscow, Idaho

The Chatcolab lab founders were also influenced by David Henry Thoreau of Concord, Massachusetts. Who taught school intermittently from 1837-1841. Thoreau is best known for his book *Walden* (1854); which expounded the doctrine of simplification - his ability to "live off the land" on Walden Pond for two years. Thoreau's profound respect for nature and *Walden* indirectly inspired the "naturalist/environmentalist" movement and J.R. Crouse to create his Utopian community *Walden Woods* in Hartland, Michigan. In 1931 Mr. Crouse conceived the plan for the Hartland Area Project. The objective was to bring the privilege of music, drama, handicrafts, library service, health and welfare work to the residents of the rural area surrounding Hartland. The Hartland Area Project is one of many evidences of J. Robert Crouse's whole-hearted philanthropy. His faith in humanity and his desire for the enrichment of life has endowed the Hartland Area with the Cromaine (District) Library, the Music Hall, Walden woods, Community Life newspaper, and in earlier days the Hartland Area Crafts. Chatcolab becomes a Hartland Community for one week each year.

This Northwest learning lab has never been by or for specialists. It has been an effort to stimulate and enthuse a community of learners by exposure to best recreation and leadership methods and ideas. Stress has been placed on learning by participation and encouragement. The sharing of duties is encouraged whenever possible by having lab in a camp site situation where duties and problems made practical application of chore sharing a necessity. Leaders have been chosen very often, not as true experts in their fields, but rather as guides to help other leaders on the way. The "Spirit" of Chatcolab is: Knowledge, Philosophy, Ideas, Humor and Sharing.

A balanced mix of recreational professionals, academic experts, support staff, and youth volunteers always makes for the best lab and stimulating interaction. Over the years Western Cooperative Extension Directors and 4-H have used this leadership lab for the professional development for volunteers, staff and faculty. Girl Scouts, Parks & Recreation, and Senior Center Program directors also presently come to this lab from across the west. If you are a leader you are invited!

Past Chairs and Themes

1949 Don Clayton - Moscow, Idaho Finally Happened	Announcing the First Lab-It
1950 Don Clayton - Moscow, Idaho	Corridor of Nations
1951 Dan Warren - Moscow, Idaho	Being a Real Person
1952 Dan Warren - Moscow, Idaho	Our Heritage
1953 Larry Thie - Couperville, Washington is to Share	To Know is to Care-To Care
1954 Hattie Mae Rhonemus - Eugene, Oregon	Peace through Participation
1955 Sally Schoeder - Coquerrille, Oregon	Menu for Fun (meal tickets)

1956	Mary McKenzie – Ephrata, Washington	Family Fun Fest
1957	Ken Branch – Bremerton, Washington	B.U. Roundup (leather)
1958	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho lifesaver)	S.S. Friendship (ship)
1959	Ed Cushman – Yakima, Washington slices)	Logger's Jamboree (wood)
1960	John Moore – Moses Lake, Washington	Discovery Days
1961	Glen Dildine – Washington D.C.	Within Us One Wkorld
1962	Don Ingle – Bonners Ferry, Idaho	Bridges to _____
1963	Angelo Rovetto – Yakima, Washington slices)	Expanding Orbits (wood)
1964	Doc LaRale Stephens – Moscow, Idaho	From These Seeds
1965	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho (notes)	The Music of Friendship
1966	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho (keys)	Leadership, Key to the Future
1967	Doc Stephens – Moscow, Idaho	Carving a New Image
1968	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho (Rockets)	Countdown for Tomorrow
1969	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	Beginnings (masonite shapes)
1970	Vern Burlison - Moscow, Idaho	New Horizons
1971	Alice Berner – Wolf Point, Montana	The Unfolding Process
1972	Alice Berner – Wolf Point, Montana (wood slices)	Leadership is a Process
1973	Alice Berner – Wolf Point, Montana	Because We Care (25 th Chat)
1974	Brad Bradley – Seattle, Washington slices)	Kollege of Knowledge (wood)
1975	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho (puzzle pieces)	Finding Life's Treasures
1976	Leila Steckelberg – Arlington, Washington (puzzle pieces)	An American Panorama
1977	Dick Schwartz – Milwaukie, Adventure in Discovery	OregonProspecting An
1978	Jackie Baritell – Walnut Creek, California (hands)	Take Time to Reach Out
	Marianne DuBois – Julian, California	(shared chairs)
1979	Roy Main – El Centro, California (rainbow)	A Rainbow-Color it You
1980	Sally Heard – Great Falls, Montana	Bloom and Grow (flowers)
1981	Mark Patterson – San Jose, California	Take Time (clocks)
1982	Mark Patterson – San Jose, Californis butterflies)	Spread Your Wings (birds &
1983	Doc Stephens – Spokane, Washington	Focus on Leadership
1984	Dick Schwartz – Milwaukie, Oregon (ships)	Board the "LEADERSHIP"

1985 Dick Schwartz – Milwaukie, Oregon Come Alive in '85	Come out of Hibernation –
1986 Jean Baringer – Conrad, Montana Together	Energize at Chat-Let's Glow
1987 Jean Baringer – Conrad, Montana	Follow the Rainbow
1988 Miriam Beasley – Oregon City, Oregon	Ruby Jubilee (40 th Chat)
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Location of Chatcolab

The 2015 Chatcolab is located at Twinlow Camp & Retreat Center, on pine-covered grounds on glistening Lower Twin Lake approximately 5 miles north of Rathdrum, Idaho. Twin Lakes are two fresh water mountain lakes connected by a shallow, narrow channel. Twinlow, a camp and retreat center "for all seasons", is a ministry of the United Methodist churches of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. It exists to promote the mission of the church and encourage education, recreation and community for children, youth and adults. Twinlow offers opportunities for individuals and groups of diverse abilities, racial and cultural backgrounds. For more information go to:
<http://www.twinlowcamp.org/>

Purpose of Chatcolab: Northwest Leadership Laboratory

Chatcolab, Incorporated exists for the sole purpose of assisting leaders of youth and adult groups to develop their individual leadership abilities. The primary means of accomplishing this purpose is to hold an annual leadership development laboratory in a camping situation. The objective of the laboratory is to provide instruction, guidance and inspiration in an atmosphere that is made conducive to the development of the individual's leadership abilities through sharing ideas, knowledge and humor, with friendly concern.

Philosophy of Chatcolab: Northwest Leadership Laboratory

Chatcolab Leadership Laboratory is designed as a stimulating experience for people who are interested in learning how to lead recreation in fun and exciting ways. This is a unique experience for youth leaders, senior center staff, youth development professionals (teachers, students, Extension, and 4-H), church leaders, camp counselors, ANYONE!!

The Lab is a group living experience in which there is an exchange of ideas and techniques in the field of leadership and recreation. The lab is a retreat from daily routine. Group unity flows as individuals develop together in work and play. Major emphasis is placed in joy and fellowship. New knowledge and abilities gained through the sharing of creative activities lead to mental, emotional and spiritual growth. As a result of lab experience individuals recognize opportunities for good living...By Sharing One's Self Freely.

The Spirit of Chatcolab: Northwest Leadership Laboratory

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Goals for Chatcolab

- A.** For all Chatcolab participants to gain new knowledge and leadership abilities through the sharing of creative activities that lead to mental, emotional and spiritual growth.
- B.** For all Chatcolab participants to experience, gain skills and a greater awareness of our 2015 theme in their own lives, in their families and in their communities
- C.** For all Chatcolab participants to enrich their lives, using all aspects of the camping facility, especially the natural environment.

Objectives of 2015 Chatcolab

Objectives of Chatcolab Incorporated:

1. To bring together people of various ages, from numerous backgrounds to work together in cultivating their leadership skills through recreation
2. To provide the time, space and resources in order to attain the goals of the membership.

Objectives for All Lab, In Depth, Keynote and Mini Workshop Resource Presenters:

3. To focus on the natural resource and practical science aspects in materials, instruction and delivery.
4. To present material/information to labbers in manageable form so they can "pass it on" to others.
5. To use a variety of media for presentation to meet the diverse abilities of the labbers.
6. To provide a pleasurable atmosphere for learning experiences (have fun!).
7. To give labbers an opportunity to show individuality.

Objectives for Labbers:

8. To develop and learn five new skills during the annual Chatcolab experience.
9. To understand the data/information presented and be able to demonstrate or implement it to at least one other group during the year.
10. To gain new knowledge and leadership abilities through the sharing of ideas that lend to mental, emotional, and spiritual growth.
11. To share the Chatcolab philosophy of knowledge, humor, ideas with each other.

History of Chatcolab 1946 - 1989

Compiled by, Terry Webber, Former Chatcolab Notebook Editor

The recreation laboratory idea was born in the early thirties at Waldenwoods, Michigan. A meeting had been scheduled for recreation leaders, and all arrived except the people

who were to conduct the meeting. A snowstorm prevented their arrival. The group decided to carry on that meeting by exchanging their own ideas and experiences, and developing recreation methods and ideas for their own groups.

They spent several days together before the roads were cleared for them. At the end, in analyzing what had been accomplished, they decided that their method of sharing information, ideas, and techniques had been useful in their. They decided to hold another meeting. The enthusiasm for the "laboratory" method was so great and contagious that others heard about it. Applications came from many people who wished to share this experience with them.

In several years time, the group had grown so large the originators felt that it was necessary to reduce its size. They felt that its maximum usefulness and effectiveness could be obtained only in small groups that could be quickly integrated into sharing situations in a laboratory format. Consequently, they agreed to break up and form other laboratories entirely separate, except in inspiration, from the parent group. Some of these labs made great progress while others were less successful.

One of these labs was Camp Idhuhapi at Loetta, Minnesota, which later became the Northland Recreation Leaders Lab. This in turn was the inspiration for others, one of which was formed by a group principally from Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Montana. Twenty-seven interested people donated a dollar, and with this \$27 a committee planned the first Black Hills Lab to be held in October 1946 at Box Elder Camp in the Black Hills near Nemo, South Dakota. They decided on a fall lab, usually at the end of September, since Northland was held in the spring.

The first Recreation Leaders Laboratory established five principles, which have served as guidelines for nearly all subsequent groups:

1. This should be a sharing camp, with no distinctions between campers or pupils from teachers.
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3. Goals must be for the enrichment of all life not merely to add skills and information.
4. Recreation Leaders Laboratory would invite attendance from diverse vocations and never seek uniformity for its campers.
5. Those who come assume cooperation in complete sharing as a way of life.

Born in the midst of a depression when time was more plentiful than money, through the years when time and money were diverted to other purposes, on to times of economic growth when money was more plentiful than time, and now a period when we have neither time nor money – recreation laboratories have continued to survive.

The Black Hills Lab drew its registrants from an ever-widening circle in the west, Midwest and southwest. It generated such enthusiasm that many of its members returned home determined to bring a similar experience to greater numbers of people in their area by establishing other labs. Such was the foundation of Chatcolab in northern Idaho in

1949, established for the Northwest, held in May at Heyburn State Park on Lake Chatcolet.

The Longhorn Recreation Lab was also organized soon after in Texas. From the same Black Hills Lab came the inspiration for the Southwest Lab in New Mexico, and the Great Plains Lab in Nebraska. The Black Hills also inspired the nucleus from the east who set up another lab in Michigan called the Great Lakes Lab and indirectly influenced the establishment of a lab in Maine, the Downeast Rec Lab, and even carried the idea to Ireland in 1963.

At the Black Hills Rec Leaders' Laboratory in 1948, some of the "out westerns" got to saying "Wouldn't it be great to have a camp like this further west?" It was at this time that Don Clayton was moving to Moscow, Idaho from Havre, Montana. There were a few from southern Idaho who had attended Black Hills Lab and Don's move was the incentive to try to start a new lab here in the northwest. Black Hills Labbers contributed \$58.00 toward organizational expenses and a committee of six people was formed. A sub-committee made up of people from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho who were interested in people and recreation were drafted to complete the new organizational committee. The winter meeting was held during the Christmas vacation (over really icy and snow packed roads) with Al and Louise Richardson at Corvallis, Montana. They blew the \$58.00, but enthusiasm was even greater to get this lab off the ground.

Resource people from the area were secured and an old C.C.C. camp was chosen as the site. On good authority by an old-timer, the best weather in May was always the second week, so the target date was May 11-18, 1949. This meeting was followed by lots of letters, phone calls and news releases inviting and urging recreation leaders to participate.

This camp was built as a C.C.C. camp in the 1930's. During WWII it was used as a convalescent R & R camp for pilots stationed at Spokane. The camp was in a sad state of disrepair. Don Clayton brought students from Moscow and other individuals in the area who contributed much time, materials and money to repair the camp so it could be used.

A wall was built between the kitchen and the dining area, and many pictures were painted on the walls to enhance the building. Trays, carts, and many other things were brought from Farragut Naval Training Station on Lake Pend O'Reille.

The first lab, May 11-18, 1949, was a great success with 88 people attending in full spirit and form. Financially it was solvent, morally it was clean, and physically it was capable of growth and sustained life. Chatcolab was held in the same location, Heyburn State Park on Lake Chatcolet, from 1949 through 1975. The name Chatcolab was derived from the name of the lake and the fact this is a laboratory situation.

In 1955, a group of three California people came to Chatcolab in Idaho and became so enthused with the idea that they were determined to set up a similar organization in California. More than a three-year period finally culminated the start of the Redwood Lab.

In May 1956, the top-most section of the Chatcolab Candle, which represents sharing, was presented to Mary, Kay and Carl for the beginning of the new Redwood Lab. A committee was formed in 1955 and the members met at Camp Sylvester (Stanislaus Co. 4-H Camp) November 12-13, 1955 to set the plans and dates for the first Redwood Recreation Laboratory to be held at Camp O-ONGA in Southern California. The lab was canceled one week before it was scheduled to start due to inadequate registration.

Mary Regan and Emily Ronsee returned to Chatcolab in May 1957, bringing their section of the candle with them. It was placed back on the Chatcolab candle and again presented to Mary and Emily at the closing ceremony of Lab. They went back to California more determined than ever for Redwood to become a reality. And so it did! Jones Gulch, south of San Francisco was the location of the first Redwood Lab in April 1958. The sharing section of the Chatcolab candle became the base of the Redwood Candle with a real redwood trunk. Chatcolabbers Walt and Sally Schroeder, and Leila Steckelberg (who made the Redwood Candle at the first lab) went down to help the new lab off to a flying start. There were 43 labbers including staff and resource people that year.

In April 1959, the second lab was held at Mendocino City, with 50 people attending. Not even an Asian flu epidemic, a "fast" trip down a very narrow, rough and crooked mountain road late at night, or a broken collarbone, could dampen the enthusiasm of those attending.

The first two labs were held in the redwoods, but in 1960 the decision was made to hold the lab at Old Oak Youth Camp. It was also there in 1961 where a free will offering was taken to purchase a beautiful piece of gold bearing quartz which Ken Hoach presented to the Chatcolab board in May (to be placed in the new recreation hall fireplace) in appreciation for all the moral and financial help and support that they had given this lab.

Since the center section of our original candle became the base of the Redwood Candle, in 1958 the remaining part was melted down and molded into a new large candle and four small ones to represent "Spirit" of Chatcolab – knowledge, philosophy, ideas, humor and sharing. These, fused together again, are the candles we still use in our ceremonies.

The possibilities of becoming an incorporated group were discussed at the October 1968 board meeting in Moscow, Idaho, with the board accepting the proposal. Vern Burlison was instrumental in getting the corporate matters completed so that on May 15, 1968 during Chatcolab, the articles of incorporation were notarized at St. Maries, Idaho. In 1980 the non-profit status was received from the IRS through the efforts of Betty Schuld.

As can happen in any organization, the plans and expectations were becoming too caught up in the past and "getting into a rut." The "family groups" were getting too strong and activities were based on duties, rather than people. Don Clayton, one of the original planners of Chatcolab, now in Wisconsin, attended the October 1969 planning meeting in

Moscow, Idaho to help re-evaluate the goals of Chatcolab. He reminded us that we learn through sharing, not merely in getting, and labbers need to feel the warmth and love of the group to be ready to learn and experience leadership. Plans were made to create an atmosphere where labbers are more willing to try things on their own. During the May 1970 Lab, when Chat became of age (21) the lab program was people-centered and activities were filled in to suit the needs, rather than an activity program first, filled in by people. This presented a challenge for labbers to use their ideas in self-discovery.

Chatcolab 1972 saw the introduction of C.H.A.T. (College of Hidden Art and Talents) classes allowing every labber an opportunity to give more of himself by sharing some ability.

The celebration of the 25th anniversary in 1974 brought 91 labbers to Chat. Mary Fran Bunning Anderson, who, along with her husband, Bill, was instrumental in forming the earlier years lab's leadership growth, attended her 19th lab and shared memories of past labs. Marge Leinum Grier (24), Leila Steckelberg (21), Don Clayton (23) and Vernon Burlison (20) all of whom had attended the last 20 labs, also added their memories.

Labbers celebrated by enjoying birthday cake, the anniversary waltz, reminisced, and enjoyed other activities.

All good things have to come to an end sometimes. Our use of Heyburn Youth Camp ended (last lab there was in 1975) by the Idaho State Health Department declaring the facility was unfit and would be closed unless it could be brought up to regulated health standards. Updating was almost impossible for the aging facility.

Vern Burlison and Leila Steckelberg were instrumental in finding a new location, deciding on the Easter Seal Camp (now called Camp Roger Larson) at Worley, Idaho, not far from Heyburn. There was much nostalgia carry-over and yearning for Indian Cliffs, the colorful dining hall, the glorious trees, the daily train, the many memories there, but we found a new home, because Chatcolab is not just a place. More importantly, it is people! The wishing well at Heyburn was purchased at the dispersal auction with the hope that it would some day be rebuilt as a remembrance of our "youthful years." Easter Seal Camp (Camp WSU-Camp Roger Larson) has satisfied our needs since 1976 and has been home ever since, except in 1994 when Chatcolab was held at Camp Gifford, north of Spokane, Washington.

In 1988 the 40th lab was celebrated with a "Ruby Jubilee" with 70 labbers attending. It was a busy week that started with some "Remember when's..." celebrating with good evening programs, each one being better than the night before, ending with a cake-cutting celebration.

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History of Chatcolab

The recreation laboratory idea was born in the early thirties at Waldenwoods, Michigan. A meeting had been scheduled for recreation leaders, and all arrived except the people who were to conduct the meeting. A snowstorm prevented their arrival. The group decided to carry on that meeting by exchanging their own ideas and experiences, and developing recreation methods and ideas for their own groups.

The spent several days together before the roads were cleared for them. At the end, in analyzing what had been accomplished, they decided their method of sharing information, ideas, and techniques that had been useful in their work, that they decided to hold another meeting. Their enthusiasm for the "laboratory" method was so great and contagious that others heard about it. Applications came from many people who wished to share this experience with them.

In several years time, the group had grown so large the originators felt that it was necessary to reduce its size. They felt that its maximum usefulness and effectiveness could be obtained only in small groups that could be quickly integrated into sharing situations in a laboratory format. Consequently, they agreed to break u and form other laboratories entirely separate, except in inspiration, from the parent group. Some of these labs made great progress while others were less successful.

One of the labs was Camp Idhuhapi at Loetta, Minnesota, which later became the Northland Recreation Leaders Lab. This in turn was the inspiration for others, one of which was formed by a group principally from Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Montana. Twenty-seven interested people donated a dollar, and with this \$27 a committee planned the first Black Hills Lab to be held in October 1946 at Box Elder Camp in the Black Hills near Nemo, South Dakota. They decided on a fall lab, usually at the end of September, since Northland was held in the spring.

The first Recreation Leaders laboratory established five principles, which have served as guidelines for nearly all subsequent groups:

1. This should be a sharing camp, with no distinctions between campers or pupils from teachers.
2. This should be a fellowship separated from any sponsoring institution and be self-perpetuating by democratic process.
3. Goals must be for the enrichment of all life not merely to add skills and information.
4. Recreation Leaders Laboratory would invite attendance from diverse vocations and never seek uniformity for its campers.
5. Those who come assume cooperation in complete sharing as a way of life.

Born in the midst of a depression when time was more plentiful than money, through the war years when time and money were diverted to other purposes, on to

times of economic growth when money was more plentiful than time, and now a period when we have neither time nor money – recreation laboratories have continued to survive.

The Black Hills Lab drew its registrants from an ever-widening circle in the west, Midwest and southwest. It generated such enthusiasm that many of its members returned home determined to bring a similar experience to greater numbers of people in their area by establishing other labs. Such was the foundation of Chatcolab in northern Idaho in 1949, established for the Northwest, held in May at Heyburn State Park on Lake Chatcolet.

The Longhorn Recreation Lab was also organized soon after in Texas. From the same Black Hills Lab came the inspiration for the Southwest Lab in New Mexico, and the Great Plains Lab in Nebraska. The Black Hills also inspired the nucleus from the east who set up another lab in Michigan called the Great Lakes Lab and indirectly influenced the establishment of a lab in Maine, the Downeast Rec Lab, and even carried the idea to Ireland in 1963.

At the Black Hills Rec Leaders' Laboratory in 1948, some of the "out westerns" got the saying, "Wouldn't it be great to have a camp like this further west?" It was at this time that Don Clayton was moving to Moscow, Idaho from Havre, Montana. There were a few from southern Idaho who had attended Black Hills Lab and don's move was the incentive to try to start a new lab here in the northwest. Black Hills Labbers contributed \$58.00 toward organizational expenses and a committee of six people was formed. A sub-committee made up of people from Oregon, Washington and Idaho who were interested in people and recreation were drafted to complete the new organizational committee. The winter meeting was held during the Christmas vacation (over really icy and snow packed roads) with Al and Louise Richardson at Corvallis, Montana. They blew the \$58.00, but enthusiasm was even greater to get this lab off the ground. Resource people from the area were secured and an old C.C.C. camp was chosen as the site. On good authority by an old-timer, the best weather in May was always the second week, so the target date was May 11-18, 1949. This meeting was followed by lots of letters, phone calls and news releases inviting and urging recreation leaders to participate.

This camp was built as a C.C.C. camp in the 1930's. During WWII it was used as a convalescent R & R camp for pilots stationed at Spokane. The camp was in a sad state of disrepair. Don Clayton brought students from Moscow and other individuals in the area contributed much time, materials and money to repair the camp so it could be used. A wall was built between the kitchen and the dining area, and many pictures were painted on the walls to enhance the building. Trays, carts, and many other things were brought from Farragut Naval Training Station on Lake Pend O'Reille.

The first lab, May 11-18, 1949, was a great success with 88 people attending in full spirit and form. Financially it was solvent, morally it was clean, and physically it was capable of growth and sustained life. Chatcolab was held in the same location,

Heyburn State Park on Lake Chatcolet, from 1949 through 1975. The name Chatcolab was derived from the name of the lake and the fact this is a laboratory situation.

In 1955, a group of three California people came to Chatcolab in Idaho and became so enthused with the idea that they were determined to set up a similar organization in California. More than a three-year period finally culminated the start of the Redwood Lab.

In May 1956, the top-most section of the Chatcolab Candle, which represents sharing, was presented to Mary, Kay and Carl for the beginning of the new Redwood Lab. A committee was formed in 1955 and the members met at Camp Sylvester (Stanislaus Co. 4-H Camp) November 12-13, 1955 to set the plans and dates for the first Redwood Recreation Laboratory to be held at Camp O-ONGA in Southern California. The lab was canceled one week before it was scheduled to start due to inadequate registration.

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The first two labs were held in the redwoods, but in 1960 the decision was made to hold the lab at Old Oak Youth Camp. It was also there in 1961 where a free will offering was taken to purchase a beautiful piece of gold bearing quartz which Ken Hoach presented to the Chatcolab board in May (to be placed in the new recreation hall fireplace) in appreciation for all the moral and financial help and support that they had given this lab.

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CAMP at CHATCOLET

By Archie R. Harney



Church on the lake; choir on pier; scripture readers in boat. Left: Indian taught nature lore.

When 89 men and women gathered recently on the shore of Lake Chatcolet at the lower end of Lake Coeur d'Alene for the first Northwest Recreation camp, the license plates on their automobiles told a peculiar story. Many had come from far places in Montana, Washington and Oregon. One car was from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Just why people would come that far to learn to whittle a figurine out of a pine stick, or learn a new square dance or outdoor game, or learn to lead group singing was something that I couldn't quite see. Eight days of fun are fun even for a hardened old editor. But Twin Falls!! Colorado Springs!!

Even if you throw in silversmithing, leather carving, aluminum shaping and etching and top it off with Chatcolet bass fishing—well, it's still a long way to some of those points, and a great many of the folks who had come were busy people at home. Some taught school, some were from farms, businesses, institutional posts. One woman from Twin Falls is a radio station operator. Three men were from pulpits, and two of those had to be home on Sunday to preach their regular sermons.

It didn't take long to find out what it was that brought these busy people long

distances. The folks who had come to the Northwest Recreation camp wanted something more than vacation for themselves. There was more of work than play during the entire eight days. Fun doesn't include working on a square dance until midnight. It doesn't in my vocabulary. Dancing like that is work all written all in capitals. You may like the music and the rhythm, and it may be fun from the standpoint of the good fellows you are dancing with, but there is still the matter of feet and legs that yell loudly for rest.

Outdoor games are work, too. Try some of them. And it's real work to put out a 75-page mimeographed camp report with illustrations and have it all ready to go when the camp breaks up. It's work to concentrate on a wood-carving, a carved leather belt, an aluminum tray, or a bit of silver jewelry when it's all unfamiliar to you and you'd like to give up and quit.

There was something more than personal fun that the campers at Chatcolet had come for. They had come determined to get something to take home with them and pass on to someone else—some little thing that would make life and living better for the people of their communities.

Service was the key-word throughout

the camp. From the fellow who got up early in the morning to stoke the hot-water heater for the rest of us, right on up to the men and women who had worked long, long hours in committees to make the whole venture possible, service to others was the word. Take a look at the membership of the committee and you'll get an idea of how much work had to be done, how many letters had to be written, and how much thought had to go into the entire plan.

The Rev. Don Clayton of Moscow, Idaho, was chairman of the group, Emil Eliason, Havre, Mont., was treasurer, and Louise Richardson of Corvallis, Mont., was secretary. Ruth Radir, assistant state 4-H club leader at Washington State college, was the committee member from her state, and Oregon had one, Esther Teskerud of Corvallis.

Dan Warren, Idaho state 4-H club leader from the University of Idaho, was the other member from the Gem state, but Montana had enough to make up for the rest of us. There was Al Richardson, the other half of the Corvallis Richardson family. Al ran the "spit and whittle club" and had a fine collection of carved figurines on display just to make the rest of us more anxious to cut our thumbs. Then there was George Gustafson, Bozeman, and Evelyn Sainsbury from Great Falls. I met all of them and was glad that I didn't have to try keeping up with them for more than the three days that I was there. Whoever it was that picked them for the committee work knew what he was doing. I have a hunch that it was Don Clayton, as he comes from over in the Grizzly state.

Service and cooperation. Those were the two thoughts of the camp. Service to other people brought all 89 of the campers there. Cooperation with each other spread what each had to offer like quicksilver through the camp. Al Richardson whittled and carved, and soon others were whittling and carving so that they could show people in their communities the rudiments of carving for fun and beauty. Bill Bunning and his wife Mary Frances did silver work and made grand things from leather, and the beauty of their art spread from hand to hand.

Don Clayton, John Stotsenbery and Ed Dover, all ministers, taught us how simple it is to lead group singing. You'd be surprised at how much fun it is to stand or sit on the shore of a moonlit

lake and sing to the stars in the water. Elaine Harder, Moscow, Idaho, showed the campers how to shape and etch aluminum. Vic Dauer from Washington State college was in charge of outdoor games, and Vince Cooney from Spokane called square dances long after I was in my sleeping bag.

People came to give at the Lake Chatcolet camp just as they came to take something away with them. Some gave in fine arts, in skills, in personalities that added to the camp. Everyone gave something in cooperation when he served his turn in the kitchen helping the hired cooks or washing dishes or scrubbing the floors. Some gave in suggestions, in trying to help the other fellow, and by their very kindness. It was a place to give and take with everyone figuring that he was giving too little and taking too much. There really are people like that.

There was time set aside to discuss phases of recreation as well as to demonstrate them. A group discussion on recreation in the home brought suggestions for solving many of the problems that face parents and children in most homes. The discussion began with a group seated before a general assembly, but everybody got in. They were looking for homely ways of making a child happy and helping him to grow in his home. They weren't out for producing the world's great children; they just wanted to talk over some good ideas to make life fuller and better for everyone concerned.

Already they're planning to hold a second meeting at Chatcolet next spring. They debated for some time about the best name for the camp and finally settled on "Chatcolah." Your guess is as good as mine as to what it means, but the whole camp is a laboratory in recreation and humanity. The committee will work out an even better program for next year although it's hard from where I stand to figure just what could improve it. The food was good; there are long dormitories for comfortable sleeping.

The camp at Lake Chatcolet is a symptom. It's a sign of a time when people like you and me and all of us are coming to realize that every man has a deep responsibility in building his immediate world. Enough such worlds on a foundation that is solid enough may in time contribute much to a universe of peace and good will.



Philosophy and potato peeling went together at the camp.

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The first campsite was built as a C.C.C. camp in the 1930's., During WWII it was used as a convalescent camp for pilots stationed at Spokane. When Chatcolab was first held there, the camp was in a sad state of disrepair. Don brought students from Moscow and many others in the area contributed much time, materials and money to repair the camp so it could again be used. A wall was built between the kitchen and dining area and many colorful pictures were painted on the walls to enhance the building. The trays, carts, and many other things were brought from Farragut Naval Training Station on Lake Pend'Oreille.

Chatcolab was held in the same location - Heyburn State Park - on Lake Chatcolet (from 1949 to 1975). Thus, the Northwest Leadership Laboratory became officially known as Chatcolab, deriving the name from the name of the lake and the fact that this is a laboratory situation.

In 1955 a group of California people came to Chatcolab, became enthused with the idea, and over a 3 year period started the Redwood Lab. In 1957 on a second try, a section of the Chatcolab ceremonial candle was presented to Mary Regan and Emily Ronsee who returned to California to start the first Redwood lab in April 1958 by San Francisco. They in turn in 1960 presented Chat board a piece of gold bearing quartz.

Since the center section of our original candle became the base of the Redwood candle, in 1958 the remaining part of it was melted down and molded into a new large candle and 4 small ones to represent the "Spirit of Chatcolab"- knowledge, philosophy, ideas, humor and sharing. These candles were later formed into one large piece by Leila Steckelberg and is still being used.

The possibilities of becoming an incorporated group were discussed at the October 1968 board meeting in Moscow, Idaho with the board accepting the proposal. Vern Burlison was instrumental in getting the corporate matters completed so that on May 15, 1969 during Chatcolab, the Articles of Incorporation were notarized at St. Maries, Idaho. In 1980 the non-profit status was received from the IRS through the efforts of Betty Schuld.

As can happen in any organization, the plans and expectations were becoming too caught up in the past and "getting in a rut"... The "family groups" were getting too strong and activities were based on duties, rather than people. Don Clayton, one of the original planners of Chatcolab, now of Wisconsin, attended the October 1969 planning board meeting in Moscow, Idaho to help re-evaluate the goals of Chatcolab. He reminded us that we learn through sharing, not merely in getting, and labbers need to feel the warmth and love of the group to be ready to learn and experience leadership. Plans were made to create an atmosphere where labbers are more willing to try things on their own. During the 1970 lab, when Chat became of age (21) the lab program was people -centered and activities were filled in to suit the needs, rther than an activity program first, filled in by people. This presented a challenge for labbers to use their ideas in self discovery.

Chatcolab 1972 saw the introduction of C.H.A.T. (College of Hidden Arts and Talents) classes allowing every labber an opportunity to give more of him/her self by sharing some ability.

In 1973 the celebration of the 25th anniversary brought 91 labbers to Chat. Maryfran Bunning Anderson (who along with her husband, Bill was instrumental in forming the earlier years of the lab's leadership growth) attended her

times of economic growth when money was more plentiful than time, and now a period when we have neither time nor money – recreation laboratories have continued to survive.

The Black Hills Lab drew its registrants from an ever-widening circle in the west, Midwest and southwest. It generated such enthusiasm that many of its members returned home determined to bring a similar experience to greater numbers of people in their area by establishing other labs. Such was the foundation of Chatcolab in northern Idaho in 1949, established for the Northwest, held in May at Heyburn State Park on Lake Chatcolet.

The Longhorn Recreation Lab was also organized soon after in Texas. From the same Black Hills Lab came the inspiration for the Southwest Lab in New Mexico, and the Great Plains Lab in Nebraska. The Black Hills also inspired the nucleus from the east who set up another lab in Michigan called the Great Lakes Lab and indirectly influenced the establishment of a lab in Maine, the Downeast Rec Lab, and even carried the idea to Ireland in 1963.

The “myth” of the snow storm is still preferred by labbers because it is symbolic of the philosophy of Chatcolab. When put in such situations (a “leader” does not arrive) we should be prepared to take over and not be dependent on someone else. Through Chatcolab experiences, we strive to be able to become dependent upon ourselves.

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together walks , Maximillian 3333 , Mt St Helens spreading dust all over, the Hobo Camp party, boat ride up the St. Joe River, and more. This was our last year at Camp Larson.

Upon hearing that Camp Larson may be sold, a search committee was again formed to find a new home. In due time one was found for the 1999 lab - Riverview. Camp. We met there for 4 years, at Three Meadows for 1 year, Wallawa for 1 year and found Twinlow Camp and Retreat Center in 2005 and have been there ever since for 10 years now. It suits our needs just fine ..

Several of the labbers who came regularly were now having families and wanted to spend limited time with both family and Chat friends. Could they bring their young (under 14) child(ren) to camp? After much discussion it was the consensus that this could benefit both youth and Chat - they are our future leaders! In 2001 Cooper Early attended his first lab about age 2 or 3, (now plays high school football) and Erika Burton (now going off to college) and others soon followed. They attended for many years and we watched them grow in leadership at Chat. The family aspect has been a golden opportunity for children, parents and grandparents to play and learn together. This required securing qualified youth leaders. The youth have their space in the mornings, are accepted in most workshops (and even taught a few) in the afternoon and are involved nicely in the evening programs.

In 2008, the 60th year of our existence, we celebrated our diamond anniversary "Diamonds in the Rough" first by about 30 people taking a boat ride on Coeur d'Alene Lake, followed that evening with a fancy meal planned and prepared by Diane Marsden and Joan Street.. This was complete with dazzling decorations, place cards, waiters, sparkling water in champagne glasses and an opening ceremony in "Diamond Cove" with white sails. Frank Burris and Bill Henderson kept the 59 labbers on their toes during the week. Miriam Beasley and Jean Baringer, honorary members and John and Bob Beasley, Mike Early, Joan, and Diane, were ones here that remember Heyburn camp and have been around the longest! We had fun looking for diamonds at the evening programs, with the 7 Dwarfs help.

After deciding on a project Chat could do for the camp, prompted and partially funded by youth members of Chat there were 30 handmade (not commercial) quilts donated to Twinlow at the 2013 lab.

We recognized our 65th year in 2013 on a less grandeur scale, using a sapphire as the symbol. Our attendance has gone down as our true supporters and labbers are passing on or have health issues. Our future lies in the younger generation, which we are still trying to reach. Thank goodness for Bob and Nel Carver, John and Bob Beasley, Jean Baringer, Kevin Laughlin, BJ Kreiter, Mike Early, Terry Weber and others who have put in a lot of effort in seeing that Chatcolab keeps its mission going - to provide a unique opportunity in a place with good resources to learn about leadership and about oneself.

(Updated in 2014 by Jean Baringer) .

Recreation Laboratories offer a unique opportunity for all those involved in recreation of all types, whether on an amateur or professional basis. Its existence stems from the extent of complete involvement of the individual in the imaginative planning and sharing of all aspects of the recreational program. An atmosphere is created for discovering within oneself the latent abilities that one's everyday environment never uncovers. In this discovery anyone can become a better man or woman, a more efficient leader. The wide opportunity to gain manual skills and training experiences, though of lasting value, shall be considered secondary to the foregoing.

Thus, these objectives formulated years ago still hold today. Participants in the Chatcolab Recreation Laboratory have the opportunity to uncover, utilize and share these talents themselves which are perhaps lying dormant by :

1. Getting to know people with similar interests by working together,

2. Encouraging participation in "trying out" situations.

3. Sharing recreational experiences and skills with both amateurs and professionals.

The basic idea which brought so much enthusiasm out of so many people can be expressed in one word - SHARING. The learning at lab has never been by or for specialists. It has been an effort to stimulate and enthuse by exposure to methods and ideas. Stress has been placed upon learning by participation and encouragement. The sharing of duties and problems made practical application of chore sharing a necessity. Leaders have been chosen very often, not as true experts in their fields, but rather as a guide to help other leaders on their way.

19th lab and shared memories of the past labs. Marge Leinum Grier (24yrs), Leila Steckelberg (21) Donn Clayton (23) and Vern Burlison (20), all of whom had attended the last 20 labs, also added their memories. Labbers celebrated by enjoying birthday cake, the anniversary waltz, reminisced and enjoyed other activities.

All good things have to come to an end sometime. Our use of Heyburn Youth Camp was ended (our last lab there was 1975) by the Idaho State Health Department. They declared the facility unfit and closed it unless it could be brought up to regulated health standards. Updating was almost an impossibility for the aging facility.

Vern Burlison and Leila Steckelberg were instrumental in finding a new location, deciding on Easter Seal Camp at Worley, Idaho not far from Heyburn. There was much nostalgia carry-over in yearning for the Indian Cliffs, the colorful dining hall, the glorious trees, the daily train, the many memories, but we found a new home, because Chatcolab is not just place, more importantly - people! The wishing well at Heyburn was purchased at the dispersal auction with hopes that someday it could be built as a remembrance of "our youthful years" Easter Seal Camp, Camp WSU, and later known as Camp Larson satisfied our needs from 1976 through the 1998 (50th) lab, except for 1995 when we met at Camp Gifford., north of Spokane.

Camp Larson was first established in 1950, known then as Camp Manitowish, for the benefit of handicapped children. It moved to its present location in 1956 and served handicapped adults as well. The campsite is on a waterfront, offering many opportunities for activities, it can handle up to 160 people, and all but a few of the counsellors cabins are all accessible by wheelchairs - no steps.. In this move we gained heated cabins, a barbeque pit, view of the lake from dining area, convenience for salad bars. We changed from mimeograph to copy machines and computers. Our first night the electricity went off but we carried on the program anyway, singing our dance music.

During the 1978 Chatcolab annual meeting it was announced by several California labbers that Chat "was pregnant" with hopes to start a lab in southern California. This pregnancy lasted 3 years. During the 1981 lab a white ceremonial candle was presented to Jackie Baritell, Gwen Main, Mark Patterson and Brian Salyer who took it to the first Chaparral Rec. and Leader Lab in November 1981. The lab lasted for several years.

Mary Ann Dubois and Jackie Baritell traveled around the country hitting as many rec labs as possible. After this trip they visited with key people from various labs about the possibility of forming a "national gathering" of people to share information. Thus, in 1983 the first meeting was held at Waldenwoods, Michigan, the place where rec labs had their birth. Over a span of 23 years and 11 gatherings many great things came from this get-together of representatives from many other labs. The IARLW (International Association of Recreational Leadership Workshop)s was attended over the years by Leila Steckelberg, Jean Baringer, Jackie, Maryann, , Sally Heard, Ruth Moe, and others..

In 1988 the 40th anniversary of lab was celebrated with a "Ruby Jubilee" with 70 labbers attending. It was a busy week that started with some "Remember when... celebrating with good evening programs, each one being better than the night before, ending with a cake cutting party, and a ball.

The Golden Anniversary Committee, a core of 3 seasoned labbers - Leila Steckelberg and Jean Baringer started planning for the 1998 - 50 year celebration several years in advance. At the 1997 lab the auction created funds to allow \$500 to be set aside in the budget to help finance the 50 year celebration. "Golden Gates to Leadership 1998" was the theme chosen. Special mementos such as sweatshirts and t-shirts, travel beverage mugs were ordered and sold, , an autograph quilt for raffle. Jean Baringer made a flag of blue background with the hand holding the candle and ivy with Knowledge, Philosophy, Ideas, Humor and Sharing radiating out from the candle flames. The design came about from the first lab in 1949 and is still our logo today..

Several of the "founding fathers and mothers" such as Don Clayton, Emil Eliason, Maryfran Bunning Ingvolstad were contacted with hopes of their attendance A "remember when" time to reflect on past activities and people involved through skits, songs, pictures, displays. There was also a display of nametags through the years. A brief history was given of where we've been - Heyburn and Chatcolet for 27 years, Camp Larson for 22 yrs, one year at Camp Gifford. (Had a nice meeting room, ropes course, 2 story cabins, but small dining area and a public road dividing the campground) Who could forget the rock hunts with Doc rock Stephens for garnets and opal, fish fries, pig and antelope barbeques, war whoops and drum in the mornings, the kitchen at midnight, Cardinal Puff, wishing well, painted walls, wood stove in the dining hall, Beryl the goat, morel mushrooms, white shirts , the whistlers, the railroad, the putting notebooks

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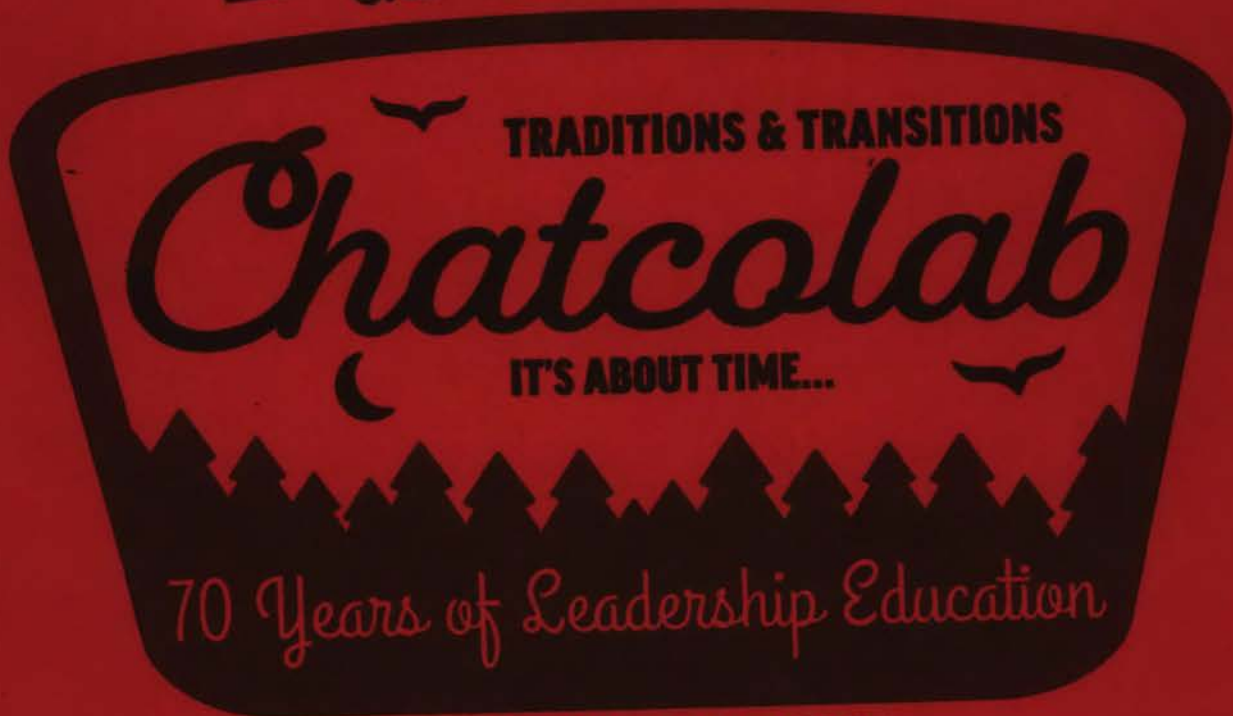
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Transitions & Traditions

70 Years of Leadership Education

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Party

Thursday Evening, June 14th

Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

Gala - 7:00 p.m.

Twinlow Camp Dining Hall

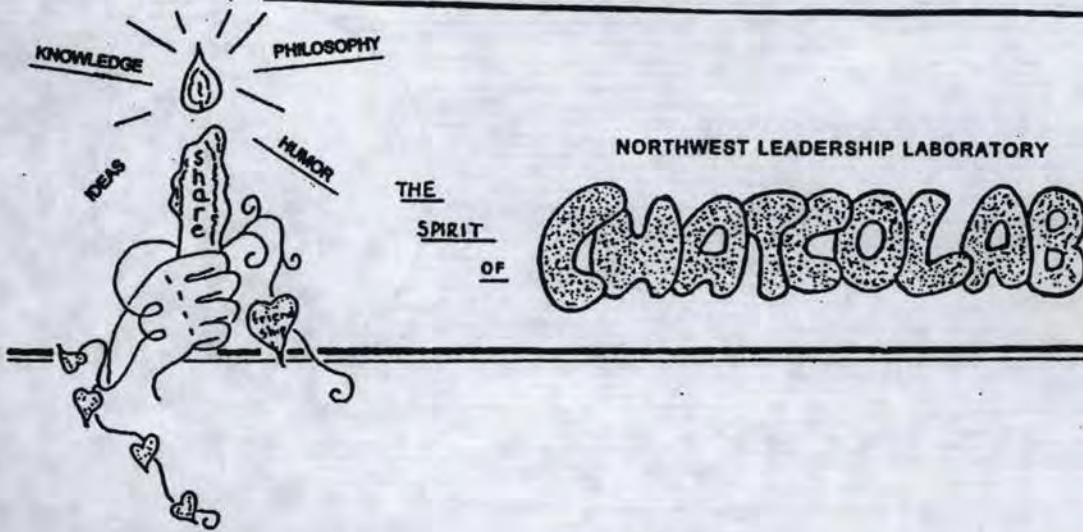
Requested Attire

To embrace the spirit of Chatcolab's 70th Anniversary, please wear an outfit that represents one of the eight decades that labbers have been gathering together to share.

You may also consider formal attire, a costume of your choice, or jeans without holes and a clean shirt.

Logos and Notebook Cover

The old logo of the single hand with the flowing ivy, shown below, was designed and used as stationary in the early years, at least prior to 1955. The candles have always been a central part of the opening and closing ceremonies and represents sharing, with the rays of light representing ideas, knowledge, philosophy, and humor. All of these entwined, given and received, by friendship.



The former notebook cover picture, following page, was from a photograph of the campfire by Lake Chatcolet at Camp Heyburn. After the picture was drawn it was transferred to metal plates and used to print the cover page from 1953 to and including 1989. Leila Steckelberg still has these plates in her possession. This cover was retired in 1989 when we went with the silk-screened three ring binder and has now become part of Chat history.

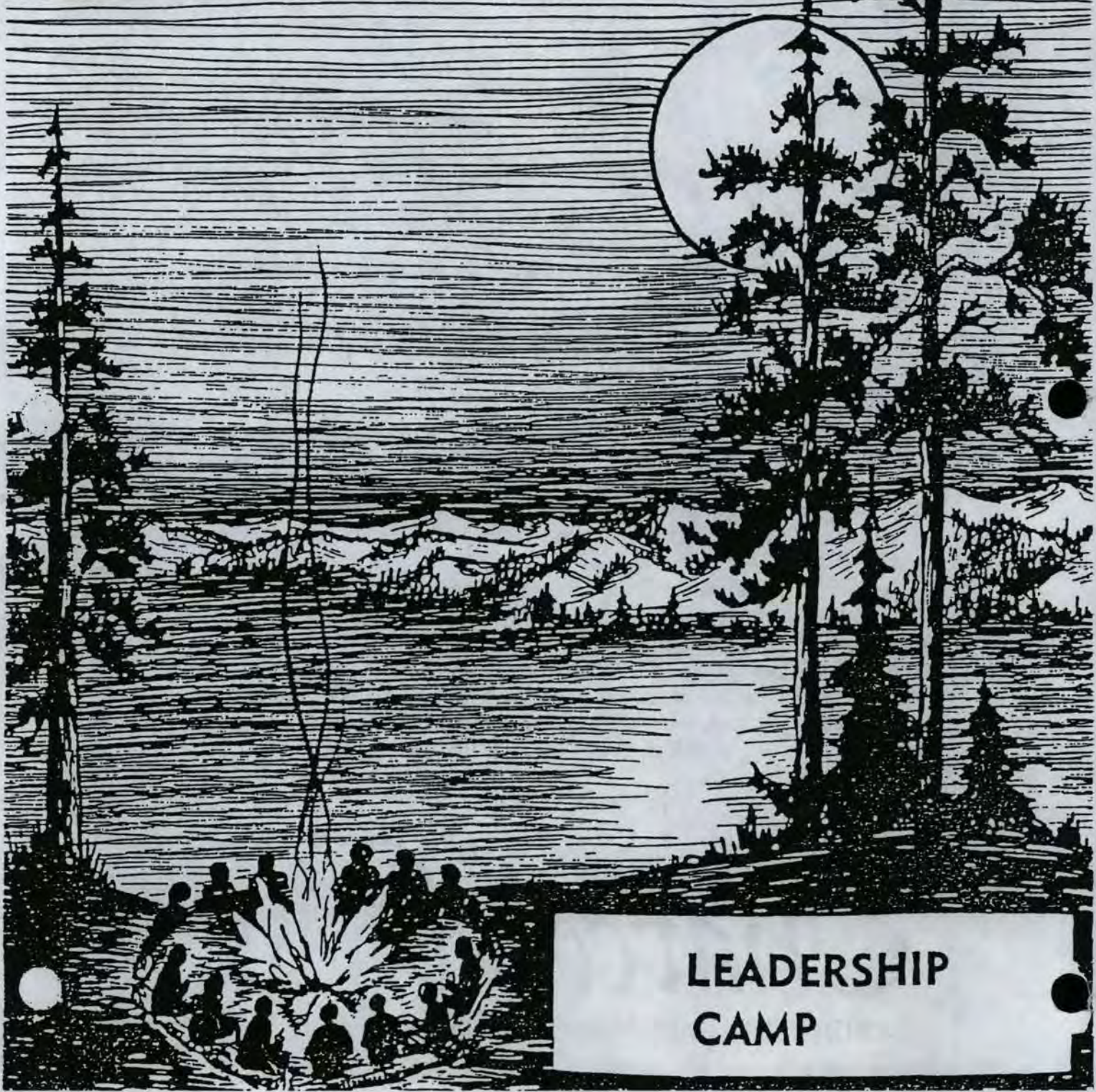
The new and official logo and lettering, as used on the front of this notebook and on official Chat stationary, was designed by Jaki Svaren, calligrapher, teacher, lecturer, and author. Jaki taught calligraphy at Portland Community College, Portland State University, and Reed College. She is the author of several books on calligraphy and her book "Written Letters" is a much used college textbook. She is past president of the Portland Calligraphy society and of Penultima, a calligraphy production company. We are appreciative of the work Mrs. Svaren has done for Chatcolab.

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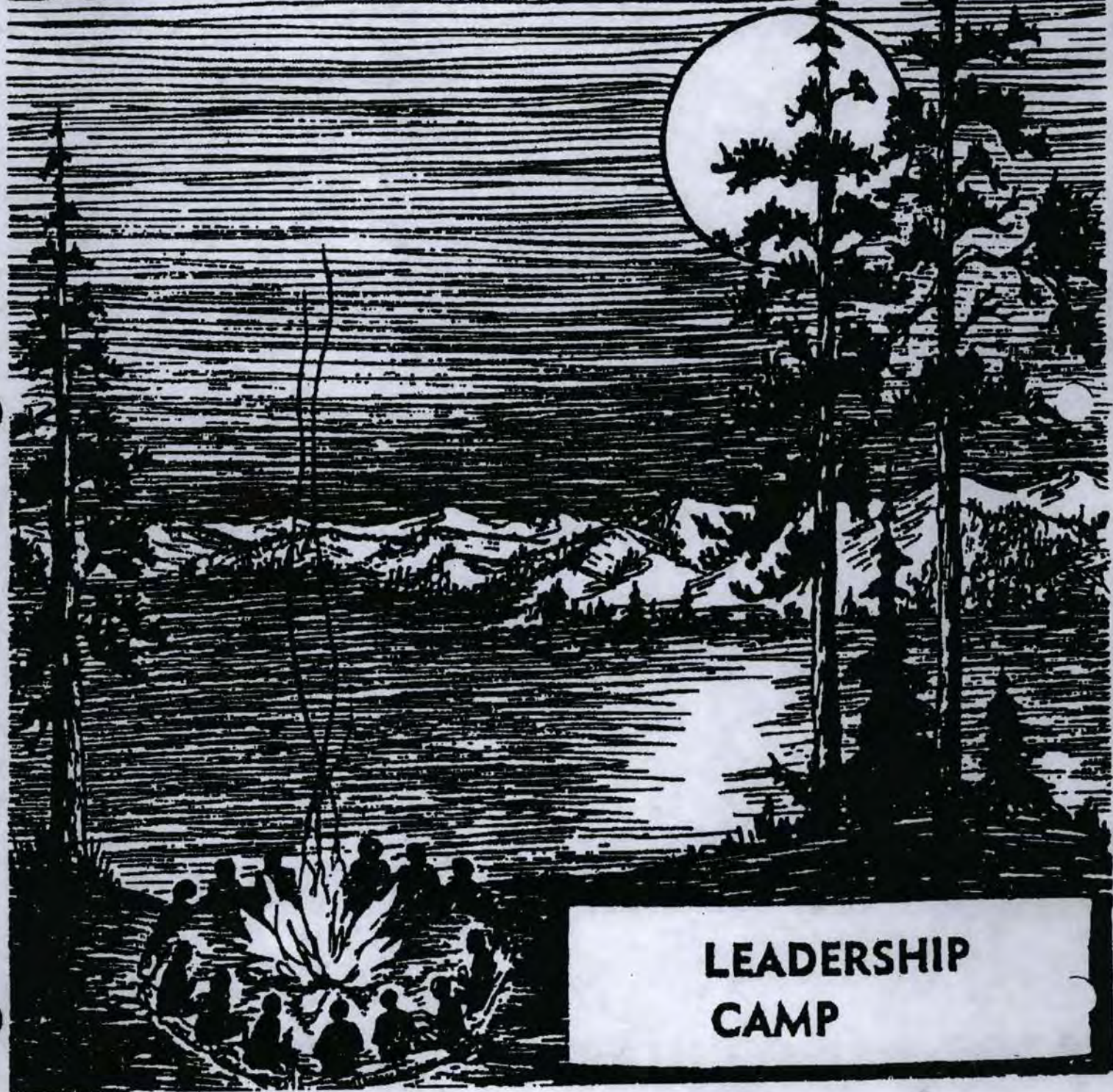


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