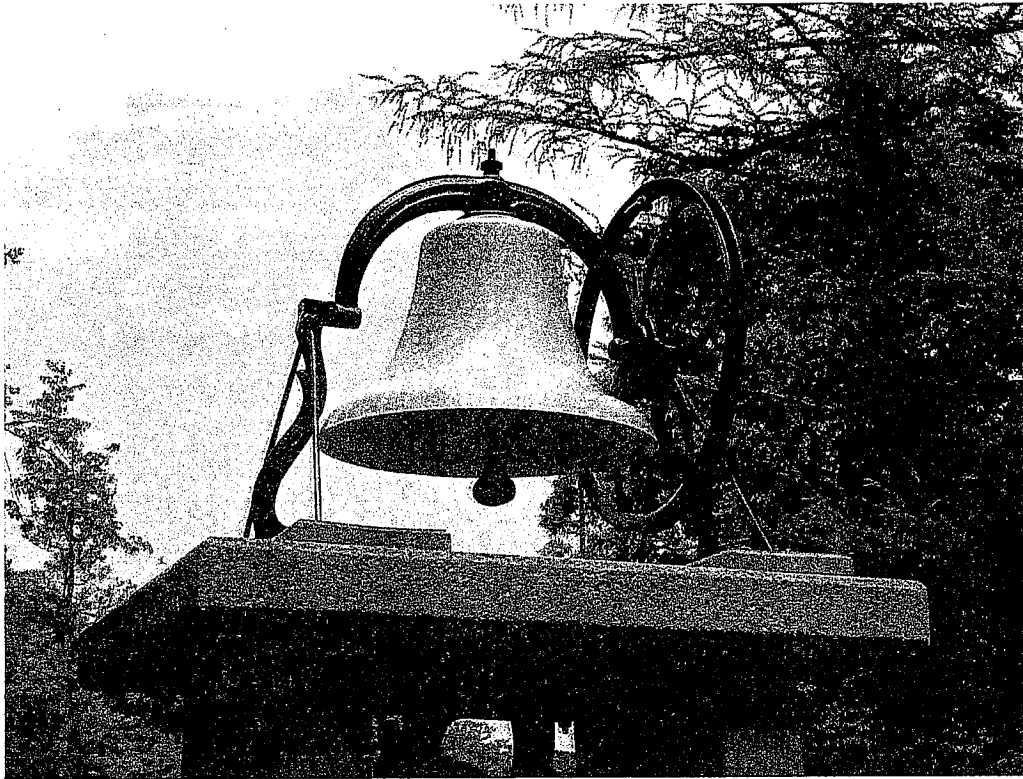


# Canyon Camp

## Bell Dedication



**July 3, 2002**

**Welcome**

**Dennis Pratt, Camp Director**

**Invocation**

**Msgr. William Schwartz  
Catholic Chaplain**

**Blackhawk Area Council  
Comments**

**Dr. John Inman, Council Pres.  
Alan Anderson, Scout Exec.**

**Dedication**

**Rev. Francis Kranz Family**

**Benediction**

**Matt Fugar, Prot. Chaplain**

## CANYON CAMP BELL

JULY 3, 2002

The bell formerly hung in the bell tower of the Wyalusing Congregational Church in the Township of Wyalusing, Grant County, Wisconsin. The church was located on a hillside in the settlement along the Mississippi River a little south of the Wisconsin River and what is now Wyalusing State Park. The unincorporated village was laid out in 1843 and was platted in 1856. The church was built shortly after the village was started. The village prospered as a river port. As railroads became more and more prominent following the Civil War the village began to decline to the point of little activity but a few homes, and the church became inactive. Rev. Francis Kranz, who was a Congregational minister for over 30 years in Lancaster, WI, the Grant County seat, held some special services in the church from time to time for the long-time residents of the area. Ultimately, there was no activity and the church was formally dissolved. Rev. and Mrs. Kranz purchased the property in 1971. Later the bell was taken down for safety and vandalism concerns.

The Kranz Family has a long and deep attachment to Canyon Camp. Chuck and Jim were on the camp staff for several years followed by Chuck's sons David and Andy. With gaps accounted for by different generations one or more of the Kranz's have been at Canyon Camp from 1956 through the mid 1990's.

Rev. Kranz was active as a Scouter and came to Canyon Camp with scout troops and on Council business many times. He earned his Scouter's Key, was on the U.S. Grant Council Executive Board; and was awarded his Silver Beaver at Canyon Camp.

The bell will once again be calling people to action.