

The following memories were submitted by JAYNE MORSE, a long-time Douglas Lake resident whose family initially stayed at Timber Lane Resort, located on Maple Bay, just west of Pells Island. As you probably know, Jayne is a zone rep in DLIA.

"We were kids who became forever friends in the 1940's because each August for over a decade our families rented what were then known as the "Timber Lane" cabins in the Maple Bay area of Douglas Lake. The best event of vacation was the Annual Timber Lane Pow-Wow, brainchild of my friend's dad, the mischievous Harry Turrell. On the big day, our moms prepared food, our dads readied the beach, and we ran around "war-whooping" while brandishing toy tomahawks. Near sunset the bonfire was lit and everyone appeared in pow-wow garb, no one looking more authentic than Mr. Turrell with his huge headdress and face paint. First, he led us in pretend rituals honoring Michigan's early settlers, and then came the picnic, featuring fish caught by our dads and cooked over the fire. After dark, we roasted marshmallows for our newly-discovered treats called "s'mores," then let ourselves be happily terrified late into the night by Mr. Turrell's ghost stories. Finally, after much prodding from our parents, we all reluctantly headed for our separate cabins and fell asleep smiling, knowing that next year there would be another pow-wow at Douglas Lake."