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Wesley and Irene Leonard
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Dear Wesley and Irene,

I've enclosed a print from a recently developed film showing my 3 boys and Warren's 2 with Barbara. You didn't get to meet Robin and Mischa when we visited 2 years ago because they returned from the east coast with their mother, and of course Ian hadn't been born yet. (Since Ian's face doesn't show in the group photo, I've also enclosed an earlier picture of him.)

I'd like very much for my boys to have a chance to meet you, especially since Barb says I take after the Leonard side of the family. Barb and I were pleased to find on our return trip in 1982 that we live ~~just one long day's drive from you. I'd hoped we could load the family~~ into our 1969 VW microbus camper for a quick trip to your place last summer, but with a visit to Warren and Patty's place in Minneapolis followed by a return visit to Wisconsin by their family, we found it was more than we could squeeze in.

The photo is from their visit to us in July. It shows the 5 boys starting out with Barbara to climb the trail to the top of the bluff at Devil's Lake State Park, which is about 10 miles west of us, as the crow flies. It is quite a climb, but everyone made it to the top except Ian, who pooped out and took a nap about 3/4 of the way up.

Mine are the 2 boys on the left and the little guy. Jonathon, in the middle, is the only redhead my mother's 3 sons have managed to come up with. (James, of course, remains steadfastly unmarried.) Jonathon is the one who had major heart surgery at age 1, and the Devil's Lake climb is still a major effort for him. His brother, Daniel, in contrast, has been a "big Bruiser" since the day he was born. Warren's daughter, Catherine, was not along on the visit. (She started at Vassar College this fall.)

Park family reunion plans may take us east next summer, in which case we'd hope to stop and see you, but nothing has been set up yet. ~~In any case, we'd like to invite you to visit us some time. In fact,~~ would you like to visit us when we have our long Thanksgiving weekend Nov. 22-25? We usually have Robin and Mischa only 2 days at Thanksgiving, but they'll be here all 4 days this year. (The modest accommodations we have to offer are Casey's basement bedroom with a double bed and a wood stove for heat, and a couch or army cot for Jonathon, if school permitted him to come.)

Barb is leaving for a week with her parents in Syracuse tomorrow, taking Ian along while he can still fly free before he turns 2 on Nov. 15, and she and Casey will be in St. Louis Nov. 9-11 for a church conference, so by Thanksgiving Barb will be glad to celebrate a holiday at home.

Casey, who was attending high school in Chicago, is living with us again now. She returned to finish high school here after her father in Chicago remarried earlier this year.

We realize, of course, that you are busy and unlikely to plan a trip on short notice. (No response is necessary by Nov. 22 to tell us you can't come then. We won't get our hopes up unless we hear from you.)

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But please feel you have a standing invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Robert W. Park

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~~Bart asked me to send Irene her zucchini bread recipe, which is:~~

3 eggs
2 c sugar
3 c flour (whole wheat or white)
 $\frac{1}{4}$ t. baking powder
3 t cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{4}$ t nutmeg (optional)
1 c oil
1 t salt
1 t baking soda
2 c grated zucchini
3 t vanilla
1 c nuts (optional)

Beat eggs;
add oil, sugar, zucchini
and vanilla.
Mix well.
Add dry ingredients and nuts.
Blend well.
Divide into two loaf pans.
Bake 1 hour at 350°F.
Summer squash can be
substituted for zucchini.
(2 loaves)

Bart says she usually doubles the recipe and makes 3 loaves.