



BAT Bulletin

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Monthly Newsletter for campers and staff
(and parents, too)



BANDS OF BROTHERS ON THE SHORES...



Andy & Will
Blumberg, Wi2006-
08, Wi2008-09



Nick & Tim DeSalvo,
Wi2008



photos by CJ Miles



The shores of Moose pond with Pleasant Mountain beyond the morning mist. (Thanks to Sara Griesemer for this photo.)



Nelson & Will Garrymore,
Wi2008



Ryan & Dean Walters,
Wi2006-08



photos by CJ Miles



Yes, a Band of Brothers. The pictures above are siblings, but every Winona Camper is a part of the "brotherhood". Winona friends last forever.

ADVANCE GUARD 2009

We want YOU for 102!

WINONA

102nd Season

Congratulations to these enrolled campers.

They're guaranteed a spot for next season and have received their 2009 ADVANCE GUARD pin.

Staunch and True in 102!

Angus Bass
Owen Bass
Ned Berube
Dierhow Bol Bol
Ray Bol Bol
Luch Much Bol Bol
Theo Christian
Max Christian
Ben Clapp
Matt Clayton
Davis Frame
Noah Garber
Nick Giunta
CJ Harrington
Micah Heaney

Emad Imtiazuddin
Rijs Johansongordet
Julian Lambert
Zechariah Martinez
Arturo Marzal Higuero
Chris Miles
Andrew Moreau
Antoine O'Quin
Matt Parker
JC Ralff
Charles Rivkin
Pierre Saint Aubert
Page Thibodeaux
Decker Wentz
Max Winfield

Join your friends in the 102nd ADVANCE GUARD and see your name in next month's  BAT Bulletin!

NEWS FROM HERE AND ABOUT...

Sebastian Arteaga sent us this email: "Hello to all at Camp. I made it, I'm in Dublin after a very nice flight from Logan Airport. I arrived at 5:30 am, it was cold, but very sunny when the sun came out. I'll keep you updated about my trip and again, thanks for all. **Seamus** says Hello to all!"

Benji Messinger-Barnes was checking in and wrote: "Just wanted to check in and see how things were going on the shores. I trust that family camp and the rest of post-camp went well. Just this weekend a bunch of us got together in NYC to see a great Assembly of Dust show and reunite as only Winona vets can. We might see a similar shindig in Boston as the group comes through again. Seeing the guys again got me even more excited for next summer, not to mention what promises to be a great DRY BAG BOYS summer tour 2009! I hope all is well with you and the whole family."

Brem Stoner sent this bit of news our way: "I was given specific instructions from Ken Remsen to send along the gathering of Winona alums, past and present, at Jen and Erik's wedding in September. We had a lot of fun and it was great to honor a Winona friendship from the start." (see picture on page 4!)

CIT ESSAYS

A number of CIT applications were received in September which included some wonderful essays. Some excerpts are listed below without attribution.



In addition to the sports at Winona, I can contribute to the camp spirit. My love for the different camp traditions will rub off on campers. I will teach them the meaning and creativity behind the BAT. I will teach them how to be proud of what tribe and color you are. Even if your team is not the best, you should still try your hardest and never give up. I will teach the importance of being a good sport as this is even more important than winning. I will teach them to make good friends, how to be nice to one another and to respect human differences.



The biggest reason that I want to be a CIT is that I will be able to make an impact on camper's lives and pass on the traditions of Winona to another generation of campers. When thinking about my six years on the shores, I think that every year was very important. Every year I became more experienced in the Winona way and I think that I will be able to pass that experience on to other campers.



I would love to come back as a CIT so that I can be part of passing on the Winona experience to the next generation of kids so they will love Winona as much as I do and always will. I want to continue to be a part of the Winona experience.



One thing I can contribute is my leadership abilities. For a year I have been training to be an instructor at my Taekwondoe school and I teach classes regularly, so I already have experience teaching and leading kids. Another thing I can contribute is I am always happy, so I will have a positive attitude most of the time, and this will help the kids have a better time at camp.



I would like to be a CIT because I believe the program would teach me responsibility, leadership and teamwork. I think it will help with teamwork because if accepted, we as a unit would have to work together to help the camp and make it more fun for all.



I know that I have so much to learn from Winona and that's a big reason why I want to be a CIT. Before coming to Winona, I had been to 2 other overnight camps for boys. In comparison Winona is an exceptional camp, and I want to become a part of that, as a CIT and later as a counselor. Uncle Al said this past summer, "Winona counselors are home grown." The seeds were planted in 2008 and there is nothing I would rather do than grow with Winona and my friends as CIT's next summer.



There are many reasons why I wish to participate in the CIT program. I have been a camper for many years now, and I am ready to take the next step towards becoming a member of the staff. It is my hope to be a mentor to younger campers and possibly a role model to them like many current counselors were to me when they were CIT's. It is my hope to make sure that the Winona experience is the best that it can be for everybody, and it is my wish to in some way contribute to it.



If I was to become a CIT and then a counselor I would teach other kids to love Winona as I have. I would love to teach the skills that I learned at Winona to kids that attend in the future, who will come to know and love Winona as I do. Nowadays, you can't find the kind of leadership and life lessons that are found at Winona in many other places. Being a part of Winona is huge and to be a part of that as a CIT/counselor would be awesome.



The staff and CIT's have always been one of the reasons why Winona is so great, and I hope that in the same role I would be able to improve a camper's summer as well. After spending 4 seasons at Winona, I have experienced how much enjoyment can be gained from camp and I hope that many more campers are able to experience the same.



I hope to contribute to Winona everything that it has contributed to me as a young camper. It molded me from a child to a young adult and that's what I hope to pass on to the younger generation. I want to become the "Uncle" that mentored me.



I would like to participate in the CIT program for a number of reasons. The main reason is because of the attachment I have developed to Winona over my eight years as a camper. I have lived in three different countries while going to Winona. I have never been to the same place with such frequency and consistency as I have Winona. In the ever changing world, few things remain reliable, but when I return to Winona with my fellow comrades from around the world I know that "all the things we love will be there just the same."

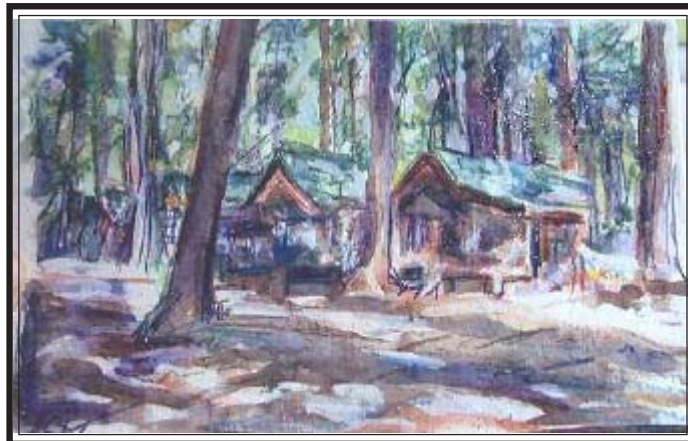
Here's the picture of some very special Winona folks!



September 2008: Gathered to celebrate the wedding of

Jen & Erik Remsen

LtoR: Ken Remsen (Wi 1986-89), Karl Remsen (Wi 1988-2000, 2003-07), Marti Friedrichs (Wi 2006), Jen Kravitz (Wi 2003-04, 2006-07), Erik Remsen (Wi 1986-89, 2001-2008), Nick Rich (Wi 1999-2004, 2007-08), Brem Stoner (Wi 1992-2001, 2003-2008)



A copy of a watercolor by Heidi Jackson (Noah's mom) entitled, "Sweet, Sweet Summertime"

Things to do: (1) Reunion date and location on calendar; (2) Send in ADVANCE GUARD reservation card for "Staunch & True" in 102.

Until next month...

Uncle Al