

Greetings from the shores of Moose Pond! Events down at Camp 9, the north end of camp, are happening at a rapid pace after a busy opening day. The weather has been beautiful and the water warm. We had a spectacular sunset yesterday evening followed by fireworks to celebrate our Independence Day. Swimming chipmunks, fire building, and canoe tip tests are all under way. The boys are ensconced in fun starting Winona's 103rd summer.

Winona Night, the official start of summer 2010, was on Saturday. We recognized last years' banner and award winners, unit and camp songs were heartily sung, and announced the leaders on this years' color and tribal teams. Congratulations go to the new Intermediate the leaders:

Red Co-Captains – **James Koenigsberg & Jack Krivitsky**
Gray Captain – **Samuel Maggiola & Lieutenant Nick Giunta**

Delaware Chief – **Alex Brown & Sub Chiefs Milo Kremer & Nick Bauer**
Mohawk Chief – Brad Goodman & Sub Chiefs **Michael Clements & Deaquan Bryant**
Ojibway Co-Chiefs – **Ruay Bol Bol & Wyatt Smith & Sub Chief Federico Loynaz Garcia**
Seneca Chief – **Robbie Zisselman & Sub Chiefs Arturo Marzal Higuero & Leyton Johnston**

Congratulations to the leaders and good luck to all the boys in their respective tribes!

Mountain Trips got off to a great start during the first week of camp with two day trips. The first saw **Uncles Keith Vosmus and Jack Elzinga** leading campers **Matthew Muzzioli, Jeffrey Kahle, Rodrigo Hinestrosa, John Cagganello, Santiago Casanova, and Brian Turrell** up Pleasant Mt. on the western shores of Moose Pond. After a speedy ascent to the summit, Intys were rewarded with stunning views of Mt. Washington. While on the mountain, basic, "Leave No Trace (LNT)", map reading, mountain safety, and water purification skills were learned to achieve chipmunk requirements. Afterwards, the campers traded their hiking boots for bathing suits and tested their abilities on the rolling log anchored near Treasure Island.

The second mountain trip was to East Royce Mt., which is right on the Maine-New Hampshire border in Evans Notch. This time **Uncles Keith Vosmus and Jack Elzinga** guided **Shaan Peckham, Nikita Uvarov, Wyatt Smith, Dylan Smith, Leyton Johnston, and Morgan Welles** to another successful summit with great views. They made short work of this steep mountain and were rewarded with a plunge into the frigid waters of Emerald Pool while cleaning off their trail dust.

Fun under the sun has been had on the baseball field already! **Sam Maggiola, Henry Spearman, Juan Vazquez Loynaz, Angus Wilson, Brad Goodman, Rob Flanagan, Dequan Bryant, Robbie Zisselman, Sam Rollenhagen, Matt McShea,**

Rafael “Nacho” Saavedra, and Charles “Chip” Roriston proudly represented camp 9. Playing the unit’s first official inter-camp competition of the summer, the score did not reflect the awesome effort the staunch and true Intys put forth. A rocky start saw O-at-ka go up by 10 runs in the first inning. However, determination over the next 5 innings saw Inty score some runs for a final 12-3 loss. **Dequan** pitched two scoreless innings and **Sam’s** diving catch in the outfield anchored the defense. After only a few practices to start the season, they remain hopeful while they await their rematch later this summer.

We have already had an Archery match against O-at-ka! Archers **Riker Bixby, John Cagganello, Michael Clements, Brad Goodman, Will McCarthy, and Pablo Soler** defended Winona valiantly. Although O-at-ka was better equipped, and some Intys were only shooting for the second time, they held their heads high in a 1578 – 1411 loss. Arrows are already being notched in preparation for their next meeting later this summer.

Although not even a full week of camp has gone by, we are in full swing with camp activities. From traditional camp craft fire building to Baggo competitions, all Inty campers have been having a blast!

In the coming week, Inty campers are highly anticipating their first kayaking trip, the first overnight mountain trip, and the first two canoe trips to Mooselookmeguntic Lake. Soccer, rifle, sailing, and basketball competitions are all on the slate for this week. Stay tuned to next week’s newsletter for updates to these Inty exploits.

Activities and fun will only get bigger and better here on the shores. This awesome staff and outstanding campers are already making this an incredible summer to remember!

Staunch and true,
Uncle Stephen Cournoyer
Intermediate Unit Director