



INTY NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE SHORES OF MOOSE POND!

Salutations from Intermediate Winona! The boys of "Camp 9", as Inty is affectionately known, are off to a roaring start for the 111th Winona summer, with activities, Evening Programs (E.P.s), and plenty of time enjoying the refreshing waters of Moose Pond. It has been quite warm the past few days, but we have not let the heat hold us back from all that camp has to offer.



Opening day was all smiles as old friends reunited on the shores and new campers settled into our exciting routine. After swim tests and tip tests in the canoes (canoe safety), campers played our traditional Opening Day E.P., "Insano Ball," a reinterpretation of classic Dodgeball. We followed with Intermediate staff introductions, a tradition that stretches back well beyond my camper years. Although we had some rain on our first day of activities, the clouds broke in the afternoon and the boys were out on the water kayaking and canoeing, beginning swimming Chipmunks (a level of achievement in Intermediate), and learning to build fires in camp craft. I'm certain that by next week's letter I will have a long list of campers with Full Chipmunks, for which campers must earn their Chipmunk in seven different activities, including swimming, camp craft and canoeing.

On Friday, we gathered in front of the Cobb Memorial Building for our opening ceremony, called "Winona Night." This is when we recognize last year's banner and announce new leaders. I am proud to share the leaders of each color team, which compete in our nightly E.P.s and in a number of special competitions throughout the year: Gray Captains **Evan Audette** and **Tom Spater** along with Lieutenant **Eli Shifrin**; and Red Captain **Finn Wentz** along with Lieutenants **Matthew Gasperini** and **Ellis Thompson**. Our tribal teams compete by showing and chasing the "Oscar," and we have already had two showings by the Mohawks, and a Delaware capture by Ellis Thompson. The leaders of the tribes are as follows: Mohawk Chief **Lucas Allsopp** and Sub-Chiefs **Gus Kolva** and **Colton Love**; Delaware Chief **Rowan Pedraza** and Sub-Chiefs **Koa Brown** and **Matt MacDougall**; Ojibway Chief **Jack McGovern** and Sub-Chief **Jordi Quirch**; Seneca Chiefs **Dakin Ebmeyer** and **Hugh Devine** and Sub-Chief **Gabe McGarry**. Congratulations to all!

For campers new to Winona, they found out their tribe and color on Friday in our "E.P. Afternoon," a new tradition in which we played fan favorites King Pin Dodgeball and Capture the Flag immediately following the announcement of campers' new teams. New teams are as follows: **Matias Ferrucho Rave** Red Delaware, **Ramkel Luak** Red Delaware, **Celso Marranzini**, Red Delaware, **Theodore Yardley** Red Delaware, **Leonardo Crawford** Gray Mohawk, **Dante Luna Lugo** Gray Mohawk, **Jose Maria Grullon Gonzales** Red Mohawk, **Gunnar Lundin** Gray Ojibway, **Manuel Santelises Alvarez** Gray Ojibway, **Donald Pimentel** Red Ojibway, **Pedro Luis Angarita** Gray Seneca, **Rafael Blanco** Red Seneca, **Emilio Ferrucho Rave** Red Seneca, **Mun Luak**, Red Seneca. Campers and counselors feel immense loyalty to these teams and those loyalties will last a lifetime.

Editors Note: Your son's unit's weekly Newsletter may also be accessed online: <http://winonacamps.com/welcome-parents/unit-newsletters>. Please note that in the weekly unit Newsletters, we focus primarily on out-of-camp trips and sporting competitions which are just a small part of the entire program here at Winona.

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On Saturday, we had our annual Tribal Games competition hosted by the CITs (Counselors-in-Training). The morning consisted of round robin of events including King Pin Dodgeball, Ga Ga Ga, Capture the Flag and British Bull Dog. As is tradition, the morning concluded with Winona's world famous four-way tug-of-war in which every camper across all three units participated! This was a magnificent way to kick off tribal competition and a job well done by our remarkable CITs!

We also had our first mountain trip this week as **Uncles Matt S.** and **Decker** led a group of staunch young men to Mount Avalon in Crawford Notch in New Hampshire. Campers **Matthew Gasperini, Andrew Chen, Mun Luak, Ramkel Luak, Eli Shifrin, Alexander Krauskopf, Theodore Yardley** and **Graham Wilson** bravely and confidently ascended the 3,400 foot peak to have lunch at the summit while gazing out at marvelous views of Mount Washington and the Presidential Range. On the return to camp, the group stopped for a quick swim at Sawyer Rock before making it home in time for dinner and Evening Program!



Lastly, each Saturday at Inty Campfire, we share a number of "Men of Distinction." This week I'm happy to share several of our most accomplished campers from this week: **Finn Wentz** for great success in his first time sailing. **Ramkel** and **Mun Luak** for persevering through a difficult climb up Mount Avalon. **Tom Spater** for having the best score in riflery for an Inty camper so far this summer. **Rowan Pedraza** for earning his rock climbing Chipmunk despite an injured foot. **Gabe McGarry** for doing the right thing and always being a good friend. And lastly, all of our new tribal and color leaders.

We have a busy week ahead with competitions in baseball, archery, tennis and soccer along with our first overnight mountain and canoe trips, and two kayak trips. On top of all that, the Inty players will be hard at work preparing for Intermediate Sunday Service this coming weekend. I feel very lucky to have been on these shores for seventeen years, thirteen of which have been in "Camp 9" as camper, counselor, or unit director, and I can feel that this is a special group of boys for the 111th season in Intermediate Winona.

Until next time...

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Uncle Jeffrey Lamson (2002-2018)

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Intermediate Unit Director