



INTY NEWSLETTER



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GREETINGS FROM THE SHORES OF MOOSE POND!

The intermediate unit had another exciting week including an overnight mountain, canoe and kayak trips, plenty of Oscar totem showings and, of course, our Mid-season change-over day! Our staff and Full Season campers welcomed in a big batch of Second Session campers and said a heartfelt goodbye to our First Session campers as they headed home to dream of next summer's adventures!

Last week, our Intermediate mountain trippers were busy getting out of camp to enjoy some great views and rewarding climbs. On Monday, **Uncles Decker** and **Rigel** led campers **Jenoup Bol Bol**, **Thomas Vanden Berghe**, **Elijah DeHart**, **Chase Gerber**, **Finn Wentz**, **Taylor Stansfield** and **Daniel Schlumberger** to Mount Jackson just over the border in New Hampshire. After reaching the summit, the boys hiked down to Mount Webster to conquer their second peak of the day. They had some phenomenal views including a close up with a gorgeous falcon before heading home, listening to some great tunes along the way.



Intermediate also had an overnight mountain trip this week led by **Uncles Matt** and **Olin** (who took a break from the canoe trips schedule). **Xander Krauskopf**, **Ellis Thompson**, **Jack McGovern**, **Aidan Larrabee**, **Austin Guggel** and **Elijah DeHart** spent three fine days hiking Sugarloaf Mountain and the surrounding area. When they summited on the second day, they broke out the binoculars as they were graced with 360 degree views of the surrounding area and even got to explore some of the ski area at the top. Nights filled with stories and games, along with several swimming holes during the day and plenty of mountain trip knots and "Leave No Trace" education made for a stellar trip to round off an excellent First Session in the mountains of Maine and New Hampshire.



A one-night canoe trip headed out this week to the mighty Saco River led by **Uncles Drew**, **Decker** and **Aunt Lisa**. **Paul Queheillalt**, **Rowan Pedraza**, **Eli Shiffrin**, **Henry Hoffman**, **Lee Wilson**, **Jack Bonnefond** and **Finn Wentz** put in at Swans Falls in Fryeburg and enjoyed a nice two days of paddling down this Winona classic. The campers had the rare opportunity to try out their "poling" skills, a traditional type of canoeing involving a long wooden pole that allows for added maneuverability and an extra challenge! This fantastic adventure was capped off by a BAT showing at the take out, a welcomed surprise to finish off the First Session's canoe trips.



Intermediate kayakers teamed up with Senior kayakers to head north to the Kennebec River to test their skills on one of Winona's most challenging white water trips. **Uncle Sam** and Senior counselors led **Thomas Vanden Berghe**, **Jackson Monz**, **Chase Gerber**, **Jenoup Bol Bol** and **Sam Marwill** to The Forks where they camped at Indian Pond (one of my favorite of Winona's go-to campsites), and headed out on the river each day to put three weeks of training to good use! The river includes two challenging Class III rapids, fantastic views, wild life and, of course, bridge jumping into the river at the take out. Everyone returned with big smiles, proud of their latest adventure.

The Camp Agawam Sail Series continued on Friday with **Andrew Sack** accompanying **Aunt Jesse** along with campers from Junior and Senior. They placed 4th this week, in an exciting sail series where teams accumulate points over the course of the summer. Congratulations to all of our nautical competitors.

A number of campers in Intermediate received Full Chipmunks this week! For our new parents, campers earn their Chipmunks, Beavers and Eagles in activities for completing specific requirements. 7 Chipmunks earns them a Full Chipmunk, 5 for a Full Beaver and 3 for a Full Eagle. Congratulations this week to **Scott Parker**, **Evan Audette**, **Lee Wilson**, **Jack Bonnefond**, **Jack Gorman**, **Daniel Schlumberger**, **Jordi Quirch**, **Murphy Holton**, **Charlie Collins**, **Tibo Bonte**, **Vince Mellet**, **Milo Kitchings**, **Louis Leflot**, **Mattie MacDougall**, **Graham Wilson** and **Gabe McGarry**. Congratulations also to **Tommy Soltanian** for his "tri-fecta," a Full Chipmunk, Beaver and Eagle!

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.

Find us on  You can find current photos of Winona by visiting us on our Facebook page (Winona Camps – Maine) or our Bunk 1 site.

We have new campers who have joined our tribe and color teams. Congratulations to the following!

Tyler Beliveau - Red Seneca
Jose Bernales-Mingo - Red Ojibway
Griffin Duigan - Red Ojibway
Jorge Enebral Alonso - Red Ojibway
Miles Gardner-Berg - Red Ojibway
Victor Puyplat - Red Ojibway
Tanner Roper - Red Ojibway

A number of Second Session campers have also joined our leadership ranks. Congratulations to the following!

Ethan Clay-Storm - Gray Lieutenant
Finn Sargent - Ojibway Sub-Chief
Max Slayton - Seneca Sub-Chief
Jose Garcia - Delaware Sub-Chief

A week in Intermediate would not be complete without our "Men of Distinction."

Charlie Collins for perseverance in EP.
Aidan Larrabee for a sly Mohawk Oscar find.
Max Jones for excellence in the 3v3 basketball tournament and his bravery during banana split night.
The seven staunch gentlemen who braved the mighty Saco.
The gentlemen who have committed time to projects in the Sloyd shop.
The Rangeley mountain trippers for staunch attitudes.
Michael Atsuya for teaching not one but two swimming chipmunks!
Gabe McGarry and **Jack Gorman** for some epic tubing behind the "Moomba" motor boat.
Kevin McDonald and **Eathan Heath** for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and keeping their fellow campers accountable!

With basketball, baseball and soccer games, the Big W swim meet and a full trip schedule coming up this week, we are sure to be busy here in Camp IX. Our Full Season campers have been moving along at a good pace while our new Second Session campers have all hit the ground running, ready to get the most out of all that we have to offer here!

Until next time...
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Uncle Jeffrey Lamson (2002-2017)
The BAT 2014
Intermediate Unit Director