



# INTY NEWSLETTER

## JULY 17, 2017



GREETINGS FROM INTERMEDIATE!

We had another fantastic week here in Camp IX with a number of overnight trips, day trips, sporting events, plenty of Oscar totem excitement, and yes, another BAT showing! As the campers were gathering in a four square assembly before a meal this week, the BAT appeared from the Inty Wiggy and let loose several good screams before escaping down to the H-Dock.

Intermediate kicked off Monday with the Advanced Guard trip to Aquaboggin! Mother Nature was on our side as the campers enjoyed the various slides, mini-golf and of course the world famous Pink Taco ride. Back at camp, the campers carried out a morning of regular activities, followed by an afternoon of swimming on the Intermediate beach and some fun on the Shark Mat.

Also on Monday, **Jack Monz** participated in the Camp Takajo rock climbing tournament along with a number of Senior campers. Jack represented Intermediate Winona well, winning first place in his age group – congratulations Jack!

On Tuesday, six kayakers headed south to surf ocean waves at Popham Beach, a classic Winona kayaking trip that gives campers an opportunity to explore their freestyle skills and practice off of the river. Led by **Uncle Sam** (and some Senior counselors) **Thomas Vanden Berghe, Rowan Pedraza, Jordi Quirch, Jack Gorman, Sam Marwill** and **Luca Depolla** spent two sunny days “down east” on the ocean. The waves were reportedly “more than twice the size of the campers” and every camper had the opportunity to test their mettle on the surf under the watchful eyes of our devoted kayak staff. Days of fun with a night on Hermit Island – a favorite campsite of the Winona Kayak program – made for a memorable trip!



Also on Tuesday, a four-day mountain trip went out to the Pemigewasset Wilderness led by **Uncles Matt S. and Decker. Baird Hruska, Ellis Thompson, Luca Depolla, Chase Gerber, Thomas Spater** and **Jenoup Bol Bol** began their journey along the Lincoln Woods Trail, camping at the beautiful 13 Falls Tentsite. On the second day, they trekked along the Twin Brook Trail to Mount Garfield, eventually looping back again to the same site for the second night. On the third day, the campers enjoyed a hike along Franconia Brook camping at Franconia Brook Tentsite before hiking out to make it back to camp for dinner on Friday.

The famed St. Croix Canoe Trip left Tuesday for a four-day adventure along the Maine-Canadian border. **Uncles Olin and Drew**, along with **Aunt Lisa** and campers **Andrew Sack, Lucas Allsopp, Jack McGovern, Kevin McDonald, Taylor Stansfield, Fen deNoird, Finn Wentz, Eli Shifrin** and **Evan Audette** set out to conquer this great river. After a long drive north listening to some of Intermediate Winona’s Top Hits, the boys were exposed to their first Class 1 and 2 rapids right at the start and they paddled their like experts. Then, on the second day, the group ran “Little Falls,” a Class 3 rapid and the biggest whitewater run in canoes by Intermediate. Everyone was nervous but excited and did not disappoint with all boats successfully running the rapids with hardly a scratch on the canoes! After Little Falls, the rest of the trip was smooth paddling with great weather, favorable winds and fantastic food. Taking out at Loon Bay on Friday with smiles and great memories, these hardy trippers headed back to camp in time for dinner.



Inty rock climbers teamed up with Senior Winona to head to Jockey Cap in Fryeburg on Wednesday for some climbing on natural rock faces. **Uncle Jake** and **Aunt Esther** brought **PJ Henwood, Corliss Ordway** and **Paul Queheillalt** to this scenic climbing location that has been a Winona favorite for years. Campers had the chance to develop their skills on a number of routes, enjoying a delicious meal overlooking the surrounding area.

Also on Wednesday, the tennis team, along with **Uncle Matt M.** and campers **Guillaume Kopff, Jaime Ruigomez, Daniel Schlumberger, Charlie Collins, Louis Leflot, Paul Soubeyrand** and **Max Jones** went to Camp Indian Acres to compete along with Senior campers in a tennis tournament vs. three other camps. Intermediate placed third overall, with Guillaume going undefeated in all of his matches and Max having a stand out performance in his first ever competitive tennis match! Congratulations to all of our tennis players.

Kayakers were busy this week with another trip, a day trip, leaving on Thursday to Steep Falls and the Limington Rips. **Jan Maikel Vila Cestero, Graham Wilson, Paul Devillard** and **Austin Guggel** joined up with Senior Winona and **Uncle Sam** to hone their ferry glide and eddy techniques at these wonderful learning spots. These trips are essential for campers to build the skills to head out on bigger rivers such as the Kennebec and Penobscot in the coming week and during second half.

Intermediate Winona also had an archery match at Camp O-AT-KA on Thursday with **Uncles Oliver and Craig. Lee Wilson, Vincent du Fayet de la Tour, PJ Henwood, Gabe McGarry, Austin Guggel, Aidan Larrabee, Jack Bonnefond** and **Maxime De Clercq** all shot extremely well, with Maxime and Aidan both shooting over 200 points! We are still waiting on the final results, but the boys should be extremely proud of their efforts and are excited to get back on the range for some more practice before the next competitions.

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

On Friday, **Uncles Aydan** and **Milo** took **Henry Hoffman, Thomas Vanden Berghe** and **Paul Devillard** with Senior Winona to White Horse Ledge in North Conway, New Hampshire. Everyone climbed several very hard routes and then mastered a crack climb while marveling at the massive slab that makes up White Horse Ledge. Everyone's skills grew immensely during this challenging trip.



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Also on Friday, **Uncles Henry** and **Rigel** brought **Max Jones, Montgomery Dube, Charlie Collins, Jack Gorman, Corliss Ordway** and **Milo Kitchings** to Camp Micah for a 3 v. 3 basketball tournament. One of Inty's two teams finished second place with Max scoring a team high of 17 points in three games! Winona was complimented for their remarkable sportsmanship. Congratulations to the basketball teams.

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On Saturday, **Uncle Cam** brought campers **Rowan Pedraza, Michael Atsuya, Ben Libby** and **Louis Leflot** along with Senior Winona to Camp Takajo for a swim meet. The boys did a fantastic job representing Winona well throughout the day. Michael took 1<sup>st</sup> place for the individual 13 and under, with Rowan and Louis taking 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m relay. Congratulations to our swimmers!

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We have a number of Full Chipmunks that have been handed out so far in intermediate. A Full Chipmunk is awarded to campers who have achieved this level in seven activities, including swimming, canoeing, and campcraft. Congratulations to: **Fen deNiord, Paul Devillard, Max Jones, Luca Depolla, Chase Gerber, Eathan Heath, PJ Henwood, Keaton Razik, Jaime Ruigomez, Andrew Sack, Eli Shifrin, Finn Wentz, Taylor Stansfield, Guillaume Kopff, Aidan Larrabee, Kevin McDonald** and **Jan Maikel Vila Cestero**.



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A week in Intermediate would not be complete without a group of young men who have been dubbed our weekly "Men of Distinction".

**Elijah DeHart** and **Matt MacDougall** for working hard for their swimming chipmunks

**Sam Marwill** for elegantly and impressively "shredding" on the Popham Beach waves

**Thomas Vanden Berghe** for successfully completing his eskimo roll in a kayak

**Luca Depolla** for his love of lacrosse on his first time up to the field and planning to start a brand new team back in Abu Dhabi

**Koa Brown** for commitment to his costumes throughout the summer

The entire St. Croix canoe trip for being staunch trippers

The Pemigawasset Wilderness trip for perseverance on a challenging four day hike!

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It is hard to believe that we are now heading into our final week of the first session. Campers will be busy as multiple overnight canoe trips, a three-day mountain trip and the famed Kennebec kayak trip all depart camp. Add in three regattas and a number of Red/Gray events and you can sure bet that we will be busy here in Camp IX!

Until next time.....

Uncle Jeffrey Lamson (2002-2017)

The BAT 2014

Intermediate Unit Director