



INTY NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM INTERMEDIATE!

Greetings once again from Camp IX. It is hard to believe that we are already a full week into our Second Session, but with trips galore, BAT showings and plenty of athletic contests, it is no wonder that time is flying by! Intermediate Winona has been incredibly busy all week long both in and out of camp. We have had two fantastic BAT showings, one of which involved a surprising leap out of the trunk room and into assembly! In our second, both BATs waited at the Intermediate baseball field as the unit ran up to "find the fork," a tradition where the campers search for a hidden fork on the field to determine who will line up first for cook out dinner.

Our Inty campers have been busy on mountain trips this week with a number of day and overnight trips. On Monday, **Uncles Decker** and **Harry** led **Gabriel Nigrovic, Tyler Beliveau, Hugh Devine, Collin Bevin, Finn Sargent, Vince Mellet, Cole Vaupel** and **Eli Rountree** to Mount Kearsarge North, one of several peaks that we can see from the Intermediate shore line. The campers had a challenging 3.1 mile hike to the summit, where they enjoyed a delicious lunch and some stellar views of the surrounding area.



The mountain trippers headed out again on Tuesday, with **Uncles Decker** and **Harry** this time to Tumbledown Mountain. **Baird Hruska, Finn Wentz, Max Slayton, Austin Gauggel, Spencer Owen, Jack Gorman, Tanner Roper** and **Jackson Moore** enjoyed an "epic scramble up giant rocks" along Brook Trail to the Tumbledown Pond where the group stopped for lunch with some beautiful scenery. They then proceeded along the Tumbledown Ridge Trail for an amazing view from the summit before descending back down the way they came for their return to camp for dinner.

Intermediate had a number of inter-camp athletic contests this week beginning with a basketball game at Camp Owatanna on Tuesday. **Uncle Henry** led the team to a 27-18 victory with a team made up of **Tanner Roper, Vince Mellet, Jack Gorman, Jack Bonnefond, Guillaume Kopff, Charlie Collins, Graham Bergold, Carlos Omana, Jose Bernales-Mingo, Milo Kitchings** and **Jack McGovern**. Highlight performances include Tanner's 11 points, along with Jack and Charlie who had 7 and 6 points respectively. The team played great defense with 18 steals overall and displayed phenomenal sportsmanship!



Tuesday also saw the canoe trippers depart for the famed Azisohos A/B trip. On the first leg campers **Elijah DeHart, Colby Beliveau, Cole Vaupel, Eli Shifrin, Riley Gale, David Steinbrick, Kevin McDonald, Max Jones** and **PJ Henwood** were led by **Uncles Olin, Drew** and **Chris** from Black Brook Cove heading north. The lake was beautifully calm and upon arrival at the first site the campers staunchness was on full display setting up camp on a rocky hillside. The next day the group rode a tail wind to their final campsite - the Twin Brook Site - where they enjoyed an excellent dinner before changing over with the Azisohos "B" crew.



At Twin Brook campsite **Uncle David** swapped with **Uncle Drew** along with all the campers. **Corliss Ordway, Philip Wolffer, Tanner Roper, Ellis Thompson, Tom Spader, Tyler Beliveau, Jose Bernales-Mingo, Hugh Devine** and **Evan Audette** picked up where the "A" leg left off and loaded the canoes to paddle south down the lake to Black Brook Cove. The wind flipped for the campers the first day and the "B" group also caught a tail wind heading south. **Uncle David** regaled the group with campfire stories and Winona lore before their final paddle back to camp which ended with some soaring eagles on the lake.

Also on Tuesday, our kayak trippers went on a day trip after breakfast to our go-to training grounds, Steep Falls on the Saco River. **Uncle Sam** along with Senior staff and campers led a skilled group made up of **Corliss Ordway, Philip Wolffer, Andy Deng, Leo Frankel** and **Sam Marwill**. The campers practiced their eddying in and out along with ferry gliding and put these skills to the test in a slalom race down the river! The crew headed down to Limington where they ate pulled pork sandwiches before more practice, with Sam, Philip, and Corliss all running the Senior route down one of the rapids.

This week **Ben Libby** and **Sam Marwill** went with Senior on an honors rock trip to Pawtuckaway Notch, an inaugural trip for Winona's rock program! Fueled by paella in the "man pan" and massive servings of farmer's breakfast, the boys conquered climbs ranging from 5.2 to 5.9. Some highlights included a 5.2 called "The Great Chimney," a 5.6 called "The Obscene Phone Call," and an iconic 5.9 called "China Dragon Right." Everyone returned from the trip telling stories of how epic the routes were and the excitement of their adventures!

On Thursday, Winona's soccer team headed to Camp Indian Acres led by **Uncle Oliver** for a tough match up. **Vince Mellet, Jack Bonnefond, Carlos Valentin, Keven Morel, Ethan Clay Storm, Jack Gorman, Finn Sargent, Huber Matos-O'Neil, Guillaume Kopff, Carlos Omana, Griffin Duigan, Sam Liddle** and **Dakin Ebmeyer** fought hard but were unable to pull out a victory. Notable performances include Ethan's hat trick! The campers played remarkably well against a strong opponent and, always carrying the "Winona Way", displayed great sportsmanship and team work.



Our mountain trippers also had an overnight this week to South Baldface. **Uncles Decker** and **Harry** again led **Max Slayton, Baird Hruska, Jackson Moore, George Cacioppo, Milo Kitchings, Ian Carey, Gabe Nigrovic** and **Rowan Pedraza** on this two-day excursion. They began along the challenging Baldface Circle Trail toward the South Baldface Shelter. Their sleeping quarters were a giant lean-to, "the mountain trip equivalent of a 5-star hotel" according to the crew. After some fajitas for dinner, the boys did an evening hike to the summit for sunset and a night walk with head lights back to their sleeping bags. After eggs with kielbasa the next morning, the group was ready for a hike to Emerald Pool for some cliff jumping before heading back to camp.



On Friday, the Intermediate lacrosse team played at home against Camp Indian Acres in another tough match up. Coached by **Uncles Keith** and **Fritz**, the team was made up of **Ike Dutton, Jack Gorman, Jack McGovern, Lee Huffard, Baird Hruska, Collin Bevin, Jack Bonnefond, Huber Matos-O'Neil, Finn Wentz, David Steinbrick, Finn Sargent, Lee Wilson** and **Charlie Collins**. All played very well but ended up falling to the opponent, 10-3. Goals were scored by Jack Gorman, Jack McGovern, and Baird & Ike performed well between the pipes! The team wore the Winona logo proudly and will look forward to Red/Gray lacrosse next week.



Friday afternoon more kayakers departed on a relaxed trip to Limington. Led by **Uncles Sam** and **Jake**, campers **Riley Gale, Colby Beliveau, Spencer Owen** and **Alex Lowe** joined Senior again after pizza Friday to go and put their flat water skills to the test on some rapids. The group paddled several slides and finished gracefully at the end of this rocky river. On their way back to camp, they stowed their kayaks in the trailer to swim across the river where they did cool tricks and spins off a rope swing into the river below. Next week the kayakers will head north to the mighty Kennebec and Penobscot for their honors trip.

On Saturday the Intermediate baseball team went to Camp Wigwam with **Uncles Jack** and **Topher** to play in a friendly competition. **Graham Bergold, Jose Bernales-Mingo, TJ Beltran, Aidan Larrabee, Jack Bonnefond, Ethan Clay Storm, Miles Gardner-Berg, Ike Dutton** and **Jack Gorman** made up our nine players, with TJ, Jack Bonnefond, and Graham on the mound. The team ultimately lost 1-8, but scored right away in the first inning and played with great poise and enthusiasm. A few runners left on base made a big difference, but the team did a great job.



For the last mountain trip of the week, **Uncle Decker** was joined by **Uncle Perry** to lead seven staunch campers to Pleasant Mountain on Saturday. **Gus Kolva, Taylor Stansfield, Dakin Ebmeyer, Lee Huffard, Ben Ansaldi, Cole Vaupel** and **Griffin Duigan** boarded The BAT Barge to cross Moose Pond to be dropped off on the western shore where they crossed the road and ascended via the Bald Peak Trail. After lunch at the summit with great views of some wildlife, the campers picked blueberries and filled their water bottles so they could snack on the way back down the mountain. Next week, our mountain trippers will be busy yet again as they head out on the Flagstaff/Bigelow trip, a canoeing and mountain trip combination that has been an Intermediate classic for years.

A day canoe trip went out Sunday. **Uncles Jake** and **Drew** led campers **Henry Hoffman, Vince Mellet, Griffin Duigan, Spencer Owen, Jose Garcia, Eli Rountree, Eathan Heath, Charlie Collins, Jack Bonnefond, Ethan Clay Storm, Ben Ansaldi, Finn Sargent** north past the Moose Pond Causeway toward the fabled "Lost City." The group portaged through a number of small brooks and swampland at the lake's northern most tip until they found this lost city, a collection of old foundations - the story of which our Winona folk lore experts can only guess at! The group braved fierce headwinds to start the day but was able to ride them home after their long journey.

Winona hosted the annual "Big W" Swim Meet this week, an inter-camp meet that is among the most competitive swim competitions in the area. Intermediate was represented by **Austin Guggel, Andy Deng, David Steinbrick, Rowan Pedraza, Leo Frankel** and **Milo Kitchings**. The Winona swimmers placed second overall in the meet, falling short of our sister camp, Wyonegonic. Notable performances include David's 1st place finish in the back stroke and Leo's 1st place finish in the freestyle. Congratulations to all swimmers!



As always we had a number of "Men of Distinction" this week in intermediate!

Ben Libby and **Sam Marwill** for sending some iconic routes on the rock trip.

Paul

Devillard for paddling great on a waterfall.

Big W swimmers for good sportsmanship and fierce competition.

Ike Dutton for playing baseball with such remarkable enthusiasm and poise that the Camp Wigwam coach was cheering for him.

Lee Wilson for achieving the first archery Eagle in the unit.

Philip Wolffer for taking the senior route down a rapid on the kayak trip.

Koa Brown for a sneaky Oscar find.

We have a number of honors trips next week to the Kennebec and Penobscot Rivers, Flagstaff Lake, and Bigelow Mountain. Toss in a soccer match, the Winona Regatta, a couple of day rock trips, and a tennis match, and you can bet that we will be busy!

Until next time....

Uncle Jeffrey Lamson

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The BAT 2014

Intermediate Unit Director

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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