



INTY NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM INTERMEDIATE WINONA!

We are wrapping up another exciting week here on the shores. Campers have been busy with Honors trips, the famed Winona Regatta, athletic events, Double Point Day for tribal competition and Intermediate's turn at Sunday Service, for which we highlighted the themes of virtue and high moral character involved when "taking the high road." Indeed, the days are flying by and will surely continue to do so as we head into Red/Gray week!



The week began with a soccer match at Camp Owatonna on Monday. **Uncles Oliver and Jack** brought the team of **Ben Libby, Dakin Ebmeyer, Vince Mellet, Jack Gorman, Jose Bernales-Mingo, Sam Liddle, Carlos Omana, Jorge Enebral Alonso, Graham Bergold, Ellis Thompson, Charlie Collins, PJ Henwood and Ethan Clay Storm**. The boys played with intensity and the game was tied 1-1 at halftime after a 35 yard goal by Ethan to tie it up. However, they were not able to hold on in the second half, but all demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and the "Winona Way."

The kayakers departed on Tuesday for their overnight honors trip, which featured both the Penobscot and Kennebec rivers. **Uncles Sam and Jake** were joined by Senior staff and campers along with **Tom Spater, Colby Belliveau and Philip Wolffer**. The boys made the long drive to the South Branch of the Penobscot River on the Seboomok Section. Camping at Rolls Dam, they were able to practice challenging creek boating skills that involved small waterfalls and slides through boulder gardens. After mastering their "boof" - a kayaking move designed to launch a boater safely over waterfalls and through holes - this staunch crew moved south toward the larger water of the Kennebec River. This section is a different sort of white water, the kind where you would likely see commercial rafters, and all three boys perfected their runs after two days of strong paddling! Everyone made it home safe and satisfied on Friday with great tales and fond memories.



Winona's combined mountain and canoe trip also departed on Tuesday, with one group of campers beginning on Lake Flagstaff and the other on Mount Bigelow. Half way through the trip, the boys met in the middle to trade canoes for backpacks and each leg of the trip does their counterpart's journey in reverse for the second half!

One leg made up of **Jack McGovern, Hugh Devine, Rowan Pedraza, Evan Audette, Lucas Allsopp, Kevin MacDonald, Eli Shiffrin, Taylor Stansfield and Riley Gale** began by paddling across Flagstaff Lake with **Uncles Harry, Chris and Drew**. Flagstaff Lake is unique in that it is created by a dam and you can find old foundations of a town which was flooded decades ago. They camped the first night at the site of an old schoolhouse where they could see one such foundation before waking up early to paddle seven miles to Round Barn. This was the longest paddle completed by Intermediate canoe trippers all year!

That night they met up with the other leg of the trip which was made up of **Finn Wentz, Baird Hruska, Jack Gorman, Cole Vaupel, Tyler Beliveau, Jackson Moore, Max Slayton, Tanner Roper and Gabe Nigrovic** led by **Uncles Decker and Harry**. These boys had completed a "heroic" climb on Mount Bigelow, followed by a night hike to the summit and a second summit on day two at Avery Peak. After some spelunking in caves they met up with canoe trippers and this group began the canoe portion in reverse, dodging some thunder storms before camping out for some s'mores!

Meanwhile, the first group of paddlers took over the packs to repeat the spelunking adventure before hustling across Avery Peak to avoid those same storms. They finished a night hike on West Peak where they did flashlight signals down to the canoe trippers on the lake below! All made it safely to their final pick up locations and both groups reunited back at Winona.

Six camps joined us on Moose Pond for the Winona Regatta on Thursday, one of the biggest sailing days of the entire summer. Although the wind began very slow for the first race, a steady wind picked up by mid morning and carried Winona racers to a third place finish! Intermediate was represented by **George Cacioppo and Ben Beckerman**, both of whom skippered races for the first time.



Intermediate left for a tennis match at Camp O-AT-KA on Friday coached by **Uncles Ruay and Aydan**. Campers **Alex Lowe, Collin Bevin, Carlos Omana, Charlie Collins, Jose Garcia, Finn Sargent** and **Koa Brown** competed admirably, but were not able to pull out a victory. Carlos played particularly well and Jose received many compliments on his enthusiasm and great sportsmanship in his first ever tennis match.

Our climbers were busy this week beginning with a day rock trip bouldering at Jockey Cap. **Aunt Esther** brought campers **Collin Bevin** and **Miles Gardner-Berg** along with Senior Winona to practice some of their climbing skills at this local stomping ground. They enjoyed a delicious lunch atop this scenic lookout from which one can see all of the surrounding area including the mighty White Mountains! Another climbing trip to Square Ledge departed this morning (details to come in next week's Newsletter).

As always, Winona had numerous "Men of Distinction" this week.

Jorge Enebral Alonso for hitting a homerun in his second ever at bat in Wiffle Ball.

Charlie Collins, Jack Gorman, Lee Huffard and **Finn Sargent** for successfully conquering the Treasure's Challenge making 118 consecutive lacrosse passes.

Huber Matos O'Neil for dedication to rock climbing, coming five consecutive days and making impressive progress on his beaver.

Graham Bergold and **David Steinbrick** for playing with great support in Bat Ball.

Ben Beckerman and **George Cacioppo** for some impressive finishes in the Winona Regatta.

Jose Bernales-Mingo for hanging on with iron grip through a wild tubing run in Water Sports.

Collin Bevin and **Charlie Collins** for catching some monstrous fish out of Moose Pond!

The week finished with the George Sudduth Memorial Road Race which begins at our sister camp, Wyonegonic's farmhouse, and goes 4.2 miles to Winona's farmhouse. Intermediate had about 50 of the 200 racers participating. All campers were competitive and had big smiles as they crossed the finish line!

This week we are kicking off our Red/Gray competitions which will start with lacrosse on Monday morning and include an event in nearly every activity. At the end of this week we will run our Treasure Hunt races as well as the "Great Relay." Throw in Senior Circus, Unit Night and our world famous Air Band competition and you can bet that we will be busy as we wrap up the 110th!



Until next week....
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Uncle Jeffrey Lamson (2002-2017)
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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