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GREETINGS FROM JUNIOR WINONA!



Opening Day at Camp Winona is always an incredibly exciting time for campers, counselors and parents. The campers met their tent counselors, settled into new living arrangements and began to interact with new and old friends throughout the Junior unit. It is amazing how quickly the boys go from saying their goodbyes to having fun. The afternoon was filled with games and activities and an all-Junior activity after the evening meal.

It was a pleasure to meet those of you that were able to make the trip to Maine with your sons. I was pleased by the energy and enthusiasm the boys exhibited from the moment they arrived. I'm excited to begin my tenth summer as the Junior Unit Director with this great group of campers and counselors.

On the second day of camp, we have an introductory morning activity rotation. The rotations were done differently this day due to the weather circumstances (a little rain), but it still effectively created excitement for the boys about their activity choices for this summer. It is staggering to think that we offer over twenty different activities here in Junior. These boys will be busy!

Our first mountain trip of the season departed on Friday. **Uncles Lime, Nick and Nate** set off with **Viktor Rannik, Henry Lamphier, Michael Vannoy, Jaak Rannik, Cooper Holton, Timmy Paul, Peter McDermott, Lucas Vannoni and Peter King** to Black Cap Mountain. At 2,369', this is the highest point of the Green Hills preserve which forms the ridge to the east side of North Conway, New Hampshire. Although only a 2.5 mile round trip, the group got to scale up some open rock which offered commanding views deep into the nearby White Mountains. Each camper got to take a turn leading the group with assistance from Uncle Lime. Taking advantage of some extra time during the warm day, the group was excited to have a leisurely dip at Jackson Falls. The campers returned to camp with big smiles after a day in the mountains.



Also on Friday, twelve "Staunch and True" Junior campers traveled to Camp Wigwam for a kickball tournament involving four camps. Coaches **Uncle Robbie** and **Uncle Rob** led a team that included **Lorenzo Vannoni, Charles BeVier, Max Olson, Oliver Eastman, Camden Hawkes, Tristan Baker, Oliver Reiman-Ellis, Leif Sonne, Ben Lemieux, Victor Peney** and **Roberto Fernandez Banuchi**. The boys played three games, winning one of them in spectacular fashion. The most memorable highlight was when Lorenzo blasted a ball for a grand slam. Although the boys did not win the tournament, they had a great time and displayed outstanding sportsmanship.

We ended our Friday with Winona Night, with the entire camp present. We walked through the pines to attend the event in front of the Cobb Memorial Building in Senior. Here, the assembled camp learned of the camp's history, sang camp songs and discovered the identities of the campers that will lead the various teams during this summer. In the color competition, the defending champion Reds will attempt to three-peat under the leadership of Captain **Nuer Bol Rik** and Lieutenants **Leif Sonne** and **Hadrian Mitrovic**.

Gray Captain **Lorenzo Vannoni** returns to his post of last summer, aided by new Lieutenants **Max Olson** and **Jack Wetter**, to lead the Grays as they attempt to return the banner to the lighter shade.

The tribal competition features four different teams all vying for recognition on the banner at the close of the summer. Chief **Nathanael Drake** and Sub-Chiefs **Carl Hoff** and **Victor Peney** were chosen to lead the repeat champion Mohawks back into action, with hopes of claiming another banner for their tribe. Trying to foil the Mohawk plans and claim victory this summer for their respective teams are the following Chief and Sub-Chiefs:

Delawares – Chief **Tristan Baker** and Sub-Chiefs **Oliver Reiman-Ellis** and **Charles BeVier**

Ojibways – Chief **Ben Lemieux** and Sub-Chiefs **Peter King** and **Oliver Eastman**

Senecas – Chief **Devon Hermes** and Sub-Chiefs **Camden Hawkes** and **Max Rosenbaum**

Again, good luck to both the color teams and all of the tribes. Let's have a great summer of healthy competition. How we play the games is far more important than the final results here at Winona.

Saturday morning found the unit participating in Tribal Games; the CITs (Counselors-in-Training) created a fun-filled morning for the campers to attempt as a unified front. The Tribal Games had the entire camp broken into tribes, facing these challenges in mixed-age groups. The Senior and Inty campers were very supportive of our Junior campers, encouraging them to do their best throughout the fun-filled morning. The Mohawks and Ojibways tied for top honors after competing in games of Ga-Ga-Ga, Kingpin Dodgeball, British Bulldog and Capture the Flag. The Senecas and Delawares also garnered points as all the boys participated with aplomb. The games ended with an epic tug-o-war using a four-way rope, allowing all the tribes to participate at once. The boys had a great time with the events, which were capped off with a rousing all-unit swim to cool off.

On Sunday afternoon, another group of "Staunch and True" lads ascended the steep Ledges Trail to the famous "Lost Ledge" of Pleasant Mountain. **Luke Gagan, James Kirby, Raphael Saujet, Luis Latour, Dylan Henwood, George Thompson, Duncan May, Rodrigo Melo Garcia, Jack Drechsler, Duncan May** and **Cooper Holton** joined the noble trio leaders, **Uncles Branden, Jordan** and **Will**. The boys made quick work of the ascent and before you know it they reached the "Needle's Eye," a deep river canyon hidden within the woods of Pleasant Mountain. After that, the boys performed a bushwhack up Pleasant Mountain to find the legendary Lost Ledge! At the Ledge, they were rewarded with a spectacular view of Moose Pond and the surrounding countryside. The day ended with a descent and the boys returned to camp happy and eager to further explore the mountains of Maine.

(Over for more news!!)

Monday morning, the men of Junior Winona journeyed to the North End of camp to join the other units in an archery tournament against Camp Indian Acres. Led by **Uncle Branden** and **CIT Cousin Charlie**, **Jack Drechsler**, **Lorenzo Vannoni**, **Ronan Zweifler** and **Luke Wetter** constituted the Junior portion of the Winona archery team. The boys represented Junior camp well, as every archer put up a fantastic score, besting their age group rival. When all was said and done, Junior led the Winona team to an overwhelming victory. The boys had a great morning participating in this well organized, all-camp event.



Monday's soccer game against Camp Wigwam was full of exciting moments and tested the mettle of our newly minted soccer team. Our Juniors held their own against a slightly older opponent and demonstrated their growing skills as a new team. The game started with **Nathanael Drake** in goal; **Shalom Kwitonda**, **Shema Iranzi**, **Roberto Fernandez Banuchi** and **Michael Covington** on defense; **Charles BeVier**, **Luis Latour** and **Rodrigo Melo Garcia** in midfield. Winona proved to be strong competitors against the other team's rigorous offense throughout the contest. With his amazing slide tackles, Roberto shut down every striker that came his way early on. Charles knew just how to move the ball up the wing to the quick feet of our forwards, **Noah Bruchou**, **James Gasperini** and **Dain Gutmann**.

The visiting team scored the first goal, followed by a beautiful, retaliatory strike by James, leveled from an impressive distance just over the goalie's head. **Camden Hawkes** and **George Thompson** took a turn in goal and proved to be indefatigable as they also substituted in for our midfielders in the second half. The sun and heat was no match for the energy exhibited by our sweepers, **Oliver Bean** and **Lochlann O'Connell** who kept the pressure on the other team's offense. At seven years old, Lochlann was the youngest player on field, yet played with heart, exhibiting great enthusiasm while encouraging his teammates. **Lorenzo Vannoni** also put forth a commendable effort to battle at midfield. **Duncan May** and **Sam Rather**, who each played defense in the first half, also showed their skills as forwards, aggressively attacking in the second half. The team battled bravely, with the raw tenacity characteristic of Junior Winona. The lessons learned in this match will serve them well in future contests.

Monday also saw **Uncles Lime, Shaw** and **Richard** take **David Phillips**, **Yubo Gao**, **Ben Lemieux**, **Victor Peney**, **Leif Sonne**, **Oliver Eastman**, **Devon Hermes**, **Everett May**, **Hadrian Mitrovic**, **Max Rosenbaum** and **Tristan Baker** to the east slopes of Mount Washington to see the last remaining snowfields of 2018 in Tuckerman's Ravine. Much of the Ravine's snow comes from snow that blows off the more exposed higher ridges, in addition to the big late winter snows that fell this year in March and April. The boys began their ascent to the Ravine early in the morning and reached the planned lunch spot at Hermit Lake Cabin in no time. From Hermit Lake, the boys got their first glimpse of patches of snow high in Tuckerman's Ravine. After lunch, the boys began the trek to the planned destination. Upon getting closer, they gained a view of a much larger patch of snow, where some hardy late season skiers were earning their turns! The trail to this patch was tough and rugged, but there was "snow" way the boys were turning back now! After visiting the snowfield, and even making a few snowballs, the group began their descent out of the Ravine. The Winona hikers also were afforded spectacular views down to Pinkham Notch and across to the Wildcat and Carter Ranges. Judging by the comments upon their return, the day proved to be both challenging and rewarding. It's safe to say that "snow" many great memories were made on this trip.

Monday saw our first canoe trip leave from the docks of Junior and travel to Newt's Island. **Uncles Walker**, **Stephen** and **Ike** boarded the canoes with **Dylan Henwood**, **Lucas Vannoni**, **Grahame Bean**, **Nuer Bol Rik**, **Timmy Paul**, **Luke Gagan**, **Oliver Reiman-Ellis**, **Jaak Rannik** and **Peter McDermott**. The boys were greeted with a slight breeze at their backs for a relaxing paddle across the lake and under the causeway. The sun and sparkling water provided the idyllic Maine backdrop that many of us return each summer. After a delicious chicken-bomber lunch (a favorite of many) the boys explored the island, went swimming and explored some rocks that lay across the shallow marsh of the end of Moose Pond. After dinner, the boys enjoyed stories and games around the campfire. The night ended with a round of fireworks they happened to spy across the lake. This first night under the stars was deemed a rousing success. As we walked to lunch on Tuesday I was regaled with some stories of their overnight adventure.

Tuesday afternoon saw the first glimpse of the world famous Winona BATs. The BATs appeared at the front and back of assembly, where the campers were preparing for afternoon activities. The BATs used the action up front as a distraction before leaping into the Junior Wiggy. Unfurling their signature black capes, they uncorked ferocious screams (from what seemed like all angles) and rushed to escape. All the campers pursued out of the Junior Wiggy, witnessing repeated "stop and scream" moments from both BATs. In the end they disappeared, once again protecting the world's longest winning streak. The excited chatter after the "showing" tells me that the campers think they might know the identity of the masked men. Many names were mentioned and we'll have to see if they are right at Awards Night in August.

In early award news, the campers of Junior Tent 10 (**Yubo Gao**, **Ben Lemieux**, **Victor Peney**, **Oliver Reiman-Ellis**, **Leif Sonne**), under the direction of **Uncle John** and **Aunt Brooke**, received the Best Tent distinction to end the first week of camp (an honor for keeping their camp quarters in shipshape condition). The boys were excited for the recognition and an extra lodge (candy bar) that goes with the award. Each camper in the unit is doing well keeping their tent and cabin clean so far this summer. Keep it up, boys!


To celebrate our country's birthday, the nearby town of Bridgton hosts the 4 on the 4th, a challenging road race that is entering its 42nd year. On Wednesday, **Uncles Rob**, **Nick** and myself, brought **Camden Hawkes**, **Ben Lemieux**, **Leif Sonne** and **Tristan Baker** to this special event. The group had an early wake up, with the race starting at 8:00 a.m. Camden paced the campers, with Ben, Leif and Tristan coming in not far behind. Uncle Rob finished an impressive 93rd out of more than 2200 participants. All the boys should be very proud of their accomplishment, as 4 miles, over a hilly course in balmy conditions, is an impressive feat to complete for our young campers.



As I conclude this edition of the Junior Times I hear the laughter, excitement, and screams of the boys at free swim, free time activities and Junior Snack Shack. Thank you for sharing your wonderful sons with us this 111th Winona summer. It is once again an absolute pleasure and privilege to be here on the shores of Moose Pond with such an outstanding staff and such wonderfully enthusiastic boys. Until next week...

Jim Morse
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The BAT 1991

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