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GREETINGS FROM JUNIOR WINONA!



Opening Day for Second session at Winona is always an exciting day for campers, counselors and parents as we transition from one "staunch and true" group of young men to another. The weather cooperated, the new campers met their counselors, settled into their cabins or tents and began to meet other boys throughout the unit. It was a pleasure to meet, or reconnect, with those of you who were able to make the trip to Maine with your sons.

Before we swing into Second session, here's a recap of the action from the end of First session. I'll also share news from the beginning of this week as we get the "new" unit into the various routines of camp life.

On Wednesday, Junior saw the return of a special event that has roots in Winona '50s, '60s and '70s and then inexplicably disappeared. **Uncle Rob** spearheaded the resurrection of Winona's very own Pinewood Derby last summer, where the campers designed and constructed their own cars and raced them down a specially made track. The process involved picking a specific car design, sanding, painting and naming a car that would represent their tribe at the Winona 500, a showdown of epic proportions. The 2nd annual return of the Winona 500 was as wildly successful as the rendition that reappeared in 2016.

The day dawned with tribal flags flying, the track decorated with various Winona insignia and "official" announcers calling the race-by-race action. A special slow motion camera was installed to take out any human error during some exciting photo finishes. **Uncle James** made cupcakes that were arranged to spell out Winona 500. This sweet treat offered a welcomed break as judges prepared the final race for what proved to be an exciting end to the event. We started with four tribal brackets, each looking to send its top four cars into the Sweet Sixteen championship bracket. After many races, using a double elimination format, we had the best each tribe had to offer for the finals.

The following campers represented their tribes in the finals:

Mohawks: **Rui Song, Andrey Nusinov, Thomas Gasperini, Liam Tobin**

Delewares: **Michael Covington, Cooper Holton, Charles BeVier, James Halley**

Senecas: **Max Chassat, Daas McPhee-Djan, Luke Wetter, Lorenzo Vannoni**

Ojibways: **Conrad Dube, Leif Sonne, Alex Kirkwood, Andy Kulenduka**

As the Finals commenced, the boys could be seen lining the edges of the track, looking up the sleek racing slope with both anticipation and a keen desire to win on their faces. Fist pumps and victory laps were evident after each rung of the championship ladder was completed. The final results had Thomas and his car "Muffler" in 4th, Rui and "Superfast" in 3rd, Lorenzo and the "VannoniMobile" in 2nd. The "Fast Angel", created by Andrey triumphed over all the cars to finish in the top spot. A mild milk bath celebrated his victory and posed for pictures in victory lane.

We also recognized those that spent the extra time to create a showpiece. The campers voted at a special booth for categories that did not involve racing elements.

Most Creative - **Xander Goodman**

Best Paint Job - **Renzo Martinez**

Best Overall Design- **James Halley**

Campers will be bringing home their cars. I hope the cars will serve as a reminder of a fun event and the boy's summer away from home. Great job to all the campers!

Thursday afternoon, **Uncle Lime, Aunt Emily** and **CIT Ike** departed the shores with **Josh Feng, Michael Vannoy, Cooper Holton, Oscar Jennings, Nathan Monchik, Daas McPhee-Djan, Teke Helms** and **David Phillips** for a hiking and mineral trip to Streaked Mountain near South Paris. It is a steep, half-mile hike to the top where views can be seen of the Maine foothills and the distant White Mountains. The most unique finds included muscovite and biotite mica, milky and smoky quartz, feldspar, traces of red garnet and sightings of black tourmaline in the bedrock. Occasional collecting from pieces that had eroded naturally out of the bedrock. Uncle Lime was pleased with the group's focus and enthusiasm for the challenge.

On Friday night, the unit gathered for it's weekly campfire and this time to say goodbye to many wonderful boys that were with us for First session. A huge thanks to the departing boys as they were a ton of fun to have for the first 3½ weeks, demonstrating a variety of strong character traits and wonderful personal growth. Counselors recognized the boys who excelled in their activities and tents by giving them special awards. The campfire time also featured songs, special visits from the usual cast of characters, and skits from Tent 7 (**Josh Feng, Oliver Golden, Xander Goodman, James Halley, Renzo Martinez**) and Tent 10 (**Daas McPhee-Djan, Lucas Tchelikidi, Thomas Gasperini, Max Chassat**). The festivities culminated in a slide show by **Uncle Rob** of the First session action and what action it was! The slide show always amazes me as it shows how much we do in such a short period of time. The boys huddled up and remembered some of the best events of this summer. There were tears in some eyes by the end but as a wise old man once told me, you shouldn't say "goodbye", but rather, "see you next summer". We look forward to seeing those who left again next summer, either in Intermediate or right back here in Junior.



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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Now onto the exciting Second session of our camp season...

Sunday morning found the entire camp gathered at the Lubrano Grove for the official start of Second session. The assembled camp sang songs, Second session campers received their chevrons and honor shirts and discovered the identities of the campers that would lead the various teams in their quest to capture the banner. In the color wars, the defending champion Reds will attempt to repeat the feat under the leadership of Captain **Nathan Monchik** and Lieutenants **Barty Hall** and **Cal Stubbs**. The Grays, hoping to return the banner to a lighter hue, will be led by Captain **Lorenzo Vannoni** and Lieutenants **Gray Devine** and **Frank Sherlock**. The color competition is a dead heat right now and I look forward to a tight race down the stretch.

The tribal competition involves four different teams, all vying for recognition on the banner at the close of the summer, coming in just three short weeks. Chief **Ward Jenkins** and Sub-Chief **Elijah Nacht** will lead the 2016 banner champions, the Mohawks, as we enter Second session. The tribes have been competitive this summer, with the tribal competition being almost as close as the current color results. The following Chiefs and Sub-Chiefs will lead their groups for the rest of this summer:

Delewares - Chief **Aiden Bevin** and Sub-Chiefs **Tristan Baker** and **Grant Cuneo**

Ojibways - Chief **Renzo Martinez** and Sub-Chiefs **John Proulx** and **Ben Lemieux**

Senecas - Co-Chiefs **Ryan Hays** and **Daas McPhee-Djan**

In tribal action this past week, **JB Estes**, **Max Chassat**, **Charles BeVier**, **Dash Lamphier**, **Aiden Bevin**, **Ward Jenkins** and **Elijah Nacht** were impactful with either captures or finds of the medicine stick. I am excited to add names to this list as the tribal competition heats up and the new campers learn the nuances of this unique activity. The arriving group of campers have impressed their advisors with high energy and enthusiasm, emitting screams of delight when the whistle blows for stick showings. Good luck to the color teams and tribes.




Junior Winona took a trip to Camp Indian Acres for a baseball game Monday morning. **Uncles Robbie**, **Chip**, **Nick** and **CIT Jakob** took campers **Carter Doubman**, **Nick Buggie**, **Lorenzo Vannoni**, **Ward Jenkins**, **Gray Devine**, **Ben Lemieux**, **Will Hogue**, **Bennett Ash**, **Cal Stubbs** and **Aiden Bevin**. Winona took the early lead with RBIs from **Ward**, **Calder**, **Gray** and **Will**. **Carter**, **Nick** and **Lorenzo** also ended up crossing the plate during the later innings. **Aiden**, **Ben** and **Bennett** played amazing defense in the field. Winona lost by a slim margin, but the players left with their heads up high. Smiles were on their faces as they relished the fun of inter-camp competition and the love of the sport.

On Monday morning, **Uncles Matt**, **Stephen** and **Mitch** set off for Newt's Isle with a hardy group of canoe trippers. Joining the leaders on the adventure were **Renzo Martinez**, **Phineas Inman**, **Nathan Monchik**, **Ryan Hays**, **Conner Douglass**, **CJ Kaplan**, **Daas McPhee-Djan**, **Nuar Bol Rik**, **Oliver Reiman-Ellis**. They enjoyed an adventure through the raindrops as they navigated the waters of Moose Pond. Upon arrival, the group set-up camp, had chicken bombers, a refreshing free swim and played camp games. Uncle Matt ended the day with stories and s'mores around a fire. In the morning, the trippers were greeted with a surprisingly gorgeous day with some breezy conditions for the paddle back to camp. The counselors reported that the campers exhibited a positive attitude and great teamwork. What a great two days!

On Monday, **Uncles Branden**, **Jordan** and **James** lead the first mountain trip of Second session with campers **Ronan Zweifler**, **Max Olson**, **Peter King**, **Grant Cuneo**, **Duncan May**, **Barty Hall** and **Elijah Nacht**. They headed to Middle Mountain, a short but scenic mountain that overlooks North Conway, New Hampshire. As the group ascended the steep slopes, the temperature dropped but the inclement weather was no match for their spirit. On the summit, they were treated to open ledges, unique views and endless blueberry bushes. Executive chefs **Uncles Jordan** and **James** prepared a five-star meal consisting of kielbasa, caramelized onions and chicken sautéed with pepperoni, while front-of-the-house staff **Uncle Branden** ensured the boys had everything they needed for an optimal dining experience. After a quick descent, and a stop in North Conway for hot chocolate to help them warm up, they decided it was a great way to start the mountain trips for Second session!

Tuesday saw the second mountain trip of the session leave, this time to Hedgehog Mountain. **Uncles Branden**, **Will**, **Julian** and **CIT Ike** lead the way. Joining them were campers **Peter King**, **Tristan Baker**, **Frank Sherlock**, **Victor Enebral Alonso**, **Shema Iranzi**, **Kasper Potter**, **Ben Lemieux** and **Cole Megaw**. The boys showed great endurance on route to the East Ledges of Hedgehog and were rewarded with breathtaking views of Mount Chocorua and the rugged Mount Passaconaway. After spending some time exploring the East Ledges, the group made a quick descent back to the van for a relaxing drive back to camp. A rewarding day for these trippers.

Tuesday afternoon found the unit in assembly for stick showings. **Uncle Rob** presided over the group and feigned surprise when the medicine stick went missing! **Uncle Mitch** perpetuated the illusion when he ran to find it and came up empty handed. "What was happening?" The group found out very quickly when **The BAT** burst forth from the North stairwell carrying the stick. **The BAT** unleashed his signature scream and swooped by the Junior bell. **Nathan Monchik** was hot on his tail when **The BAT** unexpectedly turned around, back pedaled and handed **Nathan** the medicine stick. **Nathan** grabbed the stick and **The BAT** whirled around and made a hasty escape. 

Activities continued throughout the end of First session and into the beginning of Second session. To receive a Full Chipmunk, the boys have to earn Chipmunks (completing basic requirements in the activity showing they are proficient with their skills) in swimming, canoeing, campcraft and four other activities of their choice. To receive a Full Beaver, the camper needs to continue working hard, showing more advanced skills in five of the activities. To receive a Full Eagle, he needs to exhibit a very high level of skill in three of our twenty activities. I look forward to awarding many more pins in the coming weeks.

Chipmunks - **Roland Jennings**, **Max Chassat**, **JB Estes**, **Oscar Jennings**

Beavers - **Roland Jennings**, **Max Chassat**, **Jack Wetter**

Eagles - **Max Chassat**, **Thomas Gasperini**

A big shout out goes to **Max** and **Thomas** for earning the first Full Eagles in Junior and all of camp! It is quite a feat to achieve this distinction in just one half.

The work of Tent 8 (**Enzo Depolla**, **Conrad Dube**, **JB Estes**, **Felix Saujet**, **Jack Wetter**) garnered the group top honors as "Best Tent" as First session came to a close. Tent 8 now has all new campers under the direction of **Uncles Josh** and **Chip** and the other counselors and campers are actively vying for the coveted honor and prize.

As I conclude this Second session edition of the Junior Times, I hear the laughter, excitement and enthusiastic screams of the campers at free swim, during free time activities and when visiting the snack shack. We have a fishing trip already out on the lake and two athletic events. Once again, thank you for sharing your sons with us this summer. For those that have departed, we'll see you next year. For those that are with us now, we look forward to a fabulous Second session. It is a pleasure and privilege to work here on the shores of Moose Pond with such an outstanding staff and boys.

Jim Morse

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