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GREETINGS FROM MOOSE POND!

Second session is humming along. The new campers have settled into their daily routine and now look, and act, like Winona veterans. Full Season campers have been a great help with getting everyone acclimated to camp life. This week has been incredibly busy as evidenced by the events detailed in this newsletter. I still marvel sometimes at the variety of activities that Junior campers can choose from. Every day we have four activity periods with up to twenty choices for the boys to try every day. What fun!



On Wednesday, the Junior basketball team prepared themselves for a game against Camp Wigwam, defending their home court. The team consisted of **George Thompson, Leif Sonne, Cal Stubbs, Ward Jenkins, Barty Hall, Duncan May, Ben Lemieux** and **Aiden Bevin**, and was coached by **Uncles Matt** and **Chip**. Magnificent plays were made by both sides, including a chase down block followed by a coast-to-coast layup by Calder. **George** brought a massive amount of energy to the table by hounding the opposing team's ball handler. The game was hard fought on both sides; however, the contest ended in a Winona defeat, but the team left the court smiling and enjoyed a dip in the lake before returning to camp life.

Wednesday afternoon, Junior Winona hosted Camp Owatonna for a soccer game. It was a great kick-off to the beginning of the Second session as coaches **Uncles Will** and **Jorge** brought a squad of 12 "staunch and true" boys to the Centennial Field to represent Winona in an eight-on-eight match. Lead by team captain, **Ward Jenkins**, Winona's starting line-up took to the field with confidence. Even though the campers had little to no prior experience playing together, they persevered using good sportsmanship and excellent teamwork. **Renzo Martinez** and **Aiden Bevin** led the attack, while **Ward** and **Victor Enebral Alonso** supported them as defending midfielders. With **Ryan Hays** in goal, **Nuer Bol Rik** and **Phineas Inman** successfully defended against the other teams best strikers, shutting down many scoring chances. **Daas McPhee-Djan** played goalie, while **Ryan** moved up to the midfield. **CJ Kaplan** and **Aiden** played striker, while **Will Hogue** and **Duncan May** protected the midfield. **Renzo** scored the final goal, which brought the score to 7-3 for Winona. Both teams played their best and exhibited great teamwork, athleticism and sportsmanship.

On Thursday, **Uncles Branden** and **Jordan** lead the first overnight mountain trip of the Second session. Joining them was a group of brave young men, which consisted of **Ronan Zweifler, Daas McPhee-Djan, Kasper Potter** and **Frank Sherlock**. The journey began early in the afternoon in the wilderness of New Hampshire. Shortly into the excursion, Uncle **Branden** took a fall and hurt his ankle. The campers kept a positive attitude, helping him when needed and managed to reach their goal! After many laughs and delicious side dishes, the boys had a great night sleep in the Rocky Branch lean-to.

The following morning, Uncle **Branden** decided that his ankle was in no condition to climb the Great Stairs, so the group decided they would have a leisurely morning. While Uncle **Branden** cooked up some pancakes that would have made **Guy Fieri** proud, they gathered their things and headed back to the van. From there, the boys headed north toward Mount Washington to take a hike to beautiful Winniwetta Falls. As they descended from the falls and approached the van, one more daunting river crossing stood in their way. The boys did a great job with the crossing. The first mountain trip of Second session proved to be anything but ordinary, but the boys had a wonderful time and they will remember this trip for years to come!

On Thursday morning, **Uncles Walker, Xavier** and **CIT Ike** took campers **Ward Jenkins, John Proulx, Cal Stubbs, Camden Hawkes, Paxton Hawkes, Ben Lemieux, Grant Cuneo, Aiden Bevin** and **Will Hogue** to Loon Isle. The boys paddled south on Moose Pond in challenging canoeing conditions with a strong headwind. After setting up camp, they enjoyed games, swimming and exploring the island. The group had delicious meals during the trip like chicken fajitas, kielbasa linguine and breakfast sandwiches. Throughout the trip **Ben** spotted two bald eagles with one flying directly over their campsite. The paddle back the next day was once again difficult and the boys faced another strong headwind heading north but arrived back to camp just in time for pizza Friday!

Early Friday, a double BAT showing at morning line up surprised the boys. The campers were listening to the announcements for the upcoming day's events when both BATs rounded the corner and unleashed their trademark screams. The BATs then quickly turned to attempt their escape to the Junior ball field. **Nathan Monchik** was the first to sniff this one out and was in hot pursuit from the get go. All the campers received a great view of the two masked men and chattered about the appearances all the way to breakfast. A little too close for comfort!



On Sunday, we had another visit from one of the masked men. This time The BAT burst out of our Arts and Crafts room at the back of tribal assembly. The BAT exited out the double doors nearest the bell and flew down the stairs of the Wiggy. The man in black then surprised the campers by abruptly turning, heading in the opposite direction to **CIT**. This gave **Ben Lemieux, Victor Enebral Alonso** and **Max Olson** time to close the gap and get very close. Nothing like a BAT showing to enliven a group of campers after rest hour!

Friday afternoon found **Cal Stubbs, Ben Lemieux, Ward Jenkins, Aidan Bevin, Nick Buggie, Barty Hall, Wesley Persons, Lorenzo Vannoni, Carter Doubman, Camden Hawks** and **Leif Sonne** take advantage of a unique opportunity at Camp Skylemar. **Uncles Jeff** and **Nick** brought the boys to a Steal-the-Bacon tournament that saw 25 teams of six competing for top honors. After a few days of practice in the newly constructed "Junior Winona Steal-the-Bacon Sports Complex", they acquitted themselves well. One of our teams made it to the finals of the consolation bracket and the other team made it to the semi-finals. The coaches stated that despite their opponents having much more experience, our boys improved with each round and were eager to give it another go if the opportunity presented itself.



On Saturday, **Uncles Connor, Josh** and **Julian** brought **Will Hogue, Cal Stubbs, John Proulx, Gray Devine, Nathan Monchik, Barty Hall, Nick Buggie** and **Elijah Nacht** to the Big "W" Swim Meet at the North End of camp. Winona was represented by all three units and finished second out of the seven attending camps. We are happy to congratulate our sister camp, Wyonegonic, for placing first overall. The Junior boys that participated fought hard and did very well in the choppy lake waters. The free relay teams (**Gray, Nathan, Cal, Barty** and **Elijah, John, Will, Nick**) finished fourth and first in their respective age groups. I'm also pleased to report that **Will** won the 25-meter backstroke in his individual age group race.



Saturday night found Junior gathered for a unit campfire. Under the careful instruction of **Uncles Robbie and Richard**, the boys learned and practiced the Junior song. They also listened to the advice of the Shower Shaman, a metaphysical philosopher of the strangest kind, and Dr. Nerd, our resident expert on everything. They shared some laughs with the crazy Moustache Men, enjoyed the starry sky and crackling fire. Tent 6 (**Tristan Baker, Grant Cuneo, Devon Hermes, Lorenzo Vannoni**) and Tent 9 (**Gray Devine, Renzo Martinez, Cole Megaw, Elijah Nacht**) took part presenting tent skits to the unit with their counselors. The entire unit participated in solving mysteries with some help from **Uncle Connor**. The night ended with the Men of Distinction, a tradition where counselors recognize campers that have exhibited character traits such as kindness, sportsmanship and selflessness.

On Sunday, the Junior unit was responsible for Sunday Service, our traditional event before the big Sunday dinner. Junior chose to recognize and embrace our differences, and how those differences enrich our experience here at camp. This theme was presented in a whimsical manner and the participants did well delivering their lines. At any age it can be a scary thing to get in front of a large audience and the group displayed courage by getting up on stage and presenting a very polished, yet humorous and thought provoking, production.

Campers that participated by getting up on stage were: **Renzo Martinez, Ryan Hays, Devon Hermes, Elijah Nacht, Nathan Monchik, Xander Goodman, Peter King and Nuer Bol Rik**.

The entire unit finished with a song and then an announcement that the World Famous Banana Split Night would follow the evening meal. That's the way to end a presentation!

A special shout out to **Uncle Potz** for coordinating all the elements of this production. Job well done!

Monday saw a local mountain trip head to the other side of the pond to climb Pleasant Mountain. **Uncles Branden** (recovered), **Jack** and **Aunt Emily** lead the way and were joined by campers **Paxton Hawkes, CJ Kaplan, Mark Soderstrom, Aiden Bevin, Conner Douglass, Nick Buggie, Lyle Fuchs** and **Will Hogue**. The boys began the rough and rugged ascent but were soon treated to a detour to the Needle's Eye. The Needle's Eye is an incredibly steep river canyon deep within the forests of Pleasant Mountain. After the stop, they made quick work of the ascent where they had lunch at the summit of Pleasant Mountain's Bald Peak. The upper elevations contain an unfathomable amount of blueberries and the boys spent hours picking away. After leaving the summit, the boys descended into a steep col and climbed back up to the North Peak. Here, the blueberry bushes stretched farther than the eye could see! The boys returned tired from such a busy day.



On Monday afternoon, **Uncles Walker, Julian** and **Jas** took campers **Cole Megaw, Ronan Zweifler, Daas McPhee-Djan, Mark Weaver, Shema Iranzi, Tristan Baker, George Thompson, Leif Sonne** and **Camden Hawkes** on a canoe trip to Kezar Pond. The boys started their trip at the Hemlock Covered Bridge, an incredible Maine historical landmark built in 1857 to serve the local horse drawn carriages of the original farming community. The boys paddled up the old course of the Saco River into Kezar Pond in beautiful, still water, paddling conditions, and made camp under a clear evening sky. They later braved a small thunderstorm but it subsided quickly leaving behind a stunning rainbow. After a filling Dutch Oven loaded potatoes dinner, everyone enjoyed s'mores around a campfire. The following morning was beautiful, and the intrepid paddlers were joined by a curious great blue heron that kept them company for much of the return trip. The canoers agreed it was a fantastic adventure on the water.

Tuesday saw Junior Winona's most rigorous day trip of the year! **Uncles Branden, Robbie** and **James** led the adventure. Joining them was a tough-as-nails group of campers, who consisted of **Cal Stubbs, Peter King, Kasper Potter, John Proulx, Grant Cuneo, Ben Lemieux, Barty Hall** and **Wesley Persons**. The group climbed South Moat Mountain, a rough peak that rises steeply from the valley that encompasses North Conway, New Hampshire. The trail started off mellow, but soon turned a corner and the boys found themselves at the base of a steep chimney. Nevertheless, they made quick work of the chimney and continued on to the open ledges of South Moat. When the boys reached the summit, they were treated to panoramic views that stretched for nearly 50 miles. While at the summit, the boys indulged in a diverse meal, which included sandwiches, veggies, grilled kielbasa and grilled pop tarts. After the descent, they stopped for a quick swim in the Saco River and headed back to camp.

Junior's kickball team left Tuesday afternoon for Camp O-AT-KA under the direction of **Uncles Rob, Richard** and **Potz**. Campers **Xander Goodman, Ward Jenkins, Nick Buggie, Lorenzo Vannoni, Phineas Inman, Will Hogue, Duncan May, Bennet Ash, Carter Doubman, Ollie Reiman-Ellis, CJ Kaplan** and **Ryan Hays** practiced with the coaches in the morning and then were excited to take part in the competition. After an early Winona lead, the opposing team kicked their way back into the game and by the bottom of the eighth inning, was up by a run. Unfazed, Ward belted the ball into left field for a three-run homer, allowing Winona to regain the lead by two points. The hosting team had one more frame to take the game back and it seemed as though their kickers had found some momentum. With one out and a runner on third, Duncan and Ryan made consecutive catches off blistering kicks to seal the victory for Winona, 8 to 6.

The tribal competition continues to be exciting to watch this summer. The Mohawks, under the leadership of **Ward Jenkins** and **Elijah Nacht**, hold the top spot on the leader board over the Ojibways, Senecas and Delawareans. The Mohawks may have the lead but the tribes have made huge strides this week with successful showings of the tribal stick. The gap between all the tribes has shrunk considerably in Second session as the new boys have infused the proceedings with a new energy.

Captures and finds for this week - **Elijah Nacht, Lorenzo Vannoni (x2), Xander Goodman, Ward Jenkins (x2), Victor Enebral Alonso, Will Hogue**

Congratulations to **Max Olson, Aiden Bevin, Cole Megaw** and **Gray Devine** for completing the necessary requirements to receive their Chipmunk pins. Many of the boys are close and I hope to report more pins next week.

In other award news, the boys of Tent 10 (**Barty Hall, Daas McPhee-Djan, Frank Sherlock**) under the leadership of **Uncle John** and **Aunt Brooke** took the top spot of the tent score rankings, seizing the "Best Tent" award for a third week. All the boys in the unit are doing well, as evidenced by how close the race for first place was this week, with keeping their tents and cabins looking good throughout the summer. Keep up the hard work, boys!

I conclude with the Second session Advance Guard group preparing to depart for the Aquaboggan Water Park. The excitement in the unit is evident! The boys are slathered with sunscreen, new Advance Guard t-shirts are on, and they are ready to slip and slide the day away. The atmosphere here on Moose Pond is absolutely perfect and those who remain here for the day have an amazing choice of activities, including a favorite, tubing out on the lake with **Uncle Mitch**. Thanks again for sharing your sons with us this summer.

Jim Morse

Jr. Unit Director (Wi 1982-1989, 1991-1995, 2008-2017)

The BAT 1991

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