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GREETINGS FROM MOOSE POND!



Boy noise, and all the wonderful activities attached to it, continues to fill every nook and cranny here in Junior Winona. This past week saw the Honors Mountain and Canoe trips go on grand adventures. Today we have the Sturdley Cup playoffs and Red/Gray week is in full swing as we hurtle to the finish line. Camp life continues to hum along and everyone is enjoying what camp has to offer. The boys are learning, and maturing, as they gain independence through the varied experiences offered in Junior. It is a joy to watch them grow through the process that is camp. On to the week that was...

The Honors Mountain Trip left camp on Thursday to conquer the highest peak in New England, Mount Washington. **Uncles Branden and Stephen** were accompanied by **Barty Hall, Cole Megaw, Cal Stubbs, Will Hogue and Kasper Potter**. It is by far the most difficult trip of the year, but it is also the most spectacular.

They started with a 2.4-mile hike, with 1900' of ascent to the Hermit Lake shelter. This was not an easy task for any group considering that the boys had 15- 20 pounds inside their packs for the hike. Despite rainfall and cold weather, the hikers persevered through the first day and showed some very strong hiking along the way.



As sketchy weather rolled in the next morning, the group rerouted to the Lion's Head, a massive rock formation that overlooks Tuckerman's Ravine. The trail up Lion's Head is incredibly steep, but it was no match for the group as they ascended with little difficulty. After great photo opportunities, the boys headed back down to Hermit Lake for some delicious campfire pizza.

Day three of the trip would go down as one of the most memorable days that Junior mountain trips has had in a while. Rising early, the boys soon ascended to the floor of Tuckerman's Ravine, a massive glacial cirque on the east side of Washington, and the trail up it is one of the steepest in the White Mountains. Still, they ascended the ravine without difficulty and continued the final push to the summit. After enjoying the thrill of the climb, the boys ducked out of the chilly winds of the summit into a van for a picturesque ride down the mountain via the Mount Washington auto road. I have no doubt that the boys will remember this trip for years to come!

The Honors Canoe Trip, much like the group on Mount Washington, recognized those campers that have excelled on the lakes and rivers this summer. Led by **Uncles Walker, Richard and Mitch**, campers **Nuer Bol Rik, Leif Sonne, George Thompson, Grant Cuneo, Aiden Bevin, Phin Inman, Daas McPhee-Djan, Ryan Hays and John Proulx** braved a challenging trip to Mooselookmeguntic Lake with high spirits. On the first day, the boys fought through some of the strongest headwinds of the summer and had a difficult paddle through 4 to 5-foot swells, which made their arrival to



Stoney Batter campsite all the sweeter. By night, they shared stories and memories of the trip around the campfire over a steak dinner and s'mores for dessert. The next morning the group had a well deserved sleep-in, ate breakfast and made the short paddle to Haines Landing with the winds at their backs. The counselors reported that the group did a great job and that there were many stories to tell at our last unit campfire. Once again, the Maine wilderness did not disappoint.

Friday, the Junior Winona Ecology campers recreated a long-lost trip to the Maine Wildlife Park. **Calder Kaplan, Nathan Monchik, Ben Lemieux, Max Soderstrom, Lorenzo Vannoni, Lyle Fuchs, Everett May, Bennett Ash, Peter King and Tristan Baker** were led by **Uncles James, John, Xavier, Aunt Carmen and CIT Jack**. At the park they were able to see rescued wildlife up close and personal, including deer, fishers, moose and an albino raccoon. They were even able to feed bears and saw a coyote. After lunch, the campers made their way down to see the owls and eagles, all were rescued after being injured in the wild. The campers were amazed by how large the bald and golden eagles were. Everyone agreed that a good time was had by all.

Saturday night found Junior gathered for a campfire. The campers were serenaded with the sound of the rain drizzling outside the Junior Wiggy and the crackling fire. The rain could not stop the sunset from shining through as the Wiggy was illuminated in its golden rays. Harmoniously, the boys belted out some camp songs. Tent 2 (**Paxton Hawkes, Max Sonderstrom and Mark Weaver**) Tent 3 (**Conner Douglass, Will Hogue, Calder Kaplan and Leif Sonne**) and Tent 8 (**Aiden Bevin, Everett May, Max Olson and Wesley Persons**) planned and delivered skits to the unit. Dr. Nerd made his usual visit as well as **Uncle Jack** with his new segment, and of course we had the three wise-cracking Mustache Men attend as well. To say the least, the laughs were plentiful, echoing through the treetops. The entire unit participated in solving two-minute mysteries with **Uncle Connor** and then listened as campers passed the sharing stick, recognizing our "Men of Distinction". It was a great opportunity for campers to recognize other campers and counselors for acts of kindness and helpfulness. To finish, **Uncle Jas** gave some fun facts about bats.

On Sunday morning, many in the unit participated in the annual George N. Sudduth Memorial Wyonegonic-Winona Road Race. The course is 4.2 miles and is very hilly, a challenge for any skill level. As a veteran of many road races, I can tell you that this race is by no means an easy one. I was impressed by our campers and staff that took part in the event. From the results, those that completed the race for Junior were **Uncles Jim, Nick, Mitch, Jack, Robbie, Aunts Carmen and Emily** along with campers, **Nathan Monchik, Camden Hawkes, Ryan Hays, Duncan May, Lyle Fuchs, Cole Megaw, Cal Stubbs, Barty Hall, Max Soderstrom, Lorenzo Vannoni, Will Hogue, Wesley Persons, Leif Sonne, Renzo Martinez, Ward Jenkins, Ben Lemieux and Aiden Bevin**. Congratulations racers on this very impressive challenge.

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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On Sunday night, Evening Program featured the annual tribal Airband Competition. After the traditional announcement of the Best Tent, which went to Tent 6 (**Tristan Baker, Grant Cuneo, Devon Hermes** and **Lorenzo Vannoni**) and the awarding of lodge, each tribe spent time together finalizing their acts and costumes. The campers returned to a transformed Wiggy, complete with stage, lights and sound system. Each tribe lip-synched and performed two musical acts, which were carefully critiqued by "celebrity" judges. At the end of the night, the Seneca tribe prevailed followed closely by the Ojibways, Mohawks and Delawares. There were many memorable performances and costumes, most notably from **Barty Hall, Lorenzo Vannoni, Xander Goodman, Everett May** and **George Thompson**. Not to be outdone by the campers, **Uncle John** delighted the crowd with an explosive performance. There was, however, one finally act: as the curtains opened, campers were very surprised to see two Winona-famous BATs performing! The campers jumped into action and chased The BATs until they disappeared in a cloud of dust near the tennis courts. The night was a huge success and, without a doubt, the best Airband Competition in many years. Well done, boys!

Monday saw the last full-day mountain trip of the year leave, which ventured out to Diana's Baths and Whitehorse Ledge. **Uncles Branden, Chip, Jordan** and **Aunt Emily** led the way, joined by **Frank Sherlock, Daas McPhee-Djan, Barty Hall, Grant Cuneo, Nathan Monchik, Shema Iranzi, Conner Douglass, CJ Kaplan, Peter King, Max Olson** and **Renzo Martinez**. The group reached Diana's Baths first, a short, easy hike to a spectacular waterfall. Here, the various falls and pools of the river entertained the boys for hours. Afterwards, the boys headed back to the van and drove to the top of Cathedral Ledge to eat some chicken bombers (breaded chicken patties). To end the day, the group headed down on a short, but steep hike over to Whitehorse Ledge. Along the way, they were treated to spectacular views of North Conway and the surrounding mountains. It was a great final full-day trip for Junior Winona!



Monday also saw our canoers head out on Moose Pond again, this time to Loon Isle. **Uncles Walker, Matt** and **CIT Ingi** brought **Nuer Bol Rik, Devon Hermes, Phin Inman, George Thompson, Leif Sonne, Bennet Ash, Max Soderman, Mark Weaver** and **Carter Doubman** on the last canoe trip of the 2017 season. The boys started their trip with a slight breeze and clear conditions. Upon their arrival to the island, they set up camp and enjoyed a lunch of "buffalo bombers" (a variation of the popular Winona classic: chicken bombers). After lunch, the canoers took a breather for rest hour and emerged from their tents to explore the island and play games. Later that evening the boys enjoyed beef burritos with corn on the cob. The paddlers concluded the day by roasting s'mores and reminiscing around a campfire. The next morning, the boys packed up camp, and set out with clear conditions once again. A good time was had by all.

The boys of Junior continue to work hard fulfilling the requirements in our many activities to earn Chipmunks, Beavers, and for some, Eagles. Pins were awarded in the following levels this week:

Chipmunks - **Ollie Reiman-Ellis, Renzo Martinez**

Beavers -**Lorenzo Vannoni, Daas McPhee-Djan, Nathan Monchik, Ward Jenkins, Renzo Martinez**

Eagles - **Daas McPhee-Djan, Ward Jenkins, Renzo Martinez**

The tribal competition continues to be very entertaining to watch this summer. The Mohawks hold a lead on the Senecas, Delawares and Ojibways. The Mohawks may have the lead, but all the tribes have made strides this week with creative showings of the tribal stick. We'll be watching closely as we come down the stretch. Can the Mohawks hold on through Treasure Hunt and the last week of competition? Only time, and the work of all the tribes, will help illuminate the answer for all of us.

Totem captures and finds -**Ward Jenkins (x4), Lorenzo Vannoni (x2), Cal Stubbs, Camden Hawkes**

I hope this newsletter finds your families well as the summer winds down. Your boys will be returning soon with tales of their adventures here on the shores of Moose Pond. My hope is that years from now, those adventures will be kept in their hearts and shared around the campfire. Until next time...

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