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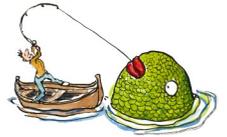
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GREETINGS FROM JUNIOR WINONA!

We have a very enthusiastic and energized group here in Junior Winona. Every trip and sporting event fills quickly, which only highlights the willingness to take advantage of the opportunities that exist here at Winona. The boys have had a great time in activities, Evening Programs, free time, trips and other events throughout the week. Life here in Junior is now humming along as we have established routines and the campers have settled into camp life. Right to the news...

Two fishing trips have left since my last correspondence. **Uncles Nick, Robbie** and **Matt** woke **Leif Sonne, Ben McVane, James Gasperini, Oscar Jennings, Dylan Henwood, Daas McPhee-Djan** and **Ben Lemieux** early for the first trip to get to the best spots on the lake. The group fished their way down the lake, cooked breakfast at Loon Isle and then meandered back with rods in hand to camp in time for lunch. Ben caught (3), Leif (1), James (1), Oscar (1) and Daas (1). Daas triumphed in the largest fish contest, catching himself quite a whooper!



The second trip finds **Uncles Nick, Robbie** and **Chip** bringing **Enzo Depolla, Felix Saujet, Nathanael Drake, Michael Covington, Oliver Golden, Dash Lamphier, Andy Kulenduka** and **Charles BeVier** out this very morning. They are floating on the lake as I finish this letter and I will report on their successes next week.

On Wednesday, **Uncles Lime, Branden, Josh** and **Aunt Emily** lead the boys up the slopes of Peaked Mountain, near North Conway, New Hampshire. The group, which consisted of **Jack Wetter, Luke Wetter, Cooper Holton, Ryan Hays, David Philips, Matvei Conserva, Oliver Golden, Camden Hawkes, Juan Armando Torres Cuello** and **Henry Sloss** began the ascent up the slopes. The boys moved quickly. At the summit, they were rewarded with a dramatic view of Mount Washington, followed by a beautiful open view down into North Conway. It's safe to say the trip really "Peaked" with the great vistas overlooking the majestic White Mountains! They then began a leisurely descent back to the van to have snacks. It was certainly a rewarding trip!

Also on Wednesday, the Junior Winona Soccer team, coached by **Uncles Will** and **Jorge**, displayed sportsmanship, teamwork and talent during a match against Owatonna Camp. The first half saw Winona dominate and the group finished strong in the second half, emerging victoriously (7 - 1) over their opponent. Individual accolades and shout outs go to **Nuer Bol Rik** for control at the defensive line, **Nathanael Drake** for patrolling the midfield and **Felix Saujet** motivated the team by getting up with a smile after being tripped up on some plays. **Devan Sarkar** covered the whole pitch, filling multiple roles, while **Liam Tobin** used perfect field vision for deep and long passes. **Dash Lamphier** used his speed to lead our counter attacks and **Ward Jenkins** kept shooting without ever showing fatigue. **Max Chassat** stopped every ball from getting into the net, **Nicolas Hernández** boldly took free kicks, **Conrad Dube** elegantly scored a hat-trick, **Lucas Tchelikidi** displayed surgical precision on one perfect goal, **JB Estes** made the game beautiful with his 10/10 skills and **Michael Covington** worked on great sportsmanship during the match. Well done, boys! Truly a group effort.

Thursday saw the canoe trippers make their way out of camp for an adventure on Moose Pond. Led by **Uncles Walker, Julian** and **Chip**, campers **Nuer Bol Rik, Jack Wetter, Oliver Golden, Teke Helms, Josh Feng, JB Estes, Jack Garcia, Dash Lamphier** and **Leif Sonne** set out for Nort's Cove down the lake. The crew had difficult paddling conditions with a strong headwind. At Nort's Cove, they enjoyed a hearty lunch of pizza pita-pockets and later enjoyed a refreshing swim. Dinner was the ever-popular chicken fajitas with a pineapple upside-down cake for dessert, and a campfire with stories finished a fantastic day. The next morning the campers and counselors loaded the boats and had a much easier paddle back. They returned to camp with big smiles as they jumped back into routines of Junior camp.

On Friday, the Winona Tennis team, with players **Lorenzo Vannoni, Renzo Martinez, Ben McVane, Daas McPhee-Djan** and **JB Estes** headed to Camp Wigwam with **Uncle Chris** and **CIT Robin**. The weather was bright and sunny for Winona's first match of the season. Our singles players hit the courts first. Renzo started the action against a particularly stout camper from the other team. The match was intense, with several long rallies back and forth, but in the end the other team won the match 8-4. JB won his singles match 8-1 with a consistent serve and relaxed court manner despite coming off an overnight canoe trip that morning. Lorenzo won his singles match 8-2 after an initial learning curve, adjusting to the tree roots of the other team's courts. Renzo and Daas joined forces to win their doubles match, as did doubles team Ben and Lorenzo. A fine showing by the boys as they emerged victorious.

Friday also saw Junior's first overnight mountain trip of the summer leave with **Uncles Lime** and **Branden** leading the expedition, which was bound for Doublehead Mountain. **James Halley, Devon Hermes, Henry Sloss, Camden Hawkes** and **Felix Saujet** embarked on this journey. They began their hike at lunchtime, just outside of Jackson, New Hampshire. The ascent up North Doublehead was steep, and the boy's packs were heavy, but the group ascended the 3000-foot mountain in no time. On the top of the mountain was a rustic cabin, where the group was to stay the night. After eating a delicious meal of chicken wraps served up by Lime and Branden, the boys headed down a steep col towards the summit of South Doublehead. As they approached the summit, the boys encountered an overlook, where they were treated to a majestic view of the Eastern White Mountains. Most beautiful of all was Mt. Washington, which was just poking up above the clouds. After summiting South Doublehead, the boys returned to the cabin for a good night's sleep.

The following morning, the boys awoke to beautiful sunshine on the summit of North Doublehead. After a quick breakfast, the group packed up and headed back down the steep col from the previous night. They then descended the Old Path, which very much resembled "The Forbidden Forest" from Harry Potter. The boys made great time on the descent, and arrived in the parking lot to find Uncle Chris, who was ready to take them back to Moose Pond. Junior Winona's first overnight was a smashing success!

Saturday was Junior's traditional hamburger and hot dog cookout and the unit's first planned campfire. **Ben McVane** was lucky enough to pick the coveted "Lodge" dog and the coveted prize that is linked to it. Tent 8 (**Enzo Depolla, JB Estes, Jack Wetter, Conrad Dube**), Tent 11 (**Dash Lamphier, Sam Evans, John Proulx**), and our CITs, did skits in front of the boys. The unit sang camp songs, and campers and counselors tried to solve a baffling two-minute mystery read by **Uncle Connor**. The unit was entertained by several new characters; "StephJohn" **Uncle John** tells the campers about the hottest new trends for Junior counselors, "The Riddler" where **Uncle Josh** ran around, periodically yelling out riddles, and "Dr. Nerd" where **Uncle Julian** answered silly questions like, "Why is a boxing ring square?". There was also the return of some old favorites like the "Moustache Men"; two oddly dressed gentlemen (Junior staff members) who regaled Junior with jokes and puns. As we closed the proceedings, counselors recognized the Junior Men of Distinction, those that had shown exemplary character traits during the week, both in camp and out. I'm pleased to report that so many boys were mentioned that I couldn't list them all here.



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 Monday, **Uncles Walker, Julian and Stephen** departed camp for the old course of the Saco River with **Yubo Gao, Rui Song, Lorenzo Vannoni, Junior Thomas, Dylan Henwood, Oscar Jennings, Roland Jennings, Daas McPhee-Djan and Max Chassat** for another overnight adventure. The boys had a great time navigating the river as the paddling provides different challenges and benefits as compared to lake paddling. They saw a bunch of wildlife, a variety of birds and a beaver! Upon their arrival at their first campsite on Kezar Pond, the boys ran into Winona alum who reminisced about experiences as a camper and shared tales about The BAT. The group enjoyed a big beach campsite, a Dutch Oven "Mexican lasagna", and a campfire under the stars and jokes and games. On Tuesday, the boys returned with many wonderful tales. The boys felt the trip successfully fulfilled the requirements of an outstanding away-from-camp adventure.

On Monday, **Coach Z and Uncle Nick** drove the Junior soccer team to Camp Indian Acres for a tournament. **Uncles Will and Jorge** coached the boys, who were excited to display their skills and teamwork. The boys played hard for four games, the first of which saw a 2-0 victory against Camp Owatonna, thanks to the golden foot of **Juan Armando Torres Cuello**, who scored both goals within ten minutes. Next, the boys faced the home team, played an aggressive style of defense, but came up a little short. However, in the third place final our boys came back and beat the home team with a game-winning goal shot by **Nicolas Hernandez**, who skillfully dribbled past their defenders for the amazing shot. **Lucas Tchelikidi** led the team as captain and both goalies, **Nathanael Drake and Ward Jenkins**, consistently made impressive saves throughout the day. Our defense made a strong showing with **Michael Covington** at right back, **Nuer Bol Rik** at left back and **Devan Sarkar** at center back. **Liam Tobin, JB Estes, Ben McVane and Charles BeVier** dominated the midfield, while forward **Felix Saujet, Conrad Dube and Andrey Nusinov** kept the pressure on offense. The skills and sportsmanship of all the boys, combined with the goals scored by the dynamic duo, Juan and Nicolas, helped Junior Winona put its best foot forward, have lots of fun, and take home an impressive third place.

During the lunch line up on Monday, the boys were treated to another appearance of The BAT. Once settled in their lines they patiently awaited the noon trivia challenge before running down the hill to lunch. Much to their surprise The BAT burst forth from the Mountain House and unleashed the legendary scream. The BAT then rocketed between the two opposing lines and down the road to the Health Center. After their initial surprise, the entire unit took off in hot pursuit, with **Thomas Gasperini, Enzo Depolla and James Gasperini** coming a little too close for comfort. The unexpected surprise did make for great conversations during the meal.



Monday also found our fifth mountain trip heading out to explore the lower slopes of Pleasant Mountain, located immediately across Moose Pond from Winona, and the Lost Ledge. **Uncles Lime, Branden and Richard**, led campers **Michael Vannoy, Renzo Martinez, Andy Kulenduka, Leif Sonne, James Gasperini, Copper Holton, Ben Lemieux and David Phillips** on the mountain adventure. The boys explored the rock features at the Needles Eye, a giant flume through which a small stream flows. Some campers recalled the dark volcanic basalt and the lighter granite, which they had previously seen back at Winona. This was followed by a 300-yard bushwhack over to Lost Ledge where they had a great view back to Junior Winona. The group came back tired but with a feeling of a job well done.

Tuesday featured an event for Junior that had never been done before: a mountain and ecology trip combined! **Uncles Lime and Branden** represented the mountain trip staff, while **Uncle James** represented ecology. Joining them were campers **Glory Nazareth, Oliver Golden, Michael Vannoy, Cooper Holton, David Phillips, Luke Wetter, Jack Wetter and Leif Sonne**. The first part of the trip the group drove to



Evans Notch, along the border of Maine and New Hampshire. They then ascended The Roost, a short but steep mountain that provided a great view of the surrounding wilderness. Later in the day, the group drove out deep into the Wild River Valley, where Uncle Lime helped them locate the largest hemlock tree in New Hampshire. To end the day, they went for a quick swim in the Wild River and headed back to the shores of Moose Pond, tired, but happy, after such a jam-packed trip!

The tribal competition has really heated up in the last week. The scores at the end of Sunday's action saw the four tribes separated by only four points! I don't remember it ever being so close right out of the gate. **Charles BeVier, Max Chassat (x2), Ward Jenkins (x2), Oliver Golden, Renzo Martinez and Dash Lamphier** all had captures for their respective tribes this week, while **JB Estes** had a three point find. The Mohawks have taken a slim early lead, but history tells us that this early action is meaningless in the overall scheme unless the leading tribe continues to execute on their game plan. I constantly emphasize the character traits of perseverance and grit when keeping the boys engaged in a summer-long competition. It is a marathon, not a sprint!

The boys of Junior continue to work hard fulfilling the requirements in many activities to earn Chipmunks, Beavers and Eagles. Full Chipmunks this week were awarded to **Ben Lemieux, Oliver Golden, Jack Garcia, Nuer Bol Rik, Jack Wetter, Yubo Gao, Matvei Conserva, Henry Garnett, Xander Goodman and Enzo Depolla**. Congratulations to all the boys that were recognized this week.

In other award news, the boys of Tent 10 (**Lucas Tchelikidi, Thomas Gasperini, Daas McPhee-Djan, Max Chassat**) under the direction of **Uncles John and Aunt Brooke** received the Best Tent distinction (highest tent inspection scores) in our first full week of camp. The boys were excited for the recognition. All the boys in the unit are doing well with keeping their tents and cabins clean this summer. Keep it up, boys!

I conclude with the fishing trip on the lake, activities galore on the board and the Advance Guard group preparing to leave for the Aquaboggan. The excitement in the unit has been immense as the boys really enjoy all the special events! Those leaving for Advance Guard are lathered with sunscreen, wearing their t-shirts and are ready to slip and slide the day away. The atmosphere here on Moose Pond is absolutely perfect and the boys who are staying for the day have an amazing choice of activities, along with the special fishing trip. Thanks again for sharing your sons with us this summer. Until next week...



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