



THE JUNIOR TIMES

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GREETINGS FROM JUNIOR WINONA!

With the next newsletter, I will be sharing news of the week with you and also with families as we head past the mid-way mark of the 110th summer. Half season is an exciting time as we transition to the new group of boys. It will be sad to say goodbye to the friends we have made during this first session, but as I have learned over the years, this special place has a way of always bringing us back.

The past week was one that was packed with fun and frolic and we look forward to the same in the second half. Before we say farewell to the boys of first session, a look back on the week that was, here in Junior...

Thursday started with a group of brave campers setting off from the shores of Winona to travel to Nort's Cove campsite at the South End of the lake near our sister camp, Wyonegonic. **Uncles Matt, Chris and Robbie** along with **Lucas Tchelikidi, Glory Nazareth, Sam Evans, Nathanael Drake, Matvei Conserva, Henry Sloss, George Thompson, Alex Kirkwood and Enzo Depolla** dodged raindrops as they headed out. The uncles were impressed with the group's resolve as they faced the inopportune conditions with vigor. They were rewarded for their grit as the day brightened and allowed for the usual fun of a canoe trip. The boys enjoyed delicious meals, shared jokes, played games and shared some "scary" stories around the campfire. The paddle back to Winona on Friday morning was full of camp songs, stories and canoe races. The counselors want special recognition to go to Sam, Enzo, Matvei and Nathanael for taking turns steering the one all-camper canoe throughout the trip.



Also on Thursday, **Uncles Lime and Branden** led a group of eight mountain trippers **Xander Goodman, Henry Garnett, Teke Helms, Ben McVane, Max Chassat, Daas McPhee-Djan, Ryan Hays, Rui Song**, for two day hikes and a stay at Uncle Branden's family home in Waterville Valley. While driving to their destination, the boys stopped at Lower Falls for lunch and a short hike up to the famous Sabbaday Falls which is about halfway across New Hampshire's Kancamagus Highway. After arriving in the Waterville Valley area, the campers were able to get in a two-mile hike to see some of New Hampshire's oldest pine trees. Once they arrived at Uncle Branden's, the campers enjoyed grilled hamburgers and French fries, compliments of Branden's uncle, a Winona alum. The next day the group ascended the trail to Goodrich Rock, a four-mile hike through some huge glacial erratics from the last ice age of North America. All the boys returned with smiles from the different kind of mountain trip to a different area.

Under the direction of **Uncles John and Connor** the Junior archery team traveled to Camp O-AT-KA to take part in a match, accompanied by Winona campers from Intermediate and Senior. The campers that participated in this closely contested tournament included **Renzo Martinez, Ward Jenkins, Thomas Gasperini, Dash Lamphier, John Proulx and Jack Garcia**. Competing against seven other camps the boys did an amazing job, even with the new competition distance from firing line to target. A shout out goes to Renzo for having the highest score for Winona. The boys returned to camp excited after putting up such a valiant effort against all the participating camps.



Saturday morning found the Junior basketball team of **Conrad Dube, JB Estes, Cal Stubbs, Andy Kulenduka, Ben McVane, Dash Lamphier, James Halley, Ben Lemieux, Devan Sarkar, Henry Sloss, Ward Jenkins, Rui Song and Liam Tobin** defending our home court against Camp Indian Acres. Coaches **Uncles Chip and Will** reported that at the start, it went back and forth with no team really gaining an edge in the first half. Winona ended the first half with nine straight points to establish a slim 13-12 lead going into the second half. As the game progressed the adversary used its impressive size to garner countless offensive rebounds, which led to a continuous stream of easy layups and a Winona defeat.

On a positive note, this was the most well-mannered team to grace the courts of Junior Winona. There were absolutely zero complaints and everyone left the court with massive smiles on their faces. Nice job, boys!

Saturday afternoon featured the first Stuffed Animal Mountain Trip of the year to nearby Sabattus Mountain in Center Lovell, Maine. On this trip the boys were encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal along and have photos taken at the top. **Uncle Lime** borrowed his son's favorite animals from nearly 20 years ago and gave them to the boys who didn't have one. Uncles Lime and **Branden** enjoyed seeing **George Thompson, Dylan Henwood, James Gasperini, Cooper Holton, David Phillips, Leif Sonne, Andy Kulenduka and Jack Wetter** hiking with the critters barely sticking out of the top of their packs. For the second year in a row **Leif Sonne** had the largest stuffed animal on the trip. It was reported that both the stuffed animals and the boys enjoyed this hike!



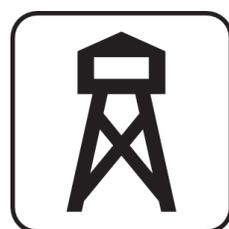
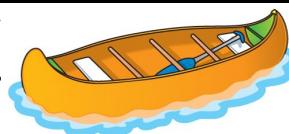
While being serenaded by loon calls, Junior had its second campfire of the season this past Saturday. They even saw a bald eagle flying low over the unit right before The BATs showed. The BATs crept up behind the campers but their surprise was foiled when **Conrad Dube** astutely yelled "The BAT!" before they were able to give their trademark screams. **Thomas Gasperini** was the closest to catching a BAT this summer as he was actually able to grab hold of the cape for several feet before the masked man made his eventual escape. Well done, Thomas!

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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Adding to the loons' calls were **Uncles Mitch** and **Walker** playing "Wagon Wheel" on the ukulele and guitar respectively. The Mustache Men returned twice and cracked their usual corny jokes to the campers' delight. **Uncle Rob** read a two-minute mystery and tent 9 were the first super sleuths to crack the case. StephJohn told the campers the inside scoop of the counselors nightly hangout by making up stories of "snack shack after hours". Tents 5 (**Andrew Nusinov, Ben Lemieux, Roland Jennings, Nuer Bol Rik, Liam Tobin**), 11 (**Dash Lamphier, Cal Stubbs, Sam Evans, John Proulx**), 12 (**Nathan Monchik, Ward Jenkins, Jack Garcia, Ryan Hays**) and our current CITs entertained us with skits as some boys performed in front of their peers for the first time in their lives. **Uncle Julian** once again answered absurd questions while taking on the role of Dr. Nerd. The campers were able to hold the talking stick this week and give our "Men of Distinction" shout outs to campers that helped them personally during the summer. **Uncle Jas** finished the campfire by talking about how true leadership comes from recognizing the influence of others on their success and commended those for thanking others. He then gave some fun facts about loons prior to sending the campers off to bed.

Monday had our first half Umbagog honors canoe trip depart from camp. This trip is by invite only for those campers that have exhibited enthusiasm and respect on canoe trips. **Uncles John, Walker** and **Julian** led **Nuer Bol Rik, Leif Sonne, Charles BeVier, Enzo Depolla, Oliver Golden, Dash Lamphier, JB Estes, George Thompson** and **Ben McVane** on a three-day, two-night expedition. The campers learned outdoor living skills while paddling in the beautiful wilderness in Maine and New Hampshire. They experienced some windy conditions on the lake but paddled hard and fought through it. The canoers had scrumptious meals, clear nights and lots of fun in the great outdoors. After dinner on both nights, stories and jokes were told by the fire, games were played and Uncle Walker brought out his guitar. The boys returned to Winona with many great memories of what they had experienced during the longest Junior trip of the first session.



On Monday the mountain trippers were back on the trails as **Uncles Lime, Branden** and **Will** led **David Phillips, Yubo Gao, Devon Hermes, Daas McPhee-Djan, Lucas Tchelikidi, Cal Stubbs, Jack Garcia** and **Ward Jenkins** to nearby Mount Kearsarge (3268') outside North Conway, New Hampshire. This first session honors mountain day trip starts at an elevation of 700' with an ascent of nearly 2,600', making it the most challenging mountain of the first session. Kearsarge has one of the very few remaining accessible fire towers on its summit; fire towers go back to the days of the early 20th century when they were manned to spot forest fires because there were fewer people in the mountains. The entire group did an outstanding job of hiking efficiently during the 3.1-mile ascent, followed by a variety of goodies for the summit lunch. Boys enjoyed studying the clouds as forecasted

thunderstorms were trying to develop, but never did. The group could easily see Pleasant Mountain and the northern end of Moose Pond. All boys returned to Winona with a major sense of accomplishment.

Full Chipmunks this week were awarded to **Devan Sarkar, Liam Tobin, Henry Sloss, Cooper Holton, James Halley, Dash Lamphier, Andrey Nusinov, Ryan Hays, Nicolas Hernandez, Devon Hermes, Nathan Monchik, Michael Vannoy** and **Teke Helms**. All the boys have been working hard on the different requirements in activities. Many of them have advanced into the Beaver and Eagle requirements with some of the activities, which are harder and take longer to accomplish. I'm pleased to announce that I awarded our first Full Beaver, requiring a higher level of proficiency and difficulty in five different activities, to **Thomas Gasperini**. Thomas was the first in camp to receive this distinction. A Brix Brax to Junior campers for their continued hard work in our activities!

In other award news, the boys of Tent 10, **Max Chassat, Daas McPhee-Djan, Thomas Gasperini, Lucas Tchelikidi**, received top honors once again and the Best Tent award. **Uncle John** and **Aunt Brooke** were very proud of the top-notch work of the group as the boys exhibited outstanding teamwork and dedication. Every boy in the unit is doing well with keeping tents and cabins looking shipshape this summer!

The tribal competition is heating to a boil in Junior. **Lorenzo Vannoni** (x3), **Cal Stubbs** (x2), **Lucas Tchelikidi, Thomas Gasperini** and **Max Chassat** had totem captures over the past week. The Mohawks remain in the lead and the boys are keen on capturing the stick (our unit's totem) to close the margin. We have had a plethora of showings this week as the leaders and their advisors are coming up with more and more creative ways to "show" the stick and try to receive points. The boys have been doing a great job in the tribal competitions and it will be exciting to see how the transition to second half affects the standings. I can't wait to see who receives the coveted recognition on the banner for summer 2017.

The sun is shining, the breezes are blowing, another fishing trip is out early, and the boys are off to the many other activities here in Junior. This afternoon we look forward to the Winona 500, a new take on a very old tradition that was a smash success in its return last summer. I promise more details on that exciting event in the next newsletter. Until next week.

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