



SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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It's been an incredibly busy first week of the Second session. In a medley of trips, our campers have summited mountains, ascended rock faces, navigated lakes, paddled whitewater, played in athletic competitions, shown their skills at Junior Maine Guide Testing Camp, chased totems and The BAT. So, here is a peek at our week in Senior Winona:

On Monday the lacrosse team played host to Camp Indian Acres. As a spectator, I was impressed by our team's skill level and sportsmanship against their opponent. The team was led by our goalkeeper, **Will Thompson**. Will made multiple impressive saves. **Konnor Gike**, **Patrick DeMatteo** and **Nick Davidson** combined for our team's 10 goals. The defense played well and was led by **Dan Krause** and **Gus Edwards**. The final score: Winona 10, Camp Indian Acres 4.

Braving inclement weather on Monday, mountain trippers **Will Ansaldi**, **James Bennett**, **George Boulukos**, **Miles Brown**, **Harry Chadwick**, **Ethan Cyr**, **Cooper Dutton**, **Gleb Gamsheev**, **Ben Nigrovic**, **Ty Slayton**, **Finn Stubbs** and **Parker Wright** traveled through historic Crawford Notch under the auspices of **Uncles Evan**, **Parker**, **Sam** and **Alex**. Near the headwaters of the Saco River, the group followed the Appalachian Trail westward to Ripley Falls, one of New Hampshire's highest. Subsequent to the short hike, the boys stopped at not one, not two, but three sweet swim spots--Upper Falls on the Ammonoosuc, Second Iron Bridge on the Saco and Bear Pond's popular rope swing--making their own fun in spite of the hiding sun.



On Monday prospective Junior Maine Guides **Eli Rosen**, **Nicholas MacConnell**, **Owen De Cordova**, **James Thompson** and **Connor Owen** led **Uncle Ned** north to Oquossuc to test their outdoor living skills. The boys spent five days taking both written and practical tests to demonstrate to the JMG testers that they are prepared to be confident leaders in the art of outdoor living. Along with six other camps, including our sister camp, Wyonegonic, the JMG candidates left Oquossuc eagerly awaiting the results of their tests to find out if they will be certified as Junior Maine Guides. Congratulations to Nicholas, Elijah and Connor on becoming Junior Maine Guides! Honorable Mentions go out to Owen and James, who worked extremely hard. We hope they will return to JMG testing camp next year accomplish their goal.

Tuesday saw **Uncles Alex Sexton** and **Alex Fobes** venturing north to the Mahoosuc Range with **Sasha Barinsky**, **Gleb Gamsheev**, **Konnor Gike**, **Alex Learned**, **Sam Potter**, **Jack Seskis** and **Nick Voyzey**. Rising clouds unveiled extensive views into three states and Quebec as the adventurers scrambled up to Mount Goose Eye's pointed summit. Returning through Grafton Notch, the hikers stole a minute to refresh themselves in Bear River's Deep Hole, where a good time was had by all.

Also on Tuesday, the kayakers returned to Steep Falls for a nice riverside lunch and an afternoon of paddling. **Grayson Cuneo**, **Dan Krause**, **Garrett Bergold**, **Patrick DeMatteo** and **James Bennett** mentioned they had a fun afternoon, which also allowed for some playtime on a rope swing. The kayakers enjoyed flying down the rapids and hanging ten on the Saco River.

The rock climbers returned to Jockey Cap on Tuesday. **Uncles Evan**, **Ben** and **Sam** took **Jack Dresser**, **Carl Bruening**, **Rijs JohansonGordet** and **Lucas Sudduth** to practice bouldering and handholds. Lucas said, "It was nice to return to Jockey Cap. In the morning we practiced top roping, and in the afternoon we went bouldering. We had a lot of fun, and with practice the boulder problems are getting easier."


An unusual overnight mountain trip departed on Wednesday for the wild untracked north country of northern New Hampshire. **Uncles Niko** and **Alex** took **Nicholas Beliveau**, **Nico Cuenca**, **Grayson Cuneo**, **Ignacio Galvez Pineda**, **Rodrigo Mata Keri**, **Ben Nigrovic**, **Ellison Roper** and **Luis Fernando Sanabria** up Sanguinary Ridge, where from vertiginous crags the crew viewed the precipices of Dixville Notch. They followed new segments of New Hampshire's Cohos Trail to a backcountry campsite, where the boys astounded the counselors with an inventive, elaborate, well-rehearsed first ever Sanguinary Mountain Winona play! Over the course of their adventure the boys traversed nine miles, climbed two thousand vertical feet and two summits, saw one osprey, six ducklings, myriad moose tracks and no other people.



On Wednesday afternoon the basketball team hosted Camp O-AT-KA. The first half saw a dominant offensive performance by **Finn Stubbs**, with rock solid defense by **Garrett Bergold** and **Jack Dresser**. In the second half the other team started to creep back, but **Will Thompson** exploded for 10 rebounds and they couldn't keep up with the speed of **Konnor Gike** and the steady play of **Kevin Allsopp** and **Sasha Barinsky**. **Finn**, **Carl Bruening**, **Jack**, **Garrett** and **Lucas Sudduth** rounded out the team. The game ended in dramatic fashion. With 30 seconds on the clock and a score in favor of Winona 24-23, Kevin stepped up to the free throw line on a 1:1. Kevin sank the first shot. The second bounced unfavorably to the other team, and they called for a time out. Coach **Uncle Chris** kept the team focused on a clean inbound. O-AT-KA then missed a 2-point attempt. At the buzzer Winona walked away with a 25-23 victory!

On Thursday morning, at 6:00, as the sun was rising over Hio Ridge Road, **Ian Hoffman**, **Nick Davidson**, **Will Ansaldi**, **Lucas Sudduth**, **Finn Stubbs**, **Miles Brown**, **Harry Chadwick** and **William Strachan** climbed aboard the two Junior Winona fishing boats with **Uncles Luch** and **Nick** for a fishing excursion through the Narrows of Moose Pond. Once the Loon Island breakfast was prepared, they cast their hooks and the anglers reeled in several fish, including small and large mouth bass. The trip was a first for Senior Winona and a big success!

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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Also on Thursday morning nine Seniors participated in an across-the-lake swim. **Benjamin Stevens, William Sonne, Nick Voyzey, Alex Learned, Jackson Codd, Mason Cilley, Mason Canon, Julian Marchington, Daniel Kearney and Carl Bruening** successfully completed the swim. The weather was overcast and the lake had choppy waves with a gentle breeze. The boys stayed on course and finished like champions.



On Thursday, **Cooper Dutton, Will Thompson, George Boulukos, James Bennett, Patrick DeMatteo, Parker Wright and Alex MacDougall** ventured to Pawtuckaway State Park for a rock-climbing trip with **Uncles Ben, Evan and Milo**. After preparing camp, the boys went for a swim finding a great rock to jump off into the water. Rain kept climbers off the rock but did not dampen the spirits. Dinner was prepared with the help of Alex's endless supply of firewood. The boys enjoyed shrimp paella with while listening to Uncle Evan play his guitar. On day two, after a hearty breakfast, the group travelled to Round Pond to climb on crags. The boys loved climbing in the sun with superb performances by Will and Cooper. They then moved to a higher crag with the comedic trio of Patrick, Parker and James. After returning to the campsite, they took a dip in the lake before devouring a pasta dish prepared by George. On the third day, the campers awoke to a fire already made by Alex and Cooper. A full day of climbing put everyone in high spirits. The trippers headed back to camp arriving in time to partake in Saturday night cookout.


On Friday, **Uncles Joe and Alex** led one of the most challenging and rewarding day mountain trips so far this season. **Carl Bruening, Dan Kearney, Juan Ignacio Loynaz Kaehler, Julian Marchington and Lucas Sudduth** ascended out of Franconia Notch via the steep, fantastic Flume Slide Trail. Brilliant blue skies greeted them at the mountain's craggy apex, with breathtaking views of the Presidentials and Pemigewasset, as well as Vermont's Green Mountains profiled sharply in azure. All the boys proved themselves to be superb hikers!

Our Camp Council is selected weekly and comprises of second-year Seniors who are recognized and honored for their enthusiasm for camp and their leadership qualities. The Council helps prepare the Cobb Memorial for movie night. The right mixture of oil, kernels and salt helps create a special popcorn delight relished by all campers and staff. First session representatives of Camp Council were: **Stephen Lamont, Benjamin Stevens, Christian Sweeney, John Benson, Eduardo Da Silva Witzke, David Wallace, Nick Voyzey, George Ruiz-Picasso, Derek McDonald, Ignacio Galvez-Pineda, Will Ansaldo, Troy Rigby, Jackson Codd, Riley Snow and Connor Owen**. This past week **Parker Wright, Nico Cuenca, Finn Stubbs, Patrick DeMatteo, Parker Stair and Gus Edwards** served up the movie night goodies.

While in camp, the tribes have chased after the "Bubba Burger" in a series of three nail-biting, top-point totem showings by **Konnor Gike (Mohawks), Stephen Lamont and Patrick DeMatteo (Ojibways)**. The Delawares dazzled at the King Pin squares with a surprise victory on Thursday night.

The first big canoe trip of the Second session was a great success. **Uncles Bruce and D. Todd** were very ably assisted by **CIT Ingimundur**. Together they explored a swath of the Rangle Lakes, beginning on Mooselookmeguntic and ending four days later on the South Arm of Richardson. Intrepid trippers **Rishi Goel, Vito Oprandi, Kristian Baker, Henry Clark, Benjamin Chadwick, Nuar Bol Bol, Chatim Kouk, Ricky Bol Rik and Mason Cilley** were treated to a view of a territorial dispute between two bald eagles directly in front of their campsite. It was a dramatic and noisy fight in mid-air and the loser had to retreat. The campers stayed a night at Half Moon Cove on Upper Richardson, where the lake and mountain views exceed 180 degrees. All trippers were actively involved in cooking and cleaning up after sumptuous meals. Following some light rain, the canoers saw a unique rainbow at the Narrows. With respect to the pioneers hard work there was a short portage (in which the boats and gear are carried) between Mooselookmeguntic and Richardson. All 12 pioneers tried to carry one loaded boat at a time and then tried carrying the gear separately and the empty boat. They decided it was hard work either way.

On Saturday, an exciting and robust mountain trip departed for Mount Hancock, one of the highest, steepest and most secluded peaks in all of the White Mountains. **Uncles Kyle and Alex** led **Ethan Cyr, Gleb Gamsheev, Rijs JohansonGordet, Will Sonne and Parker Stair** across Cedar Brook and through pine corridors to the Arrow Slide, the historic first route of ascent up the giant, and the campers scrambled deftly and fearlessly to the peak. On their return, the boys glided over Hancock's south summit, descended swiftly and emerged from the woods as able and intrepid mountain men.

Also on Saturday, Winona hosted the annual Big W swim meet, which was a huge success. Winona placed second overall out of six camps represented, and our sister camp, Wyonegonic, placed first! Participants from Senior included **Abraham Chumaceiro Natera, Alex Learned, Ignacio Galvez Pineda, Ben Chadwick, Owen de Cordova, Connor Owen, Ian Hoffman, Julian Marchington and Grayson Cuneo**. Kudos to our individual first place winners: Abraham (25 meter back crawl) and Iggy (50 meter breaststroke). We also finished first in the 100-yard medley with Abraham, Ian, Owen and Ignacio representing Senior. 

Saturday afternoon, Winona's baseball club hosted Camp Indian Acres. **Juan Loynaz Kaehler, Jack Campbell, Ben Nigrovic, Jackson Codd, Stephen Lamont, Finn Stubbs, Nick Davidson, Jack Seskis, Ellison Roper, Luis Sanabria, Ty Slayton, Garrett Bergold and Mauricio Luzardo** played a gritty game. Finn had the hot bat notching up a home run, a single and a double. Garrett pitched four great innings. Jack played catcher and had great sound effects behind the plate giving everyone a good laugh. In a late rally in the fifth, the score got close, but the other team finished with a 7-5 win.

As I write the newsletter, we have just completed another cookout with our famous Bubba burgers, a rowdy Red/Gray game of "Capture the Flag in the Grove" and a second Evening Program "Name That Tune." These games are a favorite among the Seniors and a great way to celebrate another fantastic week at Winona! The week ahead will bring news of Honor Trips, pursuits of Full Merits, Distinctions and Excellences in Senior activities and the Winona Regatta. Until then, have a great week.

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