



INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER

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Hello again from Intermediate Winona! We are now more than a week into Second session and the weather has played mostly in our favor offering plenty of opportunity to learn new skills, play in Moose Pond and compete in games and Evening Programs (EPs). In addition to our regular programming, we sent our Advanced Guard boys to laser tag and bowling due to rainy weather (and closed water parks). Advanced Guard is a wonderful opportunity to get out of camp for a day on a different sort of trip than we are used to. We



also had the "Big W" swim meet this week in which many of your sons competed against several other camps, with Winona finishing in third place! Although a number of our trippers got quite wet throughout the week in their canoes and hiking boots, the campers returned with big smiles having experienced just how rewarding it is to adventure on through tough conditions!

This week, we also had several appearances from the BAT! On Tuesday, during a Wiggy assembly, the BAT snuck in through the southern most Wiggy door (facing the lake) and silently moved behind the assembly before letting out a big scream and escaping safely down the grove. Just two days later, we were gathered once again in the Wiggy when, suddenly, two BATs appeared in the northern doors (facing the grove and tentline), and let out a couple of screams before making a safe get away. Lastly, in four-square assembly yesterday, The BAT came down from behind the tent line to give a yell. Some savvy campers noticed his approach and began the chase early, but The BAT swiftly escaped down the grove and paddled himself away in canoe. This is the 100th year of BAT showings at Camp Winona, a tradition started by Hubert V. Davis in 1919 along with camp director, Phillip Cobb, and it lives on as one of the many things that makes Winona unique.



On Monday, **Uncles Decker** and **Matt S.** took campers **Barty Hall, George Stamatoyannopoulos, Victor Puyplat, Fen deNiord, Alex Lowe, Gabe Nigrovic, Charles Smith, Nicholas Smith, Teke Helms** and **Cole Megaw** into Grafton Notch State Park for a day mountain trip. After a short drive, the boys ascended Old Speck Mountain along the "Eyebrow Loop," a challenging hike that includes steep terrain for which trekkers must use metal hand rails and man-made steps to ascend. These staunch travelers had a foggy day but they did not let that slow them down or keep them down as they summited for a delicious lunch. After enjoying the top of the mountain, the group descended and stopped at a swim hole for fun cliff jumping before returning to camp.

On Tuesday, our mountain trippers departed again, this time with **Uncles Decker** and **Tucker**, to the White Mountains. Campers **Rowan Pedraza, Enzo Depolla, John Proulx, Spencer Owen, Gabe Nigrovic, Dash Lamphier, Jack Garcia, Renzo Martinez, Henry Garnett** and **Nicholas Smith** set out early in the morning and arrived at the Webster-Jackson trail around 10 AM. The group ascended 1.4 miles to the junction and then pressed on another 1.2 miles to the summit of Mount Jackson at 4,052'. After a short rest, they pressed on 1.3 miles more across to 3,911' Mount Webster, ate some lunch and then looped back to descend to the trailhead and return to camp! Such hiking trips in the White Mountains, particularly the Presidential Range, are a staple of Winona's tripping program.

The mountain trippers stayed busy, taking off for the third day in a row with **Uncles Matt S.** and **Decker** for Mount Chocorua, the eastern most peak of the "Sandwich Range" in the White Mountains. Campers **Victor Puyplat, Sam Liddle, Griffin Duigan, Max Slayton, Charles Smith, Ian Macomber-Straight, Anthony Weaver** and **Nicholas Kirby** ascended via the *Champney Falls Trail* to summit the 3,500' mountain, where they stopped for a foggy lunch. Although they ran into some heavy rain on the way down, the boys "persevered and hiked with vigor" throughout the entire 7.6 mile loop. The campers returned a little wet but with great stories, new confidence in their rain gear and memories of the beautiful stream they hiked along for the entire day.

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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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Lastly, our mountain trippers set out on an overnight trip on Friday with **Uncles Matt S.** and **Decker** to climb Mount Moosilauke along the *Beaver Brook Trail*. Campers **Colton Love, Barty Hall, Ian Macomber-Straight, Thomas Gasperini, Gabe Nigrovic** and **George Stamatoyannopoulos** were up early to brave this two-day adventure despite the weather moving in on the White Mountain region. The boys began their ascent of a very difficult trail but were turned around by heavy rain which they had to wait-out before setting up camp. The next day, the rain did not let up in the region (although we were dry at camp!) and the trippers decided to make an early return home rather than risking a slippery hike on challenging terrain. Although the trip did not go as planned, our counselors took the opportunity to teach appropriate risk taking in an outdoor setting, skills that will serve campers throughout their many future adventures!

Our canoe trippers stayed busy this week as they departed on the Aziscohos Lake trip. **Uncles Drew, Chris G.** and **Tovic Ben** set out on the "A" leg of the trip along with **Evan Audette, Jack McGovern, David Steinbrick, Leo Crawford, Nathan Monchik, Daniel Amisi, Riley Gale, Oliver Golden** and **Jack Nally** on Tuesday morning. This staunch crew began at the Black Brook Landing on the southern part of the lake and began paddling north for their first night's dinner of BBQ chicken with s'mores and tall tales around the campfire to close the evening. The next morning was an early day to go paddle further north and do a little bit of cliff jumping. Despite some rain the boys soldiered on and made it to the Twin Brook Site on the east shore of the lake in order to meet up with the "B" leg the next day.



After those three days of paddling, the "B" leg arrived with **Uncle Tucker** on Thursday along with campers **Eli Shifrin, Rowan Pedraza, Lucas Allsopp, Tom Spater, Renzo Martinez, Hugh Devine, Ryan Hays, Max Slayton** and **Nicholas Kirby**. This "B" leg swapped their personal items into the dry bags, while the "A" leg loaded up the van and headed back to camp along with Uncle Tovic. A new and dry set of campers then set off to paddle south down the lake, stopping at the same cliffs to do a little bit of swimming and making it to the Lincoln Brook campsite for chicken ginger stir-fry and a good night's rest. On their last day, these brave young men set-out very early and a little bit sleepy to make a big push for their pick-up site at Black Brook Landing. This was a phenomenal trip for both the "A" and "B" legs, on one of Maine's most scenic lakes!

Our last set of trippers, the kayakers, also set-out on several trips this week. On Tuesday, **Uncles Cody** and **Ned K.** took campers **Maxime Chassat, Rowan Pedraza, Pedro Luis Angarita, Teke Helms** and **Eli Shifrin** to Steep Falls on the Saco River where the boys practiced their whitewater skills. This is an excellent stretch of river that allows our counselors to safely teach important whitewater techniques in a kayak so that campers can advance to more difficult trips later in the summer. After a short lunch, the crew went down river to the Limington section where they did more paddling and surfed some favorite play waves before swimming off of a rope swing and coming home.



On Tuesday, we had our first baseball game of Second session under the coaching of **Uncles Topher** and **Charlie N.** The team, made up of **Huber Matos-O'Neil, Charles Smith, Tom Spater, Hugh Devine, Ward Jenkins, Fen deNiord, Finn Wentz, Cal Stubbs** (and two Senior campers) was dominant against Camp O-AT-KA, coming out on top by 13-0. Winona started the game by retiring three batters in a row and then scoring two runs in the first inning. They continued to show dominance on defense, including a diving catch from Ward and excellent pitching. Charles and Tom hit inside the park homeruns and the batting was on fire with every camper getting on base. The campers demonstrated their accumulated efforts from many activity periods at baseball. Uncle Topher commented on how excited and proud he was to see the team applying their new-learned skills.



The next day, the baseball team set off with **Uncle Topher** and his brother, **Uncle Cam**, for a game against Camp Indian Acres. **Huber Matos-O'Neil, Henry Garnett, Hugh Devine, Tom Spater, Cal Stubbs, Pedro Luis Angarita, Finn Wentz, Fen deNiord, Dash Lamphier** and **Nicholas Smith** played great but left a number of runners on base throughout the day. There was excellent defense backing up the pitching of Tom and closer Cal, but unfortunately the boys could not manage any runners in and lost the game 3-0. The boys demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and played great team baseball, making the coaches and the unit proud!

On Thursday, we had a home lacrosse game coached by **Uncles Charlie N.** and **Henry.** **Oliver Golden, Charles Smith, Fen deNiord, Ward Jenkins, Pedro Luis Angarita, Ben Beckerman, Dakin Ebmeyer, Henry Garnett, Will Gellatly, Dash Lamphier, Sam Liddle, Huber Matos-O'Neil, Jack McGovern, John Nally, David Steinbrick** and **Ellis Thompson** suited up to play Camp Indian Acres. Jack is now leading the unit in goals scored this summer with two, as he scored again on a beautifully placed bouncer that the goalie had no chance in stopping. Huber, Dakin, Ben and David all played great defense, all with the help of Oliver who had a great game in net only allowing three goals on the day. Ward and Fen held their own on the face-off battles, winning half of them. The boys played hard all game and kept their heads high in a closely contested loss.

Later that day, Intermediate Winona took a trip over to Camp Wigwam for an annual dodgeball tournament. **Gus Kolva, Dash Lamphier, Jack Garcia, Daniel Amisi, Nicholas Smith, John Proulx, Fen deNiord, Nathan Monchik, Jack Nally, Cole Megaw, Maxime Chassat** and **Oliver Golden** set out to dip, dive, duck and dodge their way to a first place win! Led by coaches **Uncle Henry** and **David F.**, the boys played hard and were able to make it to the playoffs on a one man differential, and a 2-2 record. Unfortunately, the team's run ended there and they came away with 4th place. They all enjoyed their time playing dodgeball by a different set of rules than what they were accustomed to here at Winona and represented Camp IX extremely well.

Continuing with our athletic competitions, the Intermediate basketball team set out for a night game against Camp Indian Acres on Saturday. **Tom Spater, Nicholas Kirby, Hugh Devine, Daniel Amisi, Rowan Pedraza, Dakin Ebmeyer, Jack McGovern, Cal Stubbs, Leo Crawford, Will Gellatly** and **George Stamatoyannopoulos** laced-up their basketball shoes behind Uncles **Henry** and **Cam P.** Winona sent a "fan van" to cheer our boys on and the opposing team's gym was packed with fans for both teams! Nicholas had nine points and led both teams in scoring, Dakin chipped in two points as well. Hugh was dominant in the paint, leading both teams with 11 rebounds! The team played great defense all game and kept their composure with the other team's fans. Overall the boys played hard and enjoyed their time playing in a fun environment.

In the Camp Agawam sail series this week campers, **Ward Jenkins** and **Ben Beckerman** sailed along with Senior Winona. This is an ongoing sailing competition hosted by Camp Agawam in which Winona sailors compete each Friday. Winona has been competitive all summer long, and both Ward and Ben finished in first place in their races this week!

As always, we have a number of "Men of Distinction" to recognize this week:

Henry Hoffman for the first eagle in archery.

Ben Beckerman and **Ward Jenkins** for sailing well, under high winds.

Ellis Thompson for a great camp drawing and the first eagle in Arts and Crafts.

Everyone on the Azischohos trip for cooking up amazing food.

Gabe McGarry for conquering his fears. **Koa Brown** for holding the current record in the "Spoderman" rock climbing challenge.

The Big W swimmers for swimming very well.

We most certainly know how to stay busy around here, and with upcoming Honors Trips, several more competitions, and Red/Gray week on the horizon, there is no slow down in sight! The gentlemen of Camp IX are maintaining high energy as they wake up each day excited to learn more skills, take on new challenges, forge new friendships, and set out on daring adventures.

Until next week,

Uncle Jeffrey Lamson (2002-2018)

The BAT 2014

Intermediate Unit Director