



## INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER

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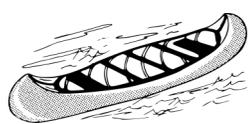
Greetings from the sunny shores of Camp IX! We had yet another amazing week here in Intermediate highlighted by our three honors trips along with plenty of great competition and activities in camp. We were happy to see another staunch performance in the Wyonegonic/Winona Road Race from Intermediate on Sunday, including a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish from **Uncle Dominic** and top twenty finishes from campers **Sam Liddle**, **Charlie Smith** and **Dakin Ebmeyer**.

We also had an appearance from the BAT this week, who snuck in through the back doors of the Inty Wiggy as we were in afternoon assembly. Nobody was the wiser as the BAT swiftly approached the boys, let out several loud screams and safely escaped to a get away vehicle parked on the south side of the Wiggy near the Cobb Memorial building. It has been a fantastic summer of BAT showings in this, the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the tradition, and we are looking forward to the rest of the week when, hopefully, we might catch a glimpse once more.

Our kayakers set out on their honors trip this week, hitting both the Kennebec and Penobscot Rivers over the course of five days. Inty campers **Eli Shiffrin**, **Dash Lamphier**, **Pedro Luis Angarita** and **Maxime Chassat** left early Tuesday morning with **Uncles Cody** and **Ned K.** along with Senior kayakers. The trip began with a long haul up to the Seboomook section of the Penobscot: a fantastic two-mile run for learning the basics of "creek boating." This river is made up of tight turns and many small waterfalls which campers "boof" in order to clear safely and effectively. The boys spent two nights at the Roll Dam campsite, which also serves as the take-out for the run, while they lapped the river several times over the course of multiple days. These fine young paddlers then packed up to head south toward The Forks, Maine and the famed Kennebec River. The campers spent two nights at the Indian Pond Campground while paddling the Lower Kennebec from Carry Brook to the bridge in The Forks. This river is of a different character, highlighted by deep water, big wave trains and beautiful gorges. When the group returned from their five-day adventure they were all smiles and a little bit sleepy, having accomplished a great amount of growth during the trip.



Also, this week, our honors mountain trip set out for the Pemigewasset Wilderness. **Uncles Decker** and **Fritz** went with **Charlie Smith**, **Renzo Martinez**, **Max Slayton**, **Rowan Pedraza**, **Gabe Nigrovic** and **Finley Wentz**. On the first day of the trip, the boys arrived at Lincoln Woods Trailhead and embarked into one of the largest roadless areas in the northeast. Hiking through this wilderness is a real treat, as campers enjoyed the unsullied natural wilderness during their seven mile hike to the Thirteen Falls Campsite. After a good night's rest, they were up early to follow the Appalachian Trail over the 4,902' South Twin Mountain, camping at Guyot Campsite in a cabin with a beautiful view. Well rested once again, everyone set-out on the third day for Mount Bond. Atop the 4,968' summit they stopped to have a snack and to soak in the views before proceeding to Bondcliff (4,264'), which offers some of the best views in the wilderness without a road nor house in sight! After continuing along the East Pemigewasset River, the group made camp near the water before the final day of hiking back toward their pickup. On the way home, there was a quick stop to swim at Franconia Shoots before coming back to camp with stories and tired legs!



The canoe trippers departed for their honors trip this week, also leaving on Tuesday, to head far north for Mooselookmeguntic Lake in the Androscoggin River Watershed. Campers **Riley Gale**, **Jack McGovern**, **Henry Hoffman**, **Gus Kolva**, **Fen deNiord**, **Cole Megaw**, **Jack Nally**, **Oliver Golden** and **Enzo Depolla** set-out on this adventure along with **Uncles Chris G.**, **Drew** and **Rafa**. The boys put their boats on the water at Stephen Phillips Preserve on the eastern shore of the lake before paddling several miles south, past Student's Island, to camp on Toothaker Island. They filled their bellies with Pad Thai before sleeping out under the stars. On the second day, the group was up early for a slightly longer paddle, aided by a tailwind, across the lake and back up a ways to Birch Point on the western shore. This is a beautiful campsite (one of my favorites of the Winona tripping program), and the boys were able to swim and eat dinner while they enjoyed their site. The final day gave the group one more tailwind as they paddled up the lake to their take-out location along with a quick stop at Stoney Batter Campsite for lunch. This trip concluded our canoe trips for the summer, and was a fitting end indeed as Mooselookmeguntic is a Winona classic. The boys will spend their time away from camp dreaming of new trips next summer, possibly including the Senior flagship trip to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. Such a progression through our tripping program is a big part of what makes Winona so special, as boys earn the skills, personal grit and merit to take part in evermore challenging adventures.

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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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Intermediate had a number of athletic contests this week, including a soccer match versus Camp Wildwood on Monday. **Ben Beckerman, Enzo Depolla, Charlie Smith, Maxime Chassat, Hugh Devine, Ward Jenkins, Alejandro Hoyos, Pedro Luis Angarita, Gabe Nigrovic, Tom Spater, Rowan Pedraza, Victor Puyplat, Nicky Smith, Alex Lowe, Renzo Martinez, Sam Liddle and Collin Bevin** suited-up to play with **Uncles Jack and Rafa** coaching them along. Alejandro scored the first goal after 10 minutes of Winona dominating both sides of the ball, followed by a goal from Pedro Luis on a solo play from outside the box. As halftime approached, Winona gained more confidence and came back even stronger with a goal from Charlie on a free kick. The team had a fun time and showed amazing sportsmanship in this 3-0 victory.



On Thursday, we hosted the Winona Regatta, one of the largest inter-camp regattas of the summer, with **Ward Jenkins** and **Ben Beckerman** representing the boys of Intermediate. The day presented many challenges with gusty winds that shifted directions frequently throughout the day. Ward raced with Senior camper **Matthew McVane** and sailed their way to a 4<sup>th</sup> and a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. Ben raced with Senior camper **James Thompson** placing third in their race. Winona took 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall on a difficult sailing day and happily presented the trophy flag to **Uncle Spencer** in the Dining Hall later that day.

Our sailors stayed busy, heading to Camp Agawam for the final meeting of the Agawam Sail Series for the summer. **Ward Jenkins** represented Winona along with Junior and Senior campers, and **Aunt Jesse**. The Agawam Sail Series takes place over the course of five Fridays throughout the summer and Winona has been competitive all summer long, finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall for the summer. Congratulations to all of our sailors on a job well done!

On Friday, we also sent two Intermediate campers, **David Steinbrick** and **Huber Matos-O'Neil**, along with **Uncle Cam P.** and Senior Winona to Camp Micah to participate in a swim meet. David raced in an individual medley as well as the 50 butterfly, placing 1<sup>st</sup> in both races. Huber also placed 1<sup>st</sup> in both of his races, an individual medley and a 50 breast stroke. The team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and we were certainly proud back here in Camp IX of our representation!

Our Red/Gray week begins today and in the next newsletter you will hear the results from all of our competitions throughout the week! The boys will compete in nearly every activity in camp, beginning today with lacrosse, archery, camp craft and riding. Other special events include Red/Gray Treasure Hunt, The Great Relay and Airband. On Sunday afternoon, we also had our first ever Tribal Canoe Hunt in Intermediate, with eight campers from each tribe competing in a water-based treasure hunt around Moose Pond. The Mohawks took the day, with the Senecas coming in second, the Delawares in third and the Ojibways finishing close behind. Even with all of these special events, we will continue along with activity requirements, and I'm excited to announce new Chipmunks for **Dakin Ebmeyer, Colton Love, Evan Audette, Nathan Monchik** and **Ryan Hays**. **Hugh Devine** and **Gus Kolva** also earned their Full Beavers this week and **Jack McGovern** completed a "Tri-Fecta," which is the simultaneous completion of his Full Chipmunk, Beaver and Eagle. Nice job, boys!

Thanks again for reading, and we look forward to seeing many of you for Awards Night!

Until next week,

Uncle Jeffrey Lamson (2002-2018)

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Intermediate Unit Director