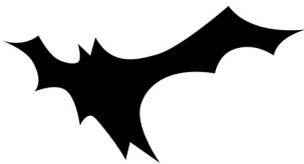


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Greetings from the shores of Junior Winona. This week saw many campers leave Junior Saturday morning for the end of First session. Saturday afternoon, many new and returning faces arrived on the shores to join the Full Season campers for Junior's Second session. We have hit the ground running this week with new campers being assigned to their tribe and color, trips leaving and the first appearance of The BAT. There are many exciting things to come as Second session gets underway. Read on for more about what we are up to in Junior Winona.

The last trip of Junior's First session was the annual stuffed animal trip to Hawk Mountain near South Waterford. The easy 30-minute hike to a nice view back toward Pleasant Mountain, Long Lake and the surrounding countryside was enhanced by the presence of the stuffed animals. The various characters accompanied the boys on the climb and again for the pictures at the overlook. **Brody Watkins, Michael Vannoy and Henry Lamphier** each brought



critters from the movie, "LILO & STITCH". Other boys on the trip were **Cavin Finnerty, Beckett Hawkes, Paxton Hawkes, James Kirby, Wesley Letellier, Lucas Mason, Viktor Rannik and Henry Thompson**. They were led by **Uncles Lime, Ben and Aunt Adriana**. The boys delighted in hiking with both camp friends and their stuffed animal friends.

On Friday, Junior Winona hosted the final game of the season, a kickball game against Camp Wigwam. **Uncles Robbie and Chip** coached **Will Hogue, Graves Fairman, Dain Guttman, Roberto Fernandez Banuchi, Axel Lundin, Jaak Rannik, James Gasperini, Rodrigo Melo Garcia, Oscar Jennings, Otis Eastman, Ilya Borunkov, and Alejandro Rault**. The Junior Winona team played valiantly and won the game with a score of 17 runs to 3. With some time leftover, both camps mixed up the two teams and played another game for fun. Thank you to **Coach Z** and **CIT Matt** for reffing the games.

Saturday evening was the last one here for our First session campers. The Junior unit joined the rest of camp in the Cobb for the annual Mid-Season Cookout. After the cookout, the Junior campers enjoyed a game of Kingpin Dodgeball with an audience of visiting family members. As the sun descended beyond Pleasant Mountain, the campers, counselors, and family members gathered in the Kearns Amphitheatre for the final campfire of First session. **Uncle Ike's Tent 3 (Lochlan O'Connel, Manny Grullon Machado, Rafa Saujet and Graves Fairman)** performed a skit. Another skit was organized and performed by Tent 8 (**Cooper Holton, Timmy Paul, Paxton Hawkes, Rodrigo Melo Garcia and Michael Vannoy**). The CITs also partnered up with some Junior campers to perform a third, very funny skit. At the end of the evening the counselors gave out Tent and Activity Awards, recognizing campers for their unique contributions to tent life and dedication to activities.

On Sunday evening, before dinner, the Junior campers trekked to the Cobb Memorial in the north end of camp to celebrate Winona's 112th Season, Second session, with Vespers. Earlier in the day the boys practiced the Junior Winona song, perfecting their performance complete with loud "Boom Boom Booms" and stomping accompanying the final verse. After singing our song for the whole camp the boys were given a summary of the Red/Gray and Tribal Competitions and were introduced to the leaders of the respective teams. Trying to keep the banner Red is Red Captain **James Gasperini** and Lieutenants **Timothy Paul** and **Jaak Rannik**. Attempting to change the color of last year's banner are Captain **Peter McDermott** and Lieutenants **Lucas Vannoni** and **Hugh Williams**.

The Tribal leaders are:

Mohawks: Chief **Duncan May** and Sub-Chief **Max Soderstrom**

Ojibways: Chief **Jack Allen** and Sub-Chiefs **Sam Rather** and **Alex Kirkwood**

Delawares: Chief **Luis Latour** and Sub-Chiefs **Rodrigo Melo Garcia** and **Calder Kaplan**

Senecas: Co-Chiefs **Paxton Hawks** and **Roberto Fernandez Banuchi**

Good luck to all leaders and teammates going into Second session! We know that while competition will be extreme, it will also be fair and fun.

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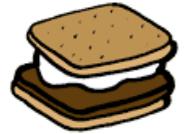
Editors Note: Your son's unit's weekly Newsletter may also be accessed online: <http://winonacamps.com/welcome-parents/unit-newsletters>. Please note that in the weekly unit Newsletters, we focus primarily on out-of-camp trips and sporting competitions which are just a small part of the entire program here at Winona.

You can find current photos of Winona by visiting us on our Facebook page (Winona Camps - Maine), Instagram ([winonacampsmaine](https://www.instagram.com/winonacampsmaine)) or our Bunk1 site.



On Monday morning, **Uncles Matt, Ben and Nate** led a group of intrepid hikers up the *Ledges Trail* on Pleasant Mountain to the Overlook. They were accompanied by **John Denny, Max Soderstrom, CJ Kaplan, PJ Vumpa, George Thompson, Bennett Ash, Jordan Woodfield, Carson Kaplan and Duncan May**. Everyone had an opportunity to lead the group up or down the trail. When they arrived they had a spectacular view of Camp Wyonegonic and the southern part of Moose Pond. At the top of the mountain they found many cool things including fresh, ripe blueberries, a snake skin and a strange green bug. They ate lunch and swam at Pencil Point across from Winona. On the way back to camp the campers sang a great collective rendition of Journey's "Don't Stop Believin" and Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama". The boys pulled into Junior just in time for afternoon activities.

The Staunch & True Winona campers set out Monday morning on the first canoe trip of Second session. **Uncles James, Stephen, Ike and CIT Owen** led a group consisting of **Sam Rather, Andres Pereira, Keifer Gilligan, Tucker McNamee, Mark Weaver, Santiago Gonzalez Urista, Kevin Lam and Wyatt Craycroft**. They just beat the rain as they arrived to Loon Isle, and as they paddled they saw a loon up close! After setting-up camp and making sure the tents had the rain flies properly attached, they had an amazing lunch of chicken bombers (chicken patties)! That evening, even though it was still raining, they had a delicious dinner of chicken broccoli Alfredo, s'mores for dessert, and a sensational game of Mafia around a crackling campfire. The next morning, they packed up, cooked eggs cooked over the fire for breakfast, and, using amazing teamwork, broke-down camp and packed-up the campsite. On the way back to camp everyone was surprised to see a special guest waving to them from a dock between Loon Isle and Junior...The BAT! The campers had an amazing time and made the first canoe trip of Second session a rousing success.



Sunday evening saw the campers taking tent pictures while not-so-patiently waiting for Lodge (a candy bar). As soon as **Uncle Clay** was finished taking fantastic tent pictures (which will be sent to all boys at Christmas time) the boys gathered in the Kearns Amphitheatre to find out who would win this week's Best Tent award and receive two pieces of lodge. It wasn't much of a surprise to Tent 6 when they found out they had won the title of Best Tent for the second week running. **Uncles Parker and JP** were very proud of **Jaak Rannik, Wesley Letellier, Dylan Henwood, Jordan Woodfield** and First session's **Oscar Jennings**. We will find out next week if they can keep the title three weeks in a row.

Nothing has slowed down Junior campers in achieving many requirements in activities. Before he left, **Charlie Blau** earned his Full Chipmunk pin. First session campers **Will Hogue** and **Jaime Winzer** completed their Full Beaver pin before leaving. **Peter McDermott** earned his Full Beaver pin on Sunday and on Monday **James Gasperini** achieved the first Full Eagle in Winona this season!

Before the First session came to a close the Junior boys had one last visit from The BATs. At the end of Evening Program on Centennial Field, the boys gathered in the middle of the field to find out who won. Unbeknownst to them, The BATs were sneaking through the woods. As The BATs ran down the hill from the path to the Frog Pond, the boys took notice and ran to head them off. **Michael Covington, Luis Latour, Paul Tammusino and Will Hogue** all got close enough to grab at the BATs' capes and gloves, but somehow the BATs managed to escape again...almost in one piece: **James Gasperini** received a letter a few days later from a Winona BAT, containing the piece of cape he ripped off during the daring showing!

Here in Junior we have had a great start to the Second session of Winona's 112th season. The unit is full of happy faces and the sounds of boys playing and laughing together. We have many more trips, games, special events, and activities ahead of us this week. Please check-in next week to hear all about it.

Until next week,
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The BAT 2013