



THE JUNIOR TIMES
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Greetings from the shores of Junior Winona. The Second session of camp is in full swing this week. We have had numerous trips, games and BAT showings! All the while, Juniors have continued to work on requirements in many activities, trying to earn their Full Chipmunk, Beaver or Eagle pins.

On Wednesday morning, a group of campers representing Winona's Advance Guard took a trip to Aquaboggan Water Park. While the boys and counselors had a great time on the rides, slides and pools of Aquaboggan, the most exciting part of the day happened only moments after leaving Winona. As the vans pulled out of the camp road the boys heard an approaching vehicle and a green motorcycle passed by going the other way, driven by none other than The BAT! The boys were as shocked as they were excited and it was the first thing they told everyone upon their return to camp that evening.



Junior Winona hosted a baseball game against Camp Indian Acres on Wednesday afternoon. **Uncles Robbie and Chip** coached **Andres Pereira, Jack Allen, Jaak Rannik, Timmy Paul, Connor Sims, Santiago Gonzalez Urista, John Denny, Carter Hammond, Rodrigo Melo Garcia, Luis Latour, Graves Fairman, Dillon Cady and James Gasperini**. The game was epic in scope, with both teams taking the lead over and over again. Finally, in the last inning, Winona was down by one run and Carter hit a walk off RBI double to win the game for Winona. Great job boys!

Thursday morning dawned bright and beautiful, a perfect morning for a canoe trip. **Uncles Josef, James and Parker** led a Staunch & True group of Junior canoers consisting of **James Kirby, Roland Pereira, Dylan Henwood, George Thompson, Kiefer Gilligan, Tucker McNamee, Santiago Gonzalez Urista, Mark Weaver and Andres Pereira**. They enjoyed a windless, calm paddle up north to Newt's Island. Upon their arrival, they ate a well-earned lunch of steak and cheese sandwiches. They spent the day playing and exploring the island. Following a dinner of chicken bomber alfredo pasta the boys helped build a campfire. They spent the evening sitting around the fire playing games, roasting s'mores and telling stories. The next day, the canoers ate breakfast then prepared to leave Newt's Island. They lucked out with a tailwind pushing them all the way back to Junior Winona.

Junior had our first overnight mountain trip of Second session. The brave group, consisting of **Max Soderstrom, CJ Kaplan, John Denny, Sam Rather, Roberto Fernandez Banuchi, Wesley Letellier, Peter McDermott, Luis Latour and Jack Allen** followed **Uncles Matt and Ben** and **CIT Matt** into Mount Blue State Park to tackle two mountains in two days. The first day they hiked the *Loop Trail* on Tumbledown Mountain. As they hiked the views got better and better while the mountain got steeper and steeper. Uncle Ben said that it should have been tough for Junior campers, but this group remained excited and powered through the hard parts. Once they reached the summit there was a panoramic view to enjoy while they ate lunch. After hiking down they went for a swim in Tumbledown Brook. They spent the evening at South Shelter and the counselors built a campfire with help from Jack. On the second day, the campers strapped on their packs again and hiked Bald Mountain. They found great views and fresh blueberries at the top. The kids descended quickly and enjoyed the van ride back to camp. They returned to camp very tired, but everyone reported that it was one of the coolest trips they had ever done.

On Saturday **Beckett Hawkes, Luke Gagan, Viktor Rannik, Santiago Gonzalez Urista, Dylan Henwood, Connor Sims, James Gasperini, Kevin Lam, Timmy Paul, Jaak Rannik, Paxton Hawkes, Kiefer Gilligan and James Kirby** participated in the Big W Swim meet and raced against a number of other camps. The swim meet was held right here at Winona's Intermediate H-dock, and the group swam on the Winona team with campers from the other units. The competition was very well prepared, but the men of Winona fought hard in every unit. It all came down to the wire, but the boys ended up earning the third place trophy after a nail-biter in the final relay against Camp Skylemar. Coaches **Nate, Sean, Parker, and Mason** were very impressed with the boys' effort and tenacity in the water.



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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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Saturday evening ended, as it always does in Junior Winona, with our weekly campfire. This week we were entertained by skits from **Uncle James** and **Aunt Carolina's Tent 5** (**Mark Weaver, Kevin Lam, James Kirby** and **Andres Pereira**) and **Uncle Josef's Tent 11** (**Roberto Fernandez Banuchi, CJ Kaplan, Alex Kirkwood** and **Peter McDermott**). The CITs also planned a skit, with campers **Dylan Henwood** and **Sam Rather**, which had everyone laughing. **Uncle Jakob** read a 2-Minute Mystery which was solved correctly by the boys of Tent 9. For a prize, **James Gasperini, Jack Allen, Lucas Vannoni** and **Max Soderstrom** were first in line for Sunday morning french toast. The evening ended with a BAT story from **Uncle Connor** and counselors recognizing "Men of Distinction" (campers who have had exemplary moments throughout the week). It was, as always, a fantastic way to end the week.

On Saturday afternoon, one of Winona's biggest and most delicious events was announced... Banana Split Night! So on Sunday evening, as dinner was winding down, the boys prepared for the greatest of camp desserts. The Junior campers enjoyed Banana Splits heaped with every topping imaginable. They returned to the unit with full bellies, grinning ear to ear.



On Monday morning, **Uncle Sean** took five lucky Junior campers to play in an Intermediate 13 & under soccer game against Camp O-AT-KA. These staunch soccer players were **Luis Latour, Connor Sims, James Gasperini, Rodrigo Melo Garcia** and **Roberto Fernandez Banuchi**. It was a tough game and Winona lost with a score of 5-0. The Junior boys showed great attitude and skill, playing against older kids. Many of the Inty Winona campers commented, afterwards, on how well the Juniors played and thanked them for their help in the game. The boys returned to Junior proud of themselves and confident in their soccer skills.

Monday also saw **Uncles Matt, Ben** and **Jack** leading a trip up Cutler Mountain. The campers accompanying them were **Henry Thompson, Roland Pereira, Beckett Hawkes, Carter Hammond, Gabe Henrich, Hugh Sherlock, Jaak Rannik, Dylan Henwood** and **Kiefer Gilligan**. The mountain began with a difficult climb up a steep rock face but there were no issues or complaints from this group. On the way up the boys got to see some great sights from an overlook. They reached the summit in under an hour and did not have much of a view so they hiked back down to the overlook to have lunch. After they returned to the bottom of the mountain, there was enough time for a trip to Emerald Pool. They hiked 0.7 miles in to the swimming hole with a jumping cliff. Everyone took a turn jumping off the 15 foot cliff into the sparkling waters of Emerald Pool. Afterwards the boys changed quickly and hustled back to the van so they could make it back to Winona in time for dinner.



Due to the wonderful interruption of Banana Split Night on Sunday evening, we had to postpone Lodge to Monday night. The campers had to wait a whole extra day for a piece of lodge and to find out who won the weekly Best Tent competition. This week, while Tent 6 hoped to hold on to the prize they had had the last two weeks, they were unseated by their neighbors on the other side of the cabin: Tent 5! **Uncle James** and **Aunt Carolina's** tent is comprised of Tentwork Champs **Mark Weaver, Kevin Lam, James Kirby** and **Andres Pereira**. We will see on Sunday if these boys are able to keep the title for a second week. Good luck boys!

On Tuesday, **Uncles Robbie** and **Mason**, along with CIT **Matt** led a great group of Junior campers up Sabattus Mountain. They brought with them **Henry Lamphier, Luke Gagan, Wesley Letellier, Timmy Paul, Jack Allen, Viktor Rannik, Kevin Lam, Bennett Ash, Paxton Hawkes, Wyatt Craycroft**, and **Mark Weaver**. The short hike was accomplished quickly and the boys took in fantastic views at the top of the mountain. From Sabattus Mountain, the boys could see a different side of Pleasant Mountain than we usually see at Winona. As they were enjoying this change in perspective, Uncles Robbie and Mason revealed that they had brought along a treat of Oreos and Hershey Bars. After a nice walk down the boys returned to camp just in time for lunch. It was the perfect trip for a warm day at camp.



The Junior charts continue to fill up as campers complete requirements in many favorite camp activities. This week **Timmy Paul** and **Hugh Williams** earned their Full Chipmunks while **Luis Latour** and **Henry Lamphier** both earned their Full Beavers. It is always an exciting moment at camp. The boys received a pin and a handshake from **Uncle Spencer** in the Dining Hall as the entire camp applauds their efforts and achievements.

Just when the Juniors were starting to think they had gone a long time without a BAT showing this session, their wishes were granted. On Friday evening, just as the boys were getting ready for an EP of Ultimate Frisbee, The BAT dashed out of the Arts & Crafts room throwing frisbees into the crowd of boys. **Wesley Letellier** was up early, leading the charge after The BAT, followed closely by **Luis Latour**. The BAT still managed to escape. The boys went on with their evening, played EP, and just as they were heading down the hill to free swim, The BAT came back! He ran out from the parking lot and down the hill. **Graves Fairman** and **George Senft** were particularly speedy, but The BAT was quicker, still, and got away again. The next morning, the boys were lining up in front of the Wiggy, as they always do, when they had another surprise visit. The Juniors were about to walk to the Dining Hall when they heard a rush of feet from the other side of the Wiggy and the BAT jumped out in front of the entire unit. Without hesitation, the boys gave chase, with some, including **James Gasperini**, getting quite close! The BAT did get away safely and we will certainly see him again...



Things don't slow down here at Winona. Next week, along with more trips and games, we will begin our end of season Red/Gray competitions in which the campers will compete in nearly every activity Junior has to offer. It is a time of friendly competition that the boys look forward to all summer long. Please check in again next week to hear all about the goings on in Junior Winona.

Until then,
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