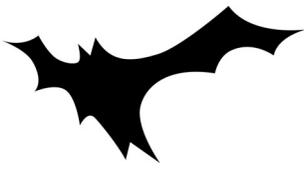


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Greetings from the shores of Junior Winona. We have continued to have amazing weather here at camp, and the boys are celebrating by spending lots of time outside in activities, playing and swimming in the lake, and relaxing on the Wiggy porch. Red-Gray week is in full swing with campers participating in competitions in every activity Junior has to offer. Here's a recap of just some of the events and trips from the past week:

Last Monday, a group of experienced Junior canoers travelled to Cupsuptic lake, in Rangeley. **Tucker McNamee, PJ Vumpa, Sam Rather, Andres Pereira, George Thompson, Duncan May, Max Soderstrom and Peter McDermott** joined **Uncles James, Josef and Ike** for Junior's only 2-night trip of Second session. The boys had an easy paddle on the first day, quickly arriving at their campsite on the beautiful Birch Island located in the middle of the Cupsuptic. While there, they swam in the clear waters, played games by the campfire and enjoyed a stir fry dinner with homemade brownies for dessert. The second day dawned beautiful and windy. The brave boys launched their canoes and battled a strong headwind on a much longer paddle than the previous day. When they arrived at their second campsite they were rewarded for their efforts by a visit from **Uncle Bruce MacDonald (Wi. 1981-1989, 2011)** and **Aunt Nina Macdonald (Wi. 2011-2019)** who brought them treats. Though tired, the boys were very excited and thankful. That evening was spent eating chili and telling stories by the campfire. The next morning brought rain with it, but nothing could slow down this group! They packed up the campsite and paddled a short distance to the takeout point. There, they were picked up and had a safe, warm ride back to camp.



Junior Winona only has one, 2-night mountain trip each summer. This week **Max Soderstrom, Jack Allen, Wesley Letellier, John Denny, Henry Lamphier, and Luis Latour** joined **Uncles Matt and Ben** on the journey up Mount Washington in New Hampshire. They arrived at Pinkham notch, ate lunch, and then hiked up 0.6 miles to Crystal Cascades waterfall. After that they hiked the remaining 1.8 miles to Hermit Lake Shelters. That night they cooked mac & cheese for dinner and stayed in a 4-sided lean-to shelter. The next day the intrepid hikers woke up early for their morning hike. One of the highlights of the trip was when they hiked up Tuckerman's Ravine, saw a 100 foot long pile of snow 10 feet deep. Following that they hiked to Tuckerman's Junction, and then through the alpine zone to the Washington Summit. They ate pizza and clam chowder at the top, took some triumphant photos and refilled water bottles. On their way down the alpine zone they ran into Winona Alum Johnny "Sweet-Pea" Saint Claire (Wi. 1951-57). He was amazed to see the Winona campers and told them a great BAT story from his camping years. They sang "The W in Winona" together then parted ways. They finished the hike down a 2-mile trail called *Lions Head* and saw amazing views along the way. They finally arrived down at the campsite, ate taco pizzas for dinner, played games and went to bed early. In the morning, they hiked back to Pinkham Notch, got picked up by **Uncle Chip** and stopped for ice cream before heading back to camp for lunch.



On Thursday, the swimmers of Junior Winona, coached by **Uncle Nate**, participated in the Camp Micah swim meet (for Junior, Inty and Senior campers). Junior was represented by four of Winona's most dedicated swimmers: **Jaak Rannik, Connor Sims, Kevin Lam and Kiefer Gilligan**. The boys swam very well, even taking part in difficult races against boys 2-3 years older than themselves! All of the boys placed top three in at least one event, and Uncle Nate was extremely proud of their fantastic effort. Brix Brax Junior swimmers!

On Friday, **Sam Rather, Peter McDermott, Hugh Williams, Duncan May, Luke Gagan, Henry Thompson, Kiefer Gilligan, Kevin Lam and Dylan Henwood** accompanied **Uncles James, Ike and Duncan** on an overnight canoe trip to Nort's Cove located here on Moose Pond. It was a quick paddle south to the cove. Upon their arrival, they collected wood for the fire and relaxed. In the evening they enjoyed a dinner of italian sausages with onions and peppers, followed by sitting around the campfire and playing Star Wars themed Mafia, invented by Uncle Duncan. The boys woke up in the morning, packed up the campsite and had a speedy paddle back to camp.

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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 nights in Junior are a wonderful reminder of the friendship and comradery that develop at Winona. This week we gathered, as we always do, in the Kearns Amphitheatre. **Uncles Stephen and Parker** lit the fire while the boys took their seats with their tentmates and counselors. They laughed at skits by Tent 6 (**Jaak Rannik, Dylan Henwood, Jordan Woodfield and Wesley Letellier**), Tent 9 (**Lucas Vannoni, Jack Allen, James Gasperini, and Max Soderstrom**) and Tents 3 & 4 (**Graves Fairman, Santiago Gonzalez Urista, Gabe Henrich, Hugh Sherlock, Luke Gagan, George Thompson, Connor Sims and Bennett Ash**). There was also a skit written and performed (with NO counselor help at all) by **Dillon Cady, Alex Kirkwood, CJ Kaplan and George Senft**. Later on, many campers were recognized by counselors as Men of Distinction, campers who have gone above and beyond as friends or in competition in the past week. We finished the evening with a BAT story from Senior's **Uncle Luch** (BAT '19) and then the boys went to bed, sleepy and ready for a good night's rest.

Sunday morning brought with it a classic Winona french toast breakfast cookout in the unit, followed by the George Sudduth Memorial Wyonegonic-Winona road race! This is a 4.3 mile race on Hio Ridge Road between the Wyo farmhouse and the Winona farmhouse. As it is a long race, the Juniors who run must go on at least one qualifying practice run. They had a great deal of interest this summer. The following campers ran the race: **Jack Allen, Tucker McNamee, Duncan May, James Gasperini, Connor Sims, Luis Latour, Wyatt Craycroft, Henry Lamphier, Peter McDermott, Alex Kirkwood, Luke Gagan, Kevin Lam, Bennett Ash, Roberto Fernandez Banuchi, Rodrigo Melo Garcia, Jaak Rannik, Graves Fairman, George Thompson, Beckett Hawkes, Viktor Rannik, Dylan Henwood, PJ Vumpa, Roly Pereira, Timmy Paul, James Kirby and Santiago Gonzalez Urista**. Everyone from Junior finished the race. They were exhausted afterwards, but proud of themselves. Well done, boys!

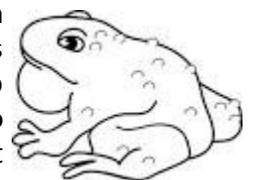
Sunday was a busy day for Junior. After the road race, many of the boys spent the entire afternoon working on a skit as it was Junior's week to present Sunday Service to the rest of camp. **Uncles John, Nate, Chip and Xavier** wrote a script and many campers joined in to make it a reality. The idea on which they focused is that while we are all different, everyone can feel at home on the shores of Moose Pond. Many campers helped bring this idea to life, including **Henry Thompson, Carlos Angarita, Wyatt Craycroft, Carter Hammond, Beckett Hawkes, Viktor Rannik, Graves Fairman, Luke Gagan, Jack Allen, Wesley Letellier, Jaak Rannik, Luis Latour, Timmy Paul, Peter McDermott and Dillon Cady**. The skit made everyone laugh and walk away with a message about the safe, friendly environment here on the shores.



After last week's rescheduled Lodge night, the boys of Junior were elated to find that Lodge had returned to Sunday evening. They patiently waited as the counselors introduced them to the different types of Lodge they would soon be choosing between. Before they chose Lodge, though, they had to find out who would be Best Tent this week. When the tentwork points were totalled it turns out that, for the second week in a row, the Best Tent in Junior is **Uncle James and Aunt Carolina's Tent 5!** Congratulations to **Mark Weaver, James Kirby, Andres Pereira and Kevin Lam**. Their goal is to get three weeks in a row, we'll find out next week if they can keep up the great work.

On Monday afternoon, **Uncles Ben, Robbie, and Chip** lead a nature excursion to Brownfield near Peary Mountain with **Dillon Cady, Henry Thompson, Wyatt Craycraft, Santiago Gonzalez Urista, Kevin Lam, James Kirby, Paxton Hawkes, Beckett Hawkes, and Roly Periera**. The boys followed a winding path through the woods, appreciating the various critters and wildlife around them and eating delicious, wild blueberries. Once they had reached their destination, the group enjoyed snacks and played a mountain-themed game. On the way back, Henry keenly spotted the Time Stone, the fifth of six Infinity Stones from the Winona Infinity Gauntlet (The 2019 Junior Counselor Totem), earning him an extra piece of lodge on lodge night this upcoming Sunday. The excitement from this discovery carried the boys back to the van, where they happily rode back just in time for dinner.

On Tuesday, Junior Winona had its last mountain trip of the year to Potash Mountain near Conway, New Hampshire. **Uncles Ben, James and Ike** took Staunch & True campers **Dillon Cady, George Thompson, Wyatt Craycroft, Santiago Gonzalez Urista, Carson Kaplan and Roly Periera**. The trail had a gradual incline at first, but after the boys maneuvered past a river crossing, the path got progressively steeper. Near the top, the group climbed up on large, steep slabs of exposed rock. The summit brought stunning 180-degree views of many mountains, including a superb outlook on the Tripyramids. The boys also enjoyed a plethora of blueberry bushes, allowing Carson and Dillon to both fill up their water bottles with the appetizing berries. On the way down, Roly found a large toad which the group endearingly called Burlap Sack. Finally, after the 4.4-mile hike, the party made their way to Lower Falls on the Swift River where they swam and adventured. Fun was had by all and it was a fitting way to end Junior mountain trips for the year.





On Monday afternoon, a stalwart group of campers, led by **Uncles James, Rishi** and **JP** departed Junior in canoes, heading south, to Loon Isle for the night. The campers were **Timmy Paul, Sam Rather, Tucker McNamee, Wesley Letellier, Dylan Henwood, Kiefer Gilligan, Alex Kirkwood, Carlos Angarita** and **PJ Vumpa**. They left in the afternoon and, with help from a slight tailwind, made great time to their campsite. That evening they built a huge fire and enjoyed a dinner of baked pasta. Later they roasted marshmallows and told stories. The next morning, as they were sleeping soundly in their tents, they were woken up by none other than The BATs! The sleepy boys tried to get up and chase, but only Tucker was quick enough to get out and chase them, getting quite close, before The BATs hopped in the Bat Barge. The last thing they saw was Timmy hopping through the campsite, still mostly in his sleeping bag. After that exciting start, the boys packed up, had breakfast, and paddled back to camp for a day full of Red-Gray competitions.

This week many campers earned pins for Full Chipmunk, Beaver and Eagle. **George Senft, George Thompson, John Denny, Beckett Hawkes** and **Connor Sims** earned their Full Chipmunk pins. **Jaak Rannik** was very excited to earn his Full Beaver pin. **Lucas Vannoni** was recognized for earning his Trifecta: a Full Chipmunk, Beaver and Eagle pin all at once. It is rarely accomplished in Junior—great job Lucas! There will be many more pins in Junior next week as the boys finish requirements in their favorite activities.

It was a wonderful week in Junior. We wrapped up all of our canoe trips and mountain trips. We are now in the midst of Red-Gray week and both teams are competing fiercely in all the activities Junior has to offer. Soon we will have the Treasure Hunt and the Great Relay which will help decide the banner winners. Please check in again for the next newsletter to hear all about how the summer has wrapped up.

Until then,
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