



**SENIOR NEWSLETTER**  
July 7, 2019



Here we are, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Winona's 112<sup>th</sup> season. Presently, it's Saturday at 4:15 AM, time to wake up and send off nine Staunch & True canoers who will spend the next eight days on the Allagash River (the name 'Allagash' was given to the 65-mile long waterway by the Penobscot Indians). We look forward to hearing tales from the following trip members, which will be in next week's newsletter: **Uncles Bruce, Ingi and Clay** along with campers **Elijah DeHart, Lee Wilson, Lucas Allsopp, Jack McGovern, Eli Rountree, Eli Shifrin, Rieky Bol Rik, Tibo Bonte and Daniel Schlumberger.**

Here's a look back on the activities, trips and events during the past week.

Senior campers have settled into the schedule of daily activity assemblies. Variety is aplenty on both water and land. There is always the possibility of a surprise as the boys listen intently to counselor announcements. During Monday's afternoon assembly, while **Aunt Nina** was announcing the afternoon swim plan, The BAT crept into the Senior Wiggy and then produced a booming BAT scream! The boys immediately jumped into action, but the chase was short-lived as the getaway took The BATs onto the T-Dock and then the awaiting Bat Barge.

The Umbagog Lake canoe trip left for the Maine/New Hampshire border on Monday with the eager Senior crew of **Thomas Vanden Berghe, Garrett Dexter, Ian Carey, Jorge Enebral Alonso, Paul Devillard, Thibaut Azais, Drew McHold-Burke, Kekoa Brown, Gus Kolva** with **Uncles Bruce and Ingi.** The sun was out with only a moderate breeze so the campers paddled hard across the waves to reach their first night campsite. Once the campsite was prepared for the night, the boys enjoyed a swim before they helped prepare for the evening meal (a tasty panko pork chop dinner followed by s'mores around the campfire). The second day included more sunshine and an early paddle up the lake to the second campsite located near the inflow of the Rapid River. A lazy afternoon was spent relaxing in hammocks, playing cards and swimming. The boys then went to work in the kitchen where they prepared steak tips over rice. For dessert they baked a pineapple upside-down cake. On day three, the canoers paddled across the lake through the wetlands where the Magalloway River meets Umbagog Lake. The paddle continued upstream a few miles to the take-out. A great trip to start off the canoe trip season!



On Monday, **Uncles PJ** and **Garrett** led **Austin Gauggel, Gabe McGarry, Ian Hoffman, Chase Gerber, Ethan Heath and Jackson Monz** to Jockey Cap. They set up three climbs, one rated 5.6 and two 5.7s & were lucky enough to have the entire crag to themselves. After climbing for a few hours in the morning, they hiked the trail around to the top of Jockey Cap to have lunch and enjoy the beautiful views. The kids were eager to climb more after lunch. After a few more hours of climbing we headed back to camp with satisfied campers.




Senior Winona traveled to Camp Wildwood Monday afternoon to participate in a 6-camp basketball tournament. The boys played excellent on both ends of the floor, anchored in the paint by **Kevin McDonald** and **Dakin Ebmeyer.** On the offensive side of the ball, **Max Jones, Jasper Brown, Kevin Allsopp, Daniel Schlumberger, Montgomery Dube** and **Theo Saujet** pushed the pace and consistently found the open man to get a great shot. **Baird Hruska, Tom Spater, Eric Paradis** and **Leo Crawford** played an important role with the team, grabbing rebounds or making plays. The Senior team played very hard and did an astonishing job on the court.

Senior's first overnight mountain trip of the season departed Tuesday for the famous Franconia Ridge in the western Pemigewasset Wilderness in New Hampshire. **Uncles Patrick** and **Alex F.** led campers **Leo Crawford, Montgomery Dube, Murphy Holton, Baird Hruska, Jack McGovern, Jaime Ruigomez, Tom Spater** and **Ellis Thompson** up the *Osseo Trail* along the east side of Whaleback Mountain, which offered the explorers a unique perspective of Owl's Head and the Twin-Bond Range. The boys reached their highest peaks on Wednesday as they rambled over the Alpine Ridgeline cresting *Mounts Flume, Liberty* and *Lincoln.* Après hike, culinary delights included backcountry pizza, pulled pork, bacon cheese burritos and fresh guacamole. On the last day, the campers luxuriated in the scenic pools and remarkable rock waterslides of the fantastic Franconia Chutes. Throughout the trip, the counselors were consistently impressed with the boys' enthusiasm and fortitude.



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Tuesday also saw the Inty and Senior whitewater kayaking program travel to Limington and Steep Falls which are skill building rapids on the Saco River. Seniors **Max Chassat, Jordi Quirch, Quinn Hoffman, Eric Paradis, Maxime De Clercq** and **Eli Shifrin** were delighted to arrive on the river with high water levels. The campers spent the morning at Steep Falls working on their edge control and ferry gliding before paddling down to the lunch site. The boys then paddled the lower section of Limington where they were able to put their skills to the test. After two laps on the lower section, they headed back to camp for dinner and movie night!

On Tuesday afternoon, an experienced squad of Senior tennis players ventured to nearby Camp Wildwood to test their luck in a six-team tournament. **Uncle Sam S.** and **CIT Miles Brown** rallied campers **Guillaume Kopff, Theo Saujet, Daniel Schlumberger, Andrew Sack, Paul Soubeyrand** and **Nick Griese** for the big contest on a hot afternoon. Things got off to a fantastic start in the singles competition with Guillaume and Theo each taking their first matches in the preliminary round by a score of 21-10. In their second matches, Guillaume would take a 21-14 victory while Theo looked very polished with a 21-8 finish over a solid opponent. These results placed the two against each other in the first round of the single-elimination draw. A hard-fought battle between two competitive friends ended in a narrow victory by Guillaume, sending him through to the final round. Guillaume would then take the singles trophy after a talented opponent gave him a run for his money. An overall admirable performance from the singles bracket from all camps!

In the doubles event, the pairing of Andrew and Daniel fell short in a dramatic 21-19 match in their first tilt. Although it would not be enough to give them a draw into the elimination bracket, they had a profound bounce-back performance in their second match to cap their day off with a commanding 21-6 victory. Paul and Nick would have a couple of very entertaining matches in the group stage, and were able to come up in the clutch to make it to the semifinals. They were overmatched by a talented duo, but departed with a sense of accomplishment for making it so far. Stay tuned for results in the next highly anticipated tennis tournament later this month, as Winona defends the coveted title!



In Senior, the Camp Council is selected weekly. The Council is tasked with making enough popcorn to serve all moviegoers attending Tuesday night's featured film shown in the 'Moose Pond Cinema'. This week's Council included; **Charlie Collins, Eli Rountree, Ben Libby, Kevin Allsopp, Taylor Stansfield** and **Kevin McDonald**.

On Wednesday, **Kevin Allsopp, Tibo Bonte, Maxime De Clercq, Jackson Monz, Max Jones, Jasper Brown, Nick Greise, Quinn Hoffman, Vincent du Fayet de la Tour** and **Kevin McDonald** went out with the kayak program on our second trip to Limington Falls. We started at Steep Falls and the kayakers took an opportunity to run the waterfall! They later fine-tuned skills of edging and rescues utilizing a throw bag. A hearty lunch of chicken fajitas brought energy needed to paddle down to Limington where the boys surfed waves. On the way back to camp the kayakers stopped at Bear Pond to cool off. The boys enjoyed using a rope swing!

On Wednesday, **Uncles PJ** and **Garrett** took **Ethan Heath, Chase Gerber, Gabe McGarry, Eli Schifrin** and **Austin Gauggel** on a Rock trip to *Square Ledge* in the heart of the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Arriving at the cliff after a short 10-minute hike, they put up three climbs: a stunning chimney rated 5.5 and two shorter, more demanding face climbs. After a few hours of hard climbing, the campers went to Emerald Pool for a post-climb swim and cliff jumping before heading back to camp after a very successful and fun trip.

The 4 on the 4<sup>th</sup> road race took place in Bridgton. **Lucas Sudduth, Taylor Stansfield, Jackson Monz, Montgomery Dube, Tibo Bonte** and **Thibaut Azais** participated in this years run. Nice work gentlemen!



On Thursday, Senior Winona played in a soccer match against Camp Wigwam. **Rieky Bol Rik, Ben Libby, Daniel Schlumberger, Luca Depolla, Vincent Mellet, Thibaut Azais, Jasper Brown, Dakin Ebmeyer, Theo Saujet, Lucas Sudduth, Jack Bonnefond, Hugh Devine, Zarak Rana, Jordi Quirch, Max Jones, Guillaume Kopff, Eric Paradis, Zimu Zhang, Kevin McDonald** and **Paul Soubeyrand** played an incredible match. In the beginning it was a back and forth battle between both sides with aerial attacks in the goalie box. The opposing team struck gold first with a low ground ball to the bottom right corner striking off of a Winona defender's cleat. Winona replied by going on an offensive attack, shooting balls left and right at their goalie. Although Winona was on a hot streak, the other team capitalized again taking 2-0 lead in the second half. Ben and Rieky helped lift the team's spirits with a team pep talk. Shortly after, Rieky struck a beautiful ball 20 yards out into the top left corner. The score was 2-1 with only minutes left on the clock. Wigwam then had a corner kick. The ball was sent in, slipped through all of the Winona defenders and into the back of the net. Winona played an excellent game, kept their heads high with great spirit & energy, and every camper had a ton of fun!

During the day, most of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations were seen in the Dining Hall. Counselors dressed in red, white & blue, we all drank blue bug juice and ate cake decorated with strawberries and blueberries in a flag design. For EP, Senior continued the theme playing in a Red/Gray Capture the Flag game.



With temperatures soaring into the 90s, many boys representing Winona's Advance Guard visited Funtown Splashtown (a waterpark near Portland, Maine). The balance of Senior Winona headed to the waterfront and kept cool playing football polo or playing on the Shark Mat.

On Friday afternoon, **Uncle Sammy** accompanied Senior campers **Andrew Sack** and **Nick Griese** along with Intermediate campers **Ward Jenkins** and **Tristan Baker** to the first week of the Camp Agawam Sail Series. After a tasty early lunch, the crew departed Winona and was greeted by friendly staff and strong winds. After all the boats were rigged and ready, the seven camps attending started the summer sail series. It was a strong performance by both the Intermediate and Senior sailors resulting in a 2<sup>nd</sup> place, two 3<sup>rd</sup> places and a 7<sup>th</sup> place. The sailors looked cool and confident out on the water and are set-up for a promising summer of sailing.



After dinner on Friday, the boys enjoyed a delectable treat, Winona's famous Banana Split Night! Immediately following these delicious make-your-own-sundaes, the vans were loaded for an EP at our sister camp, Wyonegonic. While the vans were on Hio Ridge Road the Senior boys received a special BAT showing. The BAT was operating a motorcycle and seemed to be having a great time taunting the van passengers. The BAT of course got away quite easily!

On Saturday morning, a group of intrepid climbers set out from an early breakfast before heading north to Weld, Maine to hike and then rock climb the towering Tumbledown Mountain. Seniors **Vincent du Fayet de la Tour**, **Hugh Devine**, **Drew McHold-Burke** and **Eric Paradis** accompanied by **CIT Ben Chadwick** and Climbing Gurus **Uncles PJ** and **Ned B.**, all set forth with the intention of summiting the mountain using climbing gear and ropes. After an arduous hike in the humid morning sun, the young men found themselves at the bottom of sheer cliffs ready and willing to ascend to the summit using their advanced climbing skills. Unfortunately, Mother Nature sent them a group of thunderstorms cutting their audacious attempt short just shy of their final destination. Fortunately, the camaraderie amongst the young adventurers proved stronger than New England's quick moving storms, and they made a quick descent back to the safety of their van, followed by a much deserved cookout lunch and journey home with heads held high and a great story to tell friends and family at home.

Our upcoming calendar is filled with more trips, games, regattas and events. The boys are also in pursuit of Full Merits as they navigate through their activity requirements.

Until then, I hope you have a great week!

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The BAT 2015  
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