



SENIOR NEWSLETTER

JULY 8, 2018



I awoke this morning at crepuscular [Editor's note: there's your vocab word from **Uncle Bubba**], to ensure our nine Staunch & True canoe trippers were up and ready for their great adventure, on the Allagash River. The name Allagash was given to the 65 mile long waterway by the Penobscot Indians who named the river walakeesk ihtek, or Bark Stream. With canoes loaded, dry bags packed **Uncles Bruce, Ingi and Nick** with **Kristian Baker, Zimu Zhang, Elliot McDean, Will Jurek, Kevin McDonald, Ari Dennis, Lucas Sudduth, Alex Learned** and **Ben Stevens** left the shores of Moose Pond at 5:45. As they were loading they were overheard discussing how many moose they would see while paddling. I look forward to hearing their tales and sharing some highlights when they return next Saturday.

The weather this week was quite warm, and Moose Pond was the spot for relief. The boys spent many sessions working on swimming skills, and playing in the water. Heat wave relief arrived yesterday afternoon. The weather front passed over the White Mountains and the heavy rain slid just to our north. On the other side of the front, we were treated with cool temperatures. By Evening Program many boys had added a sweatshirt for warmth. Last night we were treated with weather cool enough to sleep under the covers!

Here is a look back on the games, trips and news worthy mentions from this week:



On Monday, Senior Winona hosted an archery tournament with Camp Indian Acres. This was the largest archery tournament in Winona's history. The three Winona units were represented in the tourney. The archers, with a keen eye for the target, let the arrows fly for 10 volley rounds. After all the arrows had been shot, Winona was victorious overall with a score of 1,424 to 1,215. Excellent shooting by **Andrew Sack** who shot a 245 and **Maxime De Clercq** with a 212, **Jack Henry** also made a successful team contribution. **Uncle JK** said, "It was great to give the archers some experience in a tournament, early in the season. We talked about how fun it was to hear all the arrows hitting nine targets at once. The archers are looking forward to building on this experience."

Also on Monday, **Uncles Alex F., Alex S., and Sammy** led a "Staunch and True" crew of campers **Nuar Bol Bol, Mason Cilley, Harry Chadwick, Nick Davidson, Ari Dennis, Baird Hruska, Will Jurek, Alex Learned, Mark Snyder, Christian Sweeney, Nick Voyzey** and **Lee Wilson** on an adventurous trip to Grafton Notch. The planned agenda was to follow the trail into Mahoosuc Notch to explore the ice caves. Storms since last summer washed out the access routes to the trailhead. A new plan was needed. The crew decided they still wanted to hike and catch a nice view for lunch. New plan: hike to Table Rock. A short but steep hike led to a beautiful view overlooking the White Mountains. The group encountered a nice breeze and enjoyed a meal atop the summit. After the hot and sweaty hike, a swim was most certainly in order. The boys headed to the famous Deep Hole on the Bear River. Cooling off and cliff jumping was a perfect way to end the unexpected day in the Notch. The crew arrived just in time for dinner, tired but satisfied with their achievements.

Uncles PJ and Garrett along with **PJ Henwood, Will Thompson, Austin Gauggel, Chase Gerber** and **Jackson Monz** visited Jockey Cap on a day-trip. A couple of ropes were set on the left face. Everyone got in at least one climb. As the temperature climbed the boys pushed themselves to overcome the "I can't" into, "I did it!" This first trip was a great warm-up for upcoming trips which will build on the skills practiced at Jockey Cap.

Tuesday morning **Uncle JK** safely delivered nine intrepid adventurers to the pulchritudinous Pemigewasset, New Hampshire's largest wilderness area with over 45,000 acres of mountain crags, ravines, ponds and rivers. **Uncles Ned and Alex** led **Kristian Baker, Elliot McDean, Victor Quirch, Andrew Sack, Max Sanchez, Mark Snyder** and **Taylor Stansfield** on a four-day odyssey deep in the heart of the White Mountain National Forest.

Hiking up the Pemigewasset River the first day, the boys stopped to swim at the world-famous Franconia Chutes, natural rock waterslides etched into granite. Following Franconia Brook north, they made a basecamp near the unique series of cascades known as Thirteen Falls, which they explored and played in amid Wednesday's heat. The leisurely pace of the second day offset the challenge of the third, when the wayfarers practiced their navigational skills, following an old logging road, beautiful brook, deer trail, dry streambed and overgrown rock-slide up to spectacular summits of the Twin-Bond Range. From the tops of West Bond, Guyot and South Twin they gazed at Pleasant Mountain and Mount Washington, as well as Quebec and the turquoise ridges of Vermont far away.



After boldly battling a rainstorm the last morning, the boys were amply rewarded by a break in the clouds and a breathtaking vista from Mount Garfield's rocky cone. A short time later at the Garfield trailhead they merrily greeted **Uncle Joe** at the van and regaled him with tales of their rambles.

On Tuesday, the Senior Winona soccer team **Will Bavier, Kristian Baker, Zimu Zhang, Cosme Vega, Rieky Bol Rik, Matthew McVane, Buay Koak, Owen De Cordova, Lucas Sudduth, Jorge Enebral Alonso, Jack Bonnefond, Elliot McDean, Sam Marwill** and **Vince Mellet**, travelled to the shores of neighboring Long Lake to take on Camp Owatanna. It was a sweltering hot day and the team started slow, conceding the first goal. An impressive passing combination, lead by Will, tied-up the game before halftime. Two second half stunners from 20+ yards out by Vince gave Winona the lead and solid team defense lead by Elliot saw the team pull out a convincing 4-2 win!

(over for more news...)

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.

Find us on  You can find current photos of Winona by visiting us on our Facebook page (Winona Camps – Maine) or our Bunk1 site.



The Winona kayaking program kicked off the 1st kayak trip of the summer to Steep Falls and Limington. **Owen de Cordova, Will Jurek, Cosme Vega** and **Ari Dennis** lead the pack for Senior. The venue is popular with an 8' waterfall, which leads to whitewater. The waterfall is a perfect teaching location for developing whitewater paddling skills. **Uncles Chris, Cody** and **Ben** commented on the day saying, "The brave Senior kayakers were ready to be coached and ready to take their kayaking skills to the next level. Our boys even helped to mentor the Inty kayakers on the river." After packing up the trailer, they put their life jackets back on to swing on a rope swing before heading back to Winona.

On Tuesday the basketball team of **Nuar Bol Bol, Max Jones, Mason Cilley, Charlie Collins, Kevin Allsopp, Christian Sweeney, Harry Chadwick, Ben Chadwick, John Benson** and **Jasper Brown** with coach **Uncle Niko** travelled to Camp Wigwam. The boys said they played well and the action on the boards was competitive. In the end the team stated, "We'll get'm next time."

While all this action was occurring the tribes of Winona managed a lot of action, taking advantage of double point Tuesday. The Delawares, Senecas and Ojibways all managed to tally points. The tribes are off to an amazing start of the summer with many daring showings.

In Senior, the Camp Council is selected weekly. The Council is tasked with making enough popcorn to serve all of the moviegoers attending the weekly movie at the Moose Pond Cinema. The council this week included **Andrew Sack, Will Jurek, Alex Learned, Ari Dennis, Bill Strachan, Lucas Sudduth** and **Rieky Bol Rik**.

On Tuesday, the inaugural canoe trip of the 111th season embarked upon the waters of the Umbagog. Though the lake's namesake comes from its remarkably shallow depth, the crew was anything but. With both grit and grace campers **Jack Henry, Vincent Millet, Zimu Zhang, Lee Wilson, William Bavier, Carl Bruening, James Thompson, Murphy Holton, CIT Rishi** and counselors **Uncles Sam, Ingi** and **Ghael**, conquered the three-days of paddling. The trip's culinary creations included some mouth-watering steak, delicious dutch-oven potatoes, almond-joy pancakes, and the world famous pineapple-upside-down cake. Other trip highlights included navigation by Great Blue Heron, a series of canoe battles and the sighting of a moose calf. Overall, a great start to the canoe trip season, and an even greater time was had by all.

On Wednesday July 4th, **Mason Cilley, Harry Chadwick, Christian Sweeney, Nick Davidson, Jackson Monz, Nick Voyzey, Matthew McVane** and **Miles Brown** went out with the kayak program on the second trip of the summer. With spirits high that morning, the trailer was packed and off to Limington and Steep Falls they went. The kayakers started at Steep Falls working on their fairy gliding, and even gave Nick Davidson, Nick Voyzey, Jackson and Harry the opportunity to run their first waterfall in a kayak! After fine-tuning some new skills like edging and how to use a throw bag, they sat down to make BLTs and swim. Later, they paddled down to Limington where the boys surfed waves and played in the current. All-in-all a great trip and the boys came back happy campers!

Our rock climbers **Ethan Cyr, PJ Henwood, Cooper Dutton, Chase Gerber** and **Will Jurek** with **Uncles Sammy** and **Garrett** visited Square Ledge near Mt. Washington on Wednesday. Two climbs were set, one on "The Brain", the second on "The Chimney". The rock climbers said they enjoyed being at a higher elevation, as the temperatures were a little cooler on the ledge. The boys found "The Brain" a challenging climb. After a few hours of intense climbing and a picturesque lunch spot the boys headed back to Moose Pond for a cool down dip.



On Thursday we assembled a Winona Soccer team again. Called into action this time was **Jasper Brown, Lucas Sudduth, Rieky Bol Rik, Matthew McVane, Jack Bonnefond, Vincent du fayet de la Tour, Tibo Bonte, Guillaume Kopff, Buay Kouk, Cosme Vega, Ivan Zhdanov, Baird Hruska, Miles Brown** and **Nuar Bol Bol** for the annual Camp Indian Acres Soccer Tournament. The hosts were our first opponent and a hard fought match ensued. Great goaltending by Miles and a stunning break away goal by Rieky kept the game close but in the end Winona fell 3-1. Bad luck with scheduling saw the team get only 10 minutes of rest before the next game against Camp Kingswood. The beaming sun did not help the tired players recover, however the team held their own throughout the 1st half. Despite best efforts by Lucas to get the team organized for an opposing corner, an unlucky bounce saw Kingswood go up 1-0. Winona continued to play hard, however, the team lost 2-0. Outstanding sportsmanship was on display and the boys were rewarded with a trip to the Gazebo for ice cream.

On Thursday, the kayak staff took out their third day-trip of the week to Limington and Steep Falls. Seniors **Sam Marwill, Owen de Cordova, Jorge Enebral Alonso, Max Jones, Ben Libby** and **Kevin Allsopp** came along as well as five Intermediate campers. Everybody paddled great and Jorge had the opportunity to discover what kayaking in moving water was like for the first time. The Seniors were taught new skills like fairy gliding and defensive swimming and Sam, Max and Kevin also had the chance to run the waterfall. After eating Granola PB&J's for lunch, the trailer was packed and the crew headed to Limington to run the short section of rapids to wrap-up the trip. Everybody headed back to camp with a smile!

Under cloudless blue skies **Uncles PJ** and **Alex** headed north Saturday for the summer's first Rock/Mountain Trip on the celebrated cliffs of Tumbledown. **Carl Bruening, Ethan Cyr, Owen de Cordova, PJ Henwood, Baird Hruska** and **George Stephan** ambled across talus and scrambled over boulders before roping up for the final thrilling pitch up "The Chimney". Awaiting them on top was a marvelous view of vast wilderness spanning western Maine, Canada and New Hampshire.

On Saturday the Staunch Seniors, **Kevin Allsopp, Nuar Bol Bol, Jack Bonnefond, Jasper Brown, Ben Chadwick, Mason Cilley, Buay Koak, Matthew McVane, Christian Sweeney** and **Will Thompson** travelled to Camp Indian Acres to play in a day-long basketball tournament. In three games, Winona came up short of points, but enjoyed the day with great attitudes.

Memorable evening programs this week included a Red/Gray Cage Ball, Tribal Kingpin Dodgeball, Capture the Flag and British Bulldog. There were several fun 2nd EP's too; Lip Sync, Ultimate Jeopardy, Name That Tune and Make Me Laugh. Our upcoming calendar is filled with events including; a tennis match, baseball game, regatta, lacrosse, mountain bike trip, rock trip, Popham Beach kayak trip, archery match and the pursuit of Full Merits as the Senior Boys navigate through activity requirements.

Until then, I hope you have a great week.

Uncle Jeffrey "Bubba" Dropkin
(1983-1986, 2002-2018)

The BAT 2015
Senior Unit Director