



SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from Senior Winona! This week's newsletter creation started on change-over day. It's mid-season night and we have just called "lights out!" after a flawless Second session Opening Day. 31 Senior boys have joined our 42 Full Season campers. They spent the afternoon settling in to camp life in the Senior Grove.

As promised I'll begin this week's edition playing catch-up.

The Senior Allagash canoe trip crew of **Kristian Baker, Ari Dennis, Will Jurek, Alex Learned, Elliot McDean, Kevin McDonald, Ben Stevens, Lucas Sudduth, Zimu Zhang** and **Uncles Bruce, Ingi** and **Nick** left camp at 5:30 am Saturday morning last week for the long ride to Chamberlain Lake, the start of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. The weather was as perfect as could be, with only a half hour of rain during the entire eight-day adventure. The wind, however, affected their progress a bit the first few days on the big lakes but that did not diminish their enthusiasm. After the first night's stay at the Gravel Beach campsite (with a Greek shrimp & feta feast) and the next night at the Pump Handle site (with a steak and Dutch oven potato dinner) the trippers awoke to a beautiful sunrise and morning paddle to Chase Rapids. Here they took on a section of river with class 2 rapids. Everyone got through the whitewater with smiles. After a night's rest at Chisholm Brook they took on the longest day with 30 miles of paddling on two lakes and another section of the Allagash River ending at Round Pond. The afternoon of day 5 found them at the Deadwater site where the Junior Maine Guide candidates took over the leadership duties from the counselors for the layover day. Kevin, Ben and Lucas had the opportunity to practice their wilderness living skills and with the help of the other boys, set-up camp and prepared all the meals for the two-day stay at Deadwater. They carried out their responsibilities well and everyone enjoyed the two days of great food and well-deserved rest. Day 7 took them farther down the river to Allagash Falls, after carrying all the gear and canoes on the portage around the falls, they were awarded a swim at the base. The rest of the day's paddle took them to West Twin Brook and to the end of the waterway where **Uncle James A.** met them with the van and trailer the following morning. It's quite an accomplishment to complete this 100-mile journey. Everyone came back to camp happy with lots of stories to tell their buddies.



Last Friday [Editor's note: Technical Rock Department just submitted their notes], **Uncles Sammy, PJ** and **Tucker** brought a combined Inty/Senior rock trip to Jockey Cap. The original destination of Cathedral Ledge was too crowded, so the group found Jockey Cap unoccupied and ready to be climbed. Senior campers **PJ Henwood, Carl Bruening, George Stephan, Vincent de Fayet du la Tour** and **Ben Libby** climbed the rock for several hours, sampling both face climbing and crack climbing. They enjoyed beautiful mountain views at the top, a nice reward for the climbs! After conquering the rock, the group went to a swimming hole with a rope swing to cool off before returning to camp on the shores of Moose Pond.

The "Staunch and True" Winona kayakers took their skills to the Magalloway River on Saturday. A formidable step up from anything they'd paddled thus far in their budding careers. The Magalloway boasts continuous boulder gardens and a coveted dam release scheduled only a few times a season. **Harry Chadwick, Nick Voyzey, Sam Marwell, Kevin Allsopp, Max Sanchez** and **Owen de Cordova** got a wholesome serving of humble pie when they arrived at the put-in and set eyes on the put-in rapid. But they were more than prepared! The first successful run saw their confidence soar as they sailed over rocks and slid through eddie lines. Campers and counselors were impressed. A dinner of Sausage Bolognese and a solid sleep had them up and moving early the next morning. Unfortunately, a thunderstorm stalled them out - but they made breakfast under a historic old bridge and rode it out in style. A few more runs down the Magalloway and they made it back smiling, looking cool and collected for the Wyo play.



On Monday, **Jack Henry, Victor Quirch, Mark Snyder, Christian Sweeney, Max Jones, Austin Gauggel, Bill Strachan** and **Nuar Bol Bol** woke up early to partake in a fishing trip to Loon Island on Moose Pond. Guiding the boys were angling counselors from Junior Winona **Uncles Nick** and **Matt**. The fisherman left before breakfast to assure the water was the correct temperature. Uncle Nick prepared a wonderful breakfast on Loon Island before returning to Senior. It seems a few fish tales were shared and "the big one" evidently got away.

Mountain bikers **George Stephan, Ari Dennis, Jackson Monz, Jack Bonnefond** and **Jorge Enebral Alonso** along with **Uncles Alex S., Sam D.** and **Clay** (our private photographer) traveled to Bethel on Monday to ride the trails located on the Gould Academy campus. The boys took a warm-up loop before starting the climb. Having a warm-up area provided a great opportunity to reinforce skills learned at Winona. The climb was quite long, the downhill trail featured jumps and drops and the Seniors were thrilled to ride this section. With Uncle Clay there to take photos, the kids were ready to "send it" and excited to get some terrific photos. The day concluded with a side trip to the popular Frenchman's Hole for swimming and a barbeque.

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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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On Monday afternoon, the Winona soccer team of **Rieky Bol Rik, Mason Cilley, Buay Koak, Ben Chadwick, Owen de Cordova, Ben Libby, Vincent Mellet, Nuar Bol Bol, Tibo Bonte, Zimu Zhang, Max Jones, Guillaume Kopff** and **Vincent du Fayet de la Tour** readied itself for the first home game of the season against Camp Wigwam. Coach **Uncle Dierhow** ran the team through warmups and gave the boys their positions. A quick start saw Rieky score on a great solo breakaway. He dodged several opposing players on his way and sidestepped the goalie before calmly slotting home the opener. The other team responded well and started to apply a lot of pressure, but Ben Chadwick made a sequence of great saves to keep Winona ahead. Unfortunately, shortly before the break, a hard shot finally got through by the visiting team and evened the score. The second half proved challenging for Winona, playing with only two subs in the game. An unlucky bounce and another good shot by the same player enabled Wigwam to take the lead 2-1. Despite a strong response and several close efforts by Winona, the game ended with a loss. Great sportsmanship and team spirit shone throughout and the kids cooled down in the sweet waters of Moose Pond before refueling with dinner.

The fourth annual Franklin County Ramble rolled out Monday, bound for the winsome summits of western Maine. **Uncles Ned** and **Alex** led **Kristian Baker, Jasper Brown, Miles Brown, Charlie Collins, Luca Depolla, Ethan Heath, Murphy Holton** and **Cosme Vega** up the apex of the symmetrical cone of Sugarloaf, the state's second highest mountain after Katahdin. Après hike, the wanderers decided they would like a swim, and what place more pleasing for a plunge than the tall falls of brisk Huston Brook!

On Tuesday, adjusting their itinerary amid inclement weather, our ramblers explored two more of Franklin County's hot spots, popular Poplar Stream Falls above the Carrabassett and big Smalls Falls on the Sandy River. At night, as they devoured more of Uncle Ned's to-die-for, scrumptious, mouth-watering cuisine, the guys had another happy surprise when **Uncle Luch** stopped by.

Wednesday offered the adventurers better weather and an opportunity to exercise their responsibilities as alpine stewards. Finishing the trip in the way they started, the campers again climbed ski slopes to treeline. Entering clouds as they reached the ridgecrest of Saddleback, they endured fog, wind and angular boulders and traversed north over the saddle itself to The Horn summit, where suddenly the clouds cleared, treating them to an extraordinary vista of uncharted wilderness. To cap their ton of fun in the midsummer sun, the boys enjoyed a brief fling at Bear Pond's famous rope swing. Special thanks to Uncle Jim J. (BAT '91) and the Jenkins family for offering their beautiful BATski cabin to Senior Winona for this classic trip.

On Tuesday **Rieky Bol Rik, Jack Bonnefond, Elijah Dehart, Ian Hoffman, Buay Koak, Alex MacDougall, Mark Snyder, Taylor Stansfield, Lee Wilson** and **Uncles Bruce, Ingi** and **Kyle** headed to the coast of Maine and launched their canoes on the Sheepscot River for the Saltwater Tidal Trip. Embarking onto the estuarial waters, the crew paddled to Ram Island but not without stopping at the dock of the nearby Lobster Pound that happened to be on the way. Once on the island the canoers set-up camp in a little rain and then dove into preparing a little surf & turf for the evening's dinner. The rain lightened up and the boys enjoyed talking around the campfire while listening to the sounds of the nearby seal population at low tide. The next morning they awoke to beautiful sunny weather and paddled across the bay to Beale Island where they had lunch while waiting for the tide to rise so they could continue through Lower Hell's Gate and onto Castle Island for an afternoon of hammock time and then dinner prep. A great meal and a beautiful sunset capped the day. Thursday the crew awoke to another beautiful day and a farmer's breakfast. Heading across Hockomock Bay they paddled to Upper Hell's Gate where again they had lunch and waited for the tide before proceeding to the Kennebec River at the Bath Iron Works where they paddled by the new ships being built by the US Navy. **Uncle JK** met them at the Bath boat launch and brought everyone back to camp with stories to tell.

Honored on this week's Camp Council were **Carl Bruening, Nick Voyzey, Ivan Zhdanov, John Benson** and **Matt McVane**. Nice job boys!

Chase Gerber, Will Jurek, Will Thompson, PJ Henwood, Cooper Dutton, Ben Chadwick and **Vincent du Fayet de la Tour** joined **Uncles PJ, Sammy** and **Garrett** on Tuesday for a three-day excursion to Rumney, New Hampshire. This area offers some of the best rock climbing in New England. They ran into heavy rain shortly after their departure but were undeterred and made the most of the situation by treating the Senior climbers to a viewing of *The Incredibles 2*, which they all loved. That evening they set-up camp, swam in a beautiful river and ate tasty steak-tip tacos. On Wednesday, they headed to the rock, which was completely dry and in perfect climbing condition, and set up three routes: two 5.7s and a 5.10 to give the climbers a challenge. The weather was perfect and some of the boys got their first taste of truly excellent rock. After a long day of climbing they returned to the campsite for a delicious rice and sausage guacamole with salsa and enjoyed a campfire with s'mores. On the last day, they visited a crag a little farther down the road. Setting up three routes again, the boys got to climb a beautiful exposed cliff edge along with a few other easy but fun climbs. After climbing for most of the day they packed up and settled in for the drive back to Moose Pond.



Also on Tuesday, the Winona Kayaking program took out its final trip of First session to the Kennebec River in The Forks, Maine. Seniors **Nuar Bol**, **Gleb Gamsheev**, **Baird Hruska** and **Ari Dennis** joined eight Intermediate campers for the trip. Due to stormy weather the crew departed after lunch and got to the Indian Pond Campground where they ate dinner under the gazebo. For the next two beautiful sunny days the crew ran the lower half of the Kennebec, and Ari was given the opportunity to stomp the upper Kennebec gorge. After paddling on the second day they went to see a 90-foot waterfall called Moxie Falls—Maine's highest.

Thursday, the Winona sail team went to Lake Sebago with **Uncle Cam** and **Aunt Jesse** for the annual Wohelo Regatta. The eager campers took their second 2nd place of the season, with impressive racing. Skipper **Andrew Sack** and crew **Jack Henry** powered through the low wind for a solid few races. Skipper **Henry Clark** and crew **John Benson** were hot off the starting line all day! Skipper **Harry Chadwick** and crew **Nick Davidson** put together two unbelievable comebacks. And Skipper **Nick Voyzey** and crew **Owen de Cordova** dominated the races getting the lone 1st of the day. The team now has its sights set on the Wyo Regatta next week.



Also on Thursday, under the auspices of **Uncle Sam W.**, a "Staunch and True" Winona baseball team consisting of **Christian Sweeney**, **Matt McVane**, **Cosme Vega**, **Mason Cilley**, **Charlie Collins**, **Jasper Brown**, **Kevin Allsopp**, **Sam Marwill**, **Miles Brown** and Intermediate camper Tom Spader was assembled to face Camp Owatanna. Our team got off to a quick start in the first with Matt striking out the first three opposing batters. In the bottom of the first Winona's bats got hot and we scored a quick three runs thanks to hits by Christian, Charlie and Tom. Matt kept rolling on the mound with eight strikeouts in his three innings until Charlie took over in the fourth. But before the top of the fourth Winona's hats heated back up and we scored six runs in the bottom of the 3rd. Our batters were walked so we had three runners on and Miles hit a double to score all the runners. Then hits from Charlie and Mason brought in the rest of our runs. Charlie continued to pitch well throughout the next three innings and Winona finished the game strong. The final score was 9-1.

As these competitions were taking place, **Uncles Sam D.**, **Alex F.** and **CIT Cousin Will** led **Kristian Baker**, **Elliott McDean**, **Vincent Mellet**, **Jackson Monz**, **Victor Quirch** and **Maximo Sanchez** on a marvelous adventure to the legendary Willey Slide in the White Mountains. The boys climbed past Kedron Flume and completed an exciting traverse of the mountain's rugged talus slopes before visiting a secluded dramatic alpine garden, crossing over the tops of Mounts Field and Avalon, and descending to Saco Lake and the Elephant at the head of Crawford Notch.

On Friday evening, the entire Senior unit gathered for the annual First session Red/Gray soccer game. The unbridled passion on display in these games is always a sight to behold, and several parents visiting for the mid-season cookout were on scene to take in the spectacle. Both teams started well with chances to score coming quickly and often. The game was wide open when **Ian Hoffman** put away a rebound to put the Reds ahead 1-0. The Grays quickly responded and only a few minutes later **Max Sanchez** evened the score with a neat finish at the far post. The game continued to sway back and forth, with the Reds going ahead and the Grays tying the score again shortly after. Regulation ended 2-2, so the game went into overtime! The Reds seemed poised to ride off into the sunset once they went up 4-2 with only minutes left, but a deft strike by **Zimu Zhang** made for an exciting finish. In the end, the game ended 4-3 in favor of the Reds. Congratulations to all the players for showing great pride in their color.

Following the Red/Gray soccer game, Senior Winona celebrated Unit Night. As darkness fell a campfire was lit giving off a warm glow while **Uncles Bruce**, **Cam** and **George Stephan** played their guitars. Tent awards were presented. Root beer floats and the first half slideshow proved to be a grand finale.



Achieving their Full Merit this week were campers **Tibo Bonte**, **Baird Hruska**, **Ivan Zhdanov**, **Max Jones**, **George Stephan** and **Nick Davidson**.

In closing, I'd like to thank all of our First session campers for their enthusiasm and spirit. Together we had a great 3.5 weeks. Stay tuned till next week for upcoming trips, games and special events, as we are only at the halfway point, and our calendar is very full!

In the meantime, I hope you have a great week too!

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