



## SENIOR NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 15, 2018



Greetings from the beautiful shores of Moose Pond! What a whirlwind week it has been to top off this already spectacular summer. For those of you have attempted to glean camp stories from your son amidst his post-camp rest, we hope this newsletter proves helpful.

Here is a quick synopsis of the 2018 Senior Red/Gray Week:

The week of competition set off at the start line of the George Sudduth Memorial Road Race on Sunday. Beginning at the home of Carol Sudduth, a Director of Wyonegonic, runners and walkers from both camps rallied along the hilly 4.2 mile course, toward the finish line at the Winona Farmhouse. Leading the Senior Winona finishers, **Owen de Cordova** placed second overall in the race, earning top points for the Grays. Following in quick succession were **Rieky Bol Rik** (6), **Benjamin Chadwick** (8), **Vincent Mellet** (17), **Taylor Stansfield** (19), **Will Jurek** (25), **Nicholas Beliveau** (27), **Jose Garcia** (29), **Daniel Kearney** (30), **Guillaume Kopff** (32). The Reds walked away with the most top spots and edged an early lead at the start of the week.

The flurry of Red-Gray competitions continued into Tuesday with a furious back and forth. The Reds took winning titles in Tennis, Basketball, Kayaking and Riding, while the Grays countered with victories in Riflery and Swimming. This year we added to the final week's excitement with Tribal contests as well. The first three vs. three basketball tournament between tribes was won by the Delawares, and the first tribal Rock-climbing competition victory was captured by the Senecas.

For our Tuesday Movie Night, campers and counselors relied on the following group of Staunch and True campers to serve their weekly popcorn and soda: **Jack Bonnefond**, **Baird Hruska**, **Sam Marwill**, **Cole Vaupel** and **Eathan Heath**. Thank you to the boys for a job well-done on Camp Counsel.

For the final mountain trip of the season **Uncles Ned** and **Alex** and CIT **Dan Krause** led **Colby Beliveau**, **TJ Beltran**, **Jenoup Bol Bol**, **Miles Gardner-Berg**, **Will Jurek**, **Daniel Kearney**, **John Mahar**, **Eric Paradis**, **Elison Roper**, **Tanner Roper**, **Conrad Runte** and **Andrew Shanahan** to fantastic Franconia Notch. Former Winona counselor **Uncle Harry T.** happily joined the crew for a loop around Bald Mountain and Artist's Bluff, whence they admired dramatic views of Mount Lafayette and the Cannon Cliffs. Après hike, the boys enjoyed a swim at Goodrich Falls, and, shortly after, a surprise encounter with a moose!

The second full day of activity competitions saw the beginning of a comeback brewing for the Grays, as they won all of Wednesday's events. They sunk the winning putts in the Frisbee Golf match, paddle past the competition in Canoeing, bulls-eyed the score in Archery and shot with extra precision and dashing speed in the Biathlon.

That momentum kept the Grays leading the charge as they headed into the 2018 Treasure Hunt that night. Senior campers and staff set out in search of clues that led them all throughout camp, past the Farmhouse to Hio Ridge, and even in canoes to Fun Island. This annual tradition thrills color teams as they take on three distinctly challenging clue-hunt competition. The longest route, taken on by Red and Gray "A," is an impressive 10-mile long feat. The "B" and "C" groups, completing eight and six mile-long journeys respectively, seek to challenge both the heart and the head with more clever clues and cryptic word plays. While the Grays savored the taste of victory in all three contests, everyone enjoyed the tang of treasure in the soda, lodge, and grilled cheese sandwiches that waited for them in the Wiggy at the end.

Competition followed the next two mornings with contests in both soccer and baseball. In the Friday soccer match, Reds secured a win with a 3-0 score. But Grays fought back hard the following morning scoring ten runs vs. one in the Baseball game.

On Saturday afternoon, the Senior unit ventured to the opposite end of Moose Pond for the annual Playday with our sister camp, Wyonegonic. Socializing with our sisterly counterparts, the boys enjoyed some safari-themed games and activities. That evening the safari theme transformed the Wyonegonic dining hall into a jungle for the end of Playday dance. Among the day's many surprises was a BAT showing outside of the Senior Wyonegonic Wiggy!

If you haven't heard the future of the New England Confectionary Company, the maker of our beloved Necco wafers, has been in jeopardy since this past spring. Thankfully, some forward planning on the part of **Uncle Spencer**, secured a stash of our favorite sugary currency for a couple more summers to be used at our annual end-of-season event: Senior Circus. Armed with fistfuls of these chalky, rainbow colored medallions, our youngest campers rejoiced in events like shave-the-balloon, sponge toss, bench joust, extreme croquet, wooden horse betting, and many many more. A huge thank you to all of our campers for the enormous work and energy they brought to this tradition that gives back to Winona.

In one of the final Red/Gray events of the 2018 season, teams dashed from one activity to another in an effort of inching the baton ever closer to the final bell. The Great Relay culminates a summer of activity instruction as each boy demonstrates their mastery of a uniquely technical skill they learned in their favorite activity. In a very close matchup, the Grays came out on top.

A note on the Tribal competition, the Senecas continued their first half momentum into second half, despite some momentary setbacks posed by the Delawares and the Ojibways. Not quite the year for a victory, the Mohawks used this summer to build up momentum for a comeback season next summer. After many evening programs, and a handful of final week matchups, when the Senior Tribal Totem—the Bat Bill— went out of play at the end of last week, the teams learned that the Senecas will adorn the spot on the 2018 banner.

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The Red/Gray competition wrapped up with the closing of the Master Chart. The progress of each camper's activity work is tracked on the chart and tallied with one point for every Merit, five for every Distinction, and seven for every Excellence earned. After some masterful computing, the Reds racked up 706 to the Grays' 638. However in the end, the Gray's were able to maintain their lead with a razor-thin final margin of 973 to 957. While the competition may have been a nail-bitter to the end, what is abundantly clear is the sheer enthusiasm and incredible sportsmanship that was in full effect all season.

It was wonderful to see all the emotion on display at our Unit Night and at Awards Night. Our boys earned every recognition they received throughout this summer, and I hope they'll be able to share with you some of the many adventures they were a part of.

315 days till opening day!

Brix Brax,  
 Uncle Jeffrey "Bubba" Dropkin (1983-1986, 2002-2018)  
 The BAT 2015  
 Senior Unit Director  
 Caretaker of the Duke of the Totem Cabin, Tripper Dropkin

**2018 SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP BANNER  
 Year 2018**

<b>BEST CAMPER</b>	Kristian Baker
<b>2nd BEST CAMPER</b>	Millard "Miles" Brown & Benjamin Stevens
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	Harold Chadwick

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>CHAMPION</b>	<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>
Swimming	Cooper Dutton	John Benson & Owen de Cordova
Canoeing	Lucas Sudduth	Kevin McDonald
Campcraft	James Thompson	John Benson & Taylor Stansfield
Riflery	Carl Breuning	William Strachan & George Stephan
Archery	Chase Gerber	Austin Gaugell
Tennis	Millard "Miles" Brown	Charles Collins & Nicolas Beliveau
Baseball	Matthew McVane	Charles Collins & Jack Bonnefond
Recreational Sailing	Gleb Gamsheev	Christian Sweeney
Regatta Sailing	Nicholas Voyzey & Henry Clark	
Riding	Chase Gerber	Aidan Larrabee
Soccer	Rieky Bol Rik	Guillaume Kopff
Kayaking	Harold Chadwick	Samuel Potter & Oscar Katzinski
Rock Climbing	William Thompson	Benjamin Chadwick & PJ Henwood
Sloyd	William Strachan	Jackson Monz & Alexander MacDougall
Lacrosse	Kevin Allsopp	Ian Hoffman & Baird Hruska
Basketball	Mason Cilley & Nuar Bol Bol	
Mountain Biking	Oscar Katzinski	Ellison Roper
Tribal Winner	Seneca	
Color Team	Gray	
JL Gorham Smith Award	Nikolaj Brattke	
Senior High Point	Kristian Baker	
Douglas W. Turrell Award	Benjamin Stevens	

**JUNIOR MAINE GUIDES**

Kevin McDonald  
 Benjamin Stevens  
 Owen de Cordova

**TRIP BANNER**

Benjamin Chadwick  
 Jose Garcia  
 John Mahar  
 Eli Rountree  
 Andrew Shanahan  
 Benjamin Stevens  
 Cole Vaupel  
 Kristian Baker  
 William Jurek