



**INTY NEWSLETTER**  
July 3, 2023



Welcome to the summer of 2023 in Intermediate Winona and the first of my weekly newsletters to you!

Mother Nature cooperated and gifted us with a beautiful Opening Day. With the sun shining down, the boys were happy to jump into Moose Pond for their swim tests and canoe tip safety tests, play games of soccer and four-square, frolic in a giant free swim, tour the activity sites, raise the energy for a rousing Evening Program (EP), cheer each other on through counselor and tent introductions, and wind down to a leisurely lights out.

We hit the ground running Monday morning with a vast array of activities. Swimming, canoeing, campcraft, sailing, arts & crafts, kayaking, riflery, soccer, lacrosse, tennis, sloyd (woodworking), sailing, basketball, and frisbee golf were enjoyed by the boys. A peaceful rest hour was followed by afternoon activities and camp's first appearance by The BATs, a double showing, with both BATs giving the campers a mighty scream as they assembled in the four-square court in front of the Intermediate Wiggy (the building where we hold assemblies and occasional EPs)! With the evening came tent time, when they got a chance to bond and connect with their tent and counselors in an array of activities. From making s'mores in the Wiggy to realizing that the boys of long ago "...don't look so different from us," on a tour through the ages in Winona's archives, everyone made the most of a gorgeous night on Moose Pond.

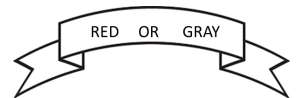
Tuesday brought more activities, then unit pictures, and Winona Night (where the campers learn who their Color team and Squadron leaders will be for the summer). Defending 2022's banner for the Grays will be Captains **Curtis Allen** and **Graves Fairman**, and Lieutenant **George Thompson**. The Reds will be looking to Captains **James Kirby** and **Luke Gagan**, and Lieutenant **Tristan Crosbie** to reclaim the banner.

In Intermediate, our totem is Oscar (the white polar bear). The four Squadrons show the Oscar and compete for points (and their name on the banner). Defending the title for the Ocean Ospreys will be Pilots **Connor Kirkham** and **Richard Thune**, and Co-Pilots **Elliot Gutmann** and **Max Krauskopf**. The Dirigo Ravens will be the wind beneath the wings of Pilot **Charlie Wermuth** and Co-Pilots **Mattias Calderon Chubb** and **Durfee Pierce**. The Mountain Hawks will flock behind Pilot **Wyatt Jones** and Co-Pilots **Mark Weaver** and **Shea Wolinetz**. Finishing last in 2022, and thereby starting with the Oscar, will be The Swift Falcons, soaring through the pines with Pilot **Hugh Sherlock** and Co-Pilots **Lucas Lapin** and **Nicolas Fernandez del Alamo**.

Wednesday was a misty morning, but nothing could stop the staunch Intys from marching forth on the first trips of the season. **Uncles Finn, Ian, and Topher** took **Graham Piper, Mayes Mowery, Luke Gagan, James Kirby, Will Kirby, Mattias Calderon Chubb, Tristan Crosbie, Charles Coronado-Cantor** up *The Ledges Trail* to the summit of Pleasant Mountain. After a cloudy hike up, the clouds broke on the way down, affording them a wonderful view across Moose Pond.

Also on Wednesday, **Uncles Dan and Ned** loaded up the kayaks and departed camp for Steep Falls on the mighty Saco River with **James Bautista-Turpin, Blake Alexander-Pletzke, Kondey Bol, Peak Temple, Francis Rangel and Luke Gagan**. With the recent rains, the river was in stupendous form and the boys paddled and practiced ferry gliding beneath the falls!

Wednesday night, following a delicious cookout in the unit, The Reds and The Grays battled in a fiery game of Capture the Flag on the field. The Grays took the night.



Thursday morning, the sun returned and shone brightly and warmly down on Squadron Games - a field day of competitions including Kingpin Dodgeball, Ga Ga Ga, Braveheart, The Gauntlet Relay Race, and Tug-o-War. The boys made us all very proud with excellent sportsmanship and exceptional effort. A great time was had by all. Later in the day, the Falcons made the first Oscar showing of the summer, but Oscar was quickly captured by The Ospreys.



Friday was a very full day for Intermediate, bringing a second round of trips and our first inter-camp sporting event, a tennis match at a nearby camp. **Uncles Koa and Bob** coached our team of **Louis Dutreix, William Kirby, Curtis Allen, Max Krauskopf** and **Nicolas Fernandez del Alamo**. Our Director of Athletics and Tours, **Howie "Coach Z" Zussman** drove the team in the van and cheered them on!

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Our first canoe trip and overnight of the season departed directly from Camp IX (Intermediate's number for the mail boat from days of yore), and **Uncles Lucas A, Lucas S** and **Rigel** paddled up Moose Pond, past Caruso Island, under The Causeway, and across the northern part of the pond to idyllic Newt's Isle with **Charles Coronado-Cantor, Tristan Crosbie, Jack Kelly, Daniel Colaizzi, Ronon Ripley, Mark Weaver** and **Charlie Wermuth**. A dinner of delightful crunchwrap burritos and scrumptious s'mores for dessert filled the boys' bellies. The campers awoke to find that the lake's pretty water lilies had blossomed overnight, and paddled through them as they returned to Winona.



Friday also featured our second mountain trip of the week, as **Uncles Finn, Ian** and **Topher** hiked with **Hanson Rajmaira, Richard Thune, Will Eddie, Carter Hammond, Wyatt Craycroft, Juan Bosco Bergaz Izquierdo, Hugh Sherlock** and **Connor Kirkham** up *Eyebrow* on Old Speck Mountain. An easy hike up and a difficult hike down, the trip included map reading practice and a beautiful view of Table Rock. After the summit, the crew made stops to visit chilly Moose Cave and majestic Mother Walker Falls.

Saturday dawned with more sunshine and perfect summer weather for a day of activities and a second double BAT showing! This time, as the boys sat in the Wiggy for assembly, The BATs dashed out through the counselor room and escaped up the hill towards the climbing tower. Oscar showings carried the day, with the Ospreys getting a bonus for 3 showings in 24 hours, and the Ravens finding the Oscar for their first turn with the totem! Evening brought a cookout with delicious burgers and dogs cooked by **Uncles Owen** and **Nate**, an Evening Program of Kingpin Dodgeball, and Intermediate's first campfire of the summer.

At Saturday Evening campfire, your fine young men stood and shared anecdotes from various trips and our tennis match. Men of Distinction were named by **Uncle Rigel** and honoured for their selfless acts of humanity and perseverance throughout the week. I shared a cautionary tale, **Uncle George** led a rousing rendition of a favorite Nova Scotian folk song, and the boys drifted off to their beds as the embers faded from orange to black along with the sky.

Sunday brought some damp weather, but the boys kept their spirits high and before dinner, Intermediate put on Vespers (our Sunday service) with the whole camp in The Cobb Memorial building. **Uncle Rigel** directed tents 15 and 16 (**Daniel Colaizzi, Luke Gagan, James Kirby, George Thompson, Curtis Allen, Graves Fairman, Hugh Sherlock** and **Charlie Wermuth**) as they told three ancient Wabanaki tales about the origin of summer, understanding that sometimes frustrating things serve important purposes, and learning to be your own unique self. **Uncle Matt** then led the boys (and the rest of camp) in a rousing rendition of Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds." As we sang loudly and believed with all our hearts here in Intermediate (and throughout all of Winona), "Every little thing is gonna be all right."

Until next week, from 'neath the pines,  
Uncle Josiah Babcock  
(1986-1990, 1992-1999, 2002, 2004-2007, 2012, 2021-2023)  
The BAT 1996  
Intermediate Unit Director

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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