



**INTY NEWSLETTER**  
**July 10, 2023**



Greetings from picturesque Camp IX. Our second week of camp is now in the books, and the Inty campers are swimming and running and climbing and paddling and chopping and hiking and laughing and smiling away here in Intermediate!

I was very proud to award the first two full Chipmunk pins in Intermediate to **Tristan Crosbie** and **Will Kirby**. Many boys have since followed suit, accepting their Chipmunk pin in The Dining Hall with a handshake from Uncle Spencer. To earn their full Chipmunk (the first of three activity achievement levels: Chipmunk, Beaver, and Eagle) campers must complete fundamental requirements in swimming, canoeing, campcraft and four other activities of their choosing.

On Monday, all of Intermediate was in camp and Uncle Clay took our tent pictures in The Cobb Memorial with Uncle Spencer. The Ravens had a thrilling 10-point Oscar showing by **Mattias Calderon Chubb** running down the stairs into assembly in the Wiggy and executing a daring escape! Monday brought the boys' first Lodge (Winona's name for candy) of the season. The best tent score in tent work (cleaning of the tents and trunks) for the week earned a coveted two pieces for their efforts. Tent time activities followed.

Tuesday was the 4th of July. The patriotic celebration kicked off with a counselor reenactment and reading of the Declaration of Independence, throwing **Uncle "King" George** in the lake (George is our British counselor and was a very enthusiastic participant in the skit), and the signing of the Treaty of Paris. Activities were in full swing, and the Evening Program (EP) was the ever-popular Presidential Dodgeball - a game of Red/Gray dodgeball Uncle George invented, played on the tennis courts where each team must protect a costumed President or lose the game.



Wednesday dawned warm and sunny, and all of our banner activities were offered for the boys in camp. Perhaps the most exciting part of the day was the launch of two of Inty's most scenic and revered trips to Maine's Bigelow Range and Flagstaff Lake (which borders The Bigelows' northern side). **Uncles Ian, Finn and Topher** led the hikers up Bigelow Mountain. After ascending the *Fire Warden's Trail* and reaching their campsite, **Luke Gagan, Richard Thune, Nicolas Fernandez del Alamo, James Kirby, Peak Temple** and **Eli Danforth** pitched camp and continued on to the 4,088-foot Avery Peak to take in a glorious sunset over Flagstaff.

Meanwhile, below the towering Bigelows, **Uncles Lucas A, Owen and Bob** launched the Flagstaff canoe trip from the Northeast corner of Flagstaff Lake with **Jack Kelly, Tristan Crosbie, George Thompson, Mark Weaver, Connor Kirkham, Charlie Wermuth, Nelson Maurice, Louis Dutreix** and **Baptiste Lacarriere**. The flotilla opted to make the full paddle to Round Barn Campsite on the first day, so they could rest and enjoy the lake on day two. Beef ragu was a huge hit for dinner that evening.

The next morning, the hikers descended the backside of the Bigelows for their rendezvous with the Flagstaff canoe trip at Round Barn for a delicious paella dinner, camping and much revelry before being picked-up on Friday morning for their triumphant return to Winona.

Back in camp, on Wednesday evening, with the mercury hovering high, the boys enjoyed a cooling round robin water polo tournament for Evening Program. Everyone played well, but **Lucas Lapin** was the MVP, an impenetrable brick wall in goal for The Swift Falcons!

Thursday, the sun poured down upon camp again, and with the high temps, Moose Pond beckoned. Instead of afternoon activities, campers in Camp IX rejoiced as a full-unit beach day was announced. Our swim area, beach and floating shark mat were the perfect place to splash and jump, build sandcastles and be goofy, jubilant boys throughout the afternoon. Red/Gray Kickball closed the day for EP.

On Friday, Inty's first rock climbing trip of the summer was led by **Uncle Dash** and **Aunt Parker**. **Graves Fairman, Durfee Pierce, Juan Bosco Bergaz Izquierdo** and **Blake Alexander Pletzke** traveled to nearby Jockey Cap, scaled a few easier routes, and then worked on some trickier climbs. They enjoyed the view and an intricate map of the surrounding mountains from the summit.

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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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Friday also featured Inty's **Noah Puchalski, Carter Hammond, Sammy Hale, Mays Mowery, Lucas Lapin, Max Krauskopf, James Bautista-Turpin, Curtis Allen, Shea Wolinetz** and **Graham Piper** traveling to a neighboring camp for an under-13 Kickball Tournament. **Uncle Tom** coached the team to a third-place finish, and **Uncle Tim** was at the wheel. The boys' great sportsmanship was a tournament highlight.

In the afternoon, two of our finest sailors, **Lochlann O'Connell** and **Leo Milberg** joined the Seniors for the first of the Agawam Sail Series regattas. The winds were in our favor and they finished third.

With everyone back in camp Friday evening, not even the rain could stop a rip-roaring Evening Program of Ultimate Showdown in the wiggy. Campers competed in a series of wildly amusing and exciting Red/Gray events, from arm wrestling to creative water bucket-dumping, from counselor portrait drawing and poem writing to human pyramid building. Many laughs and cheers were shared by all.



Saturday evening started with a great game of Red/Gray Ultimate Frisbee. It was followed by our second campfire of the summer, complete with trip recaps, Men of Distinction, a Top 10 List, a humorous song dedicated to yours truly, and an improv story by **Uncle Tim** to wrap up the evening.

And Sunday, after a peaceful sleep-in and French toast cooked over a fire in the unit, the boys showered, cleaned their tents and trunks, had a morning activity period, a brother/sister visit to our sister camp Wyonegonic, a rest hour and afternoon activities. Junior Winona put on and hosted Vespers down at the Kearns Amphitheatre. A roast beef dinner in The Dining Hall and Movie Night in The Cobb Memorial brought our Sunday to a close.

It's been a wonderful week here in Inty. The grove echoes with the sounds of "boy noise" as the loons call back from the lake, and, here on the shores of Moose Pond, all is as it should be. How lucky we are to be here.

Until next week, from 'neath the pines,  
Uncle Josiah Babcock  
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