



INTY NEWSLETTER

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Happy Mid-Season Weekend from Camp IX! The boys had another jubilant week in Inty, filled with exciting trips, sporting events, thrilling Oscar and BAT showings and peaceful campfires in the grove.

Last Monday was a full day in camp for everyone. Loads of activities and time in the lake ruled the day. Many campers earned achievement awards this week, with Full Chipmunks going to **Dhiren Perle, Graham Piper, Hanson Rajmaira, Richard James, Peak Temple, Shea Wolinetz, Nelson Maurice, Connor Kirkham, Max Krauskopf, Curtis Allen, Juan Bosco Bergaz Izquierdo, Mattias Calderon Chubb, Baptiste Lacarriere, Tanner Loubier, James Kirby, Louis Dutreix, Will Eddy, Jacques Chauder and Eliot Harris**. The first Full Beaver pin in ALL OF CAMP was awarded to **Baptiste Lacarriere**. **Jacques Chauder** and **James Kirby** quickly followed, earning their Full Beaver pins. I'm very proud of them and I'm sure you're equally so. The trifecta of Lodge (Winona's term for candy), Laundry and Tent Time brought the day to an end.

Tuesday was a busy morning with the departure of three Inty Trips. **Uncles Dan and Ned** took **Hugh Sherlock, Luke Gagan and Blake Alexander-Pletzke** (along with a group of Senior Winona campers) to spend two days surfing the waves at beautiful Popham Beach! At the campsite, the surf-paddlers devoured delicious meals of buffalo chicken mac & cheese and tilapia scampi.

Meanwhile, high above sea level, **Uncles Tim and Bob** made their way up the steep slopes of Blueberry Mountain for a day trip with **Will Eddy, Carter Hammond, Shea Wolinetz, Mark Weaver and Hanson Rajmaira**. After their ascent, the tireless trekkers were rewarded with gorgeous views, chicken bombers for lunch, and bushes filled with all the blueberries they could eat for dessert. The trip concluded with a brisk and refreshing plunge in the river at the base of the mountain.

We've had ocean, we've had mountains and rivers, how about a majestic paddle on a beautiful lake? If you've ever traveled Route 17 from Rumford to Rangeley, you've surely stopped to take in one of Maine's finest views from the Height of Land. The million dollar view overlooks majestic Mooselookmeguntic Lake, with the White Mountains of New Hampshire towering in the distance. **Uncles Lucas A., Lucas S. and Drew** took **Daniel Colaizzi, Jacques Chauder, Tristan Crosbie, Jack Kelly, Dhiren Perle, Tanner Loubier, Elliot Gutmann, James Bautista-Turpin and Mays Mowery** out for a three-day journey on Lake Mooselookmeguntic. The trip started with a stop at the Height of Land to point out the route and campsites. Not long after, on the shore of the lake, they loaded up their canoes, braved heavy winds, and successfully made the paddle to their campsite at Birch Point. On day two, a tailwind facilitated the longer paddle for the group, and they stopped to swim and play on some islands en route. Night two found the crew at Stoney Batter campsite for beef and chicken fried rice and s'mores for dessert. Day three featured an easy jaunt to the pickup point, and they enjoyed lunch with a view back at the Height of Land on their return trip to Winona.

Tuesday also featured an exciting soccer match at home vs. a neighboring camp. **Graves Fairman, Mattias Calderon Chubb, Juan Bosco Bergaz Izquierdo, Nico Fernandez del Alamo, Nelson Maurice, Louis Dutreix, Connor Kirkham, Kondey Bol, Richard Thune, James Kirby, Peak Temple, James Richards, Danny Birori, Curtis Allen, Will Kirby and Noah Puchalski** ran and played hard, but fell behind 1-0 late in the first half. Then, Curtis blasted a shot into the back of the net to tie the game 1-1. Peak played a tenacious game in goal for Winona, even being pulled out of the box and up field for a couple of Mattias' corner kicks. But, a perfectly-placed penalty kick was unsavable, and the defending team took the match 2-1. Great sportsmanship was the real victor, and I couldn't be more pleased with the way the team represented themselves and all of Winona.



With Soccer carrying the day, the whole unit played a spirited game of Red-Gray 6+ Ball Soccer for Tuesday's Evening Program (EP). And, lo and behold, the Reds came away with their first win of the half!

On Wednesday, the week's second Mountain Trip departed for an overnight trip to Mount Moosilauke. Intrepid mountaineers **Graham Piper, Will Kirby, Charlie Wermuth, Noah Puchalski and George Thompson** began their journey with **Uncles Ian, Finn and Max** by exploring The Ravine Lodge, then heading up the *Gorge Brook Trail*. When they reached the summit, they took in panoramic views of The Kinsmans to the north, The Presidential Range and Franconia Ridge to the northeast, Lake Winnepesaukee to the southeast, and Vermont's Green Mountains and New York's Adirondacks to the west. The group then camped in the Beaver Brook Shelter lean-to for the night before making their way back to Winona the following day.



Back in camp, Wednesday morning featured Winona's signature cross-country running event, The Winona 5K. Inty campers completed the rugged circuit in the following order: **Peak Temple, Curtis Allen, Richard Thune, Francis Rangel, Carter Hammond, Graves Fairman, Sammy Hale, Juan Bosco Bergaz Izquierdo, Nico Fernandez del Alamo, Baptiste Lacarriere, James Kirby, James Richards, Leo Milberg, Lochlann O'Connell, Wyatt Craycroft, Mattias Calderon Chubb, Louis Dutreix and Charles Coronado-Cantor**. The weather was warm and sunny, and the runners were raucously cheered on and spurred to greater speeds by the rest of Winona.

Wednesday also found campers **Wyatt Craycroft, Lochlann O'Connell, Leo Milberg and Ban Bol** traveling as ambassadors of the breeze to the south end of Moose Pond for a social afternoon of regatta practice with our sisters at Wyonegonic. A wonderful time was had by all.

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Also on Wednesday, a dive squad including camper **Brody Watkins** ventured down to the sunken wreck of The Domino, a sailboat from days of yore. The waters were chilly, the Domino loomed eerily in the depths, and all returned safely to the shore.

Wednesday evening was chock-full-o'-goodness, with cookout in the unit and the first of two hide-and-seek style Evening Programs, Camper-Camper Hunt. This is a full-team Red-Gray event, with each team taking turns hiding and seeking throughout all of Intermediate's Oscar boundaries. The Grays took Wednesday's event. Thursday's EP was Camper-Counselor Hunt and it was the counselors' turn to offer up points based on their years at Winona (with extra points for those who are/were Head Counselors or The BAT) and hide from the campers. The Reds' sleuthing skills proved victorious.

Also of note, on Thursday was a Herculean effort by The Ravens' **Peak Temple**. Peak showed the Oscar THREE TIMES in a single afternoon assembly, with daring 7, 10 and 10 point showings, and received a 10 point bonus for three showings over 5 points each within 24 hours (all three of which occurred within 24 minutes), for a total of 37 points!

Friday, sailors **Wyatt Craycroft** and **Francis Rangel** traveled with **Uncle Matt** (and a few Seniors) to zip with the zephyrs for the Sail Series at a neighboring camp. The winds were in our favor, and the Winona crew took 2nd and 4th in the competition.



Friday was also a day for Hoops. Our first basketball game of the season, against a nearby camp, featured Inty All-Stars **Graves Fairman, Ban Bol, Carter Hammond, Peak Temple, Connor Kirkham, Richard Thune, James Kirby, Hugh Sherlock, Kondey Bol, Noah Puchalski, Nelson Maurice, Gideon Chaleff** and **Wyatt Craycroft** - coached by **Uncle Hanz** with **Uncle Max** refereeing. Ban led the team in points, Peak had a great block and led the team in rebounds, Graves was able to essentially control the game, and the boys staged a thrilling last-minute comeback for the win!

Meanwhile, on a court of a different color, Inty had its first-ever pickleball match. Campers **Will Kirby, Lucas Lapin, Max Krauskopf, Graves Fairman, Juan Bosco Bergaz Izquierdo, Curtis Allen** and **Mattias Calderon Chubb** took to our home courts against camp a neighboring camp. After a tough start with doubles, Winona found ourselves in quite a... pickle, and we trailed heading into the singles matches. But with three matches to go, the singles players began to fight their way back! After an exciting conclusion, Winona took the lead with a commanding victory of 97-71.

On Friday evening, many of you graced us with your presence for cookout in the unit and a spirited Evening Program of Troy. I'm sure you all saw, felt and heard the passion and enthusiasm our campers and counselors share here in Inty, as **Uncles Tom** and **Dash** announced the night's EP to much rejoicing. The Reds and Grays took turns storming one another, from the beach to the baseball field for a flag pull to the Lawn Games field for Kingpin Dodgeball to get to the prize in the shortest time possible, and the Grays finished the course in less time for the victory!

After a "Baywatch" in-and-out swim for all the campers to wash off the, we gathered 'round the campfire. It was wonderful to have so many parents and family and friends sharing the magic and laughs and poignant moments with us. The boys practiced their public speaking, recounting the weeks' trips and sporting events. They received Chipmunk and Beaver pins and enjoyed a Top Ten List by **Uncles Owen** and **Tom**. **Uncle Rigel** honoured the following "Men of Distinction" for going above and beyond this week and last: **Jacques Chauder, Hugh Sherlock, Luke Gagan, Richard Thune, Ronon Ripley, Sammy Hale, Parker Whitney, Francis Rangel, Hanson Rajmaira, Tristan Crosbie, Graves Fairman, Peak Temple, the crew of the Moosilauke Trip, Curtis Allen, Ban Bol, Noah Puchalski, Durfee Pierce, Jack Behmand** and **Connor Kirkham**. They laughed and smiled and gave each other snaps as First session tent awards were presented, and we all enjoyed beautiful renditions of two classic Winona songs by **Uncles Matt** and **Tim**.

On Saturday morning, we said goodbye to First Session campers. The bass of Moose Pond will certainly rest easier now that **Kamden Tarr** and **Ronon Ripley** have headed out to fish other waters. The rest of the day had parents visits and a rockin' Counselor AirBand for all the Full Season campers in The Cobb. The concert-like night was kicked off by a DOUBLE BAT SHOWING with The BATs on stage for all to see as they screamed! Continuing their streak, the winged rodents got away.



As a unique treat for the Full Season campers, after Lights Out, the counselors and I invited everyone down into the grove for a special late-night campfire, complete with jokes and tall tales and songs and sing-alongs played on ukulele, banjo and guitar. It was a peaceful, serene and powerful end to an amazing First Session and one of my favorite moments of the summer thus far.

To wrap things up for the week and kick Second session off with a splash, not even the rains could dampen our joy and excitement as 28 campers arrived to power Inty back up to full-strength on Sunday. Coach Z set up the Cobb Memorial building for a near-Olympic caliber Cobb Hockey round robin tournament. Others watched the Wimbledon Final, wove friendship bracelets in Arts & Crafts, and played a myriad of board and card games in the wiggy.

The rain has since subsided. Faces beam with smiles. And I will sign off and lead your sixty-four hungry boys to The Dining Hall for a delicious and cacophonous dinner. We are deeply honored for the opportunity to play, learn, laugh and grow with your sons this summer.

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