



INTY NEWSLETTER
July 24, 2023



Greetings from “Down at the end of Winona’s line!” (these are opening lyrics from the Intermediate Winona song)

Another week has passed, and your boys have been a juggernaut of positivity and enthusiasm here in Camp IX.

Monday began with Second Session pictures and Winona’s first all-camp photo in 4 years. All of Winona, gathered together on the hillside, was a glorious sight to behold. The afternoon featured almost every activity. An evening of tent-time included a 10 person stand-up paddle board and many other unusual and exciting adventures.

Tuesday, footballers **Juan Bosco Bergaz Izquierdo, Michael Giannakopoulos, Mattias Calderon Chubb, Graves Fairman, Connor Kirkham, Carter Hammond, Fernando Girault de la Rosa, Bart Byers, Gavin Reece** and **Ignacio Perez** left camp Tuesday for an under-12 4-on-4 soccer tournament at a nearby camp along with Cousin **CIT Nathan** and **Uncles Bob, Owen** and **Tom**. Everyone played exceptionally well, and the boys were welcomed back to Winona with a raucous round of cheers and applause in the Dining Hall as they presented **Uncle Spencer** with their first-place trophy!



In Intermediate, the Grays dominated First Session, so it will be up to Captains **Curtis Allen** and **Graves Fairman**, and Lieutenants **George Thompson** and **Bart Byers** to keep that lead. Red Captains **James Kirby** and **Luke Gagan**, and Lieutenant **Gavin Reece** will do their best to close the gap. I found some interesting names for flocks of each bird, sooo... The “duet” of Ocean Ospreys put a good distance between themselves and the other Squadrons with Oscar First Session. Pilots **Connor Kirkham** and **Richard Thune**, and Co-Pilots **Elliot Gutmann** and **Alder Hall** will look to maintain that lead. The “cast” of Swift Falcons, behind Pilots **Hugh Sherlock** and **Lucas Lapin**, and Co-Pilot **Nico Fernandez del Alamo**, started the Second Session with Oscar and hope to catch the fleeting Ospreys. Also in the chase are the “kettle” of Mountain Hawks led by Pilot **Wyatt Jones** and Co-Pilots **Mark Weaver** and **Leo Milberg**, and the “unkindness” of Dirigo Ravens flocking behind Pilots **Charlie Wermuth** and **Durfee Pierce**, and Co-Pilots **Mattias Calderon Chubb, Carson Kaplan** and **Daniel Colaizzi**. I’m sure the end of camp will bring many exciting appearances by our white polar bear.

Tuesday was a tough act to follow, but Wednesday arrived with gorgeous sunshine! Inty canoe trippers **Dhiren Perle, Nate DeMento, Brody Watkins, Brennan Judge, Charles Coronado-Cantor, John Chadwick, Luke Gagan, Hugh Sherlock** and **Xavier Colaço**, led by **Aunt Parker** and **Uncles Nate** and **Topher**, launched from Inty beach to paddle to the south end of Moose Pond for a night on Loon Isle, across the lake from our sister camp, Wyonegonic. The weather was great, the food was delicious, and the BATs made a special appearance, much to the surprise and delight of the boys. They snuck up behind Brennan, Dhiren and Xavier, gently tapping the campers on the shoulders as the BATs screamed, then escaped into the darkness. The trip was highlighted by beautiful weather, lots of time in the lake and a tour by water of WYO’s shoreline led by Aunt Parker.



Wednesday was a day for spelunking. **Uncles George, Beck** and **Lucas S.** took **Wyatt Jones, Lucas Lapin, Tanner Loubier, Silas Georgitis, James Kirby, Richard Thune, Wyatt Craycroft, Peter Parizhsky** and **James Bautista-Turpin** up into Carter Notch for a day trip to a massive talus boulder field known as The Ramparts. Recent heavy rains made for an especially adventurous hike, as the expedition crossed water (streams, brooks, creeks and rivers) 122 times and even did some human-chain fording. Once in the notch, the group donned headlamps and ventured beneath the giant boulders, exploring five different caves. The boys gave it a big thumbs up, and 24 boots took Thursday off to dry in the sun.

Wednesday’s Evening Program (EP) of Bombardment will surely go down as one of the highlights of the summer. A version of dodge ball played on the basketball court; the game features the ability to get your entire team out of jail by sinking a long distance 3-point shot behind the opposing team. It looked like the Grays would easily win the EP as they took the lead 2-1, but the Reds fought back to a 2-2 tie. The excitement was palpable. Balls whizzed through the air and each team knocked the other down to a skeleton crew. When it looked like a victor would soon be declared, **Gabe Iranzi** lofted a perfect shot that dropped through the hoop freeing the Grays. Surely, now, victory was within their grasp. But lo! **Sam Nally** responded seconds later with his own Hail Mary shot that found its way home and the Reds were all released back into the game. The place went WILD! Counselors’ jaws dropped! The Grays eventually found themselves victorious, but the real winner that night was the spirit of the game.

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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.

You can find current photos of Winona by visiting us on our Facebook page (Winona Camps – Maine), Instagram ([winonacampsmaine](https://www.instagram.com/winonacampsmaine)).





Thursday morning, Inty hikers **Sammy Hale, Nico Fernandez del Alamo, Alder Hall, Leo Athanasiou, Will Kirby** and **Noah Puchalski** woke early to depart for their overnight to an above tree-line lookout with stunning 360° views on Goose Eye Mountain along with **Uncles Finn, Ian** and **Bob**. The band of mountaineers then descended to set-up tarps for the night at their chosen campsite. The staff prepared mouth-watering mid-mountain pizza, and the boys

played games into the night. The next day they learned some valuable water-filtration skills with a device called the “Platypus” before their journey back to Winona to see Pizza Panda waiting to welcome them home for more pizza. Platypus, panda, and pizza, oh my!

Thursday afternoon, Winona sailors traveled to Raymond, Maine with **Uncles Matt** and **Henry** for a sailing regatta. This was the first big regatta Winona has attended in several years. **Francis Rangel, Leo Milberg, Durfee Pierce** along with four Senior Winona campers tacked and jibed their way to a third-place finish.

On Friday, Intermediate and Senior launched a kayak trip on the “uncharted” Pemigewasset River. Inty paddlers **Hugh Sherlock, Luke Gagan, Kondey Bol** and **Graves Fairman** braved the raging waters and successfully navigated the stretch of river from Ayers Island Dam to Bristol. They paddled through big wave trains and learned to navigate this stretch of whitewater.

Friday also included another day of points gathering at the Sailing Series for **Durfee Pierce** and **Leo Milberg**. The sailors made a strong showing in week 4 of the 5 week series.

Back at camp, Intermediate Winona hosted our only home baseball game of the season. **Kadan Lemaster, Sam Nally, Carter Hammond, Logan Desrosiers, Bart Byers, Curtis Allen, Jim Golden, Emmett Gray, Roan Parkes** and **Alder Hall** were coached by **Uncles Tom** and **Dash**. **Uncle Topher** umpired the game. It was back and forth throughout the early innings, with strong pitching from Logan, Carter, and Kadan and stellar defensive plays from Bart and Curtis. Trailing late in the game, a pivotal triple in the bottom of the 4th by Sam gave Winona the lead, and we never looked back, winning by a score of 7-5. It was a great day for sportsmanship at Winona Park.



Saturday brought The Big W, Winona’s home-lake swim meet. Swimmers **Noah Puchalski, James Richards, James Bautista-Turpin, Veylan Srinivasan, Charles Coronado Cantor, Roan Parkes, Sammy Hale, Francis Rangel, Kadan Lemaster, Will Kirby, Alder Hall, Connor Kirkham, Gavin Reece, Eli Danforth, Bucket Hawkes, Bart Beyers, Brody Watkins, Charlie Wermuth, Wyatt Jones, Luke Gagan, James Kirby, Peter Parizhsky** and **Durfee Pierce** lit up the H-Dock, coached by **Uncles Tim** and **Owen**, against our sisters at Wyonegonic. For the first time in 18 years, Winona was victorious!

As is tradition, we had cookout and campfire in Inty Saturday night. As the sun set and the smoke climbed through the pines, the following boys were honored as Men of Distinction: **Juan Bosco Bergaz Izquierdo, Mattias Calderon Chubb, Beckett Hawkes, Ban Bol, Gabe Iranzi** and **Sammy Hale**.

Sunday morning started with a leisurely sleep-in and delicious French toast. The day was filled with tent work and trunk cleaning, Oscar showings, visits at rest hour for brothers, and an afternoon of many activities. My personal highlight of the day was presenting **James Kirby** with the first Full Eagle pin in camp at dinner in the Dining Hall.

Less than two weeks remain until Awards Night and the final sunset of Winona’s summer of 2023. We’re rolling here in Camp IX and plan to squeeze every drop of joy, camaraderie and inspiration out of what’s left of our summer on the shores. I know it’s sometimes hard to hear about the amazing feats your boys are accomplishing without being here to see them happen (my daughter is at Wyo). But, it’s that very independence and the glorious shared-experience that makes Winona the magical place it is. We are all learning to be our best selves with every paddle, shot, sail, climb, kick, swing, stumble, cheer, laugh and smile. You should all be very proud of your boys. I know I am.

Until next week, from ‘neath the pines,
Uncle Josiah Babcock
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The BAT 1996
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