



**INTY NEWSLETTER**  
July 31, 2023



It's been a tremendous week here in Intermediate. I was very proud to announce Trifectas (Full Chipmunk, Beaver and Eagle pins all at once) to **Graves Fairman, Luke Gagan and Juan Bosco Bergaz Izquierdo**.

Monday kicked-off with Second Session tent pictures and a rare Sloyd (woodworking) field trip. **Uncle Griff** took **Dhiren Perle, Eliot Harris, Charles Coronado-Cantor, Mark Weaver** and **Francis Rangel** to the Thos. Moser Factory to watch some beautiful furniture being made. The boys were impressed with, and inspired by, the level of craftsmanship and asked many questions.

On Tuesday, some BIG Inty trips departed camp for incredible locations. The Aziscohos Lake canoe trip is split into two, 2-night trips, A and B. The A-Trip of **Curtis Allen, Durfee Pierce, George Thompson, Hugh Sherlock, Charlie Wermuth, Mark Weaver, Carson Kaplan, Bart Byers, Wyatt Craycroft** and **Mattias Calderon Chubb**, led by **Uncles Lucas S, George** and **Owen**, left for northwestern Maine for their section of the journey. The boys paddled north, halfway up the lake to Boundary Campground where they slept in hammocks for the night. Day 2, after a stop for cliff jumping off Aziscohos' famous cliffs, the wind spirits looked down upon the trip kindly, and a strong tailwind allowed the crew to raft-up and sail down the lake, appeasing the spirits with jubilant sea shanties as they sailed. Once at the campsite, they enjoyed delicious Pad Thai and s'mores around the fire. On day three, rain dampened them but not their spirits as the B-Trip approached (see at the bottom of this page).

Also departing Winona on Tuesday, **Uncles Dan** and **Ned** took kayakers **Graves Fairman, Kondey Bol** and **Luke Gagan** to paddle the Ayers Island Dam section of the Pemigewasset River and camped on the river for the night. The next morning, they paddled the Winnepesaukee River in Franklin and spent the rest of the day surfing a fun play wave. On the last day, they returned to the Pemi River for a final lap, then moseyed back to camp.

Meanwhile, **Uncles Ian, Topher** and **Finn** departed camp with **Gavin Reece, Eli Danforth, James Kirby, Alder Hall, Connor Kirkham** and **Lucas Lapin** for the Pemigewasset Traverse, a 4-day marathon-length hike through the majestic White Mountains of New Hampshire summiting four 4,000 footers. The first day was an 8-mile approach to the Thirteen Falls campsite and swimming hole. Day 2, the intrepid crew summited two 4,000 footers (Galehead and South Twin), on a rugged trek and camped at Mount Guyot. With downpours and winds in the forecast for Thursday evening, the counselors made the correct call to push through to the pickup before the weather hit for the safety of all. They woke the boys at 4:45AM, breaking camp and loading up for the 10.7 mile push to the 2PM pickup, over Mount Guyot and Mount Bond's 4,000 foot summits, as **Uncle Matt** and I left camp and drove over the Kancamagus to meet them. These Winona hikers were downright heroic, hauling packs nearly half their weight, not complaining once. I was so proud of their effort and determination that I teared up when I felt the weight they'd hauled as I loaded their packs into the van. It was a trip that none involved will soon forget.



Wednesday afternoon, Coaches **Uncles Tom** and **Bob** took **Kadan Lemaster, Brennan Judge, Sam Nally, Silas Georgitis, Noah Puchalski, Emmett Gray, Carter Hammond, Will Kirby, Logan Desrosiers** and **Jim Golden** to Bridgton Academy's baseball facilities for a round-robin tournament with two other camps. In the first game, Winona put together some good hits from Sam and Carter and the team was helped by some strong defense from Emmett and Will. However, our offense wasn't quite

enough and we fell 3-0 in the first game. In the second game, Kadan started on the mound, and despite his cannon of an arm, we fell behind early. Winona battled back in the later innings, with hits from Jim, Silas and Logan. In the final inning, however, the other team rallied to take a commanding lead. Winona wasn't able to come back from the deficit, losing the second game. The team had fun, kept it classy even in defeat, and represented Winona well.

On Thursday, the Aziscohos Canoe trip B of **Nico Fernandez del Alamo, Noah Puchalski, Silas Georgitis, Peter Parizhsky, Veylan Srinivasan, James Richards, Brody Watkins, Mikey Giannakopoulos, Juan Bosco Bergaz Izquierdo** and **Fernando Girault de la Rosa** led by **Uncles Lucas S, Rigel** and **Oliver** swapped out gear and took the canoes from the A-Trip for their part of the adventure. After a quick transfer, the B-Trip was ready. The rain cleared in the afternoon and the boys enjoyed a relaxing paddle. The next day, everyone woke early and loaded the canoes for a long day's paddle south down the lake. After multiple breaks throughout the day, including another round of cliff-jumping, the flotilla arrived at the island campsite where they enjoyed s'mores and a bedtime story. The trip came to a conclusion with a short paddle to the pick-up spot and the drive back to camp.



Friday featured the first Winona Regatta since 2019, as we hosted four camps and our sister camp, Wyonegonic for a day of sailing races on Moose Pond. The morning was beautiful, yet calm, and a perfect wind rose out of the south midday and provided the sailors with perfect conditions for their competition. **Francis Rangel** and **Hansu Kim** piloted one boat, and **Leo Milberg** and **Ban Bol** the other. Everyone had a great day on the water, and **Leo** and **Ban** won their race, helping Winona to earn a 4th place finish overall.

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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)).

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Also on Friday, Coaches **Uncles Owen** and **Bob** took Inty dodgeballers **Curtis Allen, Daniel Colaizzi, Lucas Lapin, Jim Golden, Kondey Bol, Sam Nally, Ignacio Perez Lacalle, Kadan Lemaster, Carter Hammond, John Chadwick** and **Dhiren Perle** to a nearby camp for a tournament with several other camps. The boys played hard, but the balls were not flying in their favor that day. Although they were unable to win a game, they played valiantly and enjoyed themselves, nonetheless. Sometimes, even when you don't win on the scoreboard, an afternoon playing ball with your friends is a victory in and of itself.

Saturday evening's cookout was one for the books, with three counselors manning the tarp in gale-force winds as the rain fell in sheets and a fourth cooked the burgers beneath! Inty's staunch staff somehow pulled it off and everyone else stayed warm and dry and had delicious burgers and hot dogs in the wiggy. We postponed our traditional Saturday campfire for a drier Sunday evening.

Sunday morning, the weather broke, and Camp IX woke to sunny skies, a gorgeous breeze, low humidity, and perfect late-summer temps for the George Sudduth Memorial Road Race. Many of your boys completed the 4.2 mile run from the Wyonegonic Farmhouse to Winona's Farmhouse. **Wyatt Craycroft, Gavin Reece, Bart Byers, Carson Kaplan, Durfee Pierce, James Kirby, Curtis Allen, Graves Fairman, Alder Hall, Mattias Calderon Chubb, Eli Danforth, Kadan Lemaster, Elliot Gutmann, James Bautista-Turpin, Mikey Giannakopoulos, Carter Hammond, Noah Puchalski, Sammy Hale, Roan Parkes, Juan Bosco Bergaz Izquierdo, Nico Fernandez del Alamo, Francis Rangel, Peter Parizhsky, Silas Georgitis, Isaac Madden, Daniel Colaizzi, Emmett Gray, Luke Gagan, Richard Thune, Logan Desrosiers, Charles Coronado-Cantor, Fernando Girault de la Rosa, Sam Nally, Beckett Hawkes, Ruben Peralta Morgan, Ban Bol, Jack Behmand, Gabriel Iranzi, James Richards, Will Kirby** and **Xavier Colaço** took to the course along with **Uncles Max, Owen, Tim, Dash** and **Aunt Parker**. Everyone ran hard and had a great morning.



Sunday afternoon was Red-Gray Baseball. It was a close and well-played game and we got 5 of 6 innings in before we had to break for dinner. After dinner it was back to the ball field for the 6th, and, as the entire unit cheered on the boys, the Reds came out on top. A spirited game of Braveheart followed for EP, with the Grays proving victorious on the ball field now turned "battlefield".

After a swim, we gathered 'round the campfire for our penultimate campfire of the season. The campers recounted their trips and sporting events in glorious and hilarious detail. **Uncle Matt** honored **Dhiren Perle, Alder Hall, Kondey Bol, Ruben Peralta Morgan, Graves Fairman** (twice), **Curtis Allen, Ban Bol, Luke Gagan, Leo Milberg, John Chadwick, James Kirby** and the entire **Pemi Traverse Trip** as Men of Distinction, and **Uncles Owen** and **Tom** regaled us with a Top 10 List. The sun had long set after our full evening of activities, and they went straight to bed after the campfire, needing their rest before the magical wonder that is Red-Gray week continues on our push to Awards Night on Friday!

It's hard to believe this stellar summer is nearing its close. We will all be making more indelible memories as we finish strong here, cementing friendships, learning from each other, laughing together, cheering each other on, picking each other up when we stumble and lifting each other higher and higher as we go. I am humbled by the strength and resilience your boys displayed this week and continue to show.

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