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Hello from Junior Winona!

What a fantastic first ten days of camp we have had here in Junior. The boys have not only adjusted to life on the shores of Moose Pond but they are thriving. Everyday (rain or shine), campers are laughing together, challenging themselves in new activities, or off on a mountain trip or canoe trip adventure.



On Thursday morning, **Uncles Josef, Ryan and Cooper** traveled to Newt's Isle on the north basin of Moose Pond. Canoers **Bear Lillibridge, Cleveland Knapp, Andres Conill, Ethan Atwood, Clark Esposto, Nate Zweifler, William Lombard, Jack Gagan, Finn Stevenson, Kepler Temple, Henry Thompson and Paul Wescott** made the journey for overnight, where they enjoyed camp games and s'mores.

Also on Thursday, **Uncles Ben, Lime and Will** hiked up Pleasant Mountain to the *Needles Eye* with campers **River Lillibridge, Xander Trickett, Charlie Stevenson, Levi Sumner, Jack Brennan, Elias Drake, Soren Wolinetz, Audoen McGinn, Alden Walsh, Bennett Bowes, Henry Garrels and William Kirkham**. The awe-inspiring feature of the mountain was rushing with water which was welcome on the humid day.

On Friday, the Junior soccer team headed to another camp for an inter-camp soccer game. **Uncles Isaiah and Will** coached **Finn Colgan, Avan Zhu, Colin Conway, Flynn Craycroft, Gabriel Chauder, Griffin Haley, Levi Sumner, Charlie Stevenson, David Gengler, Sebastian Garcia Scott and Kurt Mueller**. While the game did not go their way, they played hard, and showed tremendous sportsmanship.

Friday also saw the departure of our second mountain trip. **Uncles Lime and Ben** took **Thomas Fields, Jack Brennan, Elias Drake, William Bertram-Deckelmann, Audoen McGinn, Liam Trickett, Omar Sinanovic and Henry Garrels** to the snow fields on Mount Washington. The boys reported touching the snow on the last day of June.



Saturday night Junior had their first cookout and campfire of the season. **Uncle Rijs** started the campfire by asking the unit to think hot temperature thoughts that ignited our first campfire of 2023. The unit sang the Junior Winona song together. Camper challenges were first on the lineup, followed by trip reports from the week. They sang another Winona favorite, "Hurrah For Camp Winonagonic". **Uncles Gus and Jack** interviewed campers with a series of silly questions that made everyone laugh. We also had a former BAT share his BAT stories from 2019 which kept everyone on the edge of their seat. "Men of Distinction" wrapped up the night as counselors passed around a talking stick, taking turns sharing honorable moments in the week where campers exhibited bravery and perseverance.

Sunday morning the boys had their first Sunday morning cookout, featuring French toast. They also participated in Rainy Day activities. Counselors create special activities just for that day and the campers are always intrigued and excited to participate. More exciting was our first LODGE (candy) night in Junior.

On Monday, our mountain trippers departed once again with **Uncles Ben, Lime and CIT Charlie** leading hikers **Gabriel Chauder, Thomas Fields, Jack Brennan, Audoen McGinn, Henry Garrels, Finn Stevenson and Oliver Jin**. The group drove toward Albany, Maine where the campers completed a three-mile loop trail around Round Mountain. The campers saw great views of the surrounding area, while enjoying fantastic trail snacks.

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Monday also saw our second overnight Junior canoe trip leave, this time they were going south to Loon Island. **Uncles Josef, Ryan and Duncan** took **River Lillibridge, Bennett Bowes, David Gengler, Alden Walsh, Clark Slocum, Avan Zhu, Liam McGovern, August Ebmeyer, Griffin Haley, Kurt Mueller, Russell Esposto and Charlie Stevenson**. A good time was had by all paddling through "The Narrows" (a small bridge spanning the narrowest section of Moose Pond).

Monday was full of activities, as we also sent our kickball team to a nearby camp for a kickball tournament. **Uncles Jack and Isaiah** coached **William Kirkham, William Lombard, Levi Sumner, Finn Colgan, Sebastian Garcia Scott, Ethan Atwood, Elias Drake, Bear Lillibridge, Liam Trickett, Xander Trickett, Kelly Mbonyinshuti, Kepler Temple, William Bertram-Deckelmann**. They had great sportsmanship!

Tuesday morning another mountain trip departed, after a BAT showing. The BAT appeared right as the boys were quieting down for assembly, showing the campers The BAT can appear at any moment. As they settled back in **Uncles Lime, Ben and Peter** prepared the hikers to depart for Tire'M mountain. **Nate Zweifler, Jack Brennan, Audoen McGinn, Liam Trickett, Andres Conill, Henry Garrels, Kepler Temple and Henry Thompson** completed the July 4th hike and saw fantastic views of the surrounding lakes, while taking in the sounds of parades from the town below.

This coming week will be another busy one here in Camp VI (Junior Winona's name for the mail boat stop over a century ago). Junior will be hosting camp's second vespers of the season, and the third annual Winona 5K will be taking place in the early days of next week. Campers will practice and qualify before taking part in the annual race.

As I sit on the Junior Wiggy porch, I am surrounded by the sounds of Junior; ping pong balls bouncing on the tables, campers learning how to weave gimp patterns, the piano playing a melody, and all-around happy camper noises!

Until next week, Brix Brax!

Uncle Zach Clayton (2001-2012, 2015, 2016, 2021-2023)

The BAT 2022

Junior Unit Director

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