



# JUNIOR TIMES

## July 12, 2023



Good morning from the shores of Junior Winona. It is hard to believe that in just a few short days the first half of the 116th season will come to a close. We still have a very busy schedule for these last few days with a Squadron hockey tournament, canoe and mountain trips, Red/Gray competitions and of course, Unit Night. We have had such a great time, and we are excited for these next few days to celebrate the First Session campers before they depart and prepare for our Second Session campers to join our Full Session campers here at camp.

On Thursday morning, we had our third canoe trip of the season depart for Nort's Cove. **Uncles Josef, Ryan and Gray** took campers **Omar Sinanovic, Jack Brennan, Gabriel Chauder, Kelly Mbonyinshuti, Liam Trickett, Jonathan Suarez-Espinosa, Elias Drake, Thomas Fields, Henry Thompson, Alden Walsh, Bryson Jones** and **Bennett Bowes** on the fun canoe trip, through the narrows, to the campsite directly across the lake from our sister camp Wyonegonic. They ate meals that were cooked over the fire and enjoyed the great weather on the southern basin of Moose Pond.

Thursday morning, Junior mountain trippers left for Grafton Notch and Baldpate Mountain. Campers **Finn Colgan, River Lillibridge, Flynn Craycroft, Cleveland Knapp, Audoen McGinn, Russell Esposto, Henry Garrels, Ethan Atwood** and **Kepler Temple** were led by counselors **Uncles Lime, Will** and **James**. The hikers were able to scramble up and around some of the boulders, and even see some caves on the steep mountain. The dissent trail followed the famed Appalachian Trail, which the boys were able to learn about from **Uncle Lime**.

Saturday, Junior enjoyed a fantastic cookout; there's nothing like burgers and hotdogs cooked over the fire. Saturday night's unit campfire hosted by **Uncle Chris** was another fantastic occasion in the Junior Amphitheatre. **Uncle Rijs** and the Junior campcraft group built a tremendous and beautiful campfire. Many of the campers put on skits, we sang songs and heard about the great things people did for each other throughout the week. Campfire is a unique and fantastic community moment here in Junior.



The only thing better over the fire than hotdogs and hamburgers is French toast, a favorite Sunday breakfast. After we finished breakfast, the Junior campers took part in our first stick showing rotations, where each squad is able to participate in stick showings. That evening, Junior hosted all of camp at Vespers in the David T. Kearns Junior Winona amphitheater. **Uncles Ben, Duncan, Xander** and **Drake** performed skits about Winona's core values with campers **Gus Ebmeyer, River Lillibridge, Kepler Temple, Griffin Haley, Oliver Jin, David Gengler** and **Soren Wolinetz**. At the end of Vespers, **Uncle Lime** and campers **William Lombard** and **Liam Trickett** led the camp in our session's first rendition of *Country Roads*. **Will** played his ukulele and **Liam** and **Uncle Lime** provided the Winona-specific lyrics, which is sung to the tune of the famous song by John Denver.

Sunday evening, the campers went to the Centennial Field to participate in the Evening Program. Before we could start, The BAT came charging across the field creating quite an exciting showing before a few excellent rounds of ultimate frisbee.

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Monday morning, the weather created a unique day for **Uncles Lime** and **Ben's** mineral trip. The boys headed for Maine's Mineral and Gem Museum in Bethel. The campers, **River Lillibridge, Xander Trickett, David Gengler, Andres Conill, Henry Garrels, Bennett Bowes, William Kirkham** and **Kepler Temple** were able to see larger versions of the minerals they have collected around camp, and even touched rocks from the Moon and Mars! Rain or shine, Winona trips always provide a unique experience here in Junior.



Tuesday morning, Junior canoers paddled to Batting Cove on Moose Pond. **Uncles Josef, Ryan** and **Rijs** canoed south once again on Tuesday morning with campers **Liam Trickett, Henry Thompson, Kelly Mbonyinshuti, Cleveland Knapp, Ethan Atwood, Nate Zweifler, Jack Brennan, Russell Esposto** and **Will Lombard**. With the beautiful weather, the campers looked forward to a refreshing swim and terrific food for the last canoe trip of the first session.

So far this season, we've had 32 full Chipmunks. This means that 32 of our 47 First Session campers earned Chipmunks in at least seven activities including, swimming, canoeing and campcraft. There are so many more campers that are very close to achieving their full Chipmunk pins, and some even approaching their full Beaver and even Eagle pins.



It has been a terrific first session. Campers have created new friendships, participated in favorite activities and tried many new ones. They have gone on trips all around Maine and New Hampshire and competed for their Squadrons and Color teams. So much happens here in Junior in such a short time. We look forward to seeing you this weekend, whether you are departing, visiting, or dropping off Second Session campers!

Until next week, Brix Brax!

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

The BAT 2022

Junior Unit Director

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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