



# JUNIOR TIMES

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Greetings from the shores of Junior Winona!

It is unbelievable to think that Second Session is already upon us. Mid-season is always bittersweet; we are sad to see our First Session campers go and yet excited for the arrival of our Second Session campers. It was wonderful to see many of you at our cookout, Evening Program and Unit Night campfire to end First Session. It is a small window into what we do in Junior each and every day.

First Session was fantastic and while we had some rain, the Opening Day of the Second Session was something for the record books. Even with wild amounts of rain, the staff, campers and families were smiling, and found engaging and fun activities to dive right into with a fire burning in the Wiggy fireplace. Luckily, the rain stopped mid-afternoon and allowed us to have an Evening Program on the first night in a dryer environment.

Before we get started on Second Session, there are a few First Session events to talk about. First Session finished with two amazing mountain trips.

**Uncles Lime, Ben and Jack** took campers **Finn Colgan, Sebastian Garcia Scott, River Lillibridge, Xander Trickett, Clark Esposto, Kenan Rwema, Charlie Stevenson, Thomas Fields, Bear Lillibridge, Soren Wolinetz** and **Henry Garrels** to Bald Pate Mountain. The campers had great weather and were treated to blueberries at the top.

**Uncles Lime** and **Peter** brought campers **Henry Garrels, William Lombard, Kepler Temple, Liam Trickett** and **Jack Gagan** to Arethusa Falls to see the highest waterfall in New Hampshire. Lots of water from the wet spring made the falls a spectacle to be seen!

On the last full day of the First Session, campers took part in the Sturdley Cup (a Squadron street hockey round robin). The teams played well and the campers spectating cheered on their campmates and teammates. The Ospreys just beat the Hawks in the championship this year. Congratulations to the Ocean Ospreys! Our Squadron competition continues through the Second Session.

On the first Monday morning of the Second Session, we had a soccer game with a mix of Second and Full season campers to compete. **Uncles Isaiah** and **Ben** led campers **William Kirkham, Levi Sumner, David Gengler, Gabriel Newbold, Jude Cassidy, and James Amis**, as well as four Intermediate campers in the game. The players had a fantastic time and displayed great sportsmanship as well as skillful play on the soccer pitch.

Tuesday morning was picture day at Winona. The boys found clean campies (camp uniform) and smiled during tent photos, and took our first all-camp photo since 2019! Though we were on a different schedule the campers eagerly jumped back to Junior for activities. Both new and returning campers already seem as if they have been here all summer, earning requirements in activities from swimming to riflery, and arts & crafts.

(over for more news!)

Tuesday the boys found out what Squadron and Color team they were on. Their excitement was hardly containable as the returning campers welcomed their new teammates. At Winona Night the campers found out who their Squadron Pilots and Co-Pilots are for Second Session:

The Mountain Hawks: Pilot **Jack Gagan** and Co-Pilot **James Amis**.

The Ocean Ospreys: Pilot **William Kirkham** and Co-Pilot **Henry Garrels**

The Swift Falcons: Pilot **Audoen McGinn** Co-Pilot **Gabriel Newbold**

The Dirigo Ravens: Pilot **Henry Thompson** and Co-Pilot **William McGovern**

They also found out who their Color team Captains and Lieutenants are. Leading the Reds this year will be Captain **Oliver Jin** and Lieutenant **Eddie Sumner**. Grays will be led by Captain **August Ebmeyer** and Lieutenant **Sebastian Gonzalez Urista**.

These campers and their teams compete all summer long to determine who will win the 2023 banner in Junior Winona for the 116th season.

This morning (Wednesday), **Uncles Ben, Isaiah** and **Aidan** are taking our first mountain trip of the Second Session to Hawk Mountain. Campers **Cole Herlacher, Brody Reece, Henry Garrels, River Lillibridge, Nolan Desrosiers, William Hoefkens, Pablo Carriedo Creixell, Hugo Perez Lacalle, Owen Whitbread, Audoen McGinn, Max Sokolowski** and **Andres Rincones Krueger** are hoping for an extraordinary trip, and we cannot wait to share details in our next newsletter.

While this summer has already been spectacular, we still have so much to look forward to. With many canoe and mountain trips scheduled, Red-Gray and Squadron competitions, and lots of special events, the rest of the season is bound to be exciting and jam-packed. I look forward to keeping you posted on all that is happening here in Junior as Second Session of the 116th season is underway!

Until next week, Brix Brax!

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

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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.

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