



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

July 26, 2023



Good morning from the shores for Junior Winona!

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the Second Session of the 116th season. We've had a fantastic first 10 days, and the weather has been beautiful and warm, with a slight breeze. The Second Session is well underway with many activities and lots of trips. With so much of the summer behind us there are lots of exciting events that lie ahead. As I am writing this, counselors are putting clues together for our Squadron Treasure Hunt. We will have a lot of Squadron and Red-Gray competitions, including the Road Race, Great Relay, and so much more. Also, we have Senior Circus, our last campfire and several more trips to look forward to.



Wednesday morning, **Uncles Ben, Isaiah and Aidan** took out our first mountain trip of Second Session to Hawk Mountain. **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** experienced great weather and magnificent views. A perfect day for a hike.

On Thursday, **Uncles Josef, Ryan and Aunt Daniela** brought **Bear Lillibridge, Cole Herlacher, Pablo Carriedo Creixell, William Hoefkens, Nolan Desrosiers, Wyeth Parkes, William Van Gelder, Jude Cassidy, Oliver Jin, Henry Thompson and Lee Kennedy** to Nort's Cove. Nort's Cove sits on the south basin of Moose Pond. The boys paddle through the narrows to get to their destination. Once they arrived, they enjoyed delicious food and an excellent swimming hole.

Thursday morning also saw our first overnight mountain trip of Second Session depart to the Rocky Branch Shelter in New Hampshire. **Uncles Ben, Xander and Aunt Govey** took **Nolan Kelly-Williams, Jacob Brion, Nick Brion, Levi Sumner, Max Sokolowski, Henry Garrels, Jack Gagan, Audoen McGinn and Finn Colgan**. After the hike, the boys arrived at the shelter. They set-up camp and enjoyed their night in the wilderness of the mountains.

On Sunday **Uncles Josef, Rijs and Duncan** brought **Henry Thompson, Jack Gagan, William Van Gelder, Timmy Desrosiers, Lee Kennedy, Sebastian Gonzalez Urista, Pablo Carriedo Creixell and William Hoefkens** on a three-day canoe trip to Cupsuptic. The canoers enjoyed the great paddling weather, as well as terrific food and spectacular scenery.



Junior campers had an exciting Sunday evening. After dinner the Junior unit gathered for assembly and the BAT made an appearance. After the BAT escaped, the boys settled in to collect Lodge (candy) for the week before heading to the tennis court for their Evening Program (EP). In the middle of EP two BATs made an appearance, making for TWO BAT showings in one night!

On Monday, Winona hosted our sister camp Wyonegonic for a swim meet, called the "Big W." Junior, Inty and Senior campers (and some staff) competed in the event. **Aunt Julia and Uncle Chris** worked with several Junior campers to get them ready for the meet. **Pablo Carriedo Creixell, Grantley Totherow, Svend Cassidy, Wyeth Parkes, Bear Lillibridge, Timmy Desrosiers, Sam DeMento, James Amis, Gus Ebmeyer, Ethan Fiedler, William Hoefkens and Sebastian Gonzalez Urista** swam for Winona. The swimmers had a fantastic afternoon and won the event for the first time in several years!

Tuesday morning, **Uncles Ben and Will** took **Sam DeMento, Will Kirkham, Eddie Sumner, David Gengler, Cole Herlacher, Lucas Brion and Bryson Jones** to Mount Avalon in New Hampshire. The 3.5 mile hike to the peak gave them a stunning view of the White Mountains. The group had fantastic weather and yummy trail snacks.

(over for more news!)

Wednesday morning a group of Junior fishermen ventured out before the bell with **Aunt Govey** and **Uncle Zach** in hopes of catching some of the many fish that live in the local waters. **Will Kirkham, Clark Slocum, Ethan Fiedler, Levi Sumner, Brody Reece** and **Nolan Kelly-Williams** journeyed on the BAT Barge to the North Basin near Newt's Isle to find the biggest fish. They caught (and released) ten fish including largemouth bass, perch, sunfish and pickerel. The early morning trip meant they were back in time for activities.



Wednesday afternoon Junior Winona played host to another camp for a kickball game. **Uncle Jack** coached **James Amis, Grantley Tothorow, Jacob Brion, Brody Reece, Andres Rincones Krueger, Gabe Newbold, Nolan Desrosiers, Svend Cassidy, Jude Cassidy, Nick Brion, Wyeth Parkes** and **Russell Esposto**. The campers pulled off a stunning victory and their sportsmanship was noted, as always.

Another amazing week in Junior Winona has come to an end. The campers have been having a great time with many successes and chances to face challenges on trips and in activities. We are excited for the upcoming week especially with all of the fun events planned.

Until next week, Brix Brax!

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

The BAT 2022

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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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