



INTY NEWSLETTER

August 8, 2023



As the summer of 2023 comes to a close, I'm sending you one last greeting from Camp IX,

The final week of camp was as magnificent and exciting as you might imagine. Red-Gray week is Winona's grand finale, and here in Intermediate, the boys lit it up.

The Reds and Grays competed fiercely, displaying wonderful sportsmanship at every event. While the Grays, who had been in the lead all summer long, continued their path to victory, the Reds never gave up. The boys ran their hardest, paddled with finesse, shot, climbed, volleyed, chopped, cooperated and cheered each other on to the final moment.

Wednesday featured the Great Relay, an afternoon-long race all over camp. The boys carry batons to each activity site where they must complete a task, whether it be rigging a sailboat, paddling a kayak around Treasure Island or finishing the race in traditional fashion by building a fire and boiling water. The Reds got out to an early lead of about 10 minutes at sailing. It looked like it would be nearly impossible for the Grays to make up the time, however, they kept their heads down and their attitudes up. After amazing performances by the Grays at lacrosse and basketball, **Alejandro Maqueda Martin's** blazing speed from basketball to baseball brought the Grays within sight of the wily Reds. The Grays sprinted through rock climbing and frisbee golf, and both teams entered campcraft neck and neck. Gray Captain **Curtis Allen** and Gray Lieutenant **George Thompson** got their fire built and their water boiling in just 8 minutes and 30 seconds, and the Grays' **Hugh Sherlock** rang the gong to win the race. The Reds' water boiled soon afterwards, and **Richard Thune** ran to the bell with everything he had, finishing strong for the Reds. It was a comeback for the ages.



Wednesday evening was festive and fun as the Senior unit hosted SENIOR CIRCUS for the Intys and Juniors. After I graciously received a couple pies in the face at the Head Table following dinner, the boys enjoyed snow cones, Happy Harry, a haunted house, and NECCOs galore!



Thursday afternoon was time for Treasure Hunt. The Reds and the Grays each put together three teams to hunt for clues all over Winona. The A teams ran the farthest distance and had the least difficult clues to solve, B teams mid-range of both, and C teams the shortest distance and most challenging clues. Everyone cooperated and ran like the wind, cheering each other on over hill and dale. The A Red and A Gray teams finished with only one second between them after penalties; as close as it gets. But, as it's been for most of the summer, the Grays swept all three races.

Thursday night was Unit Night. We started with Candyline kickball, where ALL the boys took the field and tried to prevent the counselors from scoring 10 runs as they batted once through the staff to earn extra Lodge. Everyone had a great time, and The BAT made an exciting appearance, but the counselors got their 10 runs and The BAT got away. Luckily for the boys, they had caught the counselor totem, the Bell, the previous week and were still owed extra Lodge, so everyone had a delicious snack while we watched a moving and hilarious slide show of our summer put together by Uncle Owen. A drizzle of rain had started, so we hunkered down in the Wiggy for our final campfire of the season. Each tent received awards from their counselors, I was very proud to receive the Silent Night award from the boys, a final Top 10 made us all laugh and the boys took turns offering up heartfelt thanks to one another and our staff.

Friday we packed up and enjoyed a glorious banquet night in the Dining Hall. Then all of camp and many parents, friends, and families gathered together for the first Awards Night in the Cobb Memorial in over a decade. After a rousing rendition of 'The W in Winona', each unit director presented their unit's banner color and squadron winners for the summer and their best counselor award. Intermediate will be hanging a Gray Osprey banner, and our very own, very deserving Uncle Rigel was chosen by our staff to receive this year's Frank Kane counselor Award.

The BATs then climbed from their roost onto the mantelpiece, and, just like in the days of old, Senior counselors Garrett Kearns and Todd Baker and Inty's own Dan Krause unveiled themselves, regaling us with stories of their showings throughout the summer. Congratulations to these amazing men.



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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)).



After a late campfire and a quiet final night in camp, on Saturday morning, with their souls shining brightly and an occasional tear in their eyes, the boys loaded up and headed for home. I hope they will carry that light and the memories of friendships formed on the shores with them into school and sports and whatever endeavors they choose to undertake in the year to come. I'm sure you're already seeing how much they've grown over the summer. You'll see the way they handle adversity with grace, soar to higher heights and pick themselves up from lows now that they've been through this incredible shared experience.

It has been one of the great joys of my life spending this summer with your boys. Thank you for believing in the magic of Winona along with us. We hope to see you and your sons again next summer.



Until then, from 'neath the pines,
 Uncle Josiah Babcock
 (1986-1990, 1992-1999, 2002, 2004-2007, 2012, 2021-2023)
 The BAT 1996
 Intermediate Unit Director

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP BANNER

2023

BEST CAMPER James Kirby

SECOND BEST CAMPER Connor Kirkham & Graves Fairman

HONORABLE MENTION

BEST CAMPER Mark Weaver

ACTIVITY	CHAMPION	HONORABLE MENTION
Swimming	Noah Puchalski	Charles Wermuth & Gavin Reese
Canoeing	Dhiren Perle	Hugh Sherlock & Elliot Gutmann
Campcraft	George Thompson & Curtis Allen	
Riflery	James Richards	Tristan Crosbie & Beckett Hawkes
Archery	Luke Gagan	Lucas Lapin & Mattias Calderon Chubb
Tennis	William Kirby	Louis Dutreix
Baseball	Carter Hammond	Kondey Bol & Sam Nally
Art	Brody Watkins	Eliot Harris
Recreational Sailing	Lochlann O'Connell	Durfee Pierce
Regatta Sailing	Leo Milberg	Wyatt Craycroft
Farm & Garden	Daniel Colaizzi	Elliot Gutmann
Soccer	Mattias Calderon Chubb	Juan Bosco Bergaz Izquierdo
Kayaking	Luke Gagan	Kondey Bol
Tower Climbing	George Thompson	Durfee Pierce
Sloyd	Eliot Harris	Graham Piper & Charles Coronado-Cantor
Lacrosse	Richard Thune	Bart Byers
Basketball	Hugh Sherlock	Jacques Chauder
Squadron Winner	Ocean Osprey	
Color Team	Gray	
Frank Kane Award	Brian "Rigel" JohansonJancovic	

INTERMEDIATE TRIP BANNER

Blake Alexander-Pletzke	Jack Kelly
Tristan Crosbie	James Kirby
Elias Danforth	William Kirby
Nicolás Fernandez del Alamo	Mark Weaver
Alder Hall	Charles Wermuth
Graves Fairman	