



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER
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Greetings from the shores of Moose Pond! It is hard to believe that the last week of camp is upon us. We have had a fantastic summer throughout camp, but especially here in Junior. Camp XI has been full of laughing campers, learning new skills, going on trips, competing for the banner, and of course chasing the BAT! Even though there are only a few days left, we have quite a few major events left, including Senior Circus, The Great Relay, Unit Night and Awards Night.



Treasure Hunt took place last Wednesday. The four squadrons raced through camp, finding clues, with riddles and puzzles telling them where to head next. The squads worked together to figure out the clues, and they cheered each other on as they ran through camp. Once they returned to the Wiggy they found their “treasure”: lodge (candy) and soda. It was a fantastic morning, with only a few minutes separating the squads as they finished the race.

Friday’s canoe trip to Loon Isle was the last canoe trip of the summer. **Uncles Josef, Ryan and Isaiah** took campers **Finn Colgan, Owen Whitbread, Lucas Brion, Luke Bessingpas, Henry Thompson, Zeke Soderstrom, Cole Herlacher, Wyeth Parkes and Clark Esposto**. The campers enjoyed beautiful weather and great food. They even stopped at Eagle Rock on the way back to camp to jump off the ledge of the 10 foot rock. What a treat!

Friday also saw our last mountain trip of the season depart from camp. **Uncle Ben and Aunt Julia** along with campers **Henry Garrels, Levi Sumner, Eddie Sumner, Will Kirkham and James Amis** departed for Rattle River Campground to drop their packs before embarking on the seven-mile round trip to the top of Mount Mariah. The campers got to hike a section of the Appalachian Trail.

Saturday night indoor campfire was our last regular campfire. **Uncle Chris** made the wise decision to dodge the rain and have our campfire inside the Wiggy. It was a warm atmosphere as it rained and rained outside Saturday night.

Sunday morning, after breakfast, our Junior runners left for the Wyonegonic Farmhouse for the George Sudduth Memorial Winona-Wyonegonic Road Race. The CITs hosted the race, which starts at Wyonegonic, and travels 4.2 miles up Hio Ridge Road to Winona’s Farmhouse. Junior staff members **Uncles Ben and Jack,** and **Aunt Daniela,** along with campers **James Amis, Brody Reece, Nolan Kelly-Williams, Levi Sumner, Pablo Carriedo Creixell, Luke Bessingpas, Gus Ebmeyer, Lee Kennedy, William Hoefkens, David Gengler, Henry Thompson, William Van Gelder and Henry Garrels** took part in the race. The remainder of the staff and campers decided to walk up to the farmhouse to cheer on their campmates.

Monday morning began Red-Gray week. Our final week of camp is filled with an array of competitions between the Reds and Grays, as well as the Squadrons, including field sports, target competitions, and much more.

We started with Red-Gray baseball Monday morning. Twenty campers (ten from each team) competed in the game, and the Grays came away victorious. Red-Gray archery was held in the afternoon, the Reds shot just a bit more to center taking the victory. As we continue through the week, these competitions will add up, but we will have to wait until Friday night to see who wins the 2023 banner.



(over for more news)

Tuesday morning **Aunt Govey** and **Uncle Zach** took campers out fishing early in the morning on the north basin of Moose Pond. Campers **Gus Ebmeyer, Jack Gagan, Sebastian Gonzalez Urista, Audeon McGinn, Jacob Brion** and **Finn Colgan** ate pancakes before loading up the BAT Barge. They caught and released a few fish including largemouth bass and pickerel.



Wednesday will be another packed day with the Great Relay. Junior campers will compete in a relay race through each of Junior's activities. The event calls for the participation of every camper in our unit as they race to be the first team to ring the bell. Wednesday night, the boys will travel down to Senior for Senior Circus (a carnival hosted by the Senior unit). The days seem to be growing shorter and shorter as time flies by here in Junior. We are looking forward to seeing you on Friday night or Saturday morning as we wrap up the 116th season here in Junior Winona.

Until next week, Brix Brax!

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

The BAT 2022

Junior Unit Director

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