



INTY NEWSLETTER

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Wow! We can't believe how quickly the summer has gone by! The rain finally subsided and the sun came out in a show of force allowing us to have a spectacular Red/Gray week finale. Here's a recap of this week's events . . .

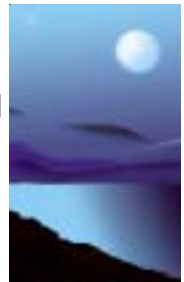


On Monday, the summer's second and final mineral trip, lead by **Uncles Stephen Cournoyer** and **Matt Towle**, went to Lord Hill in Maine. Inty gem seekers **Josh Karen, Andrew Casella, Will Soccorsi, Tamino Merk, Nick Guilianti, Max Merk, Milo Kremer, John Cagganello, Billy Kindle, Mitch Clements, Tom Braxton, Pierre St. Aubert, and Ned O'Leary** all slogged their way up a very wet trail due to the torrential rain Sunday night. Although using sifters to screen through the mine tailings is the best method, some chose their luck with hammer and chisel. Birds, snakes, and turtles all paid visits to campers as wildlife was abound everywhere. In the end, every camper stomped back to camp with prized possessions of milky quartz crystals to show off.



The last overnight mountain trip to Tumbledown Mt. was a big success. Campers **Tyler Frame, Charles Rodiger, John Franzese, Simeon Pol, Nicholas Guilianti, John Rigby, and Nour Gohar** were led by **Uncles Matt Towle** and **Oliver Fleetwood**. Some tough steep terrain hiking and rock climbing through pinched boulders offered them an exciting adventure. After pitching camp on a bluff overlooking the valley, they scrambled over the open ledges and down to a cirque for some frog wrangling and basic floundering.

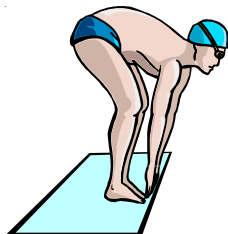
The sunset was amazing from the open summit and a bright full moon added to the scenery. They awoke in the rain but it soon abated and they hiked out with indomitable spirits knowing that an outstanding trip was had by all.



A rock climbing trip to Cathedral Ledges, near North Conway, NH, was cut short due to rain. **Guillermo Banon, Geoff Keating, Lander Vasconcelles, Ben Decker, David Fields, and Sam Fulweiler** were psyched to climb on some real rock, but **Uncles Ted Dillon** and **Andrew (AJ) Johnson** had to change plans as wetness fell from the skies. To finish the day off, they rerouted the climbers to Second Irons for some swimming fun.



Great weather for the last kayaking trip of the summer had **Chan Jany, Rifton Westby, Andrew Moreau, James Koenigsberg, Theo Christian, and Tom Van Kralingen**, along with **Uncles Seamus Campion** and **David Kelly**, riding waves on Popham Beach. Moderately high waves set the campers off in search of the perfect ride. Battling over the walls of water, they reached calmer waters and one by one rode the waves onto the beach. An awesome barbeque wrapped up this grand day at the beach.



On Friday, **Aunt Claire** and **Uncle Peter Chu** coached **Christian Chiafullo, Nour Gohar, Rifton Westby, Billy Kindle, Sam Fulweiler, Zane Breed, Mitch Clements, Josh Karen, Eric Rawn, Brad Goodman, and Tom Elzinga** at the Camp Micah swim meet. First place honors went to **Billy, Sam, Zane, and Mitch** in the Medley Relay. Many other second and third place finishes were taken as well, as this group of campers demonstrated their ability to glide through water.



Red/Gray week started with Camp Craft and a Red victory. This was followed up by several more Red wins in Rifle (234-208), Kayak, Canoeing, and Frisbee Golf. The Grays put an end to the winning streak on Tuesday however, by sweeping the days events including Swimming, Riding, and the Biathlon. The Reds quickly responded though and won a close Lacrosse game 4-3. They then traded wins for a short time. Grays won Sailing and Rock Climbing. Reds won basketball (40-25), Archery (806-798), and Soccer (5-1). Trailing and in desperate need of points, the Grays entered Treasure Hunt hopeful and energized. The Reds, determined to not get cocky, stayed

focused. They won Group A & B, allowing the Grays to only claim points with a Group C win. The Great Relay was a close one! As is usually the case, building a fire in Camp Craft was the deciding factor. Entering the event nearly dead even, the Reds and Grays split and made wood shavings that would make beavers envious. A fire built too high by the Grays gave the Reds the chance they needed. They boiled water first and got to ring the bell signaling a Red victory while the rest of the Inty Unit was in the dining hall for dinner.



The Reds then finished out the week with wins in Baseball, Scavenger Hunt, and Muscle Beach. Both Reds & Grays participated with a lot of heart, courage, and Inty spirit. They made it another memorable summer for the record books.



The Mohawks started the summer on fire! Starting at the first E.P., they quickly built a point lead that seemed insurmountable. After the first full week of camp, they had a 52 point lead over the Ojibways and Senecas with the Delawares hanging tough at 23 points. In the next 10 days, the other tribes started to become more competitive. At this point it was Mohawks 62, Senecas 31, Delawares 29, and Ojibways 26. Midseason saw some staunch campers for the Mohawks depart which spelled the beginning of the end for them. Starting the second half, the Mohawks had 73, Delawares 38, Senecas 30, and Ojibways 26. A week later, not much had changed because the Mohawks still had a commanding lead with 91 points. Then pound and penalties hit the Mohawks as well as a revitalized Delaware tribe. Week 5 ended with the Delawares storming ahead. Taking the lead: Delawares 97, Mohawks 94, Senecas 39, Ojibways 35. A seesaw battle ensued between the Delawares and Mohawks. Air Band would help to determine the tribal winner this year as the Delawares entered the contest with a 10 point lead. Unfortunately for the Mohawks, they fell awfully flat during Air Band and gained zero points while the Delawares accumulated 30 points. This was a lead the Mohawks would not be able to rebound from. Final tally: Delawares 139, Mohawks 94, Ojibways 73, Senecas 46.



Congratulations to the Reds and Delawares for winning the 2009 Inty Banner! Congratulations also to those campers who were named to the top of the banner and champions of activities. I would like to personally thank, one more time, all of the campers who made this another successful and fun summer on the shores of Moose Pond. Have a safe school year. Come camp with me for the 103!

Staunch and true,
Uncle Stephen Cournoyer
Intermediate Unit Director