

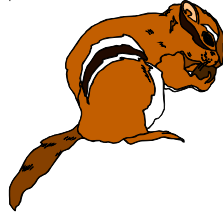


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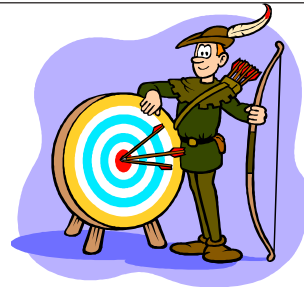


Greetings from the shores of Moose Pond!



I am pleased to report that the boys of Junior Winona are doing a wonderful job. We have settled into a routine, had fantastic weather and enjoyed many trips and special events. In Junior, the campers strive to earn their Full Chipmunk. To do this, they must earn a chipmunk in seven different activities, with campcraft, canoeing and swimming being three of the seven. To earn a basic chipmunk, the campers must pass specific requirements in the activity. **Nate Rich** was the first camper in camp to earn a Full Chipmunk. Campers **Alexander Baribeau, Trip Bennett, Jakob Brattke, Finn Brown, Chet Conlin, Jack Dresser, Sam Dresser, Jack Godfrey, Federico Gutierrez, Sam Johnson, Griffin Lehman, Tommy Litle, Nick MacConnell, David MacGillivray, Townsend Miller, Josh Moran, Esteban Nicolau Mancera, Luke Poeppel, Will Purtzer, Sam Skinner, Parker Stair** and **George Tkachev** also were able to earn their Full Chipmunks this week. Nice job boys!

On Wednesday **Uncle Jack** brought **Josh Moran, Andy Clements, Sam Dresser, Chet Conlin, Jacques von Steuben Gans** and **Esteban Nicolau Mancera** to O-AT-KA for our first archery match. The team fought valiantly and shot well with **Jacques** and **Josh** recording our high scores. The boys eventually lost, but had a great time.



On Thursday **Uncles Lime, Packard** and **Sam** took **Jose Arauz de Robles, Josh Moran, Sam Skinner, Luis Hinestrosa Benedetti, Luke Poeppel** and **PD Silk** to Stairs Mountain near Glen, New Hampshire. The boys had two gorgeous days in the mountains hiking and swimming. The group called their time in the Rocky Branch River, "The Taming of the Rocky Branch" because of the amount of swimming and dam building that took place. In all the group logged over ten miles on the trail. Phew!

Thursday also saw **Uncles Carter, Connor** and **Zach** departing with **Chet Conlin, Jacques von Steuben Gans, Eric Frey, Jack Dresser, Sam Dresser, Jakob Brattke, Hadelin Gevers, Sam Johnson** and **Parker Stair** to Kezar Pond. Gentle breezes aided the group as they paddled to the beautiful sandy campsite. The boys spent the day building sand castles, swimming and even constructed a new fire pit with the assistance of **Uncle Zach**. The paddle home on Friday was vigorous as the group was now paddling into the wind. The boys were tired, but happy at the end and even reported seeing a bald eagle three different times.



Friday saw our soccer team in action for the first time. **Uncles Mike** and **Jim** took **Jakob Brattke, Jack Morse, Tommy Litle, Miles Brown, Will Virden, Antonio Estevez, Alfonso Estevez, Santiago Gil, Alvaro Pascual Brier, Javier Gil, Jose Arauz de Robles, Juan Casanova** and **Esteban Nicolau Mancera** to Owatonna for the contest. The match was a back and forth affair, with Winona ultimately succumbing 6 to 3. **Jack Morse** was cited for excellent work in the goal while **Will Virden** and **Tommy Litle** were mentioned by **Uncle Mike** for displaying outstanding leadership in the field. We'll get them next time boys!

(over for more news!)

Friday night we had a visit from the man in black! The BAT surprised everyone at a lively game of "Steal the Bacon". The boys were focused on the game when the BAT swooped through the crowd and stole the "bacon" that was being used for the game. **Eric Frey** got close, but the BAT once again proved to be a little too slippery. The streak continues!

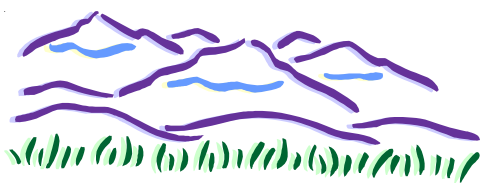


On Saturday **Uncles Mike** and **Nick** travelled to Camp Wigwam with **Miles Brown, Will Virden, Brandon Fields, Owen Aston, Griffin Lehman, Jal Kouk, David MacGillivray, Javier Gil, Dierhow Bol Bol** and **Charlie Ngoal** to participate in a *Nukem* match. *Nukem* is a variation of volleyball with throwing and catching being the necessary skills used. The boys displayed excellent sportsmanship and picked the game up quickly. The match ended in a draw with both teams playing well.

Also on Saturday, we had our first unit cookout and campfire. It was great to see many of you that stopped in to visit. At the campfire the boys sang songs, attempted to solve mini-mysteries, screamed chants and did a wonderful job sharing adventures from the previous week. Tents 1, 8 and 9 presented skits that were the highlight of the night. Well done boys!



On Sunday the Junior boys were in charge of presenting Sunday Service to the entire camp. Our theme was courage and I was helped during the introduction by campers **Will Purtzer, Sam Johnson, Josh Moran, Caleb McHugh-Szeto, Nikita Perevalov** and **Josh Moran**. **Uncles Sweetchuck** and **Matt** then took over with a series of skits that spotlighted courage throughout history. They received help from **Owen Aston** as Christopher Columbus, **Sam Skinner** as Paul Revere, **Jakob Brattke** as Ben Franklin and **Jal Kouk** as Neil Armstrong. **Will Virden** ended the skits as the BAT to show how the campers need to display courage to continue the chase. Camper **Nate Rich** capped our presentation with a poem he composed himself. All the campers exhibited courage by volunteering to get up in front of such a large audience



Uncles Lime and **Michael** were back in the mountains with the lively group of **Caleb McHugh-Szeto, Jack Dresser, Federico Gutierrez, Juan Casanova, Sam Dresser** and **Nick MacConnell**. The boys took the Bald Peak Trail to the top of Pleasant Mountain. The group enjoyed clear views, picked large amounts of blueberries and stopped for a cool down at Needles Eye on the way back down. A good time was had by all!

On Sunday we had another visit from a certain furry rodent. This time the boys were surprised at our traditional dinner line up. The BAT exploded from the baseball shack and ran directly at the assembled campers! All would have gone according to plan if not for **Eric Frey**. **Eric** was at it again with his BAT chasing radar. Somehow **Eric** attached himself around the neck of the BAT! His heroics delayed the BAT's escape, but I can assure all those fans of the BAT that once again he eluded capture. A very exciting showing!



(keep going! almost done!)



At the end of Sunday we always have a flurry of stick showings as this is the day the stick goes to the tribe with the fewest points. The Senecas, under the leadership of **Dierhow Bol Bol**, had three successful showings to take a commanding lead after our first full week. The Ojibways now have the stick and are planning on meeting to design showings that will catapult the to the top. Good luck to all the tribes!

On Monday our canoe trip program headed out on the waters again. **Uncles Carter, Connor and Quinn** took **Alex Baribeau, Owen Aston, Nikita Perevalov, James Cacioppo, Jal Kouk, Will Purtzer, Caleb McHugh-Szeto, Jack Morse and Nick MacConnell** down the lake to the beautiful Loon Island campsite. The boys enjoyed perfect weather, grilled cheese with bacon lunches, exploring the island and ghost stories at night. It's great to see so many of our campers taking advantage of what this picturesque region has to offer.



On Tuesday we had two day trips, one a hike, the other a kayak trip to the Saco River. **Uncles Lime, Jack and Sam** led **Javier Gil, Jose Gorostiza Sanchez, Santiago Gil, Jack Dresser, Griffin Lehman, Sam Dresser, Jose Arauz de Robles, Townsend Miller and Sam Johnson** to Pine Mountain. The group followed Pine Mountain Trail to Ledge Trail and summited mid-afternoon. The boys enjoyed wonderful New England views and some of **Lime's** mountain trip lunches at the top. Upon their return the boys were tired but proud of what they had accomplished.

Our other day trip was kayak and led by **Uncles Zach, Packard and Jimmy**. Campers **Jacques von Steuben Gans, David MacGillivray, Joziah Learned Stewart, Antonio Estevez, Alfonso Estevez, Eric Frey, Luke Poeppel** and enjoyed a day of paddling, swimming and eating. This trip has been a favorite for years and from the positive reports upon return, I would guess that trend will continue.



This morning our ADVANCE GUARD is preparing to depart for the Aquaboggan near Portland. We've passed out special t-shirts and made sure the sunblock is lathered on. Life is good in Junior. I continue to enjoy the energy of Junior. Thanks so much for sharing your boys with us this summer.

All the best,

Uncle Jim Morse
Junior Unit Director