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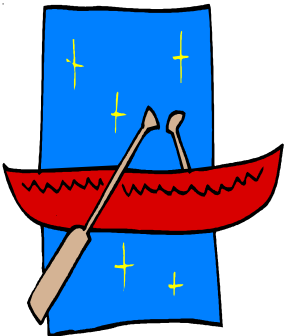


Greetings from the shores of Moose Pond! Opening day of Winona's 103rd summer was as perfect as we could ask for. Beautiful sun and blue skies greeted campers from points in the U.S. and abroad. In Senior Winona, all was relaxed, with activity at our dust-bowl basketball hoop, frisbees thrown in the grove, and easy conversation as counselors greeted their campers, old and new. Despite a chilly afternoon wind, most everyone completed their swim tests and canoe tip tests. Excitement about the World Cup added enthusiasm to our traditional first evening program of six-ball soccer, and everyone was game for our world famous Winona Introductions, where we learned all the basic information, as well as: what one person would you want to be stranded on a desert island with?



World Cup mania has invaded daily camp life, as both other units have joined Senior in enjoying and agonizing over matches between the Netherlands and Brazil, Argentina vs. Germany, and Paraguay vs. Spain. Despite this, and a quick rain shower before Senior's very first activity periods of the summer, the excitement level has been high, and this group of Senior campers feel as though they've been here longer than their four days would suggest. On Thursday night, everyone loved a new variation on a classic Winona activity by

Uncles Theo Levene and Cody Wasuta, called Perimeter Dodgeball. This was followed by a rousing second evening program of Pictionary, brought by **Uncles Andy Frame and Mike Harrist**.



Friday saw the departure of our first trips of the summer. Senior canoe trips began with a bang; a gorgeous day on the Saco River. **Peter D'Agostino, Jack Milgram, Noah Guay, Matt Koenigsberg, Juan Jose Basagoiti, David vom Lehn, Marc-Philipp Frey, Spenser Simon, and Luke Howson**, led by **Uncles Mike Harrist, Gus Potter, and D.Todd Littlefield** put in directly below the 7' drop that is Steep Falls and paddled a quarter of a mile of class II rapids. Four miles of lazy river paddling followed with a quick stop for some rope swinging, fun and



snacks. The days' paddle ended climactically with a half-mile of whitewater known as Limington Rips. Scouting was required on one technical section. With their newly acquired and honed canoeing skills, every camper navigated the days' challenges unscathed and only getting a little wet.



Mountain trips began as well. **Uncles Alex Fobes, Andy Frame, and JK Purtzer**, with his wife Denise, were joined by Senior boys **Ben Clapp, George Fowlkes, Miles Littlefield, Cam Perkins, Blake Randall, Alex Sosa Manon, Jas Spearman, Harry Trask, and Nick Walker**. The stalwart hikers departed after breakfast for the White Mountains of New Hampshire. With beautiful sunshine and blue skies, enthusiasm was shared by all as they landed at the base of Cherry Mountain. The group hiked about five miles, reaching the peak around midday, and then traversing over to Owls Head for lunch and excellent

views of Crawford Notch, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Canada! It was an awesome day trip that ended with a refreshing jump into the Ammonoosuc River from twenty-foot ledges!



On Friday afternoon, it was three singles and two doubles matches against the tennis players of O-AT-KA. On this hot and sunny July day, **Uncles Alfonso Alvarez and Logan Garrels** took **Bernardo Cuenca and Pablo Portuondo** (1st doubles); **Pelayo Lombardia and Javi Uriarte** (2nd doubles); **Louis de Meeus, Antoine O'Quin, and Carlos Ortega** (1st, 2nd, and 3rd singles) to the courts on the shores of Sebago Lake. The first two singles matches were tough, with a total result of 1-1 for each camp, to which we added Senior's victory on the

3rd match. Doubles matches proved to be tough as well, with O-AT-KA bringing the score to 2-2 at the end of the first doubles match. This left the tournament's final result to be decided in the last match, where Winona pulled a big victory, 3-2!



Saturday saw **Uncles Michael Harrist** and **Alexander Fobes** leading **Anthony Maggiola, David vom Lehn, Peter D'Agostino, Juan Jose Basagoiti, Hugues Chevalier, Antoine O'Quin, and Jeronimo Buendia** to Baldpate Mountain in Western Maine's gorgeous Grafton Notch. With the aid of **Uncle Phil Clough**, the boys hiked eight miles of the Appalachian Trail, achieving the summits of the West and East peaks of Baldpate along the way, enjoying the beautiful views, the breeze, and luxuriating in the rejuvenating waters of Frenchman's Hole on their way back to Winona.



On Saturday afternoon in the blazing sunshine, Senior's soccer (football) team opened up the season with a solid victory against O-AT-KA on our home turf. They were led by **Uncle Logan Garrels** and assisted by **Uncle Brian Schroy. Javi Uriarte, Pelayo Lombardia, Bernardo Cuenca, Nicolas de Quiqueran, Louis de Meeus, Andrew Lavigne, Pablo Portuondo, Guillermo Banon, Carlos Ortega, George Fowlkes, Miles Littlefield, Niko Brattke, Arman Zaheen, Alex Sosa Manon, Yousef Al Othman, Luke Howson, Henry Kremer, Nick Walker, Cam Perkins, and Jas**

Spearman came ready to play. The boys moved the ball well, and played very good soccer (football) with only one practice behind them. Hopefully the Senior team can carry this momentum into Tuesday's match against Owatonna.



Saturday night's dinner was the traditional hot dogs and hamburgers cookout, but in Senior, the first cookout is always a bit different. As the campers stood in line for their food, the Senior staff came forth from the counselor room, dressed in ridiculous costumes, in a parade to honor the cookout gods, and send them

our prayers for a great summer. To seal the deal, we threw up the first burger, which was caught by **Blake Randall**, who went to the head of the line.



Following cookout, Senior joined the Junior and Intermediate units for Winona Night, the official opening of the summer. As the sun slowly went down behind Pleasant Mountain, **Uncle Al** unspooled some of Winona's history, illuminating a number of our most important traditions. Each unit took its turn, looking back to last year, and forward to this summer, as the leaders of the color and tribal teams were announced. Leading the Grays in their defense of last year's win are **Lieutenants**

Pelayo Lombardia and **Miles Littlefield**, and **Captain George Fowlkes**. Hoping to bring victory back to the Reds are **Lieutenant David vom Lehn** and **Captain Jas Spearman**. In the tribal competition, looking to defend their win, are Seneca **Co-Chiefs Isaac Bol Rik** and **Hide Morita**. For the Ojibways, **Co-Chiefs Niko Brattke** and **Noah Guay**. For the Mohawks, **Co-Chiefs Cam Perkins** and **Blake Randall**. For the Delwares, last place finishers in 2009, **Co-Chiefs Ben Clapp** and **Javi Uriarte** will get the first chance to show our brand new Bearver totem! As Winona night ended, the shadows grew long, and a beautiful evening filled with song was capped with a four part rendition of Taps.

As this is being written, all of Senior is asleep, but looking forward to our first Sunday, which is lacking a sleep-in, but filled to the brim with camp pictures, activities, and the first Red/Gray competition in Field Day! This doesn't even begin to crack the surface of our first full week of camp, filled with sports competitions, overnight mountain and canoe trips, Advance Guard, and the first kayak and technical rock climbing trips of the summer!

'til next week, from 'the way life should be,'

Uncle Michael "Big Game" Frame
Senior Unit Director

