



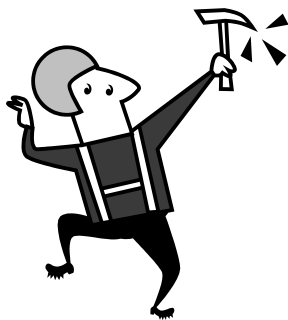
SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE SHORES OF MOOSE POND . . .



Even after 26 years on the shores, it never ceases to amaze me how fast camp picks up and gets going. As I sit on my porch organizing the week in preparation to write to you, I am overwhelmed at the number and variety of activities our campers, your children, take part in. The energy they show, the enthusiasm they bring, and the love for camp they express is nothing short of amazing. So sit back and relax as we recap week two on the shores of Moose Pond.



Jockey Cap – Rock 7/4

On Monday, July 4, **Uncles Ross Whelchel** and **Tristan Yerkes** accompanied by CIT **Tucker Wasuta** took out **Will McCarthy, Deaquan Bryant, Zech Martinez, Spenser Simon, Geoffrey Keating, Alvaro Nicolau Mancera, Alex Brown** and **Jack Krivitsky** on this summer's first rock trip to Jockey Cap Trail in Fryeburg, ME. After a short hike up, everyone enjoyed a breathtaking view of Mt. Washington and the surrounding White Mountains while **Ross** and **Tristan** dropped two routes for the climb. Everything was going well until a roll of thunder made us pack up all our equipment and head back to the van. As everyone loaded in, the bottom dropped out of the sky and we just barely made it to the Gazebo in Fryeburg town center for a relaxing lunch of sandwiches and Capri Sun. Although some climbers were unable to take their turns, everyone had a good time with friends and learned many new skills in rock climbing.

Mahoosuc Madness – Mountain 7/4

Also on Monday, **Hugues Chevalier, Antoine O'Quin, Jesse Liljedahl, Jordi "Mountain Man" Lopez, Robbie Zisselman,** and **Leyton Johnston** along with **Uncles A-Frame** and **Scotty Israel** bid farewell to **Uncle JK Purtzer** at the end of a dusty unmarked country lane deep in the wilds that lie North of Bethel, Maine for a two day adventure. The mad mountain men marched for miles in the massive mountains of the Mahoosuc Range. The manly mountaineers walked up along the picturesque Goose Eye Brook stopping for a refreshing drip in a deep ice-cold pool. Continuing their ascent, the boys trekked across open ledges to the summit of Goose Eye Mountain (3870 ft). There they took in views of the White Mountains so beautiful they cannot be put into words.



From there the crew crossed the sunny crags of Fulling Mill Mountain, enjoying fine sight and sum-
mitting the North Peak (3675') before descending to the Full Goose Campsite. That night the boys celebrated the Fourth of July with a big steak dinner followed by a generous amount of lodge and marshmallows. The next morning the group hiked further into Mahoosuc Notch where they proved their mettle by traversing, what has been called, the hardest mile of the Appalachian Trail, climbing over huge boulders and crawling through misty ice caves. Then the intrepid explorers climbed to the open shoulders of Mahoosuc Arm where they took in sweeping vistas of the miles of ridge they had just hiked. The group then descended to a dirt road where they had to walk a further four miles under a stunning gold red sunset to meet **Uncle Marty**, whose pick up mission had been interrupted by an unsuspected 70' wide canyon blocking travel along the road.



(Over for more news!!)



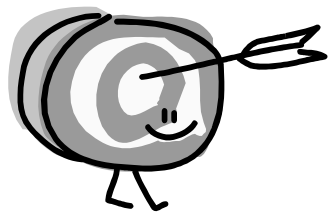
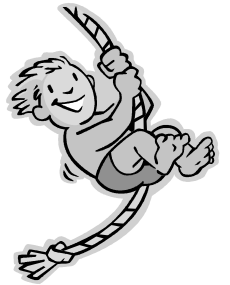
Umbagog 7/4 - Canoe

On the date of our nation's birth, ten of Senior's finest headed out to the wilds of the Rangely Lake region of Maine to paddle the Umbagog. Flexing their collective canoeing muscles, the group of **Walker Crouse, Fritz Gemmer, Connor Grant, Salvador Casellas, James Geraghty, Perry McCarthy, Tamino Merk, and Brian Hnat** paddled their way through beautiful weather and panoramic vistas. In a sort of warm-up for the Alla-

gash, this trip is mix of lake adventure and whitewater introduction. The trippers had a chance work on their paddling techniques on the lake, see some whitewater below the Dam @ Erroll on the waters of the Androscoggin River, and simply have some fun rock jumping into the cool waters of the Umbagog. The food? Well, not to worry on this count, as Senior canoe trips are never short on quality or quantity when it comes to meal time, and the crew feasted in ridiculous fashion.

Steep Falls #1 7/5

On Tuesday, July 5th Steep Falls was bombarded with a group of grade-A whitewater paddlers consisting of **Alvero Nicolau Mancera, Joaquin Nicolau Mancera, Ruay Bol Bol, Luch Bol Bol** and **Isaac Kouk**. This group, trained and led by **Uncles Ben Hurd** and **Cody Wasuta**, was met with what seemed, at first, to be the impossible task of punching out of the calm water into the raging torrent that is Steep Falls. They all mastered this skill within minutes and were tearing up the river in no time. After a day of minimal wet exits and a tremendous amount of fun, we packed up our boats and headed down the road to the rope swing that hangs just a few miles down stream. After our swim (a voluntary swim in this case – no wet exits here), the day journey came to an end and we headed back to camp for “pack in” and got some well deserved rest before dinner.



Archery v OATKA -7/5

Also on Tuesday, six of Senior's most finely tuned Bowsmen headed out for our first Archery match of the summer against O-AT-KA. **Brad Goodman, Max Pelier, Zech Martinez, Luis Olazabal Cuellar, Alex Brown** and **Jack Krivitsky**, lead by **Uncle Ross Whelchel** and CIT **Javier Uriarte Senen**,

walked onto the O-AT-KA range with bows held high and ready for an intense match. Even though we came away in second place, the archers had a ton of fun and shot quite consistently for their first match. In fact, the vibe was so solid that the group is already gearing up for the rematch in a couple of weeks.

Advanced Guard 7/6

On Wednesday the Senior Unit was all but empty as the first-half Advanced Guard took off after tent work to Funtown/Splashtown to enjoy a day of water park and rollercoaster fun. The remaining campers enjoyed a day of nearly one-on-one activity instruction and in the unit lunchtime feast of bacon cheeseburgers, lovingly prepared by **Uncles Bubba** and **JK Purtzer**. Following a leisurely rest hour, the platoon headed to Deer Beach for an afternoon of swimming, tubing, canoeing, stand-up paddle boarding and general mayhem.



Soccer v IA Tourney -7/7

Thursday saw the highly conditioned and skilled men of the Senior soccer team travel to Indian Acres to compete in its first tournament. The team was led by captains **Isaac Kouk** and **Max Keser** and supported by a solid defense of **PJ Benson, Michael Pulsifer, Hugues Chevalier, Gonzalo Pampillon** and **Henry Kremer**. Up front there was quite a cast of playmakers including: **Antoine O'Quin, Pablo Portuondo, Bernardo Cuenca, Alvaro Nicolau Mancera, Guillermo Banon,** and **Sebastian Olazabal**. The team played extremely well, winning games against Bridgton Sports Camp, Camp Robinhood, and had an especially nice victory over Camp Wazyath. Despite a loss in the finals to host Indian Acres, Coaches **Logan Garrels** and **Javi Ventas** could not stop talking about the skill, spirit, and sportsmanship the group showed throughout the tournament.

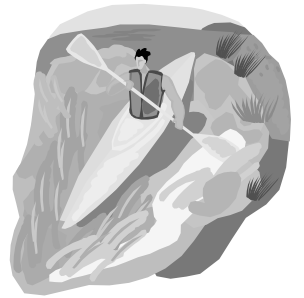


North Hancock - Mountain

Also on Thursday, July 7, **Uncles J.K. Purtzer** and **Andy Frame** assembled a crack team of mountaineers on a day trip up North Hancock (4420') (named after the Founding father with the big signature!) off the Kangamagus Highway in New Hampshire. The stalwart hikers this trip were **Matt Clayton, C.J. Harrington, Spenser Simon, Tovic Ben, Nick Cagganello, Ruay Bol Bol,** and **Branden Laverdiere**. We enjoyed a nice day after a storm, with cool climbing weather and clear skies. We headed up the Hancock Notch Trail then North Hancock Loop Trail via the Cedar Brook Trail, which afforded us numerous stream crossings along the ridge to the peak before the trail heads up steeply for a .5 miles to the summit. We enjoyed a lookout towards Mt. Oselola and the Sandwich range to the South, while we ate our lunch. We headed back down to the car and stopped by the Lower Falls area on the Swift River for a quick dip and then back to the shores of Moose Pond with another 4000 footer in the books.

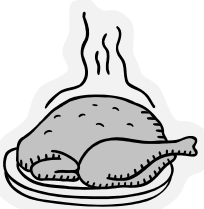
Steep Falls #2 Kayak – 7/7

As if there was not enough already going on this fine Thursday, a small crew of Kayakers left for another day trip to Steep Falls on July 7th. **Cody Wasuta** led the charge as the three bravest men in camp followed, they were: **Brad Goodman, Max Pelier,** and **Will McCarthy**. Deciding early on that no goal was unattainable, the paddlers overcame every obstacle and shattered all barriers. They attacked the rips, shredding through waves and holes dominating the river for a time before the all important food break. Lunch, as it should be, was fit for royalty, and after copious consumption, the river kings headed back to the water to wreak more havoc on the Falls and make sure that the day's domination was complete before packing up their gear and heading back to camp to tell the tale of their trip and the roaring waters of central Maine.



Square Ledge - Rock 7/8

On Friday, the rock climbing pack of **Leyton Johnston, Joaquin Nicolau Mancera, Thomas Braxton, Geoffrey Keating,** and **Deaquan Bryant** ventured out to Square Ledge lead by **Uncles AJ Johnson, Tristan Yerkes** and **CIT Tucker Wasuta**. After a breathtaking drive through the White Mountains the climbers then hiked a half mile to the cliffs. Once the climb was set up, consumption became the priority, and the group dined in a leisurely fashion on lunch of the finest smoked turkey, mouth watering Kobe roast beef, and delectable honey baked ham while enjoying the views of the surrounding mountains. No, really, it was cold cuts and the hikers ate them in about 10 minutes. Following the climb, the day-trippers reluctantly coiled their ropes and packed up their "beaners" and headed back to camp for yet another dinner at the Winona Dining Hall.



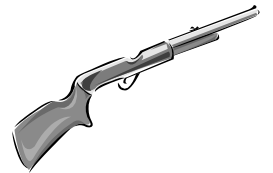


Tumbledown – Mountain 7/9

On Saturday five “bearver” hungry hikers took on Mount Tumbledown in the great state of Maine, with cousin **Harry Trask** and **Uncles Scott Israel** and **A-Frame**. With a staunch Senior crew consisting of **Alex Brown, Brian Hnat, Angus Wilson, Zech Martinez, and Jonathan Merritt**, we began our diesel hike just north of Webb Lake. With the sun at our backs we started our adventurous trek under the pines and approached the intimidating rock-slides of Mount Tumbledown. Scrambling up, over, and around massive boulders, we quickly came across an ominous chimney cave climb. After a gratifying ascent through the chimney to the top, the group refueled on some delicious cold cut sandwiches while gazing out across the gorgeous panoramic views of Northern Maine. There is no question that a great time was had by all on this favorite hike of Winona mountaineers!

Rifle v OATKA 7/9

The Senior Winona Rifle season began on Saturday with competition versus O-AT-KA. The sharp shooting group of **Guillermo Banon, Max Keser, Branden Laverdiere, Alvaro Nicolau Mancera, Sebastian Olazabal, and Gonzalo Pampillon** took careful aim under the guidance of **Uncles “Downtown” Nate Brown** and **Chad Skinner** and defeated Rifle-men of O-AT-KA in a close match 421-416.



Soccer v OATKA -7/9

On Thursday the staunch and true men of Senior Winona traveled to O-AT-KA for a soccer match that resulted in a fabulous victory! The team, led by and absolutely stacked offense that included **Pablo Portuondo, Alvaro Nicolau Mancera, Guillermo Banon, Sebastian Olazabal, and Max Keser** stunned the O-AT-KA defense tallying 3 goals by halftime. O-AT-KA did manage to net one goal, but the strong backfield that consisted of **Gonzalo Pampillon, Hugues Chevalier, Bernardo Cuenca, and Tamino Merk** stood strong against a tough O-AT-KA front line. **Luis Olazabal Cuellar, Joaquin Nicolau Mancera, Arturo Marzal Higueroa, and Max Pelier** added to the team effort on both sides of the ball and **Brad Goodman**, performed stellarly in his debut as the senior goalie allowing the Senior footballers to come home with a 3-1 victory.



Well, there you have it! A pretty typical week in the life of Senior Winona! A mere 9 trips, 5 athletic competitions in addition to an Advanced Guard trip, the departure of the Allagash Wilderness Adventure (more on that next week), not to mention Gray/Red competition, showings of the Totem (the MooClay or Claymoolay depending on who you talk to), a visit from the Bat, Banana Split Night, and still time in there for daily activities. Sound like we are busy? Let’s just say that everyone is sleeping well at night. So for now, this is once again **Uncle Clay**, from his desk overlooking the most beautiful lake in the world, wishing you well.

