



SENIOR NEWSLETTER

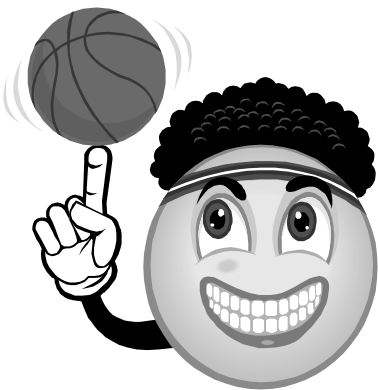
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GREETINGS FROM THE SHORES OF MOOSE POND . . .



Find a comfortable chair, sit back, and relax, because you are definitely going to need some time to read about everything Senior Winona has accomplished this week! The weather has been amazing, and the Senior campers have taken full advantage of every second of their time here on the shores and out of camp. For example, this past Thursday we had the 8-day Allagash Wilderness trip out, the 3- day Popham Beach Kayak trip out, the 3-day "Pemi" mountain trip out, Rock Climbers on a day trip, sailors at the O-AT-KA Regatta, and a soccer game at Camp Wigwam. We also ran activities here in camp, but I have to be honest, there were not a whole lot of kids here to do them. So ready or not here comes the week! I hope you enjoy it as much as the Senior Winona campers did!

Indian Acres Basketball Tournament



On Monday 10 Senior Winona hoopsters cruised down the road to take part in the annual Indian Acres summer basketball tournament. After losing last year in the final round, the boys showed up this summer ready to play and out to seek revenge. With a competitive crew consisting of **Nick Cagganello, Isaac Kouk, Luchmuch Bol Bol, Mike Pulsifer, Max Bochman, Eric Vom Lehn, Matt McShea, Jordi Montana-Lopez, Fritz Gemmer, and Tovic Ben**, we entered the tournament paired up with Indian Acres for our first game. It was well a well-fought contest, however, Indian Acres took lead in the second half and pushed on to win by 13. For game two we played camp Wekeela, who turned out to be no match for the strong Winona players. We took the lead right from the start and maintained throughout it to win the game by 14 points. After a morning of intense athletic competition, we found ourselves entering the semi-finals as the 4th seed by a margin of a mere 3 points and were scheduled to play Indian Acres once again. With a new game plan against this familiar foe, the boys cranked up the heat in the Indian Acres gym and battled it out for every possession. Thanks to strong offensive play from **Nick Cagganello, Isaac Kouk** and **Max Bochman** and brick wall defense from **Eric Vom Lehn, Tovic Ben** and **Fritz Gemmer**, the boys put it all out on the line and won the game by just one point! Silencing the rowdy Indian Acres crowd with this pulse racing victory, all that could be heard after the game was the roar of celebration and excitement from the Winona hoopsters echoing across the pines of Indian Acres and all the way back to the shores of Moose Pond! A victorious day was had by all along with a trophy to bring home and present to Uncle Al!

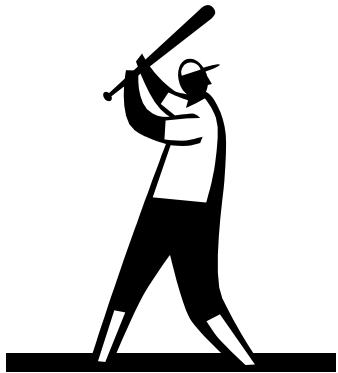
Takajo Climbing Tournament

On Monday, **Maxime Pelier, Alvaro Nicolau-Mancera, Deaquan Bryant, Perry McCarthy,** and **Geoffrey Keating**, coached by **Uncles Ross Welchel, Tristan Yerkes,** and **CIT Tucker Wasuta**, competed in a rock tournament at Camp Takájo. After each camper had done two rounds of climbing, the voracious climbers devoured a fine selection of meats and cheeses. Following this wonderful lunch, it was learned that there was a five-way tie for first place and Climber par excellence, **Maxime Pelier** was chosen to compete in a speed-climb in order to decide the tie for individual champion and team trophy. Climbing beautifully and coming in literally milliseconds after the first place climber, **Max** finished second place overall and assured the Winona climbers of second place team finish at the competition.



(Over for more news!!)

Micah Baseball Tournament



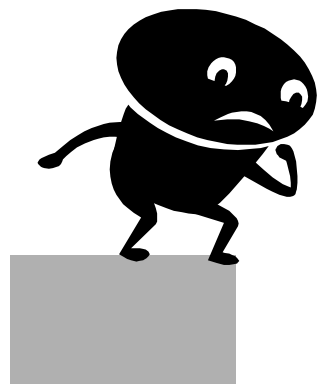
On Tuesday, ten proud Senior Winona campers traveled to South Bridgton to compete in the Micah baseball tournament. The team included **Nick Cagganello, Eric Vom Lehn, Max Bochman, Robbie Zisselman, Matt McShea, Sam Maggiola, Brad Goodman, Tim Harris, Deaquan Bryant, and Angus Wilson.** Our first game against the host Micah did not go Winona's way after we lost 10-0 in 4 innings to an excellent team via the "mercy" rule. Camp Wigwam, who played host Micah next suffered a similar fate and also lost handily. These losses sent Winona and Wigwam packing and although the day did not end on a victorious note, the Winona crew showed real heart and solid sportsmanship in their second place finish .

Popham Beach Kayak Trip

Also on Tuesday the Senior Kayakers: **Luchmuch Bol Bol, Isaac Kouk, Michael Pulisfer, Max Pelier, and Will McCarthy** traveled south to Popham State Park, led by **Uncles Ben Hurd and Cody Wasuta.** Upon arrival the group scoured the beach for some time in search of gnarly swells. Once found, they shredded the waves all morning, impressing the beach goers with their stunning freestyle maneuvers and laid back, "that's what we do" attitudes. After such success at the beach, the crew tried their luck at nearby Reversing Falls, a substantial tidal wave that always promises to give up big "air". Having completed these most extreme surf sessions, the Winona paddlers returned to camp with tall tales of their exploits.



Pemigewasset Wildwerness Mountain Trip



Also Tuesday, nine "staunch and true" Senior Winona men headed west for the wilds of New Hampshire's Pemigewasset Wilderness. This pack of "Pemi" power climbers along with **Uncles Scotty Israel, A Frame, and CIT Harry Trask** consisted of: **Leyton Johnston, Luis Olazabal Cuellar, Jordi "mountain man" Montana-Lopez, Antoine O'Quin, and Hugues Chevalier.** The hikers began their epic adventure by clambering up Little Haystack Mountain (4780') and Mt. Lincoln (5089'), where they were awestruck by the clouds, windswept across the ridge. The crew then descended into the "Pemi" by way of the Lincoln Slide, an enormous "crumbling cookie" (in the words of **Jordi "the mountain man" Montana Lopez**) of red rock and ledges that slip down into the trees above Lincoln Brook. After spending the night in a peaceful fern grove, the boys headed down to the Lincoln Brook trail, walking north to Thirteen Falls, where they enjoyed an afternoon of swimming, exploring, and cliff-jumping. That evening the gang settled into Red Rock Campsite, a Senior Mountain Trips favorite, and enjoyed a night of excellent food and stories around the campfire. The next morning the group hiked out past Franconia Chutes, where they enjoyed a refreshing stop at a beautiful waterfall before meeting **Uncle JK Purtzer** at the trailhead to return to camp.

Basketball vs Camp Wigwam

On Wednesday, the Senior Winona basketball team traveled to Wigwam on a blustery Wednesday afternoon that threatened to be doomed by rain. The team, ready with ponchos, consisted of **Alex Brown, Deaquan Bryant, Nick Cagganello, Eric Vom Lehn, Spenser Simon, Ruay Bol Bol, Robbie Zisselman, Max Bochman, Fritz Gemmer** and **Thomas Braxton.** Wigwam, with the support of a raucous crowd, was no match for Winona's "staunch defense and true" offense. The fierce fighters of Senior took an early lead and never, ever looked back, winning the contest handily. Congrats to team on a fine, fine, fine victory.



Agawam Cup Sailing Series #1 & #2 & the O-AT-KA Regatta

Over the last week the Winona Yachtsmen: Skipper **Angus Wilson**, and Sail Trimmer **Jack Krivitsky**, have tacked and gybed their way through three regatta sailing days. The rhumb line to the Agawam Cup began on Friday July 8th. With 30 seconds left on the start watches, the Senior team had to avoid a collision and gybed, forcing the tiller men into the back of the pack. However, the duo did not panic and deftly worked their way through the fleet to a second place finish. Back for race two **Angus & Jack** set up on a port tack start. The dicey move paid off with a 3rd place finish. On Thursday the sailors travelled to Sebago Lake, as Camp O-At-Ka hosted an afternoon regatta. Light and variable conditions proved a challenge for race committee and crews. In the seven races only one was a full port triangle. The boys from the East Shore of Moose Pond tallied a 5th, a 3rd, and a 2nd finish to end the regatta in fifth place for the day. It should be noted, however, that the separation between 1 through 5 was only 3.5 points. The sailor's sun-screen had barely dried before they clicked in the main sheets for day two of the Agawam Cup on Friday. Hard practice in fluky winds paid off with an amazing finish in race 4. **Angus & Jack** kept their fight up by taking advantage of a beneficial wind shift moving up from 6th to finish in 2nd place. Currently Winona is in 3rd place at the Agawam Cup Series. Stay tuned for more race action, as the week ahead will take us to Regattas at Wyonegonic and Camp Arcadia, in addition to more Agawam cup sailing!



Soccer vs Wigwam

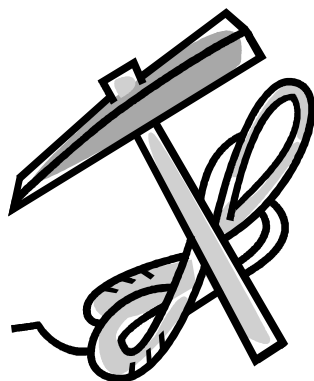
On the 14th of July Winona's Senior Soccer team travelled to camp Wigwam represented fully by thirteen brave men, lead by captains **Max Keser** (midfielder) and **Fred Gemmer** (goalie). The game ended 2-2 thanks to a great defense by **Tim Harris**, **Gonzalo Pampillon**, **Tamino Merk**, **Bernardo Cuenca** and **Ruay Bol Bol**, and also by a great offense and playmaking by **Max Bochman**, **Sebastian Olazabal**, **Guillermo Banon**, **Arturo Marzal Higueroa**, **Pablo Portuondo** and **Nick Walker**. It should be mentioned that Winona's two goals were scored by **Pablo Portuondo**, and **Max Keser**, with some serious help from their skilled teammates. Based on the stories that were told, the Winona footballers played intensely and showed sportsmanship against a team that was not quite as composed.



Jockey Cap Rock Trip

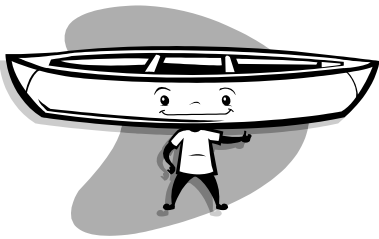
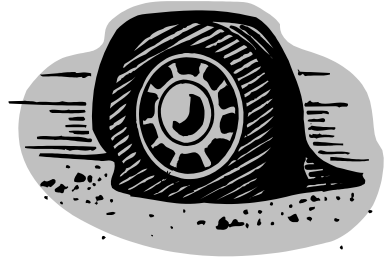
On Thursday, **Deaquan Bryant**, **Geoffrey Keating**, **PJ Benson**, **Zechariah Martinez**, and **Thomas Braxton**, led by **Uncles AJ Johnson** and **Tristan Yerkes**, went rock climbing at Jockey Cap. With great weather and even better views, the seasoned climbers enjoyed an excellent climbing and a delectable lunch of . . . you guessed it, cold cuts! At the conclusion of the trip, Thomas found a bird's nest on the wall, full of eggs. Steering clear of the angry mother bird, the boys finished climbing and left the rock wall bound back to the shores of

Senior Winona.



Allagash Wilderness Waterway Canoe Trip

The flagship trip of Camp Winona's canoe trip program left camp on Saturday, July 9 for a week on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and beyond. On board were a group of campers, many of whom have aspired to be selected for this trip since they began their summers at camp. This year, the most intrepid paddlers in camp included **Walker Crouse, Jesse Liljedahl, Nikita Uvarov, CJ Harrington, Connor Grant, John Rigby, Matt Clayton, James Koenigsberg,** and **Henry Kremer.** The paddling began near Johnson Lake, west of Mt Katahdin, after 9 hours in the van, which included a flat tire on the canoe trailer. Steaks grilled on the fire at an island campsite prepared them for the next day.



After walking the boats down a narrow stream flowing into Allagash Lake, the group explored the Ice Caves, many getting pretty wet, cold, and muddy in the process. Next up was a climb up Allagash Mountain, gaining 800 feet in a mile to reach a real, old school fire tower. From the top, awesome views were available in all directions. The evening meal was stir-fry prepared in an enormous skillet over the campfire.

The next day led them into Chamberlain Lake, one of the largest on the waterway. The paddle was long but the wind was kind. The next day was spent exploring the old logging tramway and railroad abandoned in the early 30s. Two huge steam locomotives remain deep in the woods. They camped at Mud Brook, which is a LOT nicer than it sounds. The skillet saw action again for a king size paella of rice, chicken, sausage and shrimp.



After a morning's paddle with a stiff breeze, the group moved off Chamberlain and through Telos. A portage around an 1800s timber crib dam led to the first white water, some of which had to be lined through. They moved through Webster Lake to the top of Webster Stream and their greatest challenge. Ten miles of whitewater had to be maneuvered. **Uncle Mike Harrist** led the way, and the trippers learned to negotiate a drop and then catch an eddy to study the next. At points during the day, several boats fetched up on rocks and got filled with water, but we bailed out and pressed on. The end of the day saw a number of legitimate class III rapids and drops, some of which they ran and some had to be walked or lined.



Uncle D. Todd Littlefield and **Walker Crouse** got a good dunking in one of the last runs but the day was not over because the boys had to portage all the boats and gear around the fearsome Grand Pitch, a falls and series of drops where the river narrows into a fierce rocky gorge with steep sides. After learning EXACTLY what all our gear and boats (and a growing bag of wet clothes) actually weigh in the lengthy carry, they were pretty exhausted and glad to see lake water for the last paddle of the trip.

Providing able assistance in the week's efforts and some guitar in the evenings was **Alex Poeppel.** In a final evening campfire, the new guys were awarded their river names. Everybody slept on the van ride back to camp, I promise.

Takajo Invitational Swim Meet

On Saturday the Senior Winona swimmers led by **Aunts Kelly Cagganello** and **Nina McDonald** spent the day at the Takajo Invitational Swim Meet where the aquatic crew competed against seven other camps. The "try not to choke on my wake" team of **Antoine O'Quin, Max Keser, Brad Goodman** and **Branden Laverdiere** had a strong 3rd place finish in the 200 Free-style Relay, swimming with enough speed to lap some of the competition. In addition, the multi-talented "I can swim any stroke" team of **Pablo Portuondo, Sebastian Olazabal, Ganzalo Pamillon** and **Spenser Simon** came together in the 200 Medley Relay to finish in a commanding 3rd place. The Senior swimmers also helped lead, entertain and cheer on the junior and intermediate Winona swimmers in true big brother style. It truly was a great day on the pool deck!



In addition to all that has been mentioned above we recently visited Wyonegonic to be entertained by our sister camp's wonderful presentation of the musical, "Grease". We spent last night in Portland at a Seadogs game, which even though they lost, did not stop the boys of Senior from having a good time, and we continue to be active in daily activities.

Well there you have it! With one week till the mid season break you would never know that some of our campers will be headed home soon as they continue to plow through activities, trips and games like there is no tomorrow. All-in-all, I would have to say that it was a more than solid week here on Moose Pond. I am just sorry you all could not be here in person to see your kids in action – they really are an impressive bunch.

Until next week, this is Uncle Clay, from his desk overlooking the most beautiful pond in the world, wishing you well.