

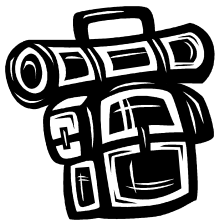


INTY NEWSLETTER

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HELLO AGAIN FROM CAMP 9!!

Here in Intermediate Winona campers have been very busy learning outdoor skills, earning chipmunk/beaver/eagle achievements, and chasing Oscar the polar bear. The weather has been great, spirits are high, and half season is around the corner already. Let's find out what happened this week.



An incredible Intermediate classic is the Bigelow-Flagstaff trip. This unique four day experience allows campers to experience both backpacking and canoeing. On Tuesday, a group of intrepid trippers including **Ghael Fobes, Isaac Fournier, Devan Lockwood, Jacob Voyzey, Christian Sabbagh, Victor Sabbagh, William Zhang, Paul Rodriguez, Ferdinand Merk, Alfredo Gutierrez Velez, Renzhong Huang, Pedro Martinez Velez, Fergus Mason, Pablo Soler, Henry Walker, Todd Crawford,** and **Jorge Mijares Mancera** were guided by **Uncles Jack Bement, TJ Ganser, Jack Elzinga, Bruce Allsopp,** and **Aunt Alicia Allsopp**. The mountain trip group had a very steep hike to their campsite near the summit but was rewarded with a spectacular sunset and rising full moon from the actual summit. The next morning's steep descent off of Bigelow Mt. to the shore of Flagstaff Lake was punctuated with some cave exploring during a snack break. The canoe group launched from the western



side of Flagstaff Lake and paddled to their campsite where they were rewarded with hearty chili and great campfire stories. On the second day with the wind at their backs, the canoeists rigged up some sails and met the mountaineers at Round Barn campsite to share adventurous stories. While taking some scenic photographs, **The Bats** decided to drop in and add some excitement to the group photo. Being completely caught by surprise once again, the campers had very little chance of catching the ever elusive Bats. The next morning, both campers and counselors swapped dry bags for backpacks and completed the second leg of their journey. Each group got to experience both the joys of paddling and the breathtaking summit views.

On Wednesday, **Uncles Dan Wesson** and **Sebastian Arteaga** traveled to O-AT-KA with tennis players **Carlos Cueto Vazquez, Milo Kremer, Matt Morse, Arnaud de Monval, Juan Ernesto Vazquez, Rafael Saavedra,** and **Rafael Cabezas**. Both hard and clay courts were played on during a sweltering day. Inty campers played with great sportsmanship even after an encounter with a ground wasp nest. The end result was a close 3-2 loss but as always the players returned determined to master their forehand and backhand strokes.



Inty rock climbers took a road trip on Wednesday to Jockey Cap in Fryeburg. Climbers **Jaime Sobrini de Villalobos, Esteban Nicolau Mancera, John Cagganello, Henry Jones, Mitch Lehman,** and **Mitch Clements** all completed 3 ascents up the giant glacial erratic boulder. After a scrumptious lunch of grilled cheese with bacon, **Uncles AJ Johnson** and **Ayden Strachan** took the group to Diana's Baths in North Conway for a quick mountain stream dip before returning to camp for dinner.

Henry Jones, Mitch Clements, and two Senior Winona campers attempted to defend our honor at O-AT-KA on Thursday by sailing away with a victory. Unfortunately, there was very little wind and lots of just plain floating in their sailboats. A fifth place finish merely caused **Uncles Bubba Dropkin** and **Benji Jones** to redouble their efforts in preparation for next week's sail series competition.



(Over for more news!!)

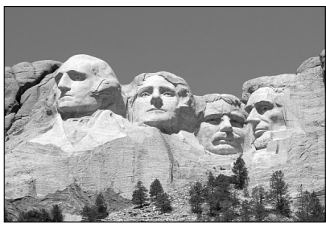


On Saturday, swimmers **Jaime Sobrini de Villalobos, Arnaud de Monval, Esteban Nicolau Mancera, Nick Giunta, Tommy Silk, Jean Devillard, Rafael Cabezas, Nicolas Garnica, William Zhang, and Pedro Martinez** tried their hardest to plow through the water at the Takajo Swim Meet. Even though they came to back with a 5th place finish, they all had a great time splashing in the water. **Aunt Claire's** coaching prowess will not go unnoticed when Winona hosts its own swim meet later in the summer.

Newts Isle on Moose Pond was the Saturday destination for hungry Inty campers **Pablo Soler, Mitch Clements, Brian Turrell, Emilio Domenech, Craig Schwerin, Rafael Sosa Medina, Mitch Lehmen, and Julian Orillac. Uncles John Lucas and Florian Grutzmacher** guided the fledgling paddlers from the Inty beach, under the causeway, and straight to the island for an epic food festival. Campers got to experience trip conditions without traveling too far from Winona. They returned the next morning in time to shower and attend Sunday Service before lunch.



A joint Inty-Senior kayak trip departed on Tuesday for three days destined for Popham Beach. **Uncles Drew Nicol, Jeff Lamson, CIT Tucker Wasuta,** and two Senior counselors guided **Theo de Meeus d'Argente, Emilio Domenech, Antonio Estevez Sanchez, Alvaro Pascual Brier, Owen Bass,** and five other Senior Winona campers to a superb wave riding experience. After a night on Hermit Island, the paddlers tested their skills at Sheepscot reversing falls. After revisiting the surf at Popham Beach on the third day, these staunch kayakers returned to camp filled with tales of glory.



Men of Distinction – This section is reserved for campers who demonstrate Winona "staunch and true" traits in areas of camp that often go unnoticed but are truly appreciated by their Inty counselors. This list is shared at campfire on Saturday nights to positively reinforce their efforts and great attitudes.

Tommy Silk for swimming across Moose Pond in 22 minutes.

Inty campers **Henry Spearman, Jean Devillard, Rafael Sosa Medina, Tommy Silk, Esteban Nicolau Mancera, John Cagganello, Nick Garnica, and Nick Giunta** for participating in the swim across Moose Pond on Thursday morning.

Griff Lehman for being friendly and inclusive when a fellow camper needed a friend at rest hour.

Mitch Lehman for laying down a great bunt in the baseball game.

Lino Ben for being a good sport and giving up his spot on the basketball team.

Congratulations to the best tennis players in Inty: **Arnaud de Monval, Jaime Sobrini de Villalobos, and Carlos Cueto Vazquez.**

Owen Bass and **Theo de Meeus d'Argente** for doing a great job surfing the waves while kayaking at Sheepscott.

With camp in full swing, Oscar showings are getting numerous, trip logs are piling up, outdoor skills are being mastered, and we are all looking forward to another action packed week. Tune in next week for the ensuing tales from Camp 9.

Until next week,
Stephen Cournoyer
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