



Bat Bulletin



April 2008
Monthly Newsletter for campers and staff
(and parents, too)

"SPRING HAS SPRUNG" - a little bit - here on the shores, but the ice hasn't gone out(except in a few small patches of water - see picture below).

So, winter hangs on for some great spring skiing and campers will get a chance to see snow in Tuckerman's Ravine all summer long...



Tyler Duncan is on the Mt. Cranmore Freestyle Team & attended the Nationals at Cooper Mountain, CO



Uncle Bob Ash sent this picture of "Olympia" from his Florida newspaper. Some campers will see the remnants of Olympia when driving through Bethel enroute to the Mahoosucs



GEAR IS READY...(Kayak & PFD, tennis balls, soccer ball, bucket of baseballs & climbing rope)
101 Tons of Fun is just around the corner!!

LOTS OF NEW STUFF (And a Few More Staff) FOR WINONA'S 101st SEASON!!

FOR THE SHARPSHOOTERS:



FOR RIFLES
FROM AN OLD
SHARPSHOOTER
AND HAPPY CAMPER

Many thanks to **Uncle Jim Dillon** - Winona's Gimpmaster- for his generous donation... 4 brand new competition 22 caliber rifles with full sights, adjustable triggers and stock.

FOR THE CANOE TRIPPERS:

New "Assault" Outfitter Tents



FOR THE KAYAKERS:

New "TRIGGER" Whitewater Kayak
(see also picture on first page)



FOR BIG ROCK CAMPSITE:

4 New Eureka Timberline Tents



FOR JUNIOR TENT LINE:

4 New Tent Flys and a New Tent #9

And much, much more including 3 new vans, plus **Uncle Andy's ASTROVAN!**

Plus Recent Staff Additions:

SENIOR

Jack Bement
Logan Garrels
Benjamin Hurd
Chris Pope
William Whekhel

KITCHEN

Sofia Borja
Samet Kaya
Shady Marzouk
Fernando Paredes
Michael Wadie

INTERMEDIATE

Oliver Fleetwood
Charles Morgan

POOH CORNER

Carmen Davis

JUNIOR

Jim Erskine

RIDING

Erika Jones
Birch Stoner

NEWS FROM HERE AND ABOUT...

Uncle Bob Ash (he sent the Olympia Snowwoman picture) wrote:

"Is this what you do in the off season? Thought you Winona People would be interested in this. I'll be back the 1st of May ready to Rock & Roll."

Anita Duncan emailed that great picture of **Tyler** on the front page, along with this note: "The Opening Ceremonies and Parade (at the Nationals at Copper Mountain) just happen to fall on his birthday...what a way to celebrate your 13th birthday!! We also have made plans to head out to Mount Hood, OR to Windell's Freestyle Camp for some glacier skiing/coaching in July so unfortunately **Tyler** will miss all his friends and all the fun at Winona this year but hopes to be back on the shores of Moose Pond next year."

Ben Farrell wrote:

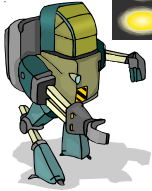
"Hey Uncle Al - Just a quick note to say hi! I am having a very busy year with attending classes, studying and still finding time to work! Then on top of that, I have been kayaking an awful lot, meaning I am going to be in good shape for the summer. School is going really well, have had some interesting classes like sports coaching theories and practices and some equally uninteresting like anatomy and physiology! All of the practical classes I have had so far have been brilliant and have pushed me physically and mentally. I spent a week climbing at the end of last year which physically drained me of all energy but I did gain lots of climbing skills and ability. I have a few big assessments coming up between now and arriving at camp. I am taking my 5 star training soon, which is the highest skill level you can gain through the British Canoe Union. Its purpose is to teach you the necessary skills for leading groups of grade 4+ water which is something I already do so fingers crossed I will be ok. And finally, I am taking the official level 1 kayak/canoe coaching qualification in a couple of weeks, although I hope to have my level 2 completed by the time I arrive at camp if they start running the courses! Coming up, I have power boating, hiking and an expedition to Slovenia in Eastern Europe which I am really excited about and will tell you all about when I arrive at camp a few weeks later! Hope you and **Aunt Michelle** are both well, I am excited to be back on the shores for 101 Tons of Fun! Brix Brax."

"Doc" Potter emailed:

"I recently got an internship with a sports website, oursportscentral.com, where I am a content editor, score updater and sports writer. It covers minor league sports, ranging from the NBDL to minor league baseball, the CFL and beyond. It is a really exciting opportunity to finally be a sports writer, my lifelong dream so to speak. I can't believe it - I got a press pass, so I can attend sports events for free when I am required to cover them for the website. I have many opportunities in front of me and I can't wait to take them up. My weeks in France and England were unbelievable - seeing the sights and finally getting a chance to see Europe for the first time. Still...nothing compares to a sunset overlooking Pleasant Mountain. I definitely plan on visiting once camp starts up (and I have the time). I most assuredly will make a 2008 appearance. Here is a link to my article...<http://www.oursportscentral.com/services/releases/?id=3609191>"

Spencer Jones[Wi1977] (**Casey, Benji, Sam & Henry's Dad**) spotted **John Todd** at a recent conference as John was wearing his Winona vest.

ANNOUNCING... MOVIE SELECTIONS
FOR
MOOSE POND CINERAMA
2008 SEASON



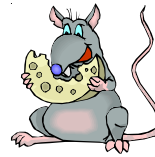
Transformers
Spiderman III
National Treasure 2 - Book of
Secrets



(as chosen by your votes)



Fantastic Four - Rise of the Silver Surfer
Ratatouille
AND...
Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade



One of the greatest lessons learned on the shores is how to get along with your tent mates. Here's a picture of two "happy campers" in their "tent" at the Farmhouse.



Sally and **Boris**, usually spotted by the campers when riding at the farm.

Next Month -

Ice Out Contest Lucky Winner!

Pictures of early work week crew and projects as the countdown continues to
Opening Day 2008 - "101 Tons of Fun"

Until then...

Uncle Al