



BAT Bulletin

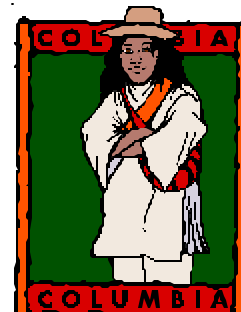
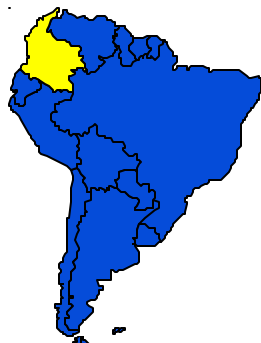
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. 1929 - 1968

January 2009

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



I LEAVE A DREAM



Sebastian Arteaga returned from Ireland to Medellin, Columbia in time to take this picture of Medellin's Christmas lights.

COASTAL
MAINE
AREA
GATHERING



December 14th
2008

Front Row(LtoR): Jillian Cournoyer(WYO), Cameron Skinner, **Amy Jenner** and **Blaise Jenner**
Back Row(LtoR): **Uncle Al**, **Steve Cournoyer**, **Matt Morse**, **Cooper & Orion Krause**, John Viehman, **Rick Morse**(Wi 1982-88,92), **Laura Ordway**

Western Maine Area Gathering

1st Row(LtoR): Mitch Lehman, Max Southam, Aiden Clarke, Griffin Lehman, Schuyler Leff

2nd Row(LtoR): Jonathan Scheidegger, Doug Gardner, Alec Manning, Caleb Clarke

3rd Row(LtoR): Marty Donovan, Jacob Kopell, Casey Dropkin, Jeff "Uncle Bubba" Dropkin

4th Row(LtoR): Zack Lehman (Wi 1982), Spencer Ordway, Carter Eltzroth, Uncle Al



Bethel, Maine – December 18th

ADVANCE GUARD 2009

We want YOU for 102!



102nd Season

Congratulations to these enrolled campers.

They're guaranteed a spot for next season and have received their 2009 ADVANCE GUARD pin.

Staunch and True in 102!

Brian Ash
Guillermo Banon
Juan Jose Basagoiti
Owen Bigler
Joseph Blake
Alex Blumberg
Isaac Bol Rik
Aiden Clarke
Caleb Clarke
Mason Clemence
Bernardo Cuenca
Carlos Cueto Vazquez
Seth Curtis
David Diang
Matt Diang
Tommy Elzinga
Michael Epstein
Doug Gardner
Noah Guay
Tim Harris
Colby Johnson

Leyton Johnston
Billy Kindle
James Koenigsberg
Matthew Koenigsberg
Cameron Laughlin
Griffin Lehman
Mitch Lehman
Gray MacDonald
Ned O'Leary
Simeon Pol
Gordy Reffner
Chip Roriston
Robert Roriston
Nicholas Sitinas
Max Southam
Aydan Strachan
Kenan Van Vranken
Rifton Westby
Jack Whiting
Pierce Whiting
Tristan Yerkes

NEWS FROM HERE AND ABOUT...



Peter Chu wrote: "I am on a very competitive crew team as you may remember, and have been honored in the once in a lifetime opportunity to go to one of the, if not the largest regatta in the world (aside from the Olympics), the Henley. For three weeks next summer I will be in England training for the Henley. I'm sorry that I can't come back next year and will definitely miss being there, but hopefully I will be able to come back another year."

Ben Farrell emailed: "Hi to all on the shores...Just a quick note to wish you all a Happy Christmas. All is going well over here on the island. Have been working and playing hard recently and am grateful for the holiday ahead! I am off snow boarding to the French Alps in January for the first time so wish me luck!"

Alex Fobes called with this update: He and **Ghael** went skiing at Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Then they spent the holidays in the Berkshires in Massachusetts. **Ghael** has friends on his baseball team in Boulder, CO who may join him at Winona in the near future.

Hurd Brothers et al (see next page)

Chris Knight sent along greetings and a poem: "Our warmest greetings to all on the shores. Just a note from the Knight family in England to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful, hopeful, peaceful and prosperous 2009."

*Live freely and with abandon
Love totally and without fear
Hope splendidly
and never relinquish your dreams*

Brandon Laverdiere skied at Sunday River Resort over the holidays. **Blaise** and **Olin Jenner** also enjoyed some good turns, too.

Mitch and **Griffin Lehman** sent some great pictures. (See next page.)

Phil Mann sent along this news:

"Hey, I am just checking in to keep in the Winona Loop. I just got the Fall edition of the Winona News and boy has time flown. I swear it was just the 100th celebration the other day and I should be teaching baseball tomorrow morning in Junior. I will be interning with the Texas Rangers and their baseball flagship radio station for their 2009 season. I'll be at their CBS headquarters in Dallas cutting all the scoring highlights for each team and then sending them to producers to use on-air for their post game show. I also get to go down into the clubhouse and interview players 10 times during the season. I hope to go when the Red Sox come into town, as well as the White Sox...sadly my favorite team the Cubs will not be making an appearance in Arlington, TX...hopefully I'll send a picture when that opportunity arises.

I was involved with the TCU Football program this year at TCU's radio station KTCU FM 88.7 "the choice". I am currently the Sports Director at the station and I broadcast a pre-game show live from each game and got to go interview players and coaches after the game which was cool. I'm not sure where we will end up in the top 10 of the NCAA football standings, but I wish I could gloat more if we beat Utah. Which we should of, but it was those dang Utes that got to play Alabama in the Sugar Bowl.

I'm glad to see the faces of **Dominic Vernazza**, **Charlie Rodiger**, **David Fields** and others. Any of those guys in Cabin 8 were Studs when I had them! Awesome times and I hope to be back on the shores in 2010 and have a crack at becoming the Bat."

Lakeville, Massachusetts Holiday Reunion



"A quick hello from Lakeville, Mass. Here is a picture of our Winona Get Together at the Hurd House. From left to right, 1st row is **Quinn Brody, Andy Baptista**. And, left to right, 2nd row is **Gus Polstein, Ben Hurd, Jeff Lamson, Cha-Boi Wood Dogg (Woody Hurd) and Pete Hurd**. We all gathered the weekend before Christmas and had a great time in the snow storm! Hope you have a Wonderful Holiday! Ben, Pete, Woody and the Crew!"

A Surprise Vacation



Griffin Lehman



Mitch Lehman



"Dear Uncle Al,
Mom and Dad took us on a surprise vacation to Disney and remembered to pack our Winona garb! We thought you would like the bats at Disney's Animal Kingdom. **Griffin** is posing with the Giant Fruit Bats. They are UGLY but look much easier to catch than the Bats at Winona. **Mitch** is posing with one of the many Toy Army Men from the movie Toy Story 1 and 2 at Disney's Hollywood Studios. He wanted to take a picture of himself upside down on the Rockin' Rollercoaster, but it was too fast and Mom was afraid to ride it."

Next month...Pictures from Lexington, MA, New York City, Princeton, NJ and Barrington, RI reunions.

Until then,

Uncle Al