



# SENIOR NEWSLETTER

July 11, 2010



Greetings from the Shores of Moose Pond!

Sunday, July 4th, 2010 dawned clear and sunny, a perfect day for Winona to skip its' very first Sunday sleep-in (a tradition) in order to capture the 103rd season for posterity...Picture Day! Senior Winona's photographer-in-residence, **Uncle Clay Miles**, braved smart-aleck comments from campers and counselors alike to complete this Herculean task, which culminated in the all camp picture, a sea of smiles from which everyone emerged ready for the day.



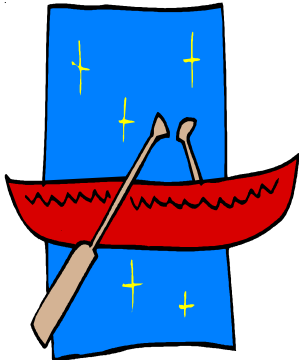
Following rest hour on Sunday, Senior campers were apprised of their status as members of the Red or Gray teams in order that the color competition could begin at Field Day 2010! The weather was hot & muggy, but thanks to an overcast sky, campers stayed cool as the teams competed in a Ga Ga Ga tournament, and Field Day staples: 40 yard dash, tug-of-war, and obstacle course/slip 'n' slide, where a contested finish was decided by a separate heat of 4 members of each team. In the end, the Reds were victorious, winning everything but the tug-of-war.

Following those events, each unit of camp cheered on its' counselors in the Counselor Race. The Senior team of **Uncles Cody Wasuta, Ben Hurd, Brian Schroy, and Logan Garrells**, put up a good fight, but ended up in 3rd place, not too much worse for the wear.

On Sunday night, the Senior campers voted for their first Camp Council of the summer. The Camp Council run the Tuesday night movies at the Moose Pond Cinerama, assist with cookouts and act as social liaisons to Wyonegonic when called upon. Congratulations to **George Fowlkes, Cam Perkins, Harry Polstein, Jas Spearman, and Javi Uriarte**.



The Senior kayaking division began its' summer on Monday with a day trip out to Steep Falls, lead by **Uncles Andrew Hey and Ben Hurd**. Low water levels did not stop kayakers **Angus Bass, Niko Brattke, Matt Koenigsberg, Greg Peckham, and Spenser Simon** from playing in the surf hole and practicing combat rolls and proper river rescue techniques. The day ended with a cookout on the beach facing the river.



On Monday morning after tent work, **Uncles Michael Harrist, D.Todd Littlefield, and Gus Potter** revived the Tidal Canoe Trip, after a one-year hiatus. Joined by Seniors **Arman Zaheen, Miles Littlefield, Zech Martinez, George Fowlkes, Jesse Liljedahl, Pete D'Agostino, Tovic Ben, Harry Trask, and Luke Howson**, the first overnight canoe trip of the summer put in to the coastal waters just north of Bath, ME. Challenging tidal paddles and hot, sunny weather greeted the group as they made their way from the put-in to their first night campsite on Ram Island. Once there, everyone had a part in the kitchen duties as they created a clam and spinach pasta dish, dutch oven style.

The following night found them bypassing the traditional Chewonki campsite of previous years for a beautiful AMC campsite in the area, where everyone enjoyed steak and chili, as well as **Uncle Mike's** famous peach cobbler for dessert. On the last day the boys spotted fish that almost jumped into their canoes, and made their way leisurely with the tide through the ominously named Upper Hell's Gate, and onto the larger waterway that runs past Bath, ME and the well know Bath Ironworks, taking out at a local park, and making it home just in time to enjoy the end of dinner.



Monday also saw Senior mountain trippers **Webb Campbell, Tim Harris, Ben Miller, Branden Laverdiere, Nick Cagganello, Eric Cosmopulos, Isaac Kouk, Luch Much Bol Bol, Alex Emmons, Salvador Casellas, Mattieu de Quatrebarbes, and Ben Kruteck** beating the heat with **Uncles Alex Fobes and Andy Frame** in wild, scenic Mahoosuc Notch. There, they threw snowballs and explored ice caves.

Regarded by some as the hardest mile of the Appalachian Trail, the notch is one of the few places in the east to hold permanent ice underground. In the afternoon the boys plunged into the refreshing waters of Deep Hole in



Western Maine's Grafton Notch.



**Uncle Logan** and the Senior soccer team of **Carlos Ortega, Bernardo Cuenca, Louis de Meeus, Andrew Lavigne, Pelayo Lombardia, Jas Spearman, Niko Brattke, Javi Uriarte, Pablo Portuondo, Guillermo Banon, Nicolas de Quiqueran, Miles Littlefield, Antoine O'Quin, Mattieu de Quatrebarbes,** and **Yousef Al Othman** hosted Owatonna on Tuesday morning. Owatonna played well, but a strong defensive effort kept Winona ahead in the second half. The team pulled out a 3-2 victory for its' second win of the season. **Louis de Meeus** and **Andrew Lavigne** were strong in goal, but it was an overall team effort, and everyone played well!



Senior kayaking went right back out on Tuesday for a second day trip. Traveling again to Steep Falls, **Uncle Andrew Hey** was joined by **Uncle Cody Wasuta** and Seniors **Theo Christian** and **Marc-Philippe Frey**. The group spent the day playing in various surf holes, as well as practicing and demonstrating rescue techniques for the Intermediate campers who'd accompanied them. A long day ended with a delicious meal of cold cut sandwiches and oreo cookies on the banks of the river.



Tuesday morning also saw the departure of five brave climbers on the first tech. rock trip of the 103rd summer. **Tucker Wasuta, Pierce Whiting, Alex Sosa Manon, Mattieu de Quatrebarbes,** and **Noah Guay,** under the instruction of **Uncles Andy Baptista** and **Ross Whelchel,** traveled to Cathedral Ledge and climbed at the Practice Slabs. A mix of 5.8+ and a great crack climb gave the group some variety. Following an interesting lunch the group headed to one of Fryeburg, ME's wonderful swimming holes. These Senior climbers set a great tone and attitude to kick off the summer.



On Tuesday **Uncles Alex Fobes** and **Theo Levene** took campers **Rob Roriston, Jackson Whiting, Luch Much Bol Bol, Webb Campbell, David vom Lehn, Anthony Maggiola, Andrew Moreau,** and **Jack Milgram** to Mt. Jefferson in the Presidential Range of the White Mountains. Following the Caps Ridge Trail the boys reached Jefferson's 5700' summit by noon. Although the temperature was 95 degrees at Winona, the group enjoyed a cool, breezy hike, and were quite comfortable having lunch at the summit. Following a long day scrambling steep rocks the party ended up at Breeder's Pool for a relaxing swim and a few passes down the rapids, and the entire group returned to camp in time for dinner and movie night at the Moose Pond Cinerama, featuring Avatar.

On Wednesday the weather's hot streak continued, making it a perfect day for our



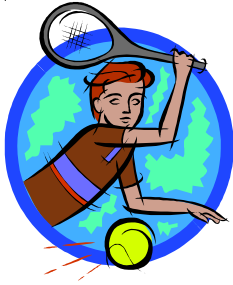
Advanced Guard trip to Funtown/Splashtown USA. **Uncles Ross Whelchel, Brian Schroy, Zoot Grantham, Marty Donovan, Cody Wasuta, Ben Hurd,** and **Theo Levene** took **Angus Bass, Luch Bol, Isaac Bol Rik, Niko Brattke, Nick Cagganello, Webb Campbell, Hugues Chevalier, Theo Christian, Ben Clapp, Eric Cosmopulos, David Fields, Marc-Philippe Frey, CJ Harrington, Sammy Jones, Isaac Kouk, Henry Kremer, Branden Laverdiere, Anthony Maggiola, Jon Merritt, Ben Miller, Andrew Moreau, Antoine O'Quin, Carlos Ortega, Cam Perkins, Blake Randall, Rob Roriston, Jas Spearman, David vom Lehn, Greg Peckham, Eric vom Lehn, Tucker Wasuta, Jackson Whiting,** and **Pierce Whiting,** for a day in the sun, taking advantage of the

short lines in Funtown, and braving the long lines in Splashtown. It's important to note that some opted out of the Advance Guard experience in order to take in the exciting World Cup semi-final match between Spain and Germany, and that those who did were rewarded with a 1-0 Spain victory.



On Thursday, July 8th, **Rob Roriston, David vom Lehn, Eric vom Lehn, Jack Milgram, Yousef Al Othman, Nick Cagganello, Eric Cosmopulos, Pierce Whiting, Jackson Whiting, Tim Harris,** and **Luch Bol,** coached by **Uncles Sam Wyllie-Cain** and **Josh Rosenblatt,** competed in a softball tournament at Wigwam. The teams competing were Netop, Winona, and the host Wigwam. Winona excelled with many great plays and stellar pitching by **Rob Roriston** in three complete games. Winona lost its' first game, but won the next to make it to the championship game against Wigwam. Senior was ahead 4 to 1 in the first inning with hits from everyone in the lineup. The highlight was a three run homer by **David vom Lehn.** Although Winona lost the lead in the

fifth, fun was had by all, excellent play was shown, and 2nd place was taken.



That same morning, **Uncle Alfonso Alvarez** took **Pelayo Lombardia, Javi Uriarte, Pablo Portuondo, Carlos Ortega, Louis de Meeus, and Antoine O'Quin** to play a doubles tournament in a round-robin competition against Indian Acres and Robin Hood. Indian Acres are known for being very strong in tennis, and that fact was confirmed, putting a 2-1 result against Winona. The games against Robin Hood were more even, winning by 2-1, and putting the final result at 3-3 (win/loss), which gave Winona the 2nd place position in the tournament!



On Thursday, **Jas Spearman, Sammy Jones, and Cam Perkins** with Intermediate sailors **Wyatt Smith, Dylan Smith, and Morgan Welles**, participated in this seasons opening regatta, hosted by camp Arcadia. The Winona yachtsmen were ready for the shifty breeze of 8-14 knots. Six races were completed in the morning session. The Senior team scored; 2, 3, 4, while the Inty sailors racked up; 1, 3, 2. At the lunch break the regatta was very close in scoring. Winona would sail two more races and needed strong finishes to make an appearance on the podium. The breeze picked up to Moose Pond strength and Winona finished with a 1, 2, finish. The last two races of the day were Winona's bye's. On shore we watched camps Agawam, Wohelo, and Wyonegonic battle for top 3. In the end Agawam scored 1st with 16.5 points, Winona 2nd with 17.5, and Wyonegonic in 3rd with 19.5. Winona sailing is coached by **Uncles Jeffrey "Bubba" Dropkin, James "Steak" Catlin, Ted Dillon, Ted Pejeau, Jack Lamson, Jimmy Erskine, and Benji Jones.**

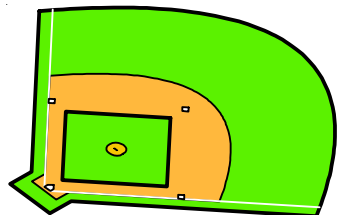


On Thursday **Uncle Alex Fobes** and **Aunts Casey Dropkin and Josie Hopkins** led stalwart campers **Salvador Cassellas, Theo Christian, Alex Emmons, Marc-Philippe Frey, CJ Harrington, Ben Kruteck, Branden Laverdiere, Andrew Lavigne, Ben Miller, and Spenser Simon** to Franconia Notch's Artist Bluff and Bald Mountain. The views were an amazing reward for a minimal effort hike. The crew even spotted a bear(ver)? On the trails of Cannon Mt. on the way home the gang cooled off by cliff jumping at Upper Falls. To finish off a perfect day, a deer graced our presence on the trail.



Thursday evening found a large group of Senior campers eating early dinner in preparation for a journey into Portland, ME for our first half Seadogs minor league baseball game. **Uncles Zoot Grantham, Brian Schroy, Mark Higgins, Andrew Frame, and Sam Wyllie-Cain** took **Webb Campbell, Eric Cosmopulos, Nick Walker, Nicolas de Quiqueran, Andrew Moreau, Marc-Philippe Frey, Isaac Kouk, Carlos Ortega, Jack Milgram, Yousef Al Othman, Mattieu de Quatrebarbes, George Fowlkes, Louis de Meeus, Antoine O'Quin, Ben Kruteck, Alex Emmons, Jeronimo Buendia, Alex Sosa Manon, Tim Harris, Greg Peckham, Fernando Sobrini, Jesse Liljedahl, Guillermo Banon, Pablo Portuondo, Javi Uriarte, Niko Brattke, Pelayo Lombardia, Nick Cagganello, Eric vom Lehn, Matt Koenigsberg, Ben Miller, Branden Laverdiere, Luch Bol, Bernardo Cuenca, Anthony Maggiola, David vom Lehn, Arman Zaheen, CJ Harrington, and Tovic Ben** out to the ball game.

Unfortunately the Seadogs were not up to the challenge of the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, losing 8-2, with all of the runs scored in the first four innings. Despite the slow pace and wheezing end, the Seniors all had a good time taking in the ambience of Hadlock Field, before crossing home plate and heading off to bed.



On Friday Senior Winona headed over to camp Micah for their 3rd annual 3v.3 basketball tourney. After losing in the semi-finals last summer, the Senior hoops players came ready. With two teams of four, Senior came out strong in our first two games, winning each by over 5 points. With excellent ball movement and shot selection by both teams, Winona's winning streak only continued to grow. . Thanks to **Isaac Bol Rik's** three pointers, **Rob Roriston** and **Eric Cosmopulos'** solid post

play, **Niko Brattke, Nick Cagganello, and Isaac Kouk's** ball handling, and **Luch Bol** and **Jackson Whiting's** strong defense, Winona made it to the championship round in no time. After knocking out Micah, Wigwam, Indian Acres, and Kingswood, Winona team 1 (**Niko, Isaac Bol Rik, Rob, and Luch**) took the win over Winona team 2 (**Isaac Kouk, Nick, Jackson, and Eric**) and brought back the trophy. It was a phenomenal day of basketball for Winona that demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and teamwork by all.



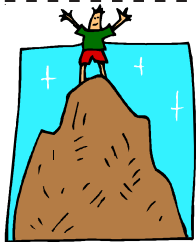
Friday afternoon the Winona sailing team of **Jas Spearman** and Inty campers **Wyatt** and **Dylan Smith**, and **Morgan Welles**, led by **Uncle Jeffrey "Bubba" Dropkin** participated in the first day of the Agawam Cup. Cooler weather and a strong 15-20 knot breeze greeted the team. Once again Winona was staunch and true with an amazing display of boat handling and tactics. While teams found trouble all over the course, Winona sailors held their lanes and sailed smoothly to a 1, 2, 1, 1 day.

Special recognition to **Jas Spearman** who displayed outstanding sportsmanship when he rendered assistance to a capsized sailboat.



Spectacular Mt. Osceola was the destination of Friday's extraordinary adventure. Stalwart climbers **Jeronimo Buendia, Webb Campbell, Anthony Maggiola, Blake Randall, Javi Uriarte, and Antoine O'Quin** ascended a dramatic rock-slide on the northwest flank of the mountain. **Uncles Alex Fobes** and **Andrew Hey** were particularly impressed by the boys' off-trail travel skills as they studied the mountain and chose safe and aesthetic lines up the steep slopes. A broad panorama and cool breeze greeted the boys as they reached the slide's upper leg. After descending Breadtray Ridge to Thornton Gap, they had a swim and were treated to a

barbecue dinner at the home of **Aunt Wendy Dropkin** in Waterville Valley.



On Friday, July 9th, **Uncles Andy Baptista** and **Ross Whelchel** took brave rock climbers **Tucker Wasuta, Pierce Whiting, Hide Morita, Juan Basagoiti, and CIT Aydan Strachan** to Jockey Cap in Fryeburg, ME. The group mastered four different routes on one of the world's largest boulders. After hours of clawing and scratching up rocks, they traveled over to the Saco River for a cool dip in the rapid currents.

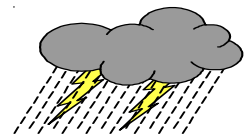
On Friday night, Senior gentlemen got their first chance to meet their female counterparts from camp Wyonegonic, our sister camp from the south end of Moose Pond. The girls joined the guys in a round robin of get-to-know-you activities including Verbal Diarrhea, Marshmallow Dodgeball, 3-Legged Obstacle Course, and the Human Knot. Following this was hors d'ouvres and drinks (chips and bug juice). Everyone had a good time mingling.



Early on Saturday morning, a few early risers bid farewell to the 2010 Allagash Wilderness Waterway crew. **Uncles Michael Harrist, D.Todd Littlefield, and Gus Potter**, were joined by excited but slightly tired trippers **Harry Trask, George Fowlkes, Matt Koenigsberg, Ben Clapp, Jesse Liljedahl, Henry Kremer, Pete D'Agostino, Spenser Simon, and Anthony Maggiola**. All

of Senior looks forward to their tales of the North Maine Woods upon their return in 8 short days!

On Saturday, Senior kayakers **Angus Bass, Theo Christian, Marc-Philippe Frey, Carlos Ortega, Andrew Moreau, Jackson Whiting, Hide Morita, and Alex Sosa Manon** geared up with **Uncles Andrew Hey** and **Ben Hurd** and attempted a day of paddling Steep Falls. The weather had other ideas. After arriving at the river the heavens opened and a massive storm hit. After careful deliberation it was decided that the river would always be there and the trip was abandoned until a later date.



The much needed rain mentioned above meant the unfortunate cancelation of an AM basketball game and PM archery match against O-AT-KA. Despite this, campers enjoyed a full day of camp activities, including some of Winona's famous rainy day activities!

As this is being written, Senior has just finished enjoying our Sunday morning french toast, down in the unit cookout area. Early this morning the five-day Adirondack Adventure departed; **Uncles Alex Fobes** and **Andrew Frame**, campers **Webb Campbell, David and Eric vom Lehn, Tovic Ben, Andrew Lavigne, and Matthieu de Quatrebarbes**, chauffeured by **Uncle Phil Clough**, were traveling as far away as any of our trips go. Best of luck to these stalwart trippers!

This afternoon Senior Winona is looking forward to a baseball game against O-AT-KA, as well as the championship match in the World Cup between Spain and The Netherlands. Beyond that, the second full week of camp begins tomorrow with a bevy of rock climbing and kayak trips, sports events, and our classic Winona activities.

Until next week from 'the way life should be,'

Uncle Michael "Big Game" Frame  
Senior Unit Director