



SENIOR NEWSLETTER

July 18, 2010



Greetings from the shores of Moose Pond! Senior Winona's second full week of camp in 2010 was marked by a string of hot, muggy days, a sprinkling of rain, great sporting events, and a couple of the trips that put Winona on the camping map. We began the week with a Sunday Service from Junior Winona that asked: what is courage; and how does it exhibit itself in both the real world and the camp world? As if to ask the question in microcosm, all of camp was pelted with a light rain as the outdoor service came to a close.



Early on Sunday morning, Adirondack adventurers **Webb Campbell, David vom Lehn, Eric vom Lehn, Tovic Ben, Andrew Lavigne, and Matthieu de Quatrebarbes**, led by **Uncles Alex Fobes and Andy Frame**, journeyed over the White and Green Mountains and ferried across Lake Champlain to Northern New York, where they sojourned five days in the heart of the High Peaks wilderness. On this trip the boys enjoyed scrambling on the solid rock of the range, which is not part of the Appalachians but a southern appendage of the Canadian shield that is over one billion years old. From St. Huberts the trekkers ventured into the woods, emerging the second day on the summit of Upper Wolf Jaw and traversing over

Armstrong Mtn. On Tuesday, they scaled Lower Wolf Jaw and moved camp to Johns Brook, where they were surprised by a deer. For their finale Wednesday, the boys ambled over the rocky crests of Basin, Saddleback and Gothics. At the trail's end they were merrily greeted by mountain guru **Uncle Phil Clough**, who entertained them with Winona legends and lore. Most memorable was the spectacular vista from Gothics, of the clouds crossing Nippletop Mtn. and Mt. Dix.



That afternoon the rain held off and Senior Winona traveled to O-AT-KA for a baseball game. The team included Alex **Sosa Manon, Rob Roriston, Nick Cagganello, Eric Cosmopulos, CJ Harrington, Pierce Whiting, Jackson Whiting, Jack Milgram, and Branden Laverdiere**, coached by **Uncles Sam Wyllie-Cain and Josh Rosenblatt**. Winona was victorious, starting the season with an 11-1 win. **Rob Roriston** threw five superb innings, and **Nick Cagganello** finished the game. Senior's offense began with lead-off batter **Alex**

Sosa Manon, who had three hits and 3 runs. The team looks forward to hosting O-AT-KA in the second half.



On Monday, Senior Winona took part in a technical rock climbing tournament at Camp Takajo. **Tucker Wasuta, Pierce Whiting, Hide Morita, Juan Basagoiti, Alex Sosa Manon, and Ben Kruteck** all climbed exceedingly well under the coaching of **Uncles Andy Baptista and Ross Whelchel**. Winona took home 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the 13 and under competition, and took 3rd and 1st in the 15 and under. As a tie-breaker for the 15 and under 1st place, **Tucker Wasuta** had a climb-off against a camper from Camp Cedar, and out-climbed him by four seconds, allowing Winona to take home the over-all winners. The

trophy was a model of Camp Takajo's four-sided climbing tower. The coaches then treated the Seniors to ice cream for a job well done.

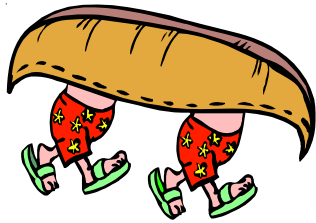


Uncle Logan Garrels and Senior's basketball team, with **Rob Roriston, Niko Brattke, Isaac Bol Rik, Isaac Kouk, Jackson Whiting, Luch Bol, Eric Cosmopulos, Nick Cagganello, Louis de Meeus, and CIT Mason Clemence**, traveled to Indian Acres on Monday for a tournament. The team cruised through the first two rounds behind solid defense and smart play. With a strong morning under their belts, they played host team Indian Acres in the semis. After a very tight game, the score was even at the end of regulation time. The tired Winona team fought hard, but could not pull out the victory. Despite this, the team is looking forward to a rematch in the second half.



On Tuesday, **Uncles Andy Baptista and Ross Whelchel** took hardcore climbers **Hide Morita, Tucker Wasuta, Pierce Whiting, Luch Bol, Greg Peckham, Noah Guay and CIT Aydan Strachan** to Square Ledge at Pinkham Notch. After a 20 minute hike up the Square Ledge trail, the

climbers set up base camp and had amazing views of Huntington and Tuckerman's Ravine on Mt. Washington. The boys put their skills to the test on a short and feisty crack climb, The Chimney, and a challenging overhang called The Brain. The whole crew then headed down to the Swift River and ate lunch. Fun was had by all!



The waters were calm on Tuesday morning as twelve brave souls slid their canoes into the bracing waters of Moose Pond. **Niko Brattke, Jackson Whiting, Angus Bass, Isaac Bol Rik, Isaac Kouk, Rob Roriston, CJ Harrington, Harry Polstein, and Nick Cagganello**, led by **Uncles Theo Levene and James "Steak Salad" Catlin**, with **CIT Jon Scheidegger**, tackled one of the greatest canoe trips known to Senior Winona. Traveling south to Loon Isle, one of the nicest campsites on the pond, the group encountered a bit of rain, but not enough to keep them down as they consumed hot and delicious stir fry, and massive breakfast burritos. Rounding out the trip was their acquisition of Aunt and Uncle Teeth!



On Wednesday, kayaking staff **Andrew Hey, Ben Hurd, and Cody Wasuta** took kayakers **Theo Christian, Marc-Philippe Frey, Antoine O'Quin, Louis de Meeus, and Andrew Moreau** to Popham Beach for an overnight ocean kayak experience. At Popham, the campers spent the afternoon surfing the ocean swells and relaxing on the beach. After an awesome cold cut lunch, the group moved down to the campsite on Hermit Island and set up camp. During the evening the campers tested their reconnaissance skills in a game of scavenger hunt. Thursday started out with a heavy fog, but once it cleared the boys did not hesitate to dive right into surfing. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip.



On Thursday morning, **Uncle Logan Garrels** and **CIT Sean Mann**, with soccer players **Nick Walker, Hugues Chevalier, Yousef Al Othman, Pablo Portuondo, Guillermo Banon, Alex Sosa Manon, Pelayo Lombardia, Javi Uriarte, Bernardo Cuenca, and Inty Jaime Ortega** traveled to Camp Wigwam for a 3v.3 indoor/outdoor tournament. Two teams of three played well, with Winona team 'A' making it to the semi-finals. Team 'A' played well against Wigwam, but lost a close game to the eventual victors. Team 'B' played a strong first game, but lost in a shootout at the end of regulation. Great work by everyone!



All day Thursday, the Moose Pond Yacht Club unleashed their top dog sailors; Seniors **Sammy Jones** and **Jas Spearman**, along with **CITs Cam Laughlin, Will Alden, and Andrew Vasconcelles**, and Inty's **Mitch Clements** and **Dylan Smith**, to attend the O-AT-KA Regatta on one of Maine's most popular lakes, Sebago. Sailing in 420s the team did very well. The breeze kicked in with a moderate chop, enabling the race committee to set the infamous Olympic Course. Winona racked up scores of 2,1,1,3,3,2. A little lakeside drama brought Winona to the protest committee after race 5. Judges ruled in favor of Camp Timanous, but in the end, fine sailing kept the Winona team on the podium. The regatta results included Wohelo 1st, Winona 2nd, and Timanous 3rd. Coaches, **Uncles Jeff "Bubba" Dropkin** and **Ted Pejeau** were extremely happy with their team's technical prowess.



Senior's baseball team rounded out the week with a tournament at Camp Micah on Friday. Coached by **Uncles Sam Wyllie-Cain** and **Logan Garrels**, the crew included **Rob Roriston, Alex Sosa Manon, Nick Cagganello, Jackson Whiting, Pierce Whiting, Eric Cosmopulos, David vom Lehn, Eric vom Lehn, Tim Harris, Zech Martinez, and Jack Milgram**. Winona had the lead in their first game against Micah going into the fifth, but lost it in the bottom, and was unable to regain it in the 6th. Playing in the 3rd place game, the Senior ballplayers secured a six run lead, with two home runs from **Rob Roriston** and **Nick Cagganello**, but in the end were unable to finish a win against Wildwood. The games featured excellent pitching from **Rob Roriston, David vom Lehn, and Nick Cagganello**, and good overall playing from everyone.

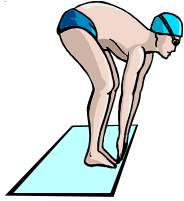


On Friday afternoon, the Moose Pond sailing team of **Jas Spearman, Sammy Jones**, along with Inty's **Wyatt Smith** and **Angus Wilson** returned to Camp Agawam for race day #2 in the Agawam Cup Series. A consistent southerly wind predominated without the overpowering gusts endured last week. The Winona team continued their domination in the JY15 fleet scoring 1,1,5,4 for a series leading 14 3/4 points after eight races. There are three weeks left in the

series, plenty of action to follow in the upcoming weeks. The current standings are Winona 1st with 14 3/4, Arcadia 2nd with 26 3/4, and Agawam in 3rd with 27 1/2.



On a brutally warm Friday night, Senior Winona traveled south to Wyonegonic to take in the first run of Wyo's yearly play. This year's offering: Mamma Mia, featuring the hit songs of Abba. The short length and group dance numbers offered one of the most entertaining plays for the Senior campers in years! Following the play the ladies and gentlemen mingled amidst the pines enjoying bug juice and snacks.



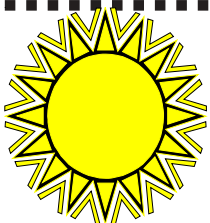
On Saturday, members of all three units traveled outside of camp for the Takajo Swim Meet. Joined by camps including Androscoggin, Laurel, Winaukee, and Cedar, Winona took 5th place overall. **Aunt Kelley Cagganello** took Senior campers **Pierce Whiting, Jackson Whiting, Greg Peckham, and Jas Spearman**, who collectively placed 3rd in their age group's relay. Special recognition to **Jackson and Pierce**, who both placed 1st in their individual races, freestyle and breast stroke, respectively.



Returning on Saturday afternoon, **Uncle Mike Harrist** had this to report: at the crack of dawn last Saturday, the Allagash canoe trip saddled up for a long van ride north. The famed Allagash Wilderness Waterway stretches for 100 miles from the west of Mt. Katahdin almost to the Canadian border. Led by **Uncles Mike Harrist, D.Todd Littlefield, and Gus Potter**, Seniors **Pete D'Agostino, Harry Trask, George Fowlkes, Spenser Simon, Anthony Maggiola, Ben Clapp, Henry Kremer, Matt Koenigsberg, and Jesse Liljedahl** became a well-oiled machine within two days, capable of setting up camp, preparing a meal and building a fire rapidly upon arriving at the campsite. The Allagash is wilder than any other place Winona trips to and wildlife sightings included more than a dozen moose, with two cow/calf combos, many bald eagles, otters, beavers, and fox. The team enjoyed paddling a number of challenging rapids, including Chase Rips and McGargle Rocks. A two-night layover at Deadwater provided an opportunity for Senior's Junior Maine Guide candidates to hone their skills in preparation for testing camp later in the summer. The boys demonstrated their abilities to perform cooking and campcraft tasks without leader supervision. The last day of paddling saw a quarter mile portage around Allagash Falls. Demonstrating their newfound self-reliance in the wilderness of nature and the wilderness of the self, the boys powered through the portage with heads held high, capping the trip in a powerful sense of accomplishment.



Before the french toast hit the grill Sunday morning, **Uncles Alex Fobes and Andy Frame** were at it again, filling a van with food and gear and heading out for Seniors famous Katahdin mountain trip. Joining them on the trek are **CITs Sam Wiley and Micah Heaney**, and Seniors **Hugues Chevalier, Antoine O'Quin, Pete D'Agostino, Anthony Maggiola, Arman Zaheen, Hide Morita, and Alex Sosa Manon**. Senior looks forward to hearing their stories upon their return later this week.



As this newsletter is being finished, Senior has just made it through the first late-night thunderstorm of the summer, suffering only a few wet beds, and a number of wet counselors. Thanks to the storm we are enjoying a beautiful, windy, blue sky Sunday, with Intermediate's Sunday Service later this morning, a riflery match at O-AT-KA, and a home lacrosse game against O-AT-KA this afternoon.

That leaves us at the doorstep of the last week of first half. A great deal has happened, and a great deal is left to happen, including the final movie night, a rock climbing tourney, a tennis tourney, and the final canoe, rock, and kayak trips of the summer. Add to that our everyday activities, totem showings, evening programs, and who-knows-what-special-events, and Senior will be at half-season before you know it.

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

Uncle Michael "Big Game" Frame
Senior Unit Director

