



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

July 21, 2010



Greetings from the shores of Moose Pond!

Junior continues to chug along as we steam toward the mid-season point. The weather has cooperated with beautiful Maine days. The boys are happy and well adjusted, having fun in a variety of activities and events. This will be my last newsletter as Junior Unit Director, as long time UD **Andy Kearns** is coming in for the second half. This agreement was created over the winter due to our busy schedules, but it does not make leaving any easier. I will truly miss the counselors and campers that are staying full season. Winona is a special place and each summer I cherish being here more and more.

The boys continue to work hard in the activities and many achieved their Full Chipmunk this week. **Owen Aston, Eric Frey, Santiago Gil, Jose Gorostiza Sanchez, Alvaro Pascual Brier, Nikita Perevalov, Will Virden, Jacques von Steuben Gans and Lawrence von Steuben Gans** earned their Full Chipmunk pins and were called up during a meal to shake **Uncle Al's** hand.



The next levels of proficiency in Junior are Beaver and Eagle. To receive your Full Beaver a camper must have earned Beavers in five different activities and to attain Full Eagle, you must have earned three Eagles. The Beaver and Eagle require a greater skill level and are tougher to achieve. Receiving their Full Beavers this week were **Esteban Nicolau Mancera, Alfonso Estevez Sanchez, Nate Rich and Sam Dresser**.

I am also please to report that I was able to award the first Full Eagle in camp to **Nate Rich**. It was extra special because **Nate's** grandparents were here to see him receive the Eagle pin from **Uncle Al**. Congrats to Nate and all the boys for their hard work throughout the activities.



On Thursday our canoe trippres were back out on the lakes of Maine. **Uncles Carter, Matt and Joe** took **Quavontaye Scott, Courvoiser Pippin, Nate Rich, Andy Clements, Hadelin Gevers, Jakob Brattke, Finn Brown and Jal Kouk** down Moose Pond to search for the "Lost City". The boys enjoyed clear skies, cool breezes and a great lunch. The "Lost City" remains just that but the adventure to find it will be long remembered.

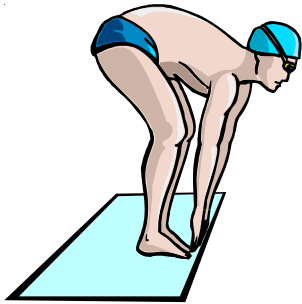
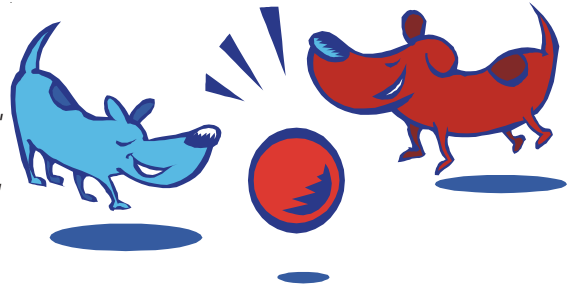


Thursday also found a group heading for Doublehead Mountain in New Hampshire. **Uncles Lime and Sweetchuck** hiked with **Nick MacConnell, Tommy Litle, Luis Hinestrosa Benedetti and Jose Arauz de Robles**. The group slept in a popular cabin at the top of North Doublehead, waking to an amazing sunrise with views down to the tops of low clouds. On the hike over to South Doublehead the boys once again were delighted by sweeping views. An extra surprise on South Doublehead was the excellent blueberry picking. Fantastic trip!

Friday saw **Uncle Lime** back at it, this time with **Uncle Josh** and campers **Nacho Gorostiza Sanchez, Federico Gutierrez, Brandon Fields, Luke Poeppel and Chet Conlin**. Lady Luck was once again with us as **Uncle Lime** reported that the second trip enjoyed all the same conditions as the first. The views and blueberries were once again enjoyed by all.

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Also on Friday we had our second Nukem match, this time facing off against Camp Birchrock. **Uncles Curtis and Carter** brought **Santiago Gil, Javier Gil, Alvaro Pascual Brier, Jack Morse, Alfonso Estevez Sanchez, Antonio Estevez Sanchez, Jack Dresser, Sam Dresser, David MacGillivray** and **Will Virden** to the match. The boys lost the first match, won the second and succumbed in the final, and final, match. **Curtis** reported that all the matches were close, well played affairs. **David MacGillivray** was cited for great defense and **Alvaro Pascual Brier** for outstanding offense.



On Saturday a combined group of swimmers from Senior, Intermediate and Junior travelled to the Takajo swim meet. **Uncle Connor Phelps** and campers **PD Silk, Andy Clements, Sam Johnson, Jack Morse** and **Josh Moran** represented Junior in events such as the 25 Fly, the Free Relay, the Medley Relay, the 25 Breaststroke, the 25 Freestyle and the 25 Backstroke. The boys performed well and helped Winona place 5th out of 7 camps. **PD Silk** took second overall in the 25 Fly. Great job to all the boys!

Saturday night we had our second campfire in Junior. Tent 3 (**Trip Bennett, Jack Dresser, Santiago Gil** and **Will Purtzer**), Tent 7 (**Luis Hinestrosa Benedetti, Griffin Lehman, Nikita Perevalov** and **Courvoiser Pippin**) and Tent 11 (**Antonio Estevez Sanchez, Hadelin Gevers, Jack Godfrey** and **PD Silk**) all performed skits that entertained the unit. We also enjoyed songs, mysteries, and a Junior "Top Ten" list. The boys once again impressed me with their thoughtful comments during the sharing stick time. **Uncle Carter** ended the campfire with a rendition of the Old Man Sturdley legend.

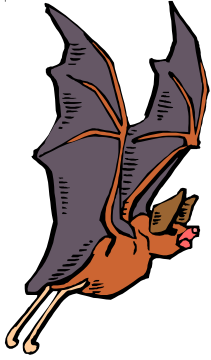


The tribal competition heated up this week with many daring showings, and sometimes, impressive captures. The Senecas remain in the lead with the Ojibways close behind, The Delawares and Mohawks hope to reverse their fortunes this week so as to head into the Mid-Season break with momentum. The tribal all-stars consisted of **Dierhow Bol Bol, Parker Stair, Joziah Learned Stewart, David MacGillivray, Nikita Perevalov, Sam Skinner** and **Alvaro Pacual Brier**.



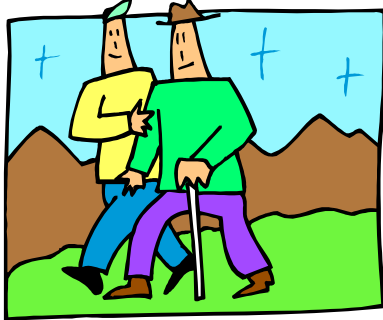
On Monday, **Uncles Carter, Connor Frame** and **John** took **Jal Kouk, Andy Clements, Griffin Lehman, Jose Gorostiza Sanchez, Nick MacConnell, Hadelin Gevers, Jakob Brattke** and **Will Virden** on our first three day canoe trip of the summer. The Umbagog trip had two days of beautiful weather, outstanding cooking and much merriment around the campfire. The boys also enjoyed great swimming once they were at the campsites. The boys returned today with big smiles and many stories.

(keep going! almost done!)



The shadowy figure, simply known as the BAT, returned to Junior on Monday. The BAT swooped onto the baseball field unleashing his trademark scream, ran down the Junior road and disappeared into an awaiting vehicle. **Sam Johnson** and **Dierhow Bol Bol** both were able to get close. **David MacGillivray** made a move that astounded counselors as he jumped over **Uncle Josh** in his pursuit of the BAT. With effort like that, the BAT needs to be extra careful this summer!

Tent 3 once again was awarded best tent on Monday due to their outstanding efforts with tent work. Under the guidance of **Uncles Josh** and **Benji**, **Trip Bennett**, **Jack Dresser**, **Santiago Gil** and **Will Purtzer** have not lost the weekly competition in the first half. The bar is certainly high as we head into second half.



Tuesday saw **Uncles Lime** and **Zach** having an early breakfast with **Josh Moran**, **Luke Poeppel**, **Sam Skinner**, **Luis Hiestrosa Benedetti**, **Federico Gutierrez** and **Jose Arauz de Robles** so as to get to Mt Jefferson for a beautiful day of hiking. Jefferson is in the heart of the White Mountains and is a favorite, of Winona campers and counselors. The boys had a spectacular time views and a refreshing swim on the return trip.

Tuesday also saw our rifle team in action for the first time. Camp O-AT-KA came to Winona to face off with **Nikita Perevalov**, **Quavontaye Scott**, **Tommy Litle**, **Jack Godfrey**, **Eric Frey** and **Jacques von Steuben Gans**. Under the watchful eye of Uncle Jeff the boys pulled off a thrilling three point victory. In a sport where hundreds of points are recorded, three points is a truly remarkable margin. **Eric Frey** had the high score for Winona, and **Uncle Jeff** reported that all the campers did an excellent job.



Today **Parker Stair**, **Santiago Gil**, **Federico Gutierrez**, **Owen Aston**, **Nikita Perevalov**, **Courvoiser Pippin**, **Alvaro Pascual Brier**, **Javier Gil** and **Townsend Miller** joined **Uncles Lime** and **Jim Dillon** on our world famous Teddy Bear Trek. The boys are allowed to bring a favorite stuffed animal up Sabattus Mountain. The plan is for a short snack, some exploration, and possibly a swim. I look forward to the stories upon their return to camp tonight. As the weather is beautiful I am sure the boys (and friends) had a great time.

I thank you all for sharing your boys with me and Junior this first half. I hope to see all the boys next summer, whether it be in Junior or Intermediate. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and continue to think of Winona as the seasons change.

All the best,

Uncle Jim Morse
Junior Unit Director

