



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

July 28, 2010



Greetings and salutations from the Junior shores of Moose Pond. I had the honor of stepping into **Uncle Jim's** shoes this Saturday on midseason, and I am so excited to be back at Winona for my 25th summer. **Uncle Jim** will be missed, but he has promised to stay in touch with the goings on here. There is a line in the Junior song stating "Junior Winona, best camp in Maine", and that is no exaggeration; so without any further ado, on with the past week.....

Mountain trippers were kept busy with two fantastic White Mountain classics. On Thursday, **Uncle Lime** and **Aunt Ellen** took **Jack Dresser, Jack Morse, Nate Rich, Luke Poepel, Sam Dresser,** and **Townsend Miller** up to the open ridges of Mt. Crawford, 3115'. They had a close-up view of nearby Stairs Mt. and Crawford Notch, along with a dramatic sky. Periods of drizzle mixed in with the sun, and lots of wind on the summit, didn't dampen their spirits, proven by ample singing top to bottom.

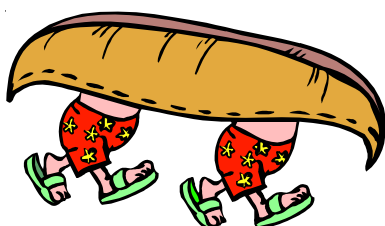


The first hike of the second half saw **Uncles Lime, Javi,** and **Michael,** along with campers **Patrick DeMatteo, John Campbell, Nick McConnell, Gus Carpenter, CJ Pippin, Jose Arauz de Robles, Jal Kouk, Josh Moran, Jack Murphy, Alvaro Pascual Brier,** and **Decker Wentz** venturing off to Mt. Potash, 2610'. They had very nice views of the Kancamagus highway and even distant Mt. Washington was visible. It was indeed windy on the summit, but the gradual climb up was a pretty trail which featured some climbing up of slabs of granite rock.

Some Junior lacrosse players had a chance to join the Inty's in a home match against the West End Camp. **Sam Dresser, Jack Dresser,** and **Griffin Lehman** headed onto the big north end field with **Coach Zach,** also acting as referee. It was a well contested game, with Winona losing 6-3, but all played extremely well, especially the three smallest Winona representatives from Junior. Kudos to all.



Activities were in full swing all week, with many boys accomplishing great things. Full Chipmunks were awarded to **Jose Arauz de Robles, Dierhow Bol Bol, Miles Brown,** and **Javier Gil.** Full Beavers were awarded to **Jose Arauz de Robles, Chet Conlin, Jack Dresser, Alfonso Estevez Sanchez-Bedo, Federico Guttierrez, Josh Moran,** and **Sam Skinner.** Full Eagle was awarded to **Josh Moran.** Congratulation to all Juniors for a fantastic week of activities.



Junior Canoe Trips started of second session with a Winona classic to Newt's Island, far into the northern reaches of Moose Pond. It was a very windy start, but with good juju, and a little help from mercury and his 90 horses, the reached their destination, set up camp, and relish in the wonders of Newts Island; wildlife, views, the canoe maze! Of course canoe trips are known for luxurious cooking and this one was no exception. A good time was most definitely had by all. With **Uncles Carter, Sweetchuck,** and **Curtis** were **Oliver Clay Storm, Garrett Kearns, Simon Kearns, Nate Roberts, Stephen DeMatteo, Austin Hanley, John Campbell, Peter Fulweiler,** and **Luke Hayward.**

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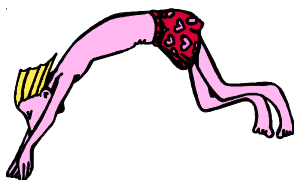
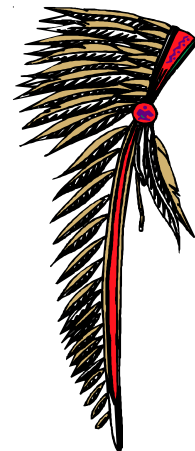
Just when you thought that Winona couldn't get any busier, any wilder, any crazier.....Friday morning did not start as any usual Friday in camp. The once every 3 years event of the sunrise showcase, also known as a Sturdley Bar showing descended upon Moose Pond. The counselors spend much time and effort to create an amazing, indescribable, event with costumes, characters, craft creations (the BAT barge was a BP drilling rig, and the Malconium boat was the USS Enterprise). The theme ran the gambit from Avatar to Star Trek to Toy Story to Winona classics like the Bagamores and Old Man Sturdley himself. I think it is best explained in more detail by the campers themselves when they return home.



The Bat made an extremely daring appearance on Thursday evening when the boys were preparing for a game of Capture the Flag in the Grove. As the boys were lined up on either side of the center line, the Bat emerged from one of the cabins and ran right up the middle of 53 7 to 11 year olds!!!! Many hands got brief grasp of the cape, but yet again the Bat escaped.....to show another day.

Midseason was upon us quickly and its was sad to see so many campers head home, but at the same time we got to welcome incoming campers, and help the full season boys gear up for another session. Friday evening we had a mouth watering all camp feast at the Cobb, followed by a super unit night in the wiggly. Unit night featured a slide show, awards, and the passing of the talking stick, with so many wonderful comments about camp, friendship, and one of the greatest places on earth: Winona. For those who left us we truly hope to see you on the shores in 2011.

On Sunday, we gathered the entire camp once again for the Winona Welcome event. It was the official start to the second half, recognizing the color teams, the tribes, and campers who have been to camp for 2,3,4,5.....10 years and more! Junior leaders are as follows: Red Capt. is **PD Silk** and Lt. **Chet Conlin**. Grey Capt. **Josh Moran** and Lt. **Sam Skinner**. Delaware Chief **Will Virden** and Sub-Chief **Decker Wentz**. Mohawk Chief **Garrett Kearns**, and Sub-Chiefs **Slater Nalen** and **Ricardo Rivera Hubsch**. Seneca Chief **Dierhow Bol Bol** and Sub-Chief **Walter Hubsch**. Ojibway Chief **Oliver Clay Storm**, and Sub-Chiefs **Austin Hanley** and **Joiah Learned Stewart**. Congratulations to all of Junior's Leaders. The event was a great way to kick of second half.



Monday found us at a dual swim meet at Camp Wigwam. Swimmers for this event include **Peter Shannon**, **Josh Moran**, **Peterson Silk**, **Andres Hubsch**, **Ricardo Rivera Hubsch** and **Oliver Clay Storm**. Thanks to these veteran swimmers, Junior won the meet! The boys swam in all races, including a "sweatshirt race". Fun was had by all.

Well, as you can tell it has been quite a week. Our new campers are in full swing along with everyone else, and second half looks as though it will be as stellar as the first. There is a lot in store for these boys, so until next time.....

Uncle Andy Kearns
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