



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

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Greetings and Salutations from the Junior shores of Moose Pond! Hang on to your hats because it has been a wild and crazy, fun filled week; reminding me every single day what an amazing place this is. The sun has been shining, the breezes have been blowing, games played, mountains climbed, rivers paddled, and BATS showing...

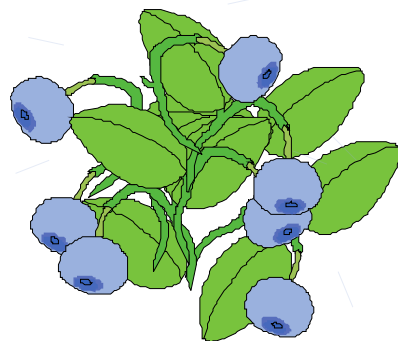


Speaking of BATS, they have been very busy, and daring I might add. Last Wednesday, as the boys were lined up for dessert, the stake truck innocently showed up with laundry bins, and I was "innocently" distracting the campers with the finer point of creating and eating an ice cream cone. Both BATS emerged from the bins, snuck down RIGHT behind them, gave a yell, and escaped into the woods. I think every Junior camper got close on that one. Later in the week at morning line-up, and taking advantage of sleepy campers, one of the BATS pulled off a very daring showing. He stealthily crept from the wiggy, and then sprinted right between the entire length of the two lines! They were awake after that. One BAT did make another appearance on a trip but you'll hear more about that later.



Juniors have been busy in the mountains this week, beginning with the ascent of Pleasant Mt. from the remote southwest side. Along the 2.7 mile climb on the pretty MacKay Pasture trail, the boys reported seeing no one, enjoyed wonderful views, searched for the remains of the old summit hotel, and descended the spectacular Ledges trail. With **Uncles Lime** and **Jeff**, and CITs **Sean** and **Micah**, were **Parker Stair**, **Alex Olmeta**, **Nick McConnell**, **Finn McLaughlin**, **CJ Pippin**, **Oliver Vasconcelles**, **Josh Moran**, **Jack Murphy**, **Daniel Gonzalez Tucker**, **Quavontaye Scott**, and **Jack Fitzpatrick**.

On Thursday, another day trip departed to climb Iron Mt. in Jackson, NH. The tale starts in a picturesque blueberry field surrounded by the high peaks of the White Mountains; scenery like no others reports **Uncle Lime**. With **Uncles Lime**, **Packard**, and CIT **Micah** were **Nick McConnell**, **Jal Kouk**, **Josh Moran**, **Jose Arauz de Robles**, **Jack Murphy**, **Alvaro Pascual Brier**, **Decker Wentz**, **Stephen DeMatteo**, **Quavontaye Scott**, and **Daniel Gonzalez Tucker**. Yet another highlight of the hike was the series of large slab rocks where the group had lunch with beautiful views all to themselves.



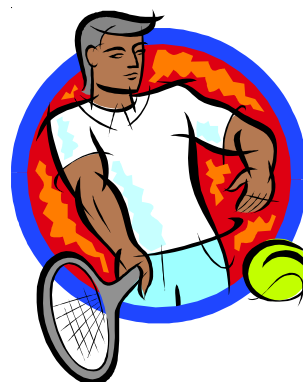
Saturday dawned beautiful yet again and **Uncles Nick** and **Carter** seized the opportunity to climb the peak of South Moat, just outside of North Conway, NH. With them were **Andres Hubsch**, **Walter Hubsch**, **Ricardo Rivera Hubsch**, **Diego Loynaz Kaehler**, **Alex Olmeta**, **Ben Brickle**, **Luis Uzcatequi Van Griek**, **Luke Hayward**, and **Alvaro Pascual Brier**. If the campers thought that attaining the peak was the climatic moment, they may not have realized what awaited them back at the base. While lining up for a group picture, the BAT snuck up from behind, got in the photo, with arms around campers shoulders (no they did not notice), then he screamed, this is an understatement when I say he startled the campers, then dashed away to his escape vehicle. There is video evidence of all this....maybe it will be the next YouTube sensation.

The first overnight of the second half saw **Uncles Lime** and **Packard** depart camp with **Josh Moran, Jack Murphy, Luis Hinestrosa Benedetti, Jose Arauz de Robles, Decker Wentz, Nick McConnell** and **Walter Hubsch**. This adventure was taking them deep into the White Mountains and the legendary Mahoosuc Range. The intended campsite happened to be closed for restoration, so the group got to make an encampment from scratch; this is a challenge rarely experienced by Junior campers, but it was very well received and accomplished by this group. They rose early the next morning to eat well and prepare for the steep and ledgy climb up Mt. Goose Eye, one of **Uncle Al's** favorites. After a successful summit push, they were treated to a Winona classic; a swim at Frenchman's Hole, complete with natural slides and 12 foot jumps!



On Sunday, **Uncle Jack's** archers had a home match against Camp O-At-Ka. Junior marksmen **Peter Shannon, Slater Nalen, Ferdinand Merk, John Campbell, Quavontaye Scott,** and **Daniel Gonzalez Tucker**, took to the range intent and ready. They were not even fazed when O-At-Ka showed up with sights on their bows. After shaky first rounds Winona's own "Robin Hoods" staged a rally, but it was not quite enough to overcome the other camp's scores. Kudos to all our archers for a match well shot.

At the same time, at the other end of camp, **Coach Curtis** led the Junior tennis team of **Diego Loynaz Kaehler, Andres Hubsch, Luis Uzcatequi Van Griek, Chet Conlin, Ricky Rivera Hubsch, Will Virden,** and **Oliver Clay-Storm** onto the hard courts. Their tennis skills had not had a chance to be honed yet in the second half, but they played with determination and great sportsmanship. There were 3 singles matches and 2 doubles matches and Junior Winona was victorious against Camp O-At-Ka 4 matches to 1! Way to go boys!



Our Kayakers had a chance to venture off Moose Pond on Monday, pointing their boats downstream on the mighty, mighty Saco River. **Uncles Zach, Javi,** and **Jack** took the stalwart crew of **PD Silk, Alvaro Pascual Brier, Andres Hubsch, Alex Olmeta, Ricardo Rivera Hubsch, Oliver Clay-Storm,** and **Stephen DeMatteo**. They put in at Canal Bridge, right into some rocky riffles, and then continued down river to the take out at Walker's Bridge. It was a beautiful, hot, sunny day, and being on the water was the place to be.

Canoe Trips continued their winning ways with a departure under beautiful skies. They left the Junior docks, this time headed south on Moose Pond to Loon Island; another Winona classic that had been closed for years for restoration purposes. It really is exciting to have it available to us again. With **Uncles Connor Frame, Josef,** and **Connor Phelps** were **Sam Skinner, CJ Pippin, Peter Shannon, Simon Kearns, John Campbell, Jack Fitzpatrick, Ferdinand Merk, Garrett Kearns,** and **Austin Hanley**. They had a leisurely paddle, set up camp and had plenty of time to explore the island and its cool surroundings. Dinner, of course, was a feast fit for kings, and followed by campfire and s'mores. After breakfast the boys broke camp, practicing their Leave No Trace skills, and returned to camp in time for lunch. A good time was definitely had by all.





On Sunday, Canoe trips also had the opportunity to venture off of Moose Pond. **Uncles Carter, Nick and Mike** took **Reiland Domingue, Oliver Vasconcelles, Dierhow Bol Bol, Charlie Ngoal, Lino Ben, Peter Fulweiler, Parker Stair, Nate Roberts, and Jal Kouk** to the Old Course of the Saco. They put in at the beautiful Hemlock Covered Bridge, and paddled up stream to Kezar Pond. They had the pond to themselves, and therefore the awesome beach campsite to themselves. The weather cooperated, they even roasted chickens on a spit (spaghetti was also cooked just in case)! The chickens were a success, and followed by campfire and lodge the boys went to bed stuffed and happy. The next morning, yes the sun still shining, they paddled back down stream, taking out at the bridge. Mmmmm, good times, good times.

Coach Curtis and the Junior Hoops team had a basketball game this week away against Camp O-At-Ka. The team consisted of **PD silk, Lino Ben, Dierhow Bol Bol, Ryan Kirkpatrick, Patrick DeMatteo, Jakob Brattke, Oliver Clay-Storm, Will Virden** and **Charlie Ngoal**. Led by the great playing of **PD Silk**, our boys played some tough, talented basketball, outscoring the other team in the second half. The overpowering comeback was not enough however, and Winona lost a squeaker 12-8. It was a hard fought match and kudos to our boys who showed tremendous sportsmanship.



Uncle Michael's soccer team had a tremendous week up on the pitch, with two home games and two victories. Game 1 was against Camp Wigwam and the team consisted of **Jose Arauz de Robles, Luis Hinestrosa Benedetti, Alvaro Pascual Brier, Diego Loynaz Kaehler, Ricardo Rivera Hubsch, Walter Hubsch, Luis Uzcatequi Van Griek, Andres Hubsch, Patrick DeMatteo, Ben Brickle, Max Godomsky, Will Virden, Jakob Brattke, Reiland Dominique, and Lino Ben**. All players played their hearts out, with the Man of the Match going to **Jose**, and goals scored by **Walter** and **Will**, for a 3-0 win.



Game 2 was another home match, this time against Camp Kohut. **Uncle Michael's** roster was **Ben Brickle, Brandon Cournoyer, Patrick DeMatteo, Ferdinand Merk, Oliver Vasconcelles, Will Virden, Jakob Brattke, Peter Fulweiler, Oliver Clay-Storm, Simon Kearns, CJ Pippin, Diego Loynaz Kaehler, Sam Skinner, and**

Luis Uzcatequi Van Griek. This team had very little time to practice for this game, yet they came together and played a fantastic match. They fell behind in the first five minutes, but rallied, along with a stellar performance by **Diego**, including 3 goals, along with another goal by **Oliver V**. It was a well deserved 4-1 victory.

Junior Winona even had the chance to host a kickball game this past Saturday against Camp O-At-Ka. **Coach Zach** put together a strong team consisting of **Jose Arauz de Robles, Jakob Brattke, Caleb McHugh Szeto, Luis Hinestrosa Benedetti, Oliver Clay Storm, Oliver Vasconcelles, Finn McLaughlin, Max Godomsky, Stephen DeMatteo, Patrick DeMatteo, Brandon Cournoyer, Reiland Dominique, and Will Virden**. They hit the field fired up and ready to go but fell flat in the first few innings, letting O-At-Ka take a commanding lead. But being the staunch and true boys of Winona, they began to stage an amazing comeback. In the end they lost the game 26-17, but I have never seen a happier bunch of boys, proud of their performance in the second half of the match. Now that is the Winona Spirit!



If all this action isn't enough, in camp activities have been going full throttle, and I am really proud of all the junior campers have accomplished. Full Chipmunks have been awarded to **John Campbell, Gus Carpenter, Stephen DeMatteo, Reiland Domingue, Peter Fulweiler, Daniel Gonzalez Tucker, Austin Hanley, Rijs Johansongordet, Garrett Kearns, Simon Kearns, Jal Kouk, Samuel McCarty, Finn McLaughlin, Ferdinand Merk, Nate Roberts, Quavontaye Scott, and Peter Shannon.** Full Beavers have been awarded to **Nick McConnell** and **Alvaro Pascual Brier.** Full Eagles have been awarded to **Jose Arauz de Robles** and **Chet Conlin.** Congratulations to all.



Whew! I'm out of breath just writing all this. It really has been a spectacular week here on the shores, and there is so much more to come; trips, games, the beginning of Red/Grey week!

Until next time.....

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