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GREETINGS FROM THE SHORES OF MOOSE POND !

Opening Day at Winona is always an exciting day for campers, counselors, and parents. The weather cooperated with us on the 29th and all the campers met their tent counselors, settled into new living arrangements, and began to meet new and old faces in games throughout the unit. It was a pleasure to meet all of you that were able to make the trip to Maine with your sons.

On Thursday the 30th of June the campers participated in an activity rotation. The boys traveled in their tent groups to all of our activities. The purpose of the rotation was for the campers to meet the counselors in their activity, see where the activity was located, and begin to understand what was going to happen in that specific venue. The rotations were brief, but really intensified the excitement the boys had about their choices. It is staggering to think that we offer twenty different activities here in Junior. The boys certainly will be busy this summer!



On Friday, the campers had their first glimpse of the world famous **BAT**. The **BAT** appeared during our morning assembly, ran down the stairs by the bell and escaped up the road by the baseball field. Campers were in hot pursuit from the moment the bat appeared, with **Dierhow Bol Bol** and **Jack Morse** getting a little too close for the counselor's liking. After the appearance there was a lot of talk about strategies for catching the bat the next time he dared appear. Good luck boys!



Friday found our first mountain trip heading out. **Uncles Lime, Zach** and **Matt S** were accompanied by campers **Michael Spanedda, Kevin McDonald, George Godfrey, Derek McDonald, Marc Pillsbury Raniolo, Sean Prevett, Ian Carey, Riley Mahoney, Ned Kolva, Sergey Ponomarev, and Lydon Campbell**. The intrepid group took the Bald Peak Trail up Pleasant Mountain. The going was steep at times, but the counselors reported that the boys did an excellent job. The group was rewarded for their efforts with outstanding views and M&Ms.



Saturday saw the mountain trippers once again heading out, this time with a different group of eager campers. **Uncles Lime, Zach** and **Matt P** left to conquer Peaked Mountain with **Ethan Cyr, Ian Carey, James Hancock, Rijs Johansongordet, Jack Dresser, Nick MacConnell, Sergey Ponomarev, Peter Kusheav, Sam Dresser** and **Nate Rich**. Peaked Mountain is a total of 4.2 miles with exposed rock slabs on the summit. As a bonus the boys also were able to summit Middle Mountain. **Uncle Lime** reported that the group had clear views and enjoyed imitating wildlife they saw along the hike. All the boys returned to camp with big smiles.



Winona Night was on Saturday night at the campfire ring of Senior. The assembled camp learned of the camp's history, sang camp songs and discovered the identities of the campers that would lead the various teams this summer. In the color competition, the defending champion Reds will attempt to repeat under the leadership of Captain **Will Virden** and Lieutenant **Charlie Ngoal**. The Grays, hoping to return the banner to a lighter shade, will be led by Captain **Dierhow Bol Bol** and Lieutenant **Lydon Campbell**.



(Over for more news!!)

The tribal competition involves four different teams. The 2010 Champions, the Delawares, will be lead by Chief **Nate Rich** and Sub-Chiefs **Niketa Perevalov** and **Peyton Yerkes**. Hoping to overtake the Delawares and claim victory this summer for their respective tribes are the following Chief and Sub-Chiefs:

Mohawks – Chiefs **Jack Morse, Sam Dresser**

Ojibways – Chief **Jakob Brattke**, Sub-Chief **Joziah Learned Stewart**

Senecas – Chief **Owen Aston**, Sub-Chief **Jal Kouk**



Good luck to both the color teams and all the tribes. Lets have a great summer of friendly competition.



Sunday found the unit participating in Field Day, a tradition that has the CITs creating challenges that campers and counselors attempt. The boys faced off on the ga-ga-ga court, raced through an obstacle course, competed in the 40-yard dash, and strained at the tug o'war rope.

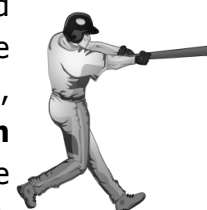
Alfonso Estevez Sanchez won both the 40-yard dash and ga-ga-ga. Quite an accomplishment!

On Monday, our first canoe trip left from the docks of Junior and traveled to Newt's Island. **Uncles Joe, Connor F,** and **Jonathan** hopped in the canoes with **Maui Quirch, Michael Spanedda, Derek McDonald, Miles Brown, Peyton Yerkes, Riley Mahoney, Aleco Sanchez,** and **Ian Carey**. The group enjoyed a night under the stars with s'mores, stories and a campfire. All the boys returned with tales of their adventure and were eager to sign up for the next trip.



Monday also saw **Uncles Lime, Zach** and **Jack** hiking up Mount Stanton with **Nathaniel Gotbaum, Zach Targoff, CJ Pippin, Nich MacConnell, Sean Prevett, Alex Baribeau, George Godfrey, Rijs Johansongordet, Will Purtzer,** and **Nicolas Cuenca**. The boys observed a thunderstorm from a safe distance, enjoyed a hearty lunch, and worked well as a group. **Uncle Lime** reports that the boys had interesting discussions about the universe and time while on the hike!

Finally our baseball team was also in action on Monday. Led by **Uncles Jeff K, Matt P,** and **Matt S** the team faced off with Camp Wigwam. The campers involved with the epic struggle were **Ty Slayton, Cody Chute, Noah Jones, Owen Aston, Deirhow Bol Bol, Marc Pillsbury Raniolo, Will Virden, Charlie Randall, Jack Morse, Brandon Counoyer, Charlie Ngoal,** and **Corliss Ordway**. Despite a losing score of 17 – 4, the campers represented Winona well. The coaches commended **Brandon Counoyer, Marc Pillsbury Ramiolo** and **Owen Aston** for their glove work and said they were proud of the teamwork exhibited by all the boys.



Sam Dresser was the first camper in all of camp to receive his full chipmunk. To receive this award he had to earn chipmunks in swimming, canoeing, campcraft, and four other activities. I look forward to awarding more pins in the coming weeks. Great job, Sam!!!

As I conclude this edition of the Junior Times I hear the laughter, excitement, and happy screams of the boys at free swim. Another mountain trip is out enjoying the New Hampshire wilderness and we look forward to our first -ever sailing trip tomorrow. Thank you for sharing your sons with us this summer. It is a pleasure and privilege to work here on the shores of Moose Pond.

Jim Morse

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