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Winter Camp News

“Traditionally Unconventional”

“On Guard
Since 1986”

Stunning Upset!!!

Eagles With Palms Fall Early In 4-Way Volleyball
Eagles Defeat 1st Class & Star Scouts In Overtime
Early Birthdays Also Win

For many years, Winter Camp’s 4-Way Volleyball games have been organized under two simple principles: the first by birth months and the second by Scout ranks. One pattern that has become evident is that while there’s no set of clearly dominant months, the Eagles with Palms team is unusually strong and typically quite large. So much so, in fact, that the Palms team frequently farms players out to the teams with fewer representatives.

Things played out somewhat differently at Winter Camp XLI. The early birthdays team won handily in the first game, but Game 2 saw the Palms team eliminated early and the Eagle Scout team go on to an 18-16-15-15 win over the 1st Class/Star team. The last two teams in play were placed diagonally across from one another, which made for some tricky serving.

Highlights of this year’s matches included “Australian Rules Serving”: a rules modification where a player may be held aloft by a parent in order to improve their serve.

Today’s Schedule

(All times WCST)

Act 1, Scene 2

- 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast available
Service: Adam Lardin, Carlos Acosta
- 10:00 AM Cross-Country Golf
- 12:00 N Rat on a Stick
Service: Carlos Acosta, Paul Jakob, Logan Guzik, Adam Lardin
- 1:30 PM Quest for the Grail
- 4:00 PM Uncle Ethan’s Craft Hour
- 6:00 PM Spamsgiving
Service: Chris Kirschke, Carlos Acosta, Adam Lardin, Connor Johnson, Nicholas Caruana
- 8:00 PM Capture The Objective
- 10:00 PM Market Game
- 11:00 PM Popcorn Panoply
Service: Adam Lardin, Matt Grumble
- 12:00 M CUT!

A first look at tomorrow:

Act 2, Scene 1

- 9:00 AM Lumberjack Breakfast
Service: Logan Guzik, Chris Kirschke, Matt Grumble, Alex Downie, Mateo McDonald
- 10:17 AM Service Projects
- 1:17 PM Après-Cardiac Meal
Service: Nicholas Caruana, Matt Grumble, Paul Jakob, Connor Johnson
- 2:17 PM Service Projects

—to be continued.

Alimentary Endings

“Eat it now, or eat it later!”

The **Unique Meal** was the initiating meal of Winter Camp XLI. The Unique Meal was a meal that challenged campers to find their individualism. In order to receive your food, you had to state something true about yourself that you believed was unique about you. Upon your table hearing said statement, it was upon them to utter if they too had done this task. If the proclamation was truly unique, the camper was free to receive his linguine, salad, and garlic bread.

Among some unique traits announced by the campers were these:

Jeff Rand: Saw Mt. Everest in the past year.

Brian Mann: Was the first Winter Camper not to sleep during the weekette.

Adam Lardin: Got adults to cry at a talent show.

Logan Guzik: Can do a front flip on flat ground.

If another member of the collective had this trait, then the camper was skipped and could not get food until all others had gone. The meal ran well as an introduction to Winter Camp for the first year campers.

—by Matt Grumble

You Might Be A Winter Camper If..

- ...you’ve ever been assigned a Responsible Adult Companion.
- ...you have to be specifically told not to do donuts in front of the ranger’s house.
- ...lunch on Christmas Eve traditionally involves a Frosty from Wendy’s.
- ...100 is only the second largest number of dishes you’ve prepared for one meal.
- ... you’ve ever caught glow sticks dropped from an airplane..
- ... you’ve plugged a phone line into a fluorescent fixture to connect to the Internet.
- ...you’ve ever had to qualify volleyball by explaining that it was “played with only one net”.
- ...you know you won’t have a burger between Christmas and New Year’s.
- ...your wife expects you to fall asleep before the ball drops every year.
- ...you can, from direct experience, name five things that don’t respond well to being buried for 5 years...
- ...you’ve ever had to sign your name to borrow a blindfold...

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 ★ A Tradition Since 1978 ★
 ★ Coming Soon To A Cabin Near You ★
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Did It Stick? That Depends.

—by Connor Johnson

On Day One of Winter Camp XLI, Winter Campers set off on a hike to the Pines, equipped with 12 knives (9 small and 3 big), 4 hatchets, and 2 ancient spears. The challenge: to determine which weapons would stick, when thrown, in the old shower house wall at the Pines.

The large knives and spears stuck well, while the hatchets and small knives didn't. In the final analysis, one knife was broken (by Winter Camp youth leader Matt Grimble), while all other weapons were retrieved and returned.

The wall was not so lucky, and is scheduled to be torn down as part of the service project on Day Three.



Winter Camp XLI participants join in the opening night bread baking. Several campers help out by supervising.

Not pictured: Andrew Neigh.

Back In The Day

Tales Of History and Imagination

With the shift of Winter Camp XLI to Trout Lake cabin, Winter Camp's favorite wide game, Capture the Objective, is set for another year of change as it anchors tonight's schedule.

Winter Camp's variant on Capture The Flag is a continuously evolving Winter Camp activity. When two teams play, Cow Camp and Highland are the home bases; when three face off, the third is based at Treasure Oak. In its first incarnation, at Winter Camp II, the objective was called the "Oatley", was human, and could evade its pursuers. Over the course of successive Winter Camps, numerous rules experiments have been tested, many inspired by arguments which arise after the game. Indeed, post-game arguments over rules interpretations are something of a CTO tradition. The game took a three-year hiatus during Winter Camps XV-XVII as the variant known as Predator took its place, but the game and the argument returned at Winter Camp XVIII.

At Winter Camp XXII, CTO was played in reverse as Viral Infestation, and the goal was to secretly place your flag in the opposing territory. CTO has been played in Trout Lake subcamp once before, at Winter Camp XXXII following the bugout, with bases at Draper and Lakeview cabins.

Setup Day Report

—by Keith King

The Winter Camp setup crew typically takes dinner on December 26 at Greg's Pizza in Metamora, and this year was no exception. What was exceptional was an episode involving Chris Kirschke, who ordered a side order of onion rings. The waitress brought out a plate with 6 large onion rings—think: a nearly empty roll of masking tape in size—and notified Chris that that was half of his order.

Chris' face bore a look that expressed shock, and was later described by the waitress as "priceless" and "adorable".

The table had a good laugh and contemplated ordering another plate of onion rings for Chris while he was in the bathroom. Temptation was, for better, worse, or otherwise, resisted. An anonymous commenter noted that Mr. Horn would surely have placed that second order.

Winter Camp Trivia

From yesterday's edition: **Topic—Winter Camp XLI Planning Meeting**

1. Who said "If you don't want me to talk, I won't."?

—Jeff Rand (*An opportunity missed; an opportunity lost.*)

2. Who said "If it's tearing down a building, I'm all in favor of it."?

—Jeff Rand

3. Who has been dubbed "Uncle <first name>" for the purposes of a Winter Camp XLI event?

—Uncle Ethan Rein

4. Who 3-D printed the Winter Camp XLI cookie cutter?

—Alan Wilson

5. Who subsequently baked Winter Camp sugar cookies using that cutter?

—Doug Wilson

Today's questions:

1. Who built the Nixie tube clock displaying WCST in military time?

2. What were the destinations of Winter Camp XLI's two Blind Hikes?

3. How many lodges are represented among Winter Camp XLI campers?

Quote O' The Day

No one said anything particularly funny or memorable on Day One.

Trading Post Prices

Candy: \$1. (Convert it into a buffalo nickel for use in the vintage candy machine)

Pop or bottled water: 75¢.

Meat snacks: \$1.