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Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

"On Guard
Since 1986"

Beaver Creek Athletic Club Expands

Alimentary Endings

"Eat it now, or eat it later!"

While there was no lobster thermidor aux crevettes with a Mornay sauce, garnished with truffle pâté, brandy, and a fried egg on top, the **Spamsgiving Dinner** proved perhaps more satisfying a meal than many had expected. On the bill of fare were eggs and SPAM, SPAM macaroni and cheese, SPAM burgers, and SPAM and eggs, as well as baked beans, shrubbery salad, bug juice, and coconut macaroons. The meal was capped off with wafer-thin mints garnished with candy cane-flavored Pop Rocks—a more-than-acceptable substitute for truffle pâté.

This meal was new to Winter Camp. Its long-term future is still undetermined, but it has been suggested that SPAM and eggs join the menu for the Winter Camp Historic Banquet, which includes one unique foodstuff from each Winter Camp, served then and never before or since. We would, of course, remain free to enjoy eggs and SPAM.

Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

Act 2, Scene 1

9:00 AM	Lumberjack Breakfast <u>Service:</u> Logan Guzik, Chris Kirschke, Matt Grimble, Alex Downie, Mateo McDonald
10:17 AM	Service Project
1:17 PM	Après Cardiac Meal <u>Service:</u> Nicholas Caruana, Matt Grimble, Paul Jakob, Connor Johnson
2:17 PM	Service Project Revisited
7:00 PM	Fish Slappin' Supper <u>Service:</u> Brian Maghran, Brandon Gaines, Adam Lardin, Chris Downie, Mateo McDonald
8:00 PM	Market Game (relocated from yesterday)
9:00 PM	Table Top Games
11:00 PM	Bollmano's Pizza <u>Service:</u> Ian McKeever, Brandon Gaines, Alex Downie
12:00 M	Everybody Take 9 (or so)

Tomorrow, previewed in part:

Act 2, Scene 2

9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast <u>Service:</u> Brian Maghran, Chris Downie
10:00 AM	Raw Deal Readiness
10:30 AM	Silly Walk
12:00 N	Raw Deal Lunch <u>Service:</u> Brian Maghran, Chris Kirschke

Cross-Country Golf Played On Second Hole Previously Unknown To Winter Camp

With Winter Camp's move from Beaver Creek to Trout Lake, a round of cross-country golf over the usual par-62 hole would have involved more hiking and more snow than usual. Fortunately for campers., it turned out that the Beaver Creek Athletic Club is more than just a one-hole course. Just prior to the traditional hole lies a par-88 hole running from the Trout Lake building to CAG Rock in Beaver Creek, thus finishing right near the tee for the traditional hole.

Three teams set out on Day Two to conquer this new hole, and each found that the road to the Beaver Creek fork was quite passable. The roads were unplowed starting at the fork, and so the going became much slower. All three teams eventually took to the ice of Beaver Lake, with its 6 inches of snow atop, as they made their way to the target. Team 1 took top honors with a score of 63. Team 3 took second with a 67; they may have benefited from the chance to play on their opponents' footprints. Team 2, which contained all of the left-handed golfers, scored a 74 over the unfamiliar terrain.

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

...you've ever spent camp time cutting up a copy of *Transactions of the Society of Actuaries*.

...you've ever borrowed a blindfold. (Forget whether or not you've had to sign your name to borrow one [see yesterday's *News*]. If you've ever borrowed a blindfold, YMBAWC.)

...if a camp dinner included both "SPAM and eggs" and "eggs and SPAM".

...if you know the two essentials of leadership.

...if you've appeared in 4 or more calendars and don't look good in a bikini.

Injury Report

From Uncle Ethan's Craft Hour:

None.

We were all a little surprised.

Quote O' The Day

"SPAM tastes like concentrated Vienna sausages."

—Kieran Bledsoe

(Editor's note: It is unclear whether or not this constitutes an endorsement. Hormel officials were unavailable for comment.)

Return Of Return Of The Tad: Quest for the Grail

On Day Two, Alan Wilson's famous black boxes made their second appearance as part of the Quest for the Grail. Three teams took to the snow in search of five objective targets, with only a mysterious box and a set number of credits to guide them. Players could invest credits for information about their location, either their distance from their target or the direction. Investing more credits could get both of those numbers, but at great cost to economical gameplay.

The final standings saw the Red Rockers complete their course using only 15 credits, while the Yellow Fellows used 28 and the Gang Green needed 36. The time standings showed a different order, with Yellow's time of 57 minutes winning out over Red's 69 minutes and Green's 75. After consultation with rules official Alan Wilson, elapsed time was used as a tiebreaker, giving the Yellow Fellows the victory.

Warning: Drinking from the Grail may produce unexpected and suboptimal results. Choose wisely.

Weather Report

Heat Wave Expected!!!

Winter Camp XLI is expecting a wave of subtemperatropical weather today, as the temperature is projected to rise to 16 degrees.

Unofficial reports suggest that the low-temperature record for Winter Camp was broken yesterday morning when the temperature dropped to -11. Confirmation of this milestone awaits consultation with Winter Camp meteorology officials.

Engineering Report

—by Keith King

Winter Camp has a long and rich history of engineering:

- Serving platforms run by ropes running along the tables at the Engineering Breakfast (Winter Camp XXIV)
- Geoff Brown's boot-drying rack (Winter Camp XIII)
- The intricate Ranger Alarm, first installed at Winter Camp XII.
- The TRS-80-powered Speed Trap, which caught transgressors at Winter Camp XV in 1991, long after that computer was past its prime.
- The edible cones in which macaroni and cheese was served at Winter Camp XXXVIII.

The latest challenge to be conquered is none other than the mighty trash can.

The issue: Large trash can, small trash bag. The mental wheels of the WC Corps of Engineers, led by Ethan Rein, started turning, smoke was reported from several ears, and we now have multiple cardboard trash cans suitable for holding the bags that were purchased during the grocery shopping expedition.

Winter Camp: 1
Large trash cans: 0

"Innovation is the secret to greatness."



(Left to right) Carlos Acosta, Matt Grimble, Connor Johnson, Dave Oakley, and Andrew Neigh of the Red Rockers celebrate their successful Grail Quest.

Winter Camp Trivia

From yesterday's edition:

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

—Alan Wilson

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

—Beaver Creek & Eagle's Nest

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

—3 (It's almost a section conclave 'round here!)

Today's questions:

1. Who brought the inversion table to Winter Camp XLI?
2. What ingredient, shipped to camp from amazon.com, topped the wafer-thin mints served at the Spams-giving Dinner?
3. Where were the tee and green for Cross-Country Golf at Winter Camp XLI?