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# Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

"On Guard  
Since 1986"

## What is "Geography Bee"?

The Winter Camp XLII Olympics continued on Day Three with the Geography Bee, contested by three countries. The match was run in Jeopardy! format, with Ethan Rein of BRANNES as event organizer and Mark Bollman—> of the PDCRNA serving as question writer and official with some question ideas by Steve Donohue of BRANNES.

The Bee was conducted as a relay, with each nation putting up a competitor who rotated to the back of the line after ringing in on a question, no matter the result. Round 1 included the categories of North America, South America, World Capitals, Asia, Islands, and Summer Olympic Hosts. John Ferencz successfully fielded the one Daily Double for Grand Fenwick, who jumped out to a large halftime lead with \$6600, ahead of North Australiastan's \$1800 and BRANNES with \$1400.

In the second round, fortunes diverged sharply. While North Australiastan held steady in second place at \$5400, BRANNES spiraled ever downward en route to a final score of -\$7000, eliminating them from the final question. Grand Fenwick bet conservatively on both Daily Doubles with Brian Maghran at the buzzer, and ended the round with \$16,800. Categories for Round Two were U.S. Capitals, Europe, Africa, Oceania, Fictional Geography, and Winter Olympic Hosts.

The final showdown allowed each team to collaborate on the question in the category U.S.A. To the answer "The four states that meet at a single point in the southwestern U.S.", both nations correctly identified Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah.

North Australiastan doubled their money, to \$10,800, but it was not enough to topple the uncatchable men of Grand Fenwick, who bet only \$100 to take the gold medal with \$16,900.

## Current Medal Count

|   | Gold | Silver | Blue | Total |
|---|------|--------|------|-------|
| Grand Fenwick   | 3    | 0      | 0    | 3     |
| People's Democratic Communist Republic of North Australiastan | 0    | 2      | 1    | 3     |
| BRANNES   | 0    | 1      | 2    | 3     |

## You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

If you've ever hiked the perimeter of D-A...

If you've dined at the corner of Dryden Road and the Fire Road...

If you've enjoyed a Yoooper Dinner...

## Today's Schedule (All times WCST)

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 9:00 AM  | Stan Lee Memorial Breakfast (PDCRNA)   |
| 10:00 AM | Cross-Country Golf                     |
| 12:00 N  | Grand Fenwick Lunch (Grand Fenwick)    |
| 1:30 PM  | Pentathlon                             |
| 4:00 PM  | Free Time                              |
| 5:00 PM  | BRANNES Dinner/Awards (BRANNES)        |
| 6:30 PM  | Requiem for Boy Scouts Ceremony        |
| 8:00 PM  | Time Capsule Ceremony                  |
| 10:00 PM | Casino Night/Casino Snack (G. Fenwick) |
| 12:00 M  | Quiet Hours                            |

### A First Look At Tomorrow

|          |                               |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| 9:00 AM  | Jackpot Grits (BRANNES)       |
| 9:30 AM  | Murder Wrap-Up                |
| 10:30 AM | Rocket Launch                 |
| 12:00 N  | Conglomerate Lunch (Top Team) |
| 1:00 PM  | Clean-up                      |
| 4:17 PM  | Winter Camp XLII ends         |

## Arrival/Departure Lounge

### Now Here

Jay Bottorff  
Gabe Church  
Kristie Donohue  
Roger Horn  
John Howey  
Dave Milon

### Not Here

Adam Haubenstricker

## Quote O' The Day

"If I told you how much I get paid for watching paint dry, it'd make you reconsider being an actuary."

—Dave Milon, to Ethan Rein

# Winter Camp XLII Service Project Report

Over the 42 years of Winter Camp, hundreds of campers have set fires all over camp in service to D-A. That “tradition” continued at Winter Camp XLII with a team that converged on the future site of Lost Lake campsite to assist in burning the brush that accumulated when an initial timber cut was recently made. This occurred 12 years after a similar burn at the then-new Migisi campsite, at Winter Camp XXX.

A second crew performed a deep clean of Winter Camp’s spiritual home, the Beaver Creek building, in which they discovered that some kitchen fixtures were more movable than we’ve thought all these years. That said, moving those fixtures—which clearly had not budged in a timespan best measured in decades—might not be the best choice for those afraid of mice.

Ranger Jerry Deeg showed his appreciation for our work with limited-edition patches and some snack items.

## BRANNES Inventions

By Nicholas Caruana

As you likely know, BRANNES is the most educated and innovative nation known to mankind. Here is a list of their most famed inventions.

- Water
- Sandwiches
- The moon
- Ice cream
- Spaceships
- 4-legged chairs
- Grits
- Pot roast
- The rhombus
- The Internet
- Christmas
- Jeff Rand

## Olympic Spotlight



The 29th Summer Olympics were held in Beijing, China in 2008. 10,942 athletes from 204 countries competed in 302 events. Current Winter Camper Alex Ferencz was among the spectators.

## Back In The Day

Tales Of History and Imagination

Winter Camp XLII marks the 25th anniversary of *Channel 120*: Winter Camp’s first novel. *Channel 120* was written by Mark Bollman—> as his assignment for 1993 in the first Hobby Draw, and is noteworthy as the first intentionally fictional publication ever written about Winter Camp. It tells the story of the United States in the mid-1990's after the Moral Reform Act has caused great changes in American life. Among these changes are the demise of the Boy Scouts of America and the clandestine continuation of Winter Camp far from D-A and possible persecution. The title takes its name from Lapeer's new community television station, broadcasting on channel 120 as WCXX-TV. The novel was released at Winter Camp XVII during the first Hobby Demo, and met with mixed reviews but wide popular appeal. A careful reading will reveal some indication of one possible future for Winter Camp.

A new edition of *Channel 120* was bound and offered for sale on Winter Camp's CafePress Web site beginning in 2003, with an Epilogue detailing some of the hidden meanings present—and not present—in the text.

Further Winter Camp novels followed in the wake of *Channel 120*. Steve Donohue wrote *Paradox Metaphor*, Jeff Rand wrote *Another Ten Seconds* and has begun *Zero Node*, and Steve and Mark—> have collaborated on the unfinished *After The Apocalypse*.

# Winter Camp Trivia

From the 28 December 2018 issue:

1. Who was a standout player in a blue-medal finish at Dodgeball?

—Ryan Shork

2. What are the official colors of the People’s Democratic Communist Republic of North Australiastan?

—Red and black

3. Who constructed the proofing box that greatly improved the bread baking process at Winter Camp XLII?

—Doug and Alan Wilson

4. Who is present at Winter Camp XLII after not having attended since Winter Camp V?

—John Ferencz

Today’s questions:

1. What was the official maximum distance campers were permitted to stray from the perimeter during the Perimeter Hike?
2. Who wore a gas mask while chopping onions for the Yooper Dinner?
3. Who prepared and delivered lunch to the midpoint of the Perimeter Hike for the PDCRNA Lunch?