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# Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

"On Guard  
Since 1986"

## The Factions Meet Up: Winter Camp XLIV Online

by Steve Donohue (WC@Home)

We had a reasonably successful first night with 5 in attendance: Gavin Bottorff, Michael Bristol, Gabe, Church, Steve Donohue, Matt Grindle, and Michelle Matowski. After a few minutes of warmup and light conversation, Matt took his poor D-A connection and went back to his tent.

We played several games on Jackbox. We started with Fibbage where players were asked to make up their own answers to trivia questions and try to fool others into picking their wrong answer. We also played Fibbage Let's Get Personal where you tried to get people to get the right answer about you while the rest lied. Steve won at regular Fibbage and Gavin dominated at Fibbage Personal.

The first round of Bracketeering called for everyone to submit two ideas for the "Scariest New Campfire Story". The contestants were: Bigfoot on the Internet, Jeff's New Hike, Rand Rules Blind Hike, Change Your Underwear, You Ruined Winter Camp, Don', Summer Camp, and Pyrannosaurus Rex. Not surprisingly, the finalists were Jeff's New Hike, and Rand Rules Blind Hike, with Jeff's New Hike coasting to an easy victory.

We also played a drawing game where Steve and his artistic talents finished dead last. The winning drawing was a boy with a balloon and a duck which Gabe christened "Duck out of Water"

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

If you've ever watched a time capsule opening online...  
If you've used a GPS device to find an evaporated milk can opener...  
If you've used a space heater to reheat leftovers...  
If the cure for "too spicy" is "more chocolate"...

### Quotes O' The Day

**"The rules lawyer isn't here so there won't be any cheating."**

—Jeff Rand (WC@Camp) at the start of 4-way volleyball

**"There will, however, be new rules added as it suits Mr. Rand."**

—Steve Donohue (WC@Home), via Discord

*(Publisher's Note: It should be noted here that Mr. Rand has a Winter Camp sports rule named after him. One might reasonably ask who the rules lawyer really is here.)*

**"Don't make me grill cow."**

—Steve Donohue (WC@Home) to Keith King, following a back-and-forth exchange about turkey burgers.

## Gadget Googolplex

Winter Camp's long history with improvised devices, called "gadgets", to improve the function of routine camp operations, continued at Winter Camp XLIV on Day Two. Alan Wilson warmed up cinnamon rolls left over from the night before by building a contraption using a cardboard box, a space heater, and some electronics to set the temperature inside.

In Alan's own words, and as befits Winter Camp, it was "only the finest in space heater prepared foods".

*Remember: The possibilities are limited  
only by our imagination.*

## Today's Schedule

**(All times EST)**

### Winter Camp At Home

Individual Event- Remote Control Game (relocated from Day One)  
Group Event- Trivia Night via Kahoot  
Food- Casino Snack @ Home  
Group Discussion- To appear on Discord

### Winter Camp At Camp (Some times approximate)

—Interstitial Winter Camp: No Planned Events —

## Alimentary Endings



Gabe Church's (WC@Home) bread, baked in Colorado and eventually topped, we are told, with French butter (ooo-la-la!).

# Know Your Fellows

With “Mythology” as this year’s theme, Winter Campers at home and at camp have taken on the personae of various deities. An online survey over at Discord turned up the following declarations:

**Grimble:** Hades, as portrayed in the Disney movie *Hercules*. Hades kidnaps his true love, owns some cute dogs, and is technically the god of wealth. He is a very fair god when compared with Zeus and Poseidon, but hates when people mix him up with Thanatos.

**Bristol (sleeping):** Hypnos, goodnight.

**Uncle Ethan:** I’m going with Heironeous, which was one of my favorite deities from when I played Dungeon and Dragons. He seems like the Eagle Scout of deities.

**Slothy:** I am Aergia the Goddess of idleness, laziness, indolence and sloth.

**Migisi-Steve:** I’m Hephaestus, the broken god. Cast out of Olympus due to deformity. It’s ok. I am married to Aphrodite.

## Service Abounds

by Ethan Rein (WC@Home)

Winter Camp is no stranger to hard work done in service of others. Cheerful service is, after all, a hallmark of the Order of the Arrow. As with many things in the year 2020, service at Winter Camp XLIV was done in a slightly unusual manner. Winter Camp At Home participants improved their homes or communities on Day Two. Steve and Kristie Donohue dropped a little-used Nintendo Wii off at Cameron Woods, an assisted living facility. They also collected stuff for STEP Charities and sent thank you postcards to troops and local hospitals. Ethan Rein and the Donohues added to the children’s and young adult sections of three Free Little Libraries in their hometowns of Lansing and Allen Park, Michigan. Gabriel Church made an appointment to donate blood the following day.

Winter Camp’s first excursion in Wayne County occurred at Historic Fort Wayne near the banks of the Detroit River. Ethan Rein and Dave Oakley met up outside (safely) at the Fort and reinstalled a board which had fallen from a window.

Due to scheduling confusion, the Winter Camp At Camp service project was moved to Day Four.

## Winter Camp Trivia

### From yesterday’s edition:

1. How many OA Distinguished Service Award winners have attended Winter Camp?

—2: Sam Stocker & Chuck Coutteau

2. Who used French butter (ooo-la-la!) on his homemade bread at Winter Camp XLIV?

—Gabe Church

3. What two camp artifacts were part of Winter Camp XLIV’s Geocaching event?

—The Marvel alarm clock and an evaporated milk can opener

### Today’s questions:

1. With which Winter Camp sport are Rand Rules associated?
2. Which Winter Camp sport’s rules include the new Haubenstricker Amendment?
3. Who reheated cinnamon rolls using a space heater at Winter Camp XLIV?
4. Which Winter Camper is known as “Sockless”?

## Back In The Day

Tales Of History and Imagination

Tonight’s at-home meal is the **Casino Snack**, which has undergone a number of revisions as it’s found its place in many thematic events tied to the Winter Camp Casino. The basic menu is easily adaptable to an evening of trivia such as is now planned or this evening.

In its original version, the Casino Snack is usually a low-impact meal, with no significant effort required behind that necessary to pop popcorn. Assorted munchies and soft drinks---which have at times included some rather curious-looking sherbet punches---round out the menu. At Winter Camp XVIII, the menu was historically accurate, but the name became “Pirate Snack” as Casino Night was renamed “Shore Leave”. Winter Camp XXIV saw hot snacks added to the menu when Ron Donohue gathered leftover supplies from the Spanish Embassy Dinner and made a batch of nachos. At that same Casino Snack, Paul Kupser contributed a 12-gallon keg of home-brewed root beer, part of his 1999 hobby.

On Day Four at Winter Camp XXXVIII, consecutive meals were served at the Trout Lake building. Following the Luncheon at Club Trout Lake, members reconvened later in the evening for an expanded Casino Night and the culmination of the Ocean’s 38 game, an evening which transformed the Casino Snack into a buffet dinner such as might be served in an off-Strip casino in Las Vegas. On the menu were fried chicken, prime rib, jambalaya, mashed potatoes, mostaccioli, cole slaw, corn, applesauce, assorted breads, apple pie, chocolate pie, blueberry pie, and mixed drinks.

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