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Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

*"On Guard
Since 1986"*

There's Nothing Trivial About Winter Camp

Winter Camp (not quite) At Home

by Steve Donohue (WC@Home)

Most of the At Home kits were hand-delivered either by porch-drop or at camp. On Tuesday the 22nd, Steve Donohue put three packages in the mail for Winter Camp at Home participants. The progress of these packages has been less than ideal.

Ethan Rein's package, destined for Lansing, MI, was in Seattle on Christmas Eve. On the 29th, it was heading for an unspecified next facility.

Mark Bollman—>'s kit, destined for Albion, MI, was also in Seattle on Christmas Eve, then it went to Kent, WA and now, on the 28th, it arrived in Lansing around noon. While it reached Albion on the 29th, Mark—> was unable to join the afternoon festivities.

Gabe Church's, sent to Fort Collins, CO, is the only one that's actually arrived. It also was in Seattle on the 24th, but it made Denver on the 26th and Gabe's Porch on the 28th. A little later than promised, but at least it's in the right place.

One cannot help but think that if Winter Camper/mailman Lou Pezet had been entrusted with these packages, they'd've made it to their destinations in a timely manner.

Alimentary Endings

Several campers posted pictures of their **Mexican Meals** on Discord. The Donohues, Kupsers, and Matowskis all posted shots of their tacos and burritos. Steve's picture included an homage to a well-known chapter member. In the aftermath, both Steve and Michelle commented that their Rand Stew was well-appointed thanks to the leftovers from the Mexican food. At the Donohues', the leftover lettuce was deemed not stew-worthy and ended up in the jaws of notorious vegetarian Princess Peach (a tortoise).

Time Capsule 1, Table 0 Revenge of the Furniture

Winter Camp time capsules are made of a length of PVC pipe with a cap glued on one end and a threaded cap sealing the other end. In a show of either ingenuity or misplaced judgment (it varies from year to year), it is customary to seal the capsule by using a cabin dining table as a large wrench/vise and rotating the capsule while the cap is held between the two halves of the table. This doesn't always provide much mechanical advantage, though.

Apparently, the Winter Camp @ Camp crew attempted to apply the standard table-wrench to this year's capsule with unexpected results. The capsule didn't budge, but—in a Winter Camp first—a piece of the table broke off.

In the 2020 Winter Camp Trivia Challenge, held online, participants were challenged to select correct answers as loaded into Kahoot, which occasionally coincided with the actual correct answers. John Howey managed to place both first and third in the 44-question event.



Steve Donohue took top honors in a second game, covering Noquet Lodge trivia.

Today's Schedule (All times EST)

Winter Camp At Home

Individual Event- Cross Country Golf (Suggested Location: Heritage Park in Taylor)
Group Event- Time Capsule Ceremony Livestream
Food- Hot Potato Lunch
Group Discussion- To appear on Discord

Winter Camp At Camp (Some times approximate)

11:00 AM: Arrival @ Camp in BC Vicinity
12:00 N: Lunch- "Instant Soup Cups?"
1:00 PM: Get to Know Each other Activity
2:00 PM: Cross Country Golf
5:00 PM: Dinner- Bollmano's Pizza
7:00 PM: Time Capsule Ceremony Livestream

A First Look At Tomorrow

Winter Camp At Home

Individual Event- Hike
Group Event- Group Discussion Post
Food-Conglomerate Lunch/ Jackpot Grits
Group Discussion- To appear on Discord

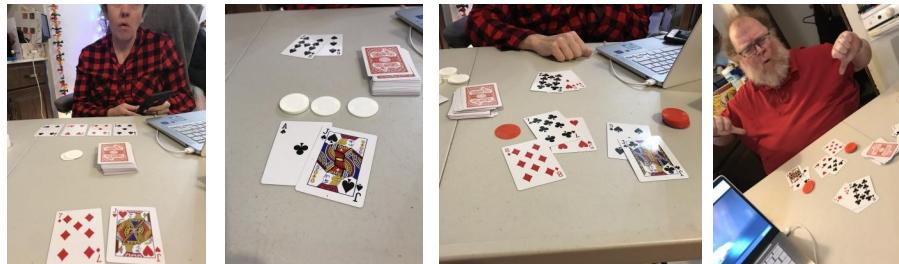
Winter Camp At Camp (Some times approximate)

7:30 AM: Wake Up
8:00 AM: Breakfast- Oatmeal/Warm Breakfast
9:30 AM: Hike of some sort
12:00 N: Lunch- Conglomerate Lunch
1:00 PM: Cleanup & Leave

Sports News: Gaming Report

by Steve Donohue (WC@Home)

Most casinos frown on photography on the gaming floor. Winter Camp is an exception. At Casino Daha, Day One had the following action:



L→R: 1. Kristie won the toss and elected to be the house. (Smart girl.)
 2. Things started to look up for Steve at the blackjack table.
 3. Steve decided to split 5s against a dealer 6. (*Basic Gambling Mathematics: The Numbers Behind The Neon* says that one should never split 5s.) Steve was punished when Kristie drew out to a 21.
 4. Kristie is merciless.



After the time capsule opening on Day Two, there was more Jackbox gaming. We had more players this time which made it more fun. We started out with a quick round of Fibbage which was won by the formerly trustworthy Ethan Rein.

In the second game, Bracketeering, the first question asked us to name the best invention in the last 100 years. Winter Camp was definitely on everyone's mind as the candidates were: Kitchenmajig, Kitchamajig, Ground Flame, Macaroni Cone, Corn Cob Holders, and Zippers. The final match was between Kitchenmajig and Kitchamajig and proper spelling prevailed.

The second round called for us to name well-known stores or restaurants that were likely to be around in 100 years. The entrants included Target, Ikea, Burger King, Wendy's, Greg's Pizza and the less well-known WC Trading Post and Bollmano's. It was a tough fight, but the WC Trading Post emerged as the victor despite having nearly been chopped a few years ago.

The final round called for a small object and then the voting was based on different categories: Best New Weapon in Clue, Best Thing to be Buried With, and Best Thing to Fall Out of a Piñata. The winner was the time-travelling Great Curly Haired Lad.

Winter Camp Trivia

From yesterday's edition:

1. With which Winter Camp sport are Rand Rules associated?

—Cross-Country Golf

2. Which Winter Camp sport's rules include the new Haubenstricker Amendment?

—4-Way Volleyball

3. Who reheated cinnamon rolls using a space heater at Winter Camp XLIV?

—Alan Wilson

4. Which Winter Camper is known as

“Sockless”?

—Chris Adams

Today's questions:

- How many Centurion Award recipients have attended Winter Camp?
- Who is participating in Winter Camp XLIV from his home in Colorado?
- What location in Wayne County hosted Winter Camp At Home's group service project?
- How many campers joined in that project?

Back In The Day

Tales Of History and Imagination

The Winter Camp At Home kit has received high praise for its Grit Kit, which is intended for use in preparing **Jackpot Grits**.

Winter Camp grits preparation favors sweet over savory toppings. The toppings menu typically includes such fare as chocolate and butterscotch chips, raisins, honey, molasses, maple syrup, and brown sugar. Additionally, we favor a colorful take on hot cereal by offering red, green, yellow, and blue food coloring.

In its conception, this breakfast at Winter Camp XXVI was to feature grits with eight different toppings, which would be determined randomly for each camper by the spin of a wheel--thus providing for 256 possible main courses. In its implementation on the last day of camp, it was slightly less elaborate, but the results were just as tasty.

At Winter Camps XXVII and XXVIII, Mark Bollman—→ directed a meal at which 10 different toppings were available. A spinner was borrowed from the Life board game. Combinations consisting entirely of food coloring were ruled out by the chefs, leading to a total of 1008 possible breakfast entrees.

Not all were served.

At Winter Camps XXIX through XXXI, a casino-quality roulette wheel was used to allow campers a chance at 38 different bowls of grits, which has been retained as the format at subsequent Winter Camps. Mark Rosiek spun a 0 at Winter Camp XXIX and received unadorned grits.

At Winter Camp XXXVIII, Jackpot Grits was served for breakfast on Day Five. The cooks claimed that the roulette wheel was tied up in an ongoing casino foreclosure negotiation and was unavailable to serve as the Wheel of Breakfast. A distribution based on rolls of four dice was employed to determine the type of grits served.

Quote O' The Day

“This is like Geezer Battlebots.”

—Steve Donohue, describing the online robot game designed by Alan Wilson,
 12/29/20.