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# Winter Camp News

*"Traditionally Unconventional"*

**"On Guard  
Since 1986"**

## Cross-Country Golf Gets Literal

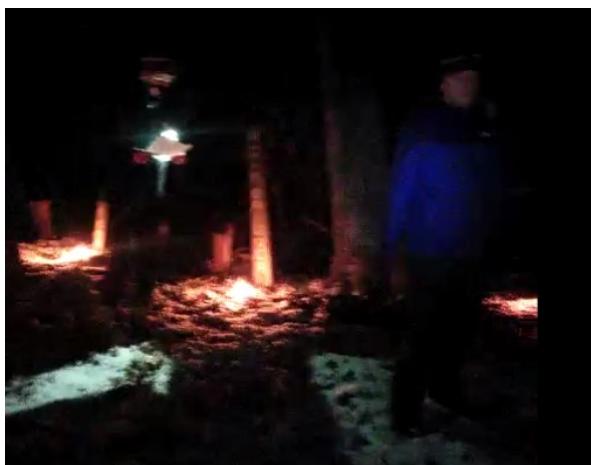
After several years on alternate holes within the Beaver Creek Athletic Club, Cross-Country Golf returned to its original par-62 hole on Day One of Winter Camp @ Camp. The adults and the youth faced off against each other.

Observers have conjectured that the youth team took longer to finish than any previous golf team, as their trek from tee to green was clocked at 2 hours and 40 minutes. Their score of 56, 16 strokes ahead of the adults, suggests that their time and energy was perhaps well-spent. The adults reported losing only one golf ball, due to an errant Dave Oakley shot.

Experienced XC golfers know of the challenge in getting the ball into the hole at the back of the bottom of the Face, but John Ferencz set a new record for shooting when his 6-inch putt, executed with a wood club, overshot the 6-foot square hole entirely.

At home on Day Four, Gabe Church put the literal "country" in Cross-Country Golf when he laid out a half-mile course in Colorado at Lory State Park (right). In a successful effort to avoid Dave Oakley's fate, he played his round with a tennis ball, as was done at Winter Camp XXXIII (where Gabe was the youth leader). Gabe notes that though his route appears to cross over water, that part of his trek passes over a dry lake bed where water used to be. Gabe shot a 64.

For Michigan home-campers, a course was laid out at Heritage Park in Taylor. Dave Oakley set out on a quest for redemption



Timmy Pfeiffer (possibly Matt Grimble, or someone else entirely) and Jeff Rand at the Time Capsule Ceremony on Day Four.

along with Jay and Gavin Botorff, but lost 3 balls along the path.



**L > R:** Gavin Botorff, Jay Botorff, and Dave Oakley at the Heritage Park Cross-Country Golf course on Day Four.

This course was pegged as a par 44 as it crossed 2 soccer fields before crossing into the woods and down some narrow trails to a willow tree cone.

## Today's Schedule (All times EST)

### 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: Clean up & Leave

## Quote O' The Day

**"Winter Camp: Throwing things into the Pits of Hell since 2020"**

—Matthew Grimble during the @Camp service project

*(Publisher's note: Ah, but will that fire still be burning next year? That is the true test of a good Winter Camp service project fire,)*

## Short Takes On Winter Camp XLIV

- ◊ In the GPS game at camp, the evaporated milk opener was found at the Trout Lake shower building and the Marvel alarm clock at Wyckoff Lodge.
- ◊ The July through October birthdays team won the first 4-Way Volleyball match. Eagles with Palms, as is their nature, won the second.
- ◊ The Dutch oven pizzas prepared at camp (right) on Day One went well. The ovens were socially distant.
- ◊ Gabe Church, tuned in online from Colorado, joined in in the singing during the Time Capsule Ceremony.
- ◊



Winter Camp @ Camp held a campfire on Day One. There had previously been campfires at Winter Camps II and VIII.

- ◊ Chris Kirschke, though not present this week, is still not Canadian.



## Winter Camp Trivia

From yesterday's edition:

1. How many Centurion Award recipients have attended Winter Camp?

—7.

2. Who is participating in Winter Camp XLIV from his home in Colorado?

—Gabe Church.

3. What location in Wayne County hosted Winter Camp At Home's group service project?

—Fort Wayne.

4. How many campers joined in that project?

—2: Ethan Rein & Dave Oakley.

For your consideration over the next 72 weekettes:

1. Who was the only remote viewer to join in the singing during the Time Capsule Ceremony at Winter Camp XLIV?
2. What was the destination of the Blind Hike at Winter Camp XLIV?
3. For which 3 meals did the Winter Camp at Home kit include ingredients?

For the answers...see you at Winter Camp XLV!

## Back In The Day

Tales Of History and Imagination

(Today's *Back In The Day* column is a joint venture with *Gadget Googolplex*. Remember, the possibilities are limited only by our imagination.)

The King family smoker has enlivened the kitchen at a number of Winter Camps. At Winter Camp XL, we learned that a good sign that an exceptional meal has been served at camp is when the dining room goes nearly completely quiet, with conversation discontinued in the pursuit of chewing. This rare height was reached at Winter Camp XL by the Catch of the Day dinner.

Keith King engineered the smoked salmon that was the true highlight of dinner, which was smoked on the porch of the BC building during the cricket game, with Dave Oakley assisting. Additional foodstuffs served with the fish were garlic mashed potatoes, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, and apple pie. The food was augmented by a collection of accumulated condiments provided to Winter Camp by Mrs. Lynda Donohue.

The smoker was also used to smoke turkey for Ethan's Speakeasy at Winter Camp XL, pulled pork at the Smoked Beast Meal and salmon for the Fish Slappin' Supper, both at Winter Camp XLI. The smoked salmon returned as "Splashed Fish" at Winter Camp XLIII.

## Paradox Metaphor

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## Winter Camp XLY

Back Where It Belongs\*

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\*—Viruses permitting