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Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

*"On Guard
Since 1986"*

The Unscripted Bubble

Valerie Pratt noticed it first: a small soap bubble, about 1 cm in diameter, that had somehow escaped the kitchen where Adam Haubenstricker was washing dishes with great intensity and drifted out into the dining area.

In short order, other Winter Campers had their attention called to the bubble, and this mysterious interloper was the focus of over 100 Winter Camps of experience. Kristie Donohue, Alan Wilson, Mark Bollman—>, and Steve Donohue soon were absorbed in watching the bubble.

At about the 5-minute mark, the assembled campers started intervening to protect the bubble on its journey among the air currents in the room. Steve quickly pointed out that the various air pumps could be used to great advantage, and Alan seized the opportunity to move the bubble away from all threats,



Kristie Donohue, a keen advocate for "Winter Camp Unscripted", is mesmerized by the bubble (upper left).



Alan Wilson levitates the mysterious bubble (upper left, against the ceiling) in its 15th minute.

foreign and domestic. He continued guiding our visitor for the rest of its time among us.

Ten minutes in, Adam Haubenstricker walked in and asked after the proceedings. When told that everyone was watching a bubble, he asked "A regular bubble? Not some weird Alan Wilson thing?", which should surprise no recent Winter Camper.

After 18 minutes of pure entertainment, the bubble vanished, as curiously as it had appeared. Nonetheless, it lives on in the hearts and minds of Winter Camp.

The bubble abides.

Tomorrow's Schedule (All times WCST)

9:00 AM Continental Breakfast (I Am Scout)
10:00 AM Violent Vocabulary
11:00 AM Cable Management
12:00 N Acids and Bases and Grease; Oh My!
(Goob Joob)
1:00 PM Remote Orienteering
3:00 PM Free Afternoon
6:00 PM 45th Anniversary Dinner (Team Apathy)
7:00 PM Time Capsule Hike and Plaque Ceremony
10:00 PM Casino Night
11:00 PM Sabra Provides (Goob Joob)
12:00 M Blue Screen Of Death

Arrival/Departure Lounge

Now Here:

Michael Flugemman
Brian Maghran
Ian McKeever
Nick Weathers

Not Here:

Valerie Pratt
Josh Pratt
Gwen Pratt
Adam Haubenstricker
Andrew Fountain

Alimentary Endings: The Caveman Dinner

On Day Three of Winter Camp XLV, the Caveman Dinner took place in Jack Lord cabin. The meal included spaghetti with turkey tomato sauce, carrots, garlic bread, and chocolate pudding.

At 6:15 PM, the lights went off, people started grunting, nobody was using silverware, and chaos ensued. Chris was a main victim as his food was stolen and many items put into his drink. Chris did strike back by salting everyone's food. Aidan also tried to put his salt-filled hat onto Mr. Mann's head, but this move backfired.

The lights eventually came back on, but it was too late and there was a mess. The cleanup took so long that Movie Night, a showing of *Robots*, was delayed.

— by Connor “The Closer” Johnson



Adam Haubenstricker, Doug Wilson, and Alan Wilson look on as 2400 volts of electricity are used to prepare hot dogs for the Electric Lunch held on Day Three.

Quote O' The Day

“This is the highest point in camp, but it's not what we call the highest point in camp.”

—Jeff Rand, 30 December 2020. (Will he repeat this line tomorrow? Join the Time Capsule Hike and find out!)

Winter Camp Trivia

From yesterday's edition:

1. Which family now holds the record for most members attending Winter Camp, with 5?

—The Ferenczs. All 5 are present at Winter Camp XLV.

2. What was the path of the Cross-Country Golf hole at Winter Camp XLV?

—From Beaver Creek Cabin to the Morosky firebowl,

3. Where did the two Blind Hikes at Winter Camp XLV go?

—The Beaver Creek building and the Trout Lake flagpole.

Today's questions:

1. How many cabins at D-A have housed Winter Camp?

2. Where was the Snow Soccer game

played at Winter Camp XLV?

3. Who devised the rules for Viral Infestation as played at Winter Camp XLV?

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

If you've ever washed nails to prepare lunch...



Back In The Day

Tales Of History and Imagination

The upcoming 45th Anniversary Banquet is cause for a look back 20 years to the 25th anniversary of Winter Camp, which featured the 162-Dish Banquet. This masterpiece of opulence, the biggest banquet in Arrow history, was held in D-A's Wyckoff Lodge.

The meal was discussed online and at the pre-planning meeting on November 11, 2001. Steve Donohue assembled a Web page to collect ideas for the menu. At the Winter Camp XXV planning meeting on November 23, the 162-Dish Banquet was placed into nomination and eventually scheduled for December 29, 2001. Sam Stocker and Andy Whaley agreed to coordinate the menu and the event, and Jeff Rand volunteered his services as adviser. In the intervening month, a menu was assembled with 12 beverages, 25 hors d'oeuvres, 25 meats, 50 breads & desserts, and 50 side dishes. Jeff recruited advisers for each major area and laid out the physical plan for the banquet.

After Saturday's Continental Breakfast, many campers set to banquet preparations in earnest while a round of Cross-Country Golf was launched. Ron Donohue and Jeff Rand led what was dubbed “Team Flesh” in transporting a tub of meats to the dining hall and beginning to cook it while Roger Horn did the same for the array of side dishes. Doug Wilson and Mark Bollman—> set to filling in the gaps on the list of baked goods, and Steve Donohue assembled a banquet program and a scorecard by which Arrowmen could track their consumption of the evening's massive feast. For those friends and family monitoring Winter Camp XXV online (and as a record of the ongoing progress), Steve posted several banquet updates on the Winter Camp XXV planning page on December 29th.

The once in a lifetime event included six guests and the entire camp crew. There wasn't a bad dish in the bunch. Jeff Rand was the first to eat 162 dishes and he was joined by Ron Donohue, Lou Pezet, Craig Summers, and Steve Donohue. Steve ate so much that a button popped off his shirt in mid-banquet. Leftovers substituted for both lunch and dinner the next day.