

WINTER CAMP NEWS

"On Guard Since 1986!"

Winter Camp XXIX

December 30, 2005

Soccer Goes Grand

Winter Camp XXIX may well be responsible for the addition of "Yeti" to "Backwards" and "Blind" to the list of suggestions banned at future planning meetings. Following in the successful footsteps of Yeti Volleyball on Day Three, the 42" blue ball was used in Yeti Snow Soccer today.

The game started out in close accordance with FIFA rules, but as time went on, the standards which have come to define Winter Camp soccer rose back to the fore. It was right about that time, as the getting got rougher, that the ball was punctured and began leaking air.

The loss of air did not stop campers, who continued kicking the deflating ball. Eventually, elements of team handball were introduced into the game and a new full-contact sport was invented.

The capable goaltending of Scott McHugh and William Gagnon resulted in a tie game, although it's not completely clear what the final score was (2-2 or 3-3, most likely). The game was stopped just before the first serious injury would have occurred.

Graduates Announced

The College of Historical Studies of Winter Camp University is pleased to announce its first two Associate's Degree graduates. Under the new CHS curriculum, candidates for the Associate's degree were required to answer the question "How much of the success of Winter Camp is due to the fact that it takes place in the winter?". Both graduates' final papers supported the idea that Winter Camp would be less successful if held in any other season.

Steve Donohue's thesis is entitled "Is Winter An Important Part of Winter Camp".

Dave Oakley's thesis was "The Success of Winter Camp".

The deadline for submission of final projects is 12 noon, Day Five.

The Chief Speaks!

Dear Winter Campers:

I've been pelted with a golf ball, helped tear out a giant shrub, and been attacked with innumerable snowballs. I nearly fell down a hill blindfolded, pulled some muscle in my upper arm hitting a giant ball, and drank enough Mountain Dew to bring my bodily vibrations into resonance with the heater. I have cooked (with a large amount of assistance), cleaned, and eaten a more diverse selection of food than that time I was locked in an Old Country Buffet. I have never had such a good time. On behalf of this great Mahican Chapter, I would like to profusely thank everyone who made Winter Camp possible and exceedingly enjoyable, especially those dedicated youth and adults who planned, supplied, and populated this incredible event. Long live Winter Camp and I look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Cheerfully Serving You in Brotherhood,

Corey Curtiss
Mahican Chapter Chief

Winter Camp Trivia

By Mark Bollman?

Answers from December 29, 2005:

1. What movie was shown during Dinner and a Movie at Winter Camp XXIX?--*National Treasure*
2. What were the destinations of the two Blind Hikes at Winter Camp XXIX?--*Hilltop cabin and the Philmont training pavilion*
3. At which Winter Camp was Ethan Rein first the youth leader?--*Winter Camp XXVI*
4. How many requirements does the Winter Camp Participation Award have?--13

Today's questions:

1. Who was presented with a Winter Camp T-shirt bearing his picture on the first day of Winter Camp XXIX?
2. Who came up with the idea of serving Rand Stew in bread bowls?
3. What name was given to Capture the Objective at Winter Camp XXIX?
4. Which Winter Camper wore a uniform to every Winter Camp XXIX dinner?

Winter Camp XXX—December 27-31, 2006

Suitable for all ages
Not the Vin Diesel movie