

# Goon Gazette

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## Why a Goon Gazette?

It has come to the notice of the Goons that over the years the staple of information provided by the various outlets has not been of the "fair and balanced" variety, instead focusing to promote certain individual tastes. We make a pledge to provide unbiased reports of newsworthy information, detailed records of WinterCamp accomplishments and trivia you actually want to know.

## Goon Net© is Operational!

On precisely 3:24pm December 26, 2001 Goon Net© was fully operational. With an assortment of high tech gear, providing interactive entertainment unmatched by simple TV or children's video games Goon Net is a completely interactive virtual environment providing such team building activities as Unreal Tournament, Diablo and Mech Warrior. Various other forms of interactive media is also provided with hundreds of mp3s and 4.86 GB of video based material. For those of the lower tech variety standard reading material such as various paperbacks and popular magazines are available. Musical entertainment is provided with over a thousand titles available for your listening pleasure. Other forms of entertainment are also available from spontaneous physical contests, with or without swords, verbal sparring or tests of keen eye and quick hand. It should be noted that Goon Net© is a rot-gut free environment.

A membership in the Goon-Net Perpetuation Society (GNP) is available for \$10.00 annually. Feel free to inquire at Highpoint Cabin for details. Members will receive our full color T-Shirt featuring the stylish GWO logo, a CD-RW sampler of the multimedia available from Goon-Net©, and the freedom of mind that comes with the knowledge that "the Black Ones take care of their own."

## Trivia Question:

Why was Beaver Creek cabin chosen as the site for Winter Camp?

## LODGE #12?

Saturday night provided the participants of Winter Camp XXV and the five guests in attendance the opportunity to sample up to 163 various dishes prepared in the day-long cooking marathon. The results elicited several comments from the participants, among them : "My work here is done", "Oh Shit, the cod", "This has been going on for awhile, it should have started at 5:17," and finally "Think how good this would have been if we were in Lodge 12?" The banquet keynote speaker, Lucky, commented "They may have stolen my thunder, but least they didn't get me Lucky Charms."

Leftovers are available. Please check with the kitchen manager at Beaver Creek.

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### *Lucky, Keynote Speaker*

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## Service Project Report

The Goons are pleased to report the success of the Friday Service Project to further the interests of Scouting and D-A Scout Ranch. In excess of 40 creosote saturated rail-ties were doused in a flammable liquid, provided by a gracious logger at no extra charge, and set ablaze in the Beaver Creek Fire Bowl. Among the unscheduled activities the lucky participants were able to take part in include: impromptu blacksmithing, metallurgy, glassblowing, and auto repair. The duration of the service project and the fine weather allowed some to catch up on some much needed sun-tanning. We would also like to take this time to thank two of our sponsor, The General Motors Corporation and Bose™ for the use of their Pontiac Aztek and stereo equipment, respectively, while filming at the worksite. It is important to note that the Goon Service Project has been an injury free workplace environment for over 50 man hours at Winter Camp XXV.



## Goon Fast Response Team Saves Trailer

At 4:20 on Sunday, December 30 the Goon FRP (Fast Response Team) was called up to airlift the trailer belonging to Paul Kupser which had broken loose from its moorings and slid off the treacherous Jack Lord Dam into Lockwood Lake. Fortunately for Mr. Kupser, Goon Response Team #1, consisting of John Howey, Lou Pezet, and Mark Hunt were patrolling the area and were able to guide the rescue operation, saving Paul's trailer from a watery demise. Through their efforts, by the time Response Team #2 arrived with rescue gear, the offending trailer had been pulled from the lake and the safety chains secured to his vehicle. The Goons will be offering free trailer use safety classes prior to Winter Camp XXVI. Contact your nearest Goon for details. Remember that safety devices must be used responsibly by all participants at Winter Camp when available. Please note that you are responsible for bringing your own Fire Gear.

## The Real Dirt about Goons

Are you new to Winter Camp? Do you have some questions about or for the Goons but have been too terrified to ask? Do you hear rumors or whispers regarding the intent and purpose of the Goons? Do you wonder if Goons and the things that go "OoH Ahh Ahh Ahh" in the night might be related? We hope to take a small amount of space to set the record straight regarding some good philosophies. Goons do not venerate any of the mistruths that have certainly been propagated. We are a fun-loving, easy to get along with group who seek only to maximize the potential for fun at Winter Camp without venerating any group or individual. We see the result of compromise is that everyone is unhappy and we are willing to make decisions, even though they may be unpopular, as it is the nature of being a leader. Sometimes your friends will mock you and test your resolution, but you can be confident that your fellow Goons will support you in your endeavors, be they as dangerous as mocking The Beast or as simple as a general disturbance during a meal or activity. We suppose that sometimes some eggs must be broken in order to make eggnog. And when in doubt, to always remember that "Life is Hard, Wear a Helmet."

## Hooters Dinner an Overwhelming Success!

At 6:10pm on Thursday, December 27, the attendees of Winter Camp XXV were treated to a well prepared meal of Hooters® chicken wings, both mild and Three Mile Island, as well as a fine selection of Philly Cheese Steaks. The Goons were pleased that the meal was successful and that the overall waste, when completed was minimal. There was a great deal of coordination required to ensure that the roast beef, mild wings, and hot wings were prepared in a timely manner such that they would all be hot and ready to serve within a very limited time frame. The Goons hope to expand this meal for Winter Camp XXVI to include the often requested "Soup of the Day," celery and ranch dressing, a wider drink selection, and medically enhanced, scantily-clad serving wenches in form fitting orange shorts and cut-off t-shirts. Mr. Rand, sporting his Philadelphia born "Hooters of Penn's Landing" T-Shirt, featuring the slogan "Bass Ackwards!", was observed looking for a cool beverage suitable for such a meal. Unfortunately, current scouting regulations prohibit the sale, use, or possession of such items as Mr. Rand is well aware. Better luck next time.

