

Winter Camp News

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Surfing Through The Snow At Winter Camp XXVII

Channel surfing, that is.

Winter Camp XXVII is poised for a weekette of adventure as the Earth year draws to a close again. The work of a collection of Mahican Arrowmen has led to an exciting set of old and new meal themes and events, all organized around the general theme of "Channel Surfing".

This year, all of Winter Camp's events will be connected to or inspired by television channels—thus, we shall see the Golf Channel as the listed source for Cross-Country Golf, and the TBS program "Dinner and a Movie" will appear cloaked in the unique garb of Winter Camp. Additionally, plans are in place to preserve a video record of Winter Camp XXVII and create the first-ever Winter Camp DVD (that's not Winter Camp #995, incidentally).

Leadership

Arrowmen returning from Winter Camp XXVI will recall that Zach Polifroni, veteran of 4 previous Winter Camps, declared himself youth leader on Day Five, while Paul Kupser has established himself as only the second Winter Camp adviser who did not attend Winter Camp I as he twists arms behind the scenes this year.

The Winter Camp News plans to publish daily editions during Winter Camp XXVII. Articles may be written by any camper and should be submitted to editor Ricky Naida or publisher Mark Bollman—>.

Today's Programming

(All times WCST)

12 N.—**Nickelodeon**.....Hot Potato Lunch
1:00 P.M.—**C-SPAN**.....Orientation/Start Arrowman Bingo
2:00 P.M.—**Outdoor Life Network**.....Ultimate Frisbee
4:00 P.M.—**TV Guide Channel**.....Free Time
6:00 P.M.—**Food Network**.....Ark Dinner
7:00 P.M.—**Game Show Network**.....Arrowman Bingo
8:00 P.M.—**The Learning Channel**.....Blind Hike & Baking I
9:30 P.M.—**The Learning Channel**.....Blind Hike & Baking II
11:00 P.M.—**Food Network**.....Bakery Snack
12 M.—**All Channels**.....Off the Air

Gastronomic Delights

Winter Camp XXVI will kick off with the traditional **Hot Potato Lunch**. This favorite dates back to Winter Camp IX.

Dinnertime will mark the return of a favorite from Winter Camp XXVI, the **Ark Dinner**. Based on the *Iron Chef* TV series, two teams of campers have been given a collection of foodstuffs and \$40 to augment them to prepare a tasty dinner. The non-cooks will select the better entry, and the losing team will clean up the kitchen. Last year, Team Flesh narrowly triumphed over Team Awesome.

The day will close with the **Bakery Snack**. The Winter Camp kitchen is noteworthy for its commitment to baked goods made from scratch each year. Your chance to add to this 27-year tradition arrives tonight in and around the Blind Hikes.

Day Two will launch with the **Prison Breakfast**. This meal made its Winter Camp debut in 1978 at Winter Camp II, when a crew of 12 was fed for less than 7¼ each.

Lunch on Day Two is the new **Food 911 Lunch**. The ingredients

Winter Camp University To Open 2 New Colleges

Following up on the successful launch of the College of Winter Camping last year, Winter Camp University plans to open two new colleges at Winter Camp XXVII.

The **College of Historical Studies**, headed by

Winter Camp Trivia

By Mark Bollman—>

From the December 31, 2002 edition:

1. Which team won Cross-Country Golf at Winter Camp XXVI?
—*The adult team*
2. What skill did Dave Oakley instruct at Winter Camp XXVI?
—*Fly-tying*
3. What was the *first* song sung during the Time Capsule ceremony at Winter Camp XXVI?
—*The [Charles Howell] Reservation Song*
4. What were the destinations of the two Blind Hikes at Winter Camp XXVI?
—*The Trout Lake building, and the Beaver Creek Camp sign on Ranch Road*
5. What fabulous prize was awarded to winners of Winter Camp XXVI's Arrowman Bingo?
—*1970's-era lodge mugs*
6. Where is Winter Camp University's College of Winter Camping headquartered?
—*Brookside*

Some new questions:

1. Who was the first Winter Camp adviser who had *not* attended Winter Camp I?
2. Who served as youth leader of Winter Camp XXVI?
3. From which lake was Paul Kupser's trailer retrieved at Winter Camp XXV?
4. How many Winter Camp meals have been served at the Wyckoff Dining Hall?

From The Weather Channel

Expectations of snow for Winter Camp usually mark the hopes of its participants, but today's weather may not be as expected. A moving frontal system may provide some precipitation.

Winter Camp's XXVII's weather will be challenged to set new records: Winter Camp's high temperature of 57°F was reached at Winter Camps VI and VIII, and its lowest temperature, -8°F, was recorded at Winter

Dean Mark Bollman—>, will offer instruction in the rich history and traditions that have shaped Winter Camp over more than a quarter of a century. CHS students will explore how Winter Camp came to its current prominence and will work in a variety of ways to preserve Winter Camp's history for the future. Graduates of the CHS will be eligible to purchase a red-bordered Winter Camp patch.

The **College of Engineering** is led by Dean Paul Kupser and will provide instruction on principles which underlie great ceremonial and Winter Camp gadgets. This year's project will be an electric fire starter. All nonexplosive supplies will be provided.

At the same time, the **College of Winter Camping** will return to Brookside for its second year with Dean Jeff Rand at the controls. This College hopes to award its first white-bordered patch this year.

The WCU schedules classes during the free time period which precedes dinner each day. Further information on class locations will be available on Day One.

Back In The Day...

An occasional series about life before Sam Stocker joined the OA

The year was 1996. Steve Donohue and Mark Bollman—> were at the Fall Fellowship discussing the upcoming 20th anniversary of Winter Camp, and conversation soon turned to which of the first 19 camps had been the most successful. A challenge to their analysis was that Winter Camp has had several ambitions over the years, and the two thought it might be beneficial to quantify how well each encampment had done on a variety of measurements. Thus was born the Winter Camp Universal Evaluation System.

The WCUES rates each Winter Camp in 7 categories: attendance, events, meals, traditions, publications, computers, and weather. Points are scored for new and classic entries in these categories, for especially wintry weather, and for campers who return the next year. The challenge to Winter Camp XXVII has been set by the first 25 camps (Winter Camp XXVI's score is incomplete pending verification of some of its statistics), where Winter Camp XXI ranks #1 with 313 points, just ahead of Winter Camp II at 299. At the other end of the scale, the current lowest score is held by Winter Camp VIII, which notches only 184 points.