

# Winter Camp News

Winter Camp XXVIII

On Guard Since 1986

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## Substitute Chips Flipped

"Of all of the games in our land,  
Buffalo chip flipping is most grand.  
The winner gains fame  
And lots of acclaim,  
But no one will shake his hand!"

--Gary Owens, c. 1980

The truth of those lines is all the more clear to Winter Camp XXVIII's Four Families today, as the Independence Hike paused along the trail on Day One for a round of cow chip tossing in the Ranch Lands. Jeff Rand demonstrated the proper technique before everyone took two throws on the course. Each family's high and low score (in approximate feet) was recorded and the two scores added to determine a chip-flinging champion.

The Carson family was the clear winner, combining two throws for a total of 105' to take the crown. A second place tie at 91' between the Oakley and Yoder families was broken in a one-chip toss-off when Yoder Rob Murphy's throw sailed over the referees' heads and well beyond Ron Donohue's effort for the Oakleys. The Smiths were first to throw, but last

## New Frontiers In Eating

For the first time in the 28-year history of Winter Camp, a camp meal was served in Jack Lord subcamp. Day One saw the North American Aboriginal Meal take flight from the Beaver Creek building before arriving over an open fire at Dan Beard campsite, well inside Jack Lord.

The main course for this ground-breaking meal was a largely improvised stew made of bison meat, spaghetti squash, zucchini, and corn. This dish was such a success that plans have been made to add it to the menu for the next Winter Camp History Banquet, whenever that might be.

This lunch marked the fourth Winter Camp meal served outside of Beaver Creek subcamp. At Winter Camp IX, the Picnic Lunch served at the Trout Lake building invaded that subcamp, and campers returned to Trout Lake at Winter Camp XVI when the picnic moved to the dining hall. Winter Camps XX and XXV held Anniversary Banquets at the Wyckoff Lodge--XXV's included 162 different

## Quote O' The Day

"Remember who's before you and who you went

## Winter Camp Trivia

by Mark Bollman-->

### Answers from yesterday:

1. What was the theme of Winter Camp XXI?

--Area 51

2. Who was the first Winter Camper to earn the Winter Camp Participation Award?

--Phillip Roscoe

3. Which was the first Winter Camp with a daily newspaper?

--Winter Camp IX (1985)

4. Which current Winter Campers have attended all 28 Winter Camps?

### Today's questions:

1. Which team won the Rank Game of 4-Way Volleyball at Winter Camp XXVIII?

2. What is the manufacturer and model name of the pinball machine in the Beaver Creek building?

3. What flavor of pop was Eric Brake drinking while in the jail during its construction?

4. What three activities were included along with lunch as part of the Independence Hike?

## Cross-Country Open

The day dawned cold with plenty of snow on the ground--perfect weather for the annual Cross-Country Open at the Beaver Creek Athletic Club. The cold weather and significant snow made the going slower than in past years, and the winning score of 75 (+13) by the Carson/Oakley team reflected this difficulty.

Carson/Oakley took a huge lead on their first shot, but were soon chagrined when they could not locate Eric Brake's drive. That would be the only penalty stroke they incurred as they cruised to a 20-shot win over the Smith/Yoder alliance. Doug Wilson finished the match for Smith/Yoder with a wrong-handed chip into the hole of the only ball his team needed that day.

Smith team father Ethan Rein found himself entangled in a language trap early in the match, when he advised all team members to "Remember who's before you and who you went after.". It was a several minutes' time before he could be convinced that he had asked for teammates to remember only one person. Whether or not this confusion had any effect on the Smith/Yoder performance remains to be

## Gastronomic Delights

Our meal schedule, as well as our activity schedule, has been slightly disrupted by the change of the service project from Day Two to Day Three. Herewith, what we'll really be eating.

Tonight's dinner is the **Barbecue Dinner**. This meal has been served at Winter Camp XI and spawned the Barbecue Lunch at Winter Camp XIV.

The **Anti-Obedience Snack** returns tonight after a 22-year absence. We had planned to bring it back for Winter Camp XXV, but the flood of leftovers from the 162-Dish Banquet replaced it and several other meals that year.

Day Three will launch with the **Heart-Stupid Breakfast**. Winter Camp was politically incorrect before that term became popular or even widely known, as this will be the 5<sup>th</sup> appearance of the HSB. The meal debuted in 1988. The hearty bill of fare will surely fuel us well for the day's service projects.

So as not to interrupt our day of service more than is absolutely necessary, the **Continental Lunch** will be tomorrow's midday fare. In its third

## Capsule Summaries

**4-Way Volleyball:** The Oakley family took the first game. In the second match, or Rank Game, some hasty realigning of rosters resulted in Eagles With More Than 3 Palms emerging as a team and triumphing over all other ranks.

**Blind Hike:** Most campers opted for the easier hike, to Lang cabin. The more challenging hike to Woodcrest went unwalked.

**Bakery Snack:** Some oven difficulties interfered with the bread baking for a time, but the Clearwater oven proved capable when pressed into service. 14 loaves of bread were baked, and three were consumed with freshly-churned butter and raspberry jam.

**Pinball:** 170 games were played on Day One.

**Jail Construction:** Inflation has really taken its toll on the price of 48-pound test sisal rope.

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Winter Camp appearance, this meal has been served on the service project day in each incarnation.

## Murder Game Begins

The interviews are complete, the data have been processed, and all of Winter Camp now awaits the outcomes of the Murder Game.

Campers will have nearly two days to carry out their assignments--if they cannot successfully elude capture, the Winter Camp judicial system will be standing ready to process their cases beginning on Day Four. A strong jail has been constructed near the Beaver Creek building, and should hanging be too good for the criminals, one or more of them may be confined there before sundown.

*Remember...You may be going to Gehenna.*