

Winter Camp News

Winter Camp XXVIII

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Welcome to the Gold Rush!

Winter Camper Ethan Rein has struck gold and invites you to join him. "What's the gold?" you ask. "The Winter Camp Participation Award," says Ethan. The prestigious award comes right along with a very handsome Winter Camp patch with a gold border. At a recent lunch, Winter Camp Adviser Steve Donohue pointed out that no adult worthy of the name who has not earned the award has touched one. This is your chance to get a patch that some riff-raff patch collectors have offered in excess of \$100 to have.

As prestigious as this award is, it is fairly simple to receive. The requirements are listed in the Winter Camp Manual, one of which is available for all to see in the dining room of Beaver Creek. Sam Stocker received the Winter Camp Participation Award at Winter Camp XXV, followed by the Order of the Arrow's second most prestigious award, The Distinguished Service Award, just a few short years later at NOAC 2004. Now we're not saying that there's a direct connection between the two, but with another NOAC close to Winter Camp in the very near future, can you afford not to travel his path?

Winter Camp Trivia

by Mark Bollman-->

From our last issue:

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

--Eagles with more than 3 palms

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

--Bally Freedom

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

--Coca-Cola

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

--4-Way Volleyball, Cow Chip Tossing, & the Winter Camp Survival Exercise

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A New Accidental Tradition

We live in a world of tradition. And as everyone knows, Winter Camp is full of it. Some of Winter Camp's most enduring and unusual traditions were started by accident--no hamburgers on the menu, for example. One that has recently emerged is the recovery of an 8-year time capsule that was intended to be buried for only 5 years--hey, when you've got 6 capsules planted, you can't always be sure that you're digging up the right one.

Unfortunately for time capsule buffs, this capsule was a less successful survivor than the one uncovered last year from Winter Camp XIX. On the other hand, several valuable lessons have been learned.

1. If the contents are under pressure, it's probably not a good idea to store it underground for 8 years.

Such as a can of shaving cream, which may well leak in the intervening octoyear and subsequently destroy most of the rest of the stored items.

2. Meat snacks do not have an infinite shelf life.

Ethan Rein found this out directly when he tried the beef stick that had spent 2920 days in wet storage. "It tastes like mold smells." was his comment, which you would think would have kept everyone else away.

You'd be wrong.

3. Your culinary judgment may be impaired at 3:40 AM.

Steve Donohue followed in Ethan's footsteps by embarking on an adventure in Class 10 dining (see [The Winter Camp Book of Lists](#) for an explanation), the first in Winter Camp history. His comment on the snack: "It's not that bad...It's bad."

Armed with this new wisdom, we shall bury the time capsule for Winter Camp XXXIII (or maybe XXXVI?) this very night. Plan now to attend and see how the ravages of time affect *Entertainment Weekly*, *Time*, and the *Weekly World News*--or whether we even remember the important newsmakers and entertainers of 2004.

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Today's questions:

1. Who concocted a batch of chili using all 24 spices from the Winter Camp spice rack at the Chili Cookoff at Winter Camp XIV?
2. What main dish was served at the Leftover Dinner at Winter Camp XXVIII?
3. At which Winter Camp did Bollmano's Pizza debut?

Gastronomic Delights

It's been fourteen years since Winter Camp's last **Chili Cookoff**. Most of the more experienced veteran campers can tell you why. None of them, in all likelihood, can explain why there was such support for it at the planning meeting.

The **Mexican Meal** is Winter Camp's most successful experiment in ethnic dining. Enjoy it tonight.

The **Casino Snack** will fit snacks in and around tonight's action at the gaming tables.

Jackpot Grits tomorrow morning will continue the "games of chance theme" from Casino Night. What does the Wheel of Breakfast have in store for you?

As has been the case so many times throughout the years, some of the weekette's earlier foodstuffs will be brought back for an encore at the **Conglomerate Lunch**. If you didn't eat it before, now is your chance to eat

Capsule Summaries

Service Project: The new handicapped access bridge behind Frischkorn cabin was advanced considerably yesterday due to the effort of Winter Camp XXVIII. Approximately 800 square feet of decking were places, using an estimated 4200 nails. The drywalling project at the Baden-Powell House was hampered by some curious earlier construction decisions.

Pinball: 223 games were played on Day Two and 108 on Day Three, bringing the three-day total to 501. At 25¢ per game, this represents \$125.25 in forgone income for Winter Camp.

Hobby Draw for 2K5

| Name | Hobby | Name | Hobby |
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| Keith King | Winter Camp computer racing | Gordon Draper | Walk Ebony 20 km/week by |
| Ethan Rein | Silk screening | Maurice Omais | Create a Web site |
| Scott McHugh | Novel writing (= 40,000 | Ethan Morlock | Astronomy--learn about |
| Mike Hodnicki | Handwriting--Must pass 2nd | Derek Tamsen | Country line dancing with |
| Ricky Naida | Bookbinding | Steve Donohue | Finish other 15 projects |
| Dennis McHugh | Driftwood craftwork | Aaron Ankiel | Earn Painting MB |
| Ron Donohue | Arcade design & construction | Doug Wilson | Complete previous hobbies |
| Rob Murphy | Earn Home Repairs MB | Lucas Tilley | Write WC poetry |
| Eric Brake | Build a trebuchet--beat WC | Phil Kurdunowicz | Translate WC catchphrases |
| Aaron Williams | Earn Skating MB | Sam Dietrick | Calligraphy |
| Jeff Rand | Watch 20 episodes of <i>South</i> | Sean Omais | Learn to sing "Bohemian |
| Paul Kupser | Silversmithing | Ross Schmaeman | Collect elongated coins |
| David Oakley "Oak" | Unit origami | Gabriel Church | Earn Personal Management |
| Jamie White | Flash programming | Mark Bollman--> | Build a WC abacus |