

WINTER CAMP NEWS

Winter Camp XXX

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Bingo Awards Fabulous Prizes

The latest and greatest incarnation of Winter Camp's Arrowman Bingo took place right after the Caveman Dinner. This year, campers were required to meet the qualifications for a square before signing it—criteria ranged from the easy "Is at Winter Camp XXX" to the considerably more challenging "Earned the Vigil Honor in 2006".

Prizes were won by the following campers:

Corey Curtiss won the first, standard, game and received a set of Winter Camp's new poker chips.

Paul Nieten took the second, "Cover All", game, winning a package of bubble gum coins.

Paul followed up his triumph with a win in the third game, "Make A Good X", which earned him a pirate bandanna.

Dave Oakley broke Paul's winning streak in the final game, "Cross *This!*", which also awarded a pirate bandanna.

Participation Award Update

Winter Campers working on the Winter Camp Participation Award are reminded that, in completing requirement 1f, "Set a personal goal to achieve during camp and achieve it.", the goal "Earn the Winter Camp Participation Award" is not acceptable.

Why not? Because it creates a logical paradox (You can't win the award without completing the personal goal, and you can't complete the personal goal without winning the award.) which, if left unchecked, may potentially destroy the universe. There is a possibility that the effect may be localized, affecting only our own galaxy, but who wants to be responsible for destroying that?

Find another goal to work on.

Winter Camp Trivia

by Mark Bollman-->

From the December 27, 2006 issue:

1. Who was the youth leader at Winter Camp I?
—*Jeff Rand*
2. Who was the youth leader at Winter Camp XXIX?
—*Ethan Rein*
3. What movie was shown during Dinner And A Movie at Winter Camp XXIX?
—*National Treasure*

Today's Questions:

1. Which team won the X Marks the Spot game at Winter Camp XXX?
2. How many colors do Winter Camp poker chips come in?
3. Who are the only two Winter Campers to spend a camp night in each of the four Winter Camp cabins?
4. At which Winter Camp was the Salute To The States Banquet served?

Howey Successfully Prognosticates

We were surprised too.

The year was 2000. As part of Winter Camp XXIV's time capsule activities, John Howey wrote a letter to the future, to be sealed beneath the soil for 5 years and opened at Winter Camp XXIX. When the capsule was opened, we discovered that he had made a variety of predictions of varying accuracy. One, however, turned out this year to be especially clairvoyant:

Winter Camp XXX will make the official attendance of a Winter Camper's offspring.

This year, Alex Ferencz's attendance has made him the first Winter Camper who had a parent attend Winter Camp before his birth. Alex's father, John Ferencz of Allen Park's Troop 1058, attended Winter Camps IV and V in 1980 and 1981.

Alex, who was born on December 27, also becomes the fifth Winter Camper to celebrate a birthday at Winter Camp.

Gastronomic Delights

The **Businessman's Lunch** is designed to require minimal effort in preparation and cleanup, so as to allow full participation in the day's service project. The mysterious "Businessman's Cocktail" is the beverage for this meal.

Winter Camp's "Pizza Wars" effectively ended at Winter Camp XVII, when Bollmano's Pizza (www.bollmanos.com) moved into the void created when Little Ozzie's Pizza founder (and Winter Camp pioneer) Mike Osvath missed all of camp. Pizza was served as a dinner at several early Winter Camps before becoming a snack. It recently returned to a dinner slot and was merged last year with **Dinner And A Movie**, where it continues tonight. Bollmano's features a "You Make It, We Bake It, You Take It" approach to pizza, and Winter Camp rookies get the first crack at the ovens. Last year, Will Gagnon enjoyed pizza topped with Skittles, Kit Kats, and Twix.

The **Gamer's Snack** makes its Winter Camp debut tonight. The basic ingredients of this snack have been served at nearly every previous Winter Camp.

Tomorrow will feature our first **Continental Breakfast**. This is the only meal theme that has been served more than once at any one Winter Camp. As with so much else at Winter Camp, this meal is truly what you make of it.

People Are Asking...

If the denizens of Clearwater were to put out their own newspaper, what would it be called?

Is Paul Kupser aware that, in his quest to sleep in every campsite at D-A and at Cole Canoe Base, past and present, he'll have to find the following campsites?

Windy Ridge
Yucca Flats
Treasure Oak A
Treasure Oak B
Treasure Oak C
Hornaday
Lockwood
Site 9 (CCB)

Why is The Oak so sweet?

Why did Jeff Rand break such a mighty sweat during Tic-Tac-Toe?

In playing tic-tac-toe, why would anyone start in the bottom left corner?

Day One Report

by Will Gagnon

We all got settled in and had a wonderful lunch which had to deal with balls. We had cheese puffs with a meatball sub plus we had to pass around a cannonball. Then we had to play a hard game of tic-tac-toe—it dealt with going around camp and collecting X's to get three in a row.

And life goes on.

Hobby Demo Results

While Winter Camp XXX will feature no Hobby Draw, there was unfinished hobby business to be tended to with the demonstration of 2006's hobbies by returning Winter Campers.

Notable performances included the following:

Will Gagnon investigated Canadian 5-pin bowling and presented the results of his research.

Dave Oakley waited until the morning of December 27 to begin his hobby, but came into camp with a fine start on mineral and gemstone collecting. His collection of 6 specimens may be seen in the Winter Camp museum.

Though **Jeff Rand** was absent from last year's Hobby Draw, he reported on his progress in visiting all National Park Service units. He will be trying to reach Guam and American Samoa next year.

Paul Kupser reported on his lack of success in arranging for the minting of Winter Camp coins, noting that what he's trying to produce are properly called "tokens".

Corey Curtiss added 50 zany new hobbies to the official Winter Camp hobby list, but refused to divulge what the Detroit Masons keep in their refrigerator.

Mark Bollman—>'s 2006 hobby was confectionery, and he followed up his lemon-lime gumdrops from the Christmas Eve shopping trip with homemade marshmallows for all campers. Two were set aside for the Winter Camp XXX time capsule.

Scott McHugh collected one autograph in his quest to add to the Winter Camp Autograph Project.