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The Emperor Speaks!

Hello Winter Campers and welcome, my name is Shaun Range and I am the youth in charge for Winter Camp XXXI. I know you all will have a great time with the theme this year, Ancient Rome. We are going to have many activities ranging from burning trireme battles to burn and pillaging villages. In true Roman style we are going to have many sweet meals and ancient activities. The best part of Winter Camp is that we get to decide how most of the activities are done and get to set new standards for many Winter Camps to come. I look forward to this weekette with everyone and remember: History is being written.

Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

9:00 AM	Southern Breakfast
10:17 AM	Service Project begins
1:17 PM	Meal On Wheels
2:17 PM	Service Project continues
7:17 PM	Dinner and a Movie
9:30 PM	Hobby Draw
11:00 PM	Grape Snack
12:00 M	Quiet Hours

A First Look At Tomorrow

9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
10:00 AM	Chariot Racing

Bingo Report

The latest and greatest incarnation of Winter Camp's Arrowman Bingo took place after the Vesuvius Dinner. This year as last year, campers were required to meet the qualifications for a square before signing it—criteria ranged from the easy "Is at Winter Camp XXXI" to the considerably more challenging "Earned the Vigil Honor in 2007".

Prizes were won by the following campers:

Shaun Range won the first, standard, game and received a 1977-era lodge coffee mug.

Steve Donohue took the second, "Make A Good X",

Gastronomic Delights

Today's breakfast is making its Winter Camp debut, proving that there are still new ideas after 31 years. The **Southern Breakfast** will provide southwestern scrambled eggs, along with biscuits and gravy, to fuel us well for the day of service to follow.

Lunch will be the first-ever **Meal On Wheels**. So as not to interrupt the day of service that dates back to Winter Camp III, lunch will be delivered to the work sites.

At the dinner hour, food and entertainment combine in **Dinner and a Movie**. First served at Winter Camp XVII in keeping with our "Channel Surfing" theme that year, the meal has returned twice more since. Bollmano's Pizza will, however, not be catering this year.

In keeping with our Roman theme, tonight's snack is the new **Grape Snack**. Word on the street is that grape pie may be attempted.

Tomorrow will kick off, or not, with the completely voluntary **Continental Breakfast**. Rather than force Arrowmen to rise early and slave over a hot stove to prepare a complex and often underappreciated breakfast, this year's leadership team acted on a suggestion made by Douglas R. Wilson and instituted an optional breakfast. The new breakfast consists primarily of foods like cold-cereal and ready-made muffins. It also offers more complex options, like eggs and pancakes, for Arrowmen with a little more morning initiative. Over the years since this meal was instituted, numerous Arrowmen have availed themselves of this low-impact alternative, while others have opted to enjoy some additional rest.

game, also winning an antique mug.

A third mug was up for grabs in game three, "Cross This!", which was won by Gabe "Cor de Leo" Church.

In the final game, "Cover All", Nick Trevino took top honors and won a set of six Winter Camp poker chips. Nick narrowly beat out Jeff Rand for the win in this game.

College of Historical Studies

Q: What do Steve Donohue, Dave Oakley, and Ethan Rein have in common?

A: All three—and only those three—are graduates of Winter Camp University's College of Historical Studies.

The CHS offers a course of study leading to the Associate's degree, which entitles you, as a graduate, to a red-bordered Winter Camp patch. Serving as Dean of the CHS is Mark Bollman, who has written extensively on the history of Winter Camp and is responsible for the five-step Associate's degree curriculum.

1. Before completing any other requirements, complete requirements 3a

and 3c for the Winter Camp Participation Award.

2. Complete the course HIS 101: Introduction To Winter Camp History, including a written final examination.

3. While at Winter Camp, research and prepare an article for the Winter Camp News' "Back In The Day" column on a significant event, meal, or person from Winter Camp history

4. While at Winter Camp, and after enrollment in the CHS, participate in the Time Capsule events, including the hike to the CHR Memorial Site.

5. While at Winter Camp, select a new meal or activity (formal or informal) and prepare an article suitable for publication in Encyclopedia WinterCampica.

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

—if you consider spaghetti a finger food.

—if Christmas Eve at Sam's Club and Meijer's sounds like a good idea instead of a holiday nightmare.

—if you found a wife, indirectly, through something called "Beef Fizz".

—if you know what a rhombohexahedron is. (Hint: Look up.)

—if you've ever given a volleyball score and its binary equivalent.

—if you have at least three boxes of stuff in your home that only get unpacked between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Winter Camp Trivia

By Mark Bollman—>

From the December 27, 2007 edition:

1. How many dishes were served at Winter Camp's third largest meal?

—50, at the Salute to the States Banquet at Winter Camp XII.

2. Who fished with a shovel at Winter Camp XXI?

—Steve Donohue

3. Before we switched to buffalo nickels, what color nickels were the only legal tender in the vintage candy machine?

—Red

Today's questions:

1. Which team triumphed in the Winter Camp XXXI edition of X Marks The Spot?

2. Approximately how many steps, on average, is it from the "Beaver Creek Camp" sign on Ranch Road to Beaver Creek cabin? Your answer should be written in Roman numerals.

3. How many colors do Winter Camp poker chips now come in?

Back In The Day

Winter Camp has a long history of what have been termed "attractive nuisances". At Winter Camp II in 1978, a TRS-80 computer provided much distraction for the 12 members in attendance. Steve Donohue and Jeff Rand worked hard to write a roster program in BASIC for camp, and the state-of-the-art game "Saucers" presaged campers' enjoyment of Asteroids 29 years later.

Over the years, home computers became more sophisticated, and Winter Camp kept up with developing technologies. A decent history of personal computing may be traced by examining Winter Camp's records. Along with computers came stand-alone video game systems—the Nintendo Wii present this year traces its origins to Intellivision and Segavision consoles that came to camp in the 1980's and 1990's.

At Winter Camp V, the first Winter Camp setup crew brought an air hockey table to camp. Only one broken window can be directly traced to this new free-time activity.

The Bally Freedom pinball machine housed this year in Clearwater has come to camp twice previously, at Winter Camps XXVIII and XXIX. Its presence is a collaborative effort of Doug Wilson and Ron Donohue. New this year is the Asteroids console machine, dating back to 1979 and brought to camp by Alex Ferencz. Asteroids has a Winter Camp history as a computer game. During the Video Game Tournament at Winter Camp VII, one of the games was "Bounce-oids", a variation on Asteroids where the rocks rebounded off the sides of the screen rather than reappearing on the other side.

Quotes O' The Day

"Would that [1/2 a sundae] be bigger than a cheesecake?"

—Jeff Rand, refusing to acknowledge or attempting to avoid defeat, at Greg's Pizza, 26 December 2007.

"Can I get two cherries on my sundae?"

—Roger Horn, just before Jeff's ignominious defeat, also at Greg's.