

# WINTER CAMP NEWS

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Winter Camp XXXI News  
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## Hobby Draw Results

The Hobby Draw was held and had predictably uneven results. There were a total of 26 hobbies assigned and they ranged from the very serious to the (we hope) completely comical.

| Camper            | Hobby                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Joe Roberts       | Underwear Collecting                  |
| Doug Wilson       | Learn at least 3 card tricks.         |
| Gordon Draper     | Prepare Antarctica Slideshow          |
| Joe Fountain      | Fencing (with swords, not chain link) |
| Shawn Kupser      | Cornhole                              |
| John Howey        | Learn Spanish                         |
| Gabe Church       | Ice Skating                           |
| Alex Ferencz      | Juggle fire while unicycling          |
| Robert Fountain   | Paintball                             |
| Andrew Fountain   | Collect Hooter's Memorabilia          |
| Pawel Jarosz      | Learn Linux                           |
| Lucas Kuzala      | Crayon Making                         |
| Bob Montour       | Build Amphibious Vehicle              |
| William Gagnon    | Become an Eagle Scout                 |
| James Montour     | Collect Switches                      |
| Nick Trevino      | Earn Music merit badge                |
| Mitchell Turcotte | Visit Canadian Provinces              |
| Paul Kupser       | Fire-eating                           |
| Jeff Rand         | Aglet Repair                          |
| Shaun Range       | Rainbow fire coloring                 |
| Ethan Morlock     | Word a day, use all in a story        |
| Roger Horn        | County Airstrip collecting            |
| Ethan Rein        | Make Balloon Animals                  |
| Dave Oakley       | Collect Star Wars items               |
| Mark Bollman      | Ballet                                |
| Steve Donohue     | Saying No                             |

Next year we'll have a demo to check everyone's progress.

## Asteroids Standings

Competition on the Asteroids machine has back-grounded the glory that is ancient Rome at Winter Camp XXXI. As of 9:40 AM, 29 December 2007, the leaders are:

1. MET 25,750
2. LAK 22,100
3. JRM 20,700
4. LAK 18,260
5. NIC 17,840

## Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

9:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
12:00 N  
1:00 PM  
3:00 PM  
4:00 PM  
6:00 PM  
7:30 PM  
9:30 PM  
11:00 PM  
12:00 M

Continental Breakfast available  
Chariot Racing  
Pope's Lunch  
Cross-Country Golf  
Bocce Ball  
Free Time  
Emperor's Dinner  
Time Capsule Hike  
Board Games  
Gelato Social  
Quiet Hours

## Gastronomic Delights

Days Three and Four 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.

After considerable research, some of Benedict XVI's favorite dishes have been identified and will be served at the **Pope's Lunch**. Due to Winter Camp's curious shopping schedule and the requirements of this meal, the Meijer's on Eureka in Taylor sold most of its supply of spaetzle (that would be the bags of noodles hanging in the BC building) on Christmas Eve.

For the **Emperor's Dinner**, various teams will be tasked to cook different dishes with the goal of pleasing the Emperor. This meal is making its Winter Camp debut as well, but traces its origins to the Ark Dinner of Winter Camp XXVI and XXVII, which itself finds its roots in the *Iron Chef* TV series.

In true Roman spirit, the **Gelato Social** will be served as tonight's snack. A reasonably palatable American substitute for the Italian frozen delicacy will surely delight one and all.

## Making Beaver Creek A Better (Looking) Place

At the Winter Camp XXX planning meeting, Steve Donohue suggested that Winter Camp sponsor a clandestine campaign to improve the appearance of the interior of Beaver Creek cabin. In support of this goal, two pictures were hung on the dining room walls during camp and were left in place as camp closed.

To the amazement of some, those pictures were still on the walls as the setup crew arrived on December 26. The caricature of “three snooty waiters” that hangs over the kitchen counter and the photo above the coat

rack of Fihalhohi Island, in the Maldives, will remain to delight other campers into 2008. They have been joined this year by framed pictures of the Colosseum and Forum in Rome, in commemoration of the theme of Winter Camp XXXI.

## Kitchen News

The molasses cake surplus, like the domestication of the dog, continues unabated.

## You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

- if you’ve ever fought over a can of rubbed sage.
- if you buy a cheap toy for yourself on December 26 and are over 30.
- if you’ve ever consumed 15.86 cubic teratits of soda.
- if you have any idea what a cubic teratit is.
- if you’ve ever complained about not getting your share of a ten-year-old cookie.
- if you know that 5-year-old meat tastes like mold smells.
- if you know what an evaporated milk can-opener looks like.
- if you’ve bought a Christmas gift for someone with the expectation that it will be critical for them to use it in the next 6 days.
- if you’ve appeared in 4 or more calendars and don’t look good in a bikini.
- if you’ve ever eaten something in order to avoid having to eat it later.

## Winter Camp Trivia

By Mark Bollman—>

### From the December 28, 2007 edition: Today’s questions:

1. Which team triumphed in the Winter Camp XXXI edition of X Marks The Spot?  
—Blue
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.  
—DCVI
3. How many colors do Winter Camp poker chips now come in?
1. Which two latrines were toppled and burned at the Winter Camp XXXI service project?
2. What is the Cross-Country Golf course record?
3. As part of the *Around the World in a Weekette* theme of Winter Camp XXVIII, what meal or event was set in Detroit?
4. Which component of the Winter Camp logo was hand-drawn by Jeff Rand?

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## Back In The Day

The idea of a theme for Winter Camp had been kicked around occasionally, but was only first put in place at Winter Camp XV in 1991. Several new events combined with reworked classics for a Medieval event, and many of those same trappings were slightly time-shifted for the Renaissance theme at Winter Camp XVI.

Winter Camp XVII boldly went where no Winter Camp had gone previously by adopting a *Star Trek: The Next Generation* theme. In the next two years, thematic integration reached its peak with Pirates taking center stage at Winter Camp XVIII and Vikings the theme of Winter Camp XIX. The Viking camp kicked off with the Mead Marathon, which featured two- or three-man teams competing to drink 88 ounces of cold well water and run to the BC Skills building to retrieve replacement water. The aftereffects of this event were commemorated in verse:

*Nineteen conquered new worlds of fun  
In the Viking Olympics: Day One.  
Like the tail of a comet  
The snow streaked with vomit  
Bore witness to what we had done.*

Winter Camp XX adopted an Indian theme, but the thematic events were overshadowed by the 20th anniversary banquet and other milestone events. Themes returned in force at Winter Camp XXI, which adopted an Area 51 theme and included the Area 51 Role-Playing Game, which assigned specific roles to campers, all connected in one way or another to the question of alien visitation.

## Quotes O’ The Day Classic Edition

“Chicken soup makes a good lubricant!”  
—John Howey (Hot Potato Lunch)

“Remember who’s before you and who you went after.”  
—Ethan Rein (Cross-Country Golf)