

WINTER CAMP NEWS

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XXXII Leadership Team Assembled

In a marathon meeting on December 31, Winter Campers in attendance at Winter Camp XXXI took several steps toward ensuring the success of Winter Camp XXXII by selecting the theme and assembling the leadership corps.

Twelve themes were nominated from the floor, and

after a round of approval voting had narrowed the field, "Operation Winter Camp", with a military slant, was selected as the theme.

With the theme in hand, it then became necessary to find a crew to make it all happen. Four intrepid campers, Gabe Church, Will Gagnon, Robert Fountain, and Jim Montour, put their names forward for youth leader. The first round of approval voting reduced the field to Jim and Robert, and in the closest vote in Winter Camp history, Robert Fountain was chosen to lead Winter Camp XXXII.

Robert immediately set about assembling his officer corps. Andrew Fountain, in his best Robert Kennedy emulation mode, agreed to head up kitchen operations. Will Gagnon volunteered as quartermaster, Joe Fountain continued the family domination by joining forces with Gabe Church to co-direct the activities, with Gabe taking on the additional responsibility of editing the Winter Camp XXXII News.

Winter Camp XXXII is set for December 27-31, 2008, at D-A Scout Ranch. Among the highlights will be the intentional unearthing of a 10-year time capsule that was buried at Winter Camp XXII in 1998.

4-Way Volleyball Results

Twenty people took to the field for yesterday's 4-Way volleyball matches. The first match played with the traditional scout-rank based teams, saw the Eagles with palms coast to an easy win over their less adept brethren.

In the second match, the winter babies took top honors in a hotly contested match which found all 4 teams neck and neck at ten points. The winners ended the game with 11.

Back In The Day

by Will Gagnon

Last year we had a competition that dealt with two teams building boats that could hold a box of pyrotechnics. Unfortunately, one of the teams built an unstable boat that tipped over and got the pyrotechnics box wet, so it didn't work. It's a good thing the other team built a boat that was stable so we sent it out to sea and lit the fuse.

A couple of seconds later, BOOM! Fire, explosions, and a wonderful fireworks display—so that team scored victory and there was no ship to clean up, unlike the other team.

Asteroids Standings

Competition on the Asteroids machine has back-grounded the glory that is ancient Rome at Winter Camp XXXI. As of 1:00 AM, 31 December 2007, the leaders are:

1. MET 25,750
2. LAK 22,100
3. JRM 20,700
4. WGG 19,960
5. WGG 19,270

Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

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| 9:00 AM | Last Breakfast |
| 10:00 AM | Gladiator Games |
| 12:00 noon | Conglomerate Lunch |
| 1:00 PM | Clean up |
| 3:00 PM | Depart for home |

Gastronomic Delights

Winter Camp's final day will kick off with the **Last Breakfast** of 2007, which this year features Jackpot Grits. What does the Wheel of Breakfast have in store for you?

Some of Winter Camp XXXI's favorite culinary adventures will be brought back for an encore with the **Conglomerate Lunch**. Remember when we said "Eat it now, or eat it later"? Later has arrived.

Participation Award

If you haven't earned the participation award yet, you should do what you can while at camp and then get ready to finish off the requirements at next year's camp or, depending on which one's you've missed, during the year.

Kitchen News

The kitchen continues to fire on all cylinders with another round of great meals prepared yesterday. It started off with Ethan Rein and Steve Donohue preparing pancakes for the Continental Breakfast crew and continued with unique pies including grape and orange.

Participation!

Congratulations to Shaun Range who is the only Winter Camper to earn the Participation Award this year.

Congratulations also to Will Gagnon, who successfully completed the requirements for an associate's degree from the College of Historical Studies.

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

- ... you've played capture the flag using a Jell-O mold, human flag, or spices.
- ... you've ever used an electric toilet paper dispenser.
- ... you've assigned yourself a latin name.
- ... you've baked or eaten orange pie.
- ... you make up ridiculous rules about what constitutes a "night", a former Winter Camper, or participating in an activity.
- ... if you consider counting poker chips the perfect way to celebrate your birthday.
- ... you bring along a 300 pound arcade game as part of your normal gear.
- ... if you think 5 people in a 12 man cabin is crowded.
- ... if you've cut bread with a hacksaw.
- ... if you've finished cooking chicken by letting it simmer in its own grease fire.

Winter Camp Trivia

By Mark Bollman—>

From the December 30, 2007 edition:

1. Who were the winners in the Bocce Ball game at Winter Camp XXXI?
— *Dave Oakley and Ron Donohue*
2. What year was the time capsule that was recovered at Winter Camp XXXI buried?
— *Although we were hoping for 2002, the capsule was from 1997.*
3. What was the only consumable item in the time capsule and did anyone consume it?
— *There was some Goon Brew (crème soda) which was leaking. Many campers tried some but Paul Kupser finished it off.*

4. How many latrines were burned at Winter Camp XXXI?
— *Two*

For your perusal over the next 11.7 months:

1. Which Winter Camper took down Steve Donohue in a Physical Challenge during Battle Chess?
2. Which Winter Camper asked for seconds on raw dough?
3. Which Winter Camper washed his dog in the sink during Winter Camp?
4. Who won a fortune playing Chuck-A-Luck at Winter Camp XXXI?

Latin Names

As one of our activities, each camper chose his own Latin name.

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| Shaun Range | Caesar |
| Pawel Jarosz | Homo Meretrix |
| Gabriel Church | Cor de Leo |
| Alex Ferencz | Alexander Brutus |
| Paul Kupser | Divineum Ncate |
| Joe Roberts | Interfector |
| Nick Trevino | Spartacus Hispanicus |
| Will Gagnon | Asinus Cavum |
| Robert Fountain | Germanicus |
| James Montour | Simia Morari |
| Joseph Fountain | Joborius |
| Mitch Turcotte | Glacies |
| Lucas Kuzala | Metallicus |
| Andrew Fountain | Bestiue |
| Mark Bollman | Solea Rubicundus |
| Steve Donohue | Samno |
| John Ferencz | Tardus Manducare |
| Ebony Draper | Hebenus |
| Gordon Draper | Peregrinator |
| Roger Horn | Magus |
| Doug Wilson | Obscurus Aqua |
| Jeff Rand | Pudor Auctoritas |

Archetypes

Over the years, Winter Camp has been home to nearly 250 different Arrowmen. Although each is unique, there are certain kinds of campers who come to camp over and over again.

The Tradesman. The tradesman has a range of experience in a variety of fields which seems to belie his youthful appearance. He is a hard worker but sometimes needs some directions in order to apply his skills in the most useful ways. The first tradesman to attend Winter Camp was Mike Osvath at Winter Camp I. Later examples of the tradesman archetype include Paul Duran, Ed Parsons, Brian Mann, and our most recent entrant, Joe Roberts.

Quote O' The Day

"That's why we have separate facilities."
—Doug Wilson, discussing the "sin" of shaving during breakfast, December 30, 2007.