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Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

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Winter Camp's Original Latrine Burns

As part of the array of service projects at Winter Camp XXXIII, the old Clearwater latrine was burned after being collapsed. This makes the third latrine burning in Winter Camp's history, and is especially significant since Clearwater cabin housed Winter Camp I. Indeed, every Winter Camp except II and III has seen Clearwater house campers.

In other projects with less historical significance, campers also assisted with the splitting and transportation of firewood near the Trout Lake building, burned considerable brush resulting from the harvesting of said firewood, and took down the 12' wall at the COPE course in Jack Lord subcamp. Four campers also took part in Winter Camp's first Swan Wrangle, rescuing three swans who make Lockwood Lake their home from potential coyote attack. Winter Camp youth leader Gabe Church proved himself a leader of swans as well as of men, successfully capturing two of the three swans for their transfer to a secure undisclosed location.

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

If you know where Jim Bridger's "grave" is...

If you've ever awoken to the Posthorn Gallop...

If you know someone who prefers frozen strawberries to fresh...

If you know you won't have a burger between Christmas and New Year's...

If your wife expects you to fall asleep before the ball drops every year...

If you know what the Inner World Society is...

If you've ever wrestled blindfolded...

If you have a collection of food samples stretching back 30 years...

If you've ever used a latrine with a chandelier...

If you've ever had to enter your latrine password...

If you have a collection of autographs for your Scout camp...

If you've filled your entire car with no room for passengers on December 26...

If you've ever drunk from a "Cup o' Plenty"...

Quote O' The Day

"A good Winter Camp service project fire is still burning the next year."

—Ethan Rein, approximately

Commentary: It must be noted that "the next year" and "three days later" are in this case synonymous.

Gastronomic Delights

This service project day will launch with the **Lumber-jack Breakfast**. This hearty bill of fare, including pancakes, sausage, eggs, and hash browns, will surely prepare us well for the work to follow.

Lunch today will be the new **Roaster Lunch**, featuring white chili and cornbread. The new roaster oven is slated for yet another workout as this meal is prepared.

Dinner features the **Southern Hospitality Dinner.** Because the cuisine of the southern states is rich and varied, the menu has changed since this meal theme was first served, at Winter Camp XXI. Last millennium, the blueberry pies were improvised without pie plates, which the kitchen was too late found to be lacking. We face no such challenge this year.

The **Popcorn Plethora** will close out the evening. Popcorn has been enjoyed at every Winter Camp—it was served at all three evening snacks at Winter Camp I and has been part of eighteen different meal themes since them. The Plethora itself dates back to Winter Camp XIV.

Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

9:00 AM	Lumberjack Breakfast
10:17 AM	Service Project
1:17 PM	Roaster Lunch
6:00 PM	Southern Hospitality Dinner
7:30 PM	Hobby Demo/Draw
9:00 PM	Giant Balloons
10:00 PM	Overnight Capture The Objective
11:59:59 PM	Winter Camp Management Meeting

A first look at tomorrow

9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
10:00 AM	Yeti Dodgeball
12:00 N	Blind Beggar's Banquet
1:30 PM	Kick In Hole
2:30 PM	Battle Chess
4:00 PM	Forgery Contest

– Hey...What Was My Hobby Again? ——

Tonight will be the Winter Camp XXXIII Hobby Demo and Draw, in which campers will report the result of their assigned hobby for 2009 and everyone will be assigned a new hobby or project to fill the 72 lesser weekettes of the year 2010 until Winter Camp XXXIV.

Last year's assignments for current Winter Campers are these:

Scott Fults Cheese making
Mark Bollman—> Form a blackjack team
Jeff Rand Collect hotel toiletries

Steve Donohue Develop a Winter Camp game based on time travel

Gabriel Church Juggling

Keith King Help with redesign of the Winter Camp web site

Doug Wilson Electroplating Ethan Rein Unicycling

Mitch Turcotte Measure Kevin Fox's receding hairline

Dave Oakley Learn 4 new dice games

Zach Stockwell Collect 5 CD's of German folk music

Lucas Kuzala Collect grass

William Gagnon Make the Winter Camp logo in latch hook

Robert Lippus Become an Eagle Scout

Winter Camp Trivia

By Mark Bollman->

From yesterday's edition:

—Ethan Rein

- 1. Who rolled a die during the Palamedes Lunch and landed it in his bug juice?
 - -Gabe Church
- 2. Which point of the Scout Law was omitted from the responsorial reading at the Winter Camp XXXIII religious service?

—Reverent

- 3. Who won two of the five prizes awarded in Arrowman Bingo at Winter Camp XXXIII?
 - —Timmy Kasprzak
- 4. Who directed the papermaking project at Winter Camp XXXIII?

5. What were the destinations of the Blind Hikes this year?

—Hilltop and Ribble House

Today's questions:

- 1. Who was the first to crush a bowling pin beneath a bowling ball during Road Bowling?
- 2. Who watched *Real Genius* from within 5' of the screen?
- 3. Who placed a box of Kellogg's Corn Pops in the 5-year time capsule at Winter Camp XXVIII?
- 4. Where was the Billiards event held?

Winter Camp Game League Report

Game Current Leader

Giant Jenga:

Traditional Timmy Kasprzak: 32 levels

DBTI Donohue/Kuzala/Bollman/Root/Kasprzak/Stockwell: 31 levels

Coloretto Ethan Rein: 35
Fits Ethan Rein: 15
Ticket To Ride Keith King: 110

Welcome New Arrivals

Arriving at Winter Camp today were Roger Horn and Scott Fults, both of whom have found time to visit camp in and around their other holiday commitments.

Back In The Day

Camp rookies, led by Josh Davis, put together a commemorative soundtrack for Winter Camp XV as the event's final night was drawing to a close. Rather than writing original music to salute camp events, they chose tunes from among the popular music on hand that signified various campers and events during camp. Copies of the soundtrack were made available on cassette tape for \$2—or for free if you supplied your own tape. However, it was only recently that the full track list was made commonly available to current campers. A cassette copy of the soundtrack was placed in the second 10-year time capsule in 1998, and when the capsule was brought back to the surface in 2008, the tunes that were such a hit to campers 17 years earlier were back for another hearing.

In keeping with the musical taste of the youth at camp that year, there are 6 songs by Alice Cooper (the most of any artist represented), 3 by Mötley Crüe, 2 by "Weird Al" Yankovic, and one by Metallica—the last of these proves that musical tastes haven't changed as much as one might have thought in the intervening years. Harder to explain is the inclusion of "Les Poissons" [The Fish] from the soundtrack to *The Little Mermaid*. Indeed, some may wonder what that song was even doing at camp.

The complete track list is printed in the 13th edition of *Encyclopedia WinterCampica*, which may be found in the Winter Camp library. What songs would be on the Winter Camp XXXIII playlist?