

Hobby Draw Sets The Stage For 2010

Winter Camp's nearly-annual Hobby Draw was held on Day Three, as campers proposed hobbies or projects they might pursue during 2010 for presentation at Winter Camp XXXIV. A favorite proposal this year was "Get my driver's license"—but no one was assigned that as a hobby. Winter Campers appear not to want to encourage their fellows to drive. Actual assignments are these:

Dennis Root Jr.	Master winter survival techniques
Dave Oakley	Tie 40 knots with rope
Keith King	Extend Winter Camp postcard collection
Gabriel Church	Crochet the Winter Camp logo
Joe Warren	Become an Eagle Scout
Robert Lippus	Rifle shooting—join the NRA
Gordon Draper	Exercise and train Ebony (his dog)
Steve Donohue	"The Quarter Pounder"
Timmy Kasprzak	Photography
Will Gagnon	Get a job
Jarod Haapapuro	Earn the Russell Neynaber Award
Mike Williams	Become a ceremonialist
Mitch Turcotte	Learn Hebrew
Ryan Sklodowske	Learn Japanese
Zach Stockwell	Trapshoot a perfect score
Brandon Jones	Hunt deer successfully
Kyle Keezer	Collect belt buckles
Ethan Rein	Cider making
Mark Bollman—>	Convert music collection to MP3 files
Matt Elias	Learn a new word every day
Jeff Rand	Visit islands
Roger Horn	Become a merit badge counselor for SCUBA and Robotics MB's
Lucas Kuzala	Curling
Tom Salliotte	Golf
Scott Fults	Tree identification
Joe Salliotte	Paper aviation

Gastronomic Delights

The **Blind Beggar's Banquet** combines a couple of past meal themes into something never before served at Winter Camp. We've had the Blind Lunch, and we've had a Beggar's Banquet or two—but putting the two together? Madness!

The **Mold Meal** refers to shape and preparation methods, not quality of food—so there will be no bleu cheese on the menu. Meatloaf, rutabaga, Jell-O, and other amorphous food-stuffs will be served.

A cold pop and a selection of munchies will comprise the **Casino Snack** in and around the action at the gaming tables.

Gaming will continue tomorrow as the **Last Breakfast** of 2009 is close at hand, and with it a hearty bowl of Jackpot Grits. What does the Wheel of Breakfast have in store for you?

Winter Camp XXXIII will close with the **Conglomerate Lunch**. Remember when people have said "Eat it now, or eat it later"? Later is close at hand. It should be noted that Winter Camp is a little light on leftover food this year, hence the Rand Stew may be a bit sparse.

Today's Schedule (All times WCST)

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
5:00 PM	Free Time
6:00 PM	Mold Meal
7:30 PM	Time Capsule Hike
9:30 PM	Casino Night/Casino Snack

And tomorrow's as well

9:00 AM	The Last Breakfast
10:00 AM	Bocce with bowling balls
12:00 N	Conglomerate Lunch
1:17 PM	Pack your bags!
4:17 PM	End of Winter Camp XXXIII

You are what you eat...think of what you'll be after Winter Camp.

—From the 28 December 1985 issue of the *Peas Pipe*, Winter Camp's first newspaper

Winter Camp Game League Report

<u>Game</u>	<u>Current Record Holder</u>
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
Qwirkle	Gabe Church: 132

**An inquiry is in progress as to whether or not game rules were broken in the setting of this record.*

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

If you buy a pair of gloves every December 26...
 If you've ever debated which building is the "Health Lodge"...
 If you have an assortment of snowflake paper...
 If you've played tic-tac-toe with both sides using X as a marker...
 If you've ever "Asked Dr. Beast"...
 If you've received a personal massager as a gift at scout camp...
 If you've ever been killed with a hammer...
 If you've ever pondered how to make a spaghetti sauce volcano...
 If you play more new games between Christmas and New Year's than you do the rest of the year...
 If you still identify people as Bollman-Oakes or Oatley children...

Quote O' The Day

"Do you want a ride [to the dining hall]?"
 —A very well-meaning Tom Salliotte to Jeff Rand, 12/28/9.
 "The owls are chirping."
 —Naturalist Roger Horn, 12/29/9.

Winter Camp Trivia

By Mark Bollman—>

From yesterday's edition:

—Scott McHugh

1. Who was the first to crush a bowling pin beneath a bowling ball during Road Bowling?

—Will Gagnon

2. Who watched *Real Genius* from within 5' of the screen?

—Timmy Kasprzak

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?

—The Hay Pavilion

Today's questions:

1. Who constructed the "bigger than big" human that took top accolades at the Giant Balloons event?

2. Which Winter Camp II meal featured a man in a gas mask?

3. Who prepared lemon cheese as his 2009 hobby demonstration?

Back In The Day

The first Winter Camp newspaper was published at Winter Camp IX in 1985, and was called the *Peas Pipe*, which was a parody of "Peace Pipe", then the name of the lodge newsletter. One of the first articles dealt with a ceremony gone right, which led to the death of an evil force called the CAG.

From the inaugural edition of the *Peas Pipe*, 28 December 1985:

THE BEAST KILLS CAG

Members attending the Downriver Winter Camp IX were horrified last night at the fatal attack of a CAG on Amikas Towalla. Lucifer, the Beast being an innocent bystander, captured this most evil CAG and crushed it with several blows to its decaying flesh.

The members were attending a special ceremony at the highest point at D-A Scout ranch (elev. 1150 ft.) when this apparent mishap occurred. Amikas Towalla was in the process of inducting some new brothers into the Mi-Gi-Si O-Paw-Gan Lodge when the attack transpired. Amikas Towalla had just finished giving the prospective members the obligation when the CAG attacked with a gun.

A single gunshot was fired into the head of Amikas Towalla killing him instantly. Amikas Towalla jerked forward with a dislocated head before he fell dead to the ground.

The Beast had just finished taking the obligation with the rest of the group and realized that this new obligation gave him some responsibility to save the lodge. When the CAG ran away in his escape attempt, the Beast proceeded with his successful capture. The wretched CAG was drug forward and crushed by the Beast. A few sharp thrusts of an axe into the chest were sufficient to dislocate the cold heart of the CAG. A most joyous chorus interluded the burning of this CAG heart. The Mi-Gi-Si O-Paw-Gan Lodge lives again. So be it.

Funeral services for the CAG will be held later in the week.