

Red Menace Thriving In Winter Camp Universe

In the footsteps of Wisconsin Senator Joseph McCarthy, and in an effort to flush out the Communist-inspired ilk said to be lurking throughout Winter Camp, four teams of investigators set out to determine the extent of the problem on Day Two. The questions were clear, the information was out there, and the mathematical precision that produced the final result could not be contested.

Everyone at Winter Camp became an informant, and was judged on their knowledge of their fellows. The investigative teams were polled on 32 dimensions of information, and were then challenged to devise a mathematical formula to compute the number of Communist sympathizers lurking in the WCU. Data from this survey may be found elsewhere in today's *News*—what the agents provided was their estimate of the extent of the problem. The team led by Will Gagnon produced a guess of 141.6 left-wing radicals, raising the question of what 60% of a Communist really is.

The Ethan Rein team processed the same data, but arrived at a rather different conclusion, arriving at a total of 3224. Scott Fults and his investigating force more than doubled the Rein calculations, concluding that Winter Camp was infested with 8151 Communists. The top estimate came from the team of Keith King, Tim Leong, Jeff Rand, and Joe Warren, whose interpretation of the data led to the inescapable conclusion that Winter Camp harbors 10,569 agents of anti-Americanism.

Following the exercise, representatives of three teams joined forces to conclude that the maximum value to be derived from the data available and the mathematical constraints was 35,111 10/13—once again: we wonder what a fractional Communist really means. (Communist only from Monday-Friday? Perhaps.)

Alimentary Endings

One of the hallmarks of the Winter Camp kitchen is its ability to improvise, and that spirit of experimentation was on display yesterday in the Stylish Seafood dinner. Some simplifying adjustments were made to the menu by the grocery shopping teams on Christmas Eve, with the result that the cooks found themselves with a surfeit of flounder filets and limited instructions for cooking them. Steve Donohue improvised a fine sauce from ingredients on hand, and while there was some confusion about what constituted "fully cooked" fish, early reports seem to indicate that no one has fallen ill from the meal. The Clearwater oven was pressed into service for the first time this weekette, and the popcorn shrimp baked

Today's Schedule—All times WCST

9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast available
10:00 AM	Cross-Country Golf
12:00 N	Working Mom Lunch
1:00 PM	Fire Skills
2:00 PM	Showdown
3:00 PM	Launch of Sputnik
4:00 PM	Choreographed singing and dancing
5:00 PM	Free Time
6:00 PM	Mom and Apple Pie Dinner
7:00 PM	Space Invaders
9:00 PM	Blind Hike A
10:00 PM	Blind Hike B
11:00 PM	Bakery Snack
12:00 M	Lights out

Gastronomic Delights

Two new meals and two old favorites make up today's menu. Early risers are able to enjoy the **Continental Breakfast**. This is the most commonly-served meal theme through the first 33 Winter Camps, and was inspired by Doug Wilson's observation in 1990 that he never woke up hungry at Winter Camp.

The roaster oven that served the Polish Banquet so well yesterday might be pressed into service again today. As Winter Camp XXXIV hits the halfway mark, we shall enjoy the **Working Mom Lunch** as our temporal displacement takes us into the 1970's. We'll backtrack a bit, to the early 1960's, for the **Mom and Apple Pie Dinner**.

The **Bakery Snack** commemorates Winter Camp's rich tradition of quality goods baked on-site. The baking dates back to Winter Camp I; the snack theme to Winter Camp XXIII. This was called "the classic that should always have been" in its first appearance, and makes an unusual appearance on Day Three this year.

downstairs proved a fine addition to dinner. Dessert challenged the cooks' efforts to make the best out of a bad situation—in this case, the dropping of two apple pies in getting them out of the oven. (Note to future cooks: Water conducts heat very quickly, especially when it's been absorbed into an oven mitt.) A three-way collection of apple-based dessert treats was offered, including, apple pie, "apple cobbler", and deep-dish open-faced apple pie. The results speak for themselves—none of these apple products will be represented in the Rand Stew.

Know Your fellows!

Of the 19 Winter Campers participating in last night's McCarthyism exercise:

- 19 have a collection of some sort.
- 17 have been in a parade.
- 15 think they're better at math than English.
- 14 have a Facebook page.
- 14 have 1 or fewer siblings.
- 13 have performed in an OA ceremony.
- 13 have seen the movie *Avatar*.
- 13 have three or fewer Eagle palms, or are not yet Eagle Scouts.
- 11 have played Dungeons and Dragons.
- 11 can play a musical instrument.
- 11 have seen the movie *Star Wars* in a theater.
- 10 have a pet dog.
- 10 have a pet cat.
- 9 have earned a varsity letter.
- 8 have performed an OA unit election.
- 8 received Brotherhood membership in the 2000's.
- 6 have served as Winter Camp youth leader.
- 6 are over 18 and married.
- 5 attended Winter Camp XXI.
- 5 have served as chapter chief.
- 5 attended the Fall 2010 Ordeal.
- 5 are attending Winter Camp for the first time.
- 5 have 4 or more Eagle palms.
- 4 have 2 or more siblings.
- 4 attended the November chapter meeting.
- 4 have served as Winter Camp adviser.
- 4 are over 18 and unmarried.
- 3 have been quoted in a newspaper with circulation greater than 2000.
- 3 have served as lodge chief. (Tim Leong, Jeff Rand, and Ethan Rein)
- 3 consider themselves to be patch traders.
- 3 attended Winter Camp I.
- 2 think they're better at English than math. (2 refused to choose between those two options.)

Winter Camp Trivia

From yesterday's edition:

1. Which two flavors were added to some of the flour bags thrown during Flour Wars?

—*Garlic and ginger*

2. Who was the only successful bootlegger during Prohibition at Winter Camp XXXIV?

—*Timmy Kasprzak*

3. Who struck it rich at roulette and won over \$50,000 at the Winter Camp XXXIV Speakeasy?

—*Ronnie Spada*

Today's questions:

1. Which campsite saw Winter Campers burning brush as part of the Winter Camp XXXIV service project?

2. Who provided historical data for the Dow Jones Industrial Average at Winter Camp XXXIV?

3. Which U.S. President's portrait hung on the wall of the BC building to commemorate the years from 1910-1935?

4. What was the first game that Steve Donohue invented for Winter Camp?

Back In The Day

While last night's game of McCarthyism was somewhat in jest, Winter Camp really did experiment with a Communist government in the 1980's, after an effort to use a patrol system at Winter Camp IV proved somewhat problematic. Winter Camp V, in 1981, saw a central committee of overseers construct a "Five Day Plan" and lay out a collection of jobs to be filled by campers. Winter Camp printed its own currency for the event; campers were paid for work such as washing dishes or preparing meals, but were charged \$100 in WC funds per night for bunk rental. Additional bunk space was made available through an auction. A system of fines for such crimes against the state as missing activities further ensured that Arrowmen would need to put in some work to pay their way through camp. Samples of this currency may be seen in the Winter Camp Museum.

The Communist government persisted through Winter Camp VII in its original form, but was modified for Winter Camp VIII. Supreme authority was vested in the Korish, who oversaw a team of three Primary Centrics. These high-level administrators directed their own Secondary Centrics (Arrowmen able to conduct normal respiratory activities), who further led the Tertiary Centrics, or "Terts"—who had to have successfully completed birth. Hovering in the shadows and pulling all of the Korish's strings was the three-man Inner World Society.

The Communist economic system was compromised by "old money", so the WC dollar was revalued for Winter Camp VIII. While the bills were quietly retired at weekette's end, they have been brought out once or twice since for other Winter Camp events.

Quote O' The Day

"I would rather eat a sock than SPAM."

—*Dave Oakley, at the Winter Camp XXXIV planning meeting.*

(Will he get a chance to enjoy his preferred foodstuffs when he gets here? Time will tell.)