

## Hobby Draw On Winter Camp Horizon

One of Winter Camp's more recent traditions is the Hobby Draw/Hobby Demo pair, which started in 1992 at Winter Camp XVI. Tonight will feature the latest version of this event, which seeks to extend the influence of Winter Camp into the 72 lesser weekettes of the Earth year.

This evening, all campers will be asked to propose three new hobbies that they might take up during 2011—these, of course, are hobbies in which they are not currently active. The rest of their room will choose their hobby, using criteria which might include value to the individual, value to Winter Camp, or just a desire to mess with someone's year. Next year, you will report back to Winter Camp on the results of your 2011 hobby. Dave Oakley, who was at camp yesterday, has left his 2010 hobby—a knot board with 14 knots—for the camp's review tonight. That could be you next year.

## Alimentary Endings

Though not necessarily intended this way, three snacks were served yesterday evening. There was a considerable break between the end of the main feeding of the Mom and Apple Pie Dinner and the serving of the pie—apple, dark cherry, chocolate, and blueberry—with vanilla ice cream.

In this preparation of the Bakery Snack, the team making soft pretzels took advantage of not having to let dough rise to serve their fare in the 11:00 hour. This new recipe proved quite successful.

Finally, the Bakery Snack was served at approximately 1:00 AM—those who remained awake in Beaver Creek during that hour enjoyed homemade bread, warm from the oven, with freshly-churned butter and a selection of sugary spreads.

## Gastronomic Delights

The **Global Breakfast** is an effort to extend the Continental Breakfast to a wider region. Time will tell if we succeed.

Today's **False Dilemma Lunch** is another Winter Camp newcomer. You will be confronted with choices—at least in the soup and pudding realms—but how much will they really matter?

The **Back of the Box Dinner** is based on recipes from—yep, the backs of food boxes. Someone thought so highly of this idea years ago that they published a cookbook of such recipes. We'll only be using two of them.

Another newcomer, the **Blowtorch Snack**, will close out the last full day of Winter Camp XXXIV. We've built

### Today's Schedule—All times WCST

9:00 AM	Global Breakfast
10:00 AM	Wounded Spy
12:00 N	False Dilemma Lunch
1:00 PM	Find The Terrorist
3:00 PM	Build nuclear survival shelters
5:00 PM	Free Time
6:00 PM	Back of the Box Dinner
7:00 PM	Hobby Demo and Draw
9:00 PM	Time Capsule events
11:00 PM	Blowtorch Snack
12:00 M	Lights out

### And a first look at tomorrow:

9:00 AM	Jackpot Grits
10:00 AM	Snow Soccer
12:00 N	Conglomerate Lunch
1:00 PM	Pack your bags
4:17 PM	Winter Camp XXXIV ends

## Entertainment News

Principal photography has been completed on an as-yet-unnamed Winter Camp production following in the footsteps of Busby Berkeley. This mix of loose approximations to both music and dance was performed at Clearwater Field, not long after the conclusion of 4-Way Volleyball, under the direction of Steve Donohue.

The performance focuses on gunplay, in the Charlie's Angels mode, that heralds the blooming of a great mystical orange flower in the midst of the winter snows. Playing co-lead roles as the flower are Keith ( $K^2$ ) King and Will Gagnon, and they are supported by six gunslingers and eight rotating attendants.

In the event that any of the participants had career aspirations, they will surely be relieved of same upon the Internet release of the final product, which is anticipated in early 2011.

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multiple fires this week, and apparently we've hit our quota, so the plan is to roast marshmallows over blowtorches.

The final day of camp will feature the new tradition that is **Jackpot Grits**. What does the Wheel of Breakfast have in store for you?

Winter Camp XXXIV's feedings will close with the **Conglomerate Lunch**. All throughout the weekette, you have heard the sentence "Eat it now, or eat it later" at meals. Later is almost upon us.

## Time For Capsules!

Weather permitting, the Time Capsule Hike tonight will secure a collection of Winter Camp XXXIV relics beneath the soil of the CHR Memorial Site for five years. Winter Camp has been placing time capsules since the construction of the site in 1987, for durations ranging from 1 to 10 years. Several capsules are now housed in the woods near the Last Ceremony site.

Over the course of more than 20 years, we have learned a few things about what should not be stored underground for a year or more. While popcorn and sugar cookies seem to take the long-term banishment with few ill effects, the same cannot be said of either shaving cream or vanilla cream soda. In these two cases, Winter Campers waiting to greet the camp's treasures on their return to the surface were disappointed by the effects of time and temperature on the contents. We have, over the years, modified our approach to time capsules in an attempt to increase the likelihood that things will survive their time intact.

At the same time, we've also gotten a little better in cataloging what's inside these PVC tubes. Early on in Winter Camp's time capsule history, we would occasionally haul up some artifacts with no real idea—1 to 5 years later—why they were important or why

we thought they were worth storing.

Two 10-year capsules have been placed and retrieved, both relatively successfully. Lists of the items stored in these capsules have been carefully made, and the inventory, which includes such odd items as a 5-1/4 inch computer diskette and a cassette tape of the Winter Camp XV soundtrack, may be found in *Encyclopedia WinterCampica*. A third one now rests at the CHR Memorial, and we plan to dig it up at Winter Camp XLIV in 2018. The Winter Camp Future Society has conducted some preliminary research into the feasibility of a 1000-year time capsule to be retrieved in time for Winter Camp M in 2976, and it is our hope to place this capsule at or near Winter Camp L, currently scheduled to be held at D-A Scout Ranch from December 27-31, 2026.

The Winter Camp XXXIV time capsule will include items contributed by current campers that are thought to be of interest 5 years from now. History has told us that some of these items make no sense in the future if their original owner isn't around to explain and retrieve them--so plan now to return to Winter Camp XXXIX in 2015 to pick up your contribution and remind us why you contributed it.

## Winter Camp Trivia

### From yesterday's edition:

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

—Hawthorne Hill

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

—Ethan Rein

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

—William Howard Taft

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

—Adviserati

### Today's questions:

1. Who played the part of the orange flower in the choreographed dance number at Winter Camp XXXIV?

2. What unusual coincidence marked the showing of *Back to the Future* at Winter Camp XXXIV?

3. Who was ordered to eat a pie by Doug Wilson?

4. Who ate a Barbie sock?

## Sports News

Day Three of Winter Camp XXXIV featured a robust collection of sporting competitions on the gaming fields of Beaver Creek subcamp. Herewith, a roundup of results.

In the Fire Skills competition, which involved moving a ceremonial candle on a twine-supported platform to High Point, lighting it, and then returning with it to the Winter Camp grounds and burning through a string, Team One triumphed over Team Two.

In Showdown, which saw two teams racing to break balloons over Beaver Creek (the stream, not the building) with stones, sticks, or teeth, the Western team was declared the winner. The game was modified this year from its first Winter Camp appearance in 2008 to allow entry into, and later crossing of, the stream, and teams were required to break their opponent's balloons rather than their own. Drew Assenmacher left his mark as a skilled balloon biter.

In 4-Way Volleyball, the October-December team took the first match, and the Eagles With More Than 3 Palms squad rode the "Rand Rocket" to victory in the second.

Finally, in a rousing match of Space Invaders—which was yet another Winter Camp modification to Capture the Objective (itself a Capture the Flag variant)—the Blue team overcame the considerable handicap of a traitor in their midst and went on to a 70-23 win over their foes from the Red team.

## Quote O' The Day

"If you have to clean your cooking utensils to establish good electrical contact, you might be a Winter Camper!"

"When you feed people 20 pounds of beef, they don't want dessert."

—both by Doug Wilson, 12/29/10

## Incident Report

An incident occurred yesterday.