

Armageddon Outta Here!

In the first of four "Save The World" challenges presented at Winter Camp XXXV, three teams of campers ventured to the Plane of Armageddon on Day One to face off against the mental and physical challenges offered by that alternate world. Five stations comprised the Armageddon Challenge and the teams earned cash throughout the event.

In **World War IV**, our heroes were quested to destroy Satan's minions with sticks and stones. Team 1 faced a moral dilemma when Jared Rieden suggested "Maybe we shouldn't annihilate anyone"—but then they did. Team 2 was most compassionate at killing the innocents, even going so far as to spare the life of a young Adolf Hitler, while Team 3 also decided to adopt a "kill 'em all" strategy.

Goodman's Quest followed, as the teams sought to eat a meal of marshmallows with long forks without dropping the food. In an act of brotherhood worthy of OA co-founder E. Urner Goodman himself, Team 1 successfully fed each other. Team 2 had some issues with the definition of a "stick", which many observers regard as "smaller than a log", but was eventually able to eat. Team 3 saw most people reach their own marshmallows, though one person skewered the bag. Ethan Rein took one for the team by eating a marshmallow that was covered in bark.

The **Which Path to Take?** challenge took its name from a 1978 Downriver Chapter rededication ceremony, and called for our heroes to find the right way through enemy-infested woods. A moral dilemma then faced each team, as

they found a quantity of Winter Camp cash ostensibly dropped by another team. Did they make an effort to return it? Team 3 thought about leaving \$1 in the envelope and then returning it, but failed to commit to even that minimal level of honesty. The other teams didn't even make it that far on the morality dartboard.

The Kanamits demanded a human sacrifice in the **To Serve Man** challenge. Team 1 failed to make a choice, while Team 2 set Keith King on fire. The ropes that bound him burned through and allowed him to escape, and he then became the most valuable guide. Team 3 opted for the time-honored "Nose Goes" method of choosing a sacrifice, but Ethan Rein's historical knowledge did not include that ritual, and so he willingly sacrificed himself for the good of his fellows.

The final challenge was the **Random Sample**, where the teams were presented with a collection of items for sale at the alien store, and were called on to spend some of their accumulated funds. Roger Horn continues to wait for his chocolate from team 2. Team 1 shared everything, and Team 3 bought only a pencil and shared nothing.

Team 1 ended the game with \$196, Team 2 with \$230, and Team 3 with \$164—however, this was for display purposes only, as the true measure by which teams were judged was their adherence to the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. The jury is still out.

Gastronomic Delights

With the **Heart-Stupid Breakfast**, Winter Camp proved itself politically incorrect before that term became widely known. As a reaction to the "Heart-Smart" eating guidelines perpetrated by the American Heart Association in the mid-1980's, Winter Camp chose to run in the opposite direction. The HSB dates back to 1988 and that year's lodge Hay Day, and will surely fuel us well for the day of service to follow. At Winter Camp XIV, the fried potatoes at this meal took on a curious silver color and proved almost indistinguishable from the aluminum pan used to prepare them.

Also designed with an eye toward facilitating work, the **Continental Lunch**, which dates back to Winter Camp XIX, will provide a quick refueling option in the middle of the service day.

The **Smoked Meat Dinner** is new to Winter Camp, and was conceived at the November planning meeting as part of the "Bacon Bonanza", in reference to a possible common foodstuff at the day's first three meals.

Bacon, of course, is also commonly used as a pizza topping, and so **Bollmano's Pizza** will close out the Bonanza. Home-made pizza has been served at every Winter Camp, and Bollmano's, home of "The Finest Italian Cuisine In The Wilderness", has catered the event since forcing out Little Ozzie's Pizza in a hostile takeover from within at Winter Camp XVII in 1993.

Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

9:00 AM	Heart-Stupid Breakfast (starring Bacon!)
10:17 AM	Service Project
1:17 PM	Continental Lunch
2:17 PM	More Service
6:00 PM	Smoked Meat Dinner
7:30 PM	Saving the Earth: Natural Disaster
9:30 PM	Bake-a-thon Part 2
11:00 PM	Bollmano's Pizza
12:00 M	Quiet Time

Quotes O' The Day

"Do you want to use the Big Boy crate?"

—Roger Horn, in reference to some found artifacts.

"It's the essence of the rodent that's restorative."

—Mark Bollman—, on the medicinal properties of rat water.

The Emperor's New Chair

There are certain lessons that can be taken away from the Emperor's Chair race held on Day Two. Chief among them is the importance of preliminary design work, but no less significant is the importance of hiring an experienced crew when constructing a pioneering project. Emperor Jazz Man's team's minimalist design proved able to conquer the Beaver Lake dam on the first leg of the race. Emperor Timmy's chair, while more elaborate, proved too much for its crew to carry, and so was converted into a drag sled early on, at considerable cost to the umbrella incorporated into the lashings. Some casualties happen.

Jazz Man's team successfully conveyed their emperor around the designated course and returned to Beaver Creek still bearing him aloft. Timmy, alas, was forced to abandon his seat of honor and was relegated to join his subjects in carrying the tattered remnants of his chair back to the staging area.

Alimentary Endings

Those who stayed up until 1:00 Wednesday morning enjoyed the full feast of the **Bakery Snack**, as three of the 18 loaves of bread were immediately sliced and eaten. Based on our experience earlier in the evening, a salt-reducing modification has been made to the pretzel recipe for Winter Camp XXXVI.

If you enjoyed the rice served at the **Synchronized Supper**, note that the recipe was improvised on site and included orange food coloring, curry powder, celery, and green peppers.

CTO Scoreboard

Combining Capture the Objective with Snow Castle Building both brought back an old favorite and addressed the lack of buildable snow on the Winter Camp grounds. In the latest in-

Arrivals & Departures

Day Two included the arrival of Wesley Pedersen during lunch and Mike Osvath just before dinner. Scott Fults and Tom Ray have also fit a visit to Winter Camp in among their other late December commitments. Tom entertained all campers by blowing a fireball in what should be clearly labeled as an unscheduled activity.

Doug Wilson and Dave Oakley are currently away from camp—Doug expects to be back in time for Bollmano's Pizza on Day Three, and Dave hopes to return on Day Four.

carnation of Winter Camp's official outdoor game, Team 1104 triumphed over Team Not 1104 by a score of 65-105. 1104's win was in no small part due to their frequent capture of opposing player Gabe Church, who may have set a new record for CTO futility.

Winter Camp Trivia

From yesterday's edition:

1. Who had an unnatural obsession with bacon at the Winter Camp XXXV planning meeting?

—Kristie Donohue

2. Which Winter Camper is known for having the right hat for every occasion?

—Dave Oakley

3. At which Winter Camp did the Museum of Winter Camp History debut?

—Winter Camp VII

Today's questions:

1. Who was turned into a zombie at Winter Camp XXXV?
2. Which Scouting program was tapped for the content of Code-breaking at Winter Camp XXXV?
3. Who was captured most often during Capture the Objective at Winter Camp XXXV?
4. What were the destinations of the two Blind Hikes at Winter Camp XXXV?

Zombies Defeated!!!

Winter Camp Is Safe ...for another day

Winter Campers were faced with another threat to the planet on Day One as a crew of zombies was found to be amassing for an attack on the Winter Camp grounds. If Winter Camp were to be conquered by these invaders, the rest of the world would surely also fall. Only one camper, Gabe Church, was captured and converted by the evil undead, while a team of four intrepid campers was able to maneuver a destructive ground flame into the Clearwater fire pit and subsequently set it off to immolate the critical relic called the "arrow box" and destroy the zombies. A grateful planet had no comment.

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

Greatest Hits edition

If you've ever bought Skittles with a buffalo nickel...

If you've ever built a fire that was still burning the next year...

If you've ever communicated by hose-a-phone and semaphore *on the same day*...

If you found a wife, indirectly, through something called "Beef Fizz"...

If you've ever complained about not getting your share of a ten-year-old cookie...

If you can, from direct experience, name five things that don't respond well to being buried for 5 years...

If you've prepared 162 different dishes for a single meal...

If building a campfire on a frozen lake seems like a good idea and not a violation of some law of physics...

If you've ever caught glow sticks dropped from an airplane...

If you've ever pondered how to make a spaghetti sauce volcano...

If you've eaten a meal named after you or a friend of yours...

If you've played Capture the Flag using a Jell-O mold, human flag, or spices...

If you've eaten food dangling from strings with only a strobe light as illumination...

If at some point in time, you have spoke or wrote in "words of but one part"...

If a golf score of 67 is 5 *over* par...