

Multiple Disasters Defended: The World Is Saved!

On Day Three of Winter Camp XXXV, several teams of campers put their minds to work creating devices intended to save humanity from annihilation—real or imagined. In a twist on Genius Night, a collection of craft items was made available for this construction.

The perils facing the Earth ranged from a bacon shortage to an approaching meteorite, and the machines intended to combat these threats were at once imaginative and occasionally practical. JJ The Jet Plane was a particularly intricate construction, and the walking alien—constructed by a representative of invading aliens—represented itself well.

As is so often the case at Winter Camp, the criteria by which projects were judged were not known in advance, and so, for all of the technological advancements suggested by the models, it was adherence to the Scout Oath and Law that was most important. Accordingly, team building the Wolverines' bunker from the movie *Red Dawn* was awarded top honors.

Day Four saw a virulent plague sighted in the outlying districts, and Winter Camp once again rose as one to rescue the Earth. An aerial survey tipped the camp off to eight-

een locations of infectious agents. Following a briefing by the camp medical team, TR Evangelista accepted the nomination of his fellows to lead the charge on behalf of humanity, and he successfully engineered the decoding of the eighteen clues leading the camp to the locations of known outbreaks. Time was short, and the stakes were high.

The most local of the infectors were all quickly found and neutralized. Fifteen of the eighteen plague spores were rapidly retrieved, and with 40 minutes to go, only three spores—all known to be in Trout Lake subcamp—remained at large. At 3:54 PM WCST, Gabe Church, Alexander Downie, and Ian McKeever delivered the final three spores to the medical officials, and with those spores destroyed, Winter Camp has once again saved the world.

A thoroughly ungrateful world had no comment. We're done saving them.

Gastronomic Delights

The last day of Winter Camp XXXV will break with the **Anniversary Breakfast**, celebrating Winter Camp's 35th year. If you have not finished shopping for gifts, the 35th is the emerald anniversary.

Winter Camp XXXV will close tomorrow following the **Conglomerate Lunch** and the traditional Rand Stew. Remember throughout the past weekette when people would say "Eat it now, or eat it later"? Later is almost here.

Alimentary Endings

The Continental Breakfast incorporated **Jackpot Grits** and the Wheel of Breakfast, and saw both extremes experienced, as Scott Fults spun a 0 and received plain grits, and Alexander Downie spun 00 and got a bowl of grits with everything. A jar of Sanders' hot fudge topping enlivened several bowls.

The **Made In Michigan Lunch** made its Winter Camp debut with some parts planned and some parts improvised. The kielbasa was provided by Ranger Dave Morosky, and the garlic cheese bread was made in Michigan by Winter Campers. Other local favorites served were Michigan apples, Vlasic sauerkraut, Better Made potato chips, and Vernors ginger soda.

The **Pancake Dinner** saw some inventive cakes inspired by the book *OMG Pancakes* made at the hands of Timmy Kasprzak and the cooking team. Winter Camp looks forward to what Keith King will do with that book in 2012.

The **That Looks Good Snack** turned out to be cake and ice cream, as they looked good to Steve and Kristie Donohue. In an effort to combat the soft drink imbalance, free Pepsis were also available.

Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

9:00 AM	Anniversary Breakfast
10:00 AM	Battle Chess
11:00 AM	Cleanup Commences!
12:00 N	Conglomerate Lunch
1:00 PM	Cleanup Continues!
4:17 PM	Winter Camp XXXV Concludes

Quotes O' The Day

"Pass the grease."

—Josh Cicotte, during preparations for the Heart-Stupid Breakfast

"Gee, that should make the Quote of the Day"

—Keith King, in response.

"Your entire hobby is inspired by Pauly Shore!"

—Steve Donohue, on one of Kristie's Hobby Draw options.

"You're not getting a girlfriend!"

—Wesley Pedeson, to Ian McKeever, announcing the results of the Hobby Draw.

2012 Hobby Draw Results

Once again, this year's Hobby Demo and Draw were combined into a single event to help save some time. Successful hobby completion was reported by Drew Assenmacher, Mark Bollman—>, Josh Cicotte, TR Evangelista, Dave Oakley, Joe Warren and Mike Williams; 60% progress was reported by Will Gagnon, and Doug Wilson and Steve Donohue reported 50% success. Steve now has 1200 games out there that he used to own. Ethan Rein incorrectly remembered what his 2011 hobby was and blamed the press. The hobby assignments for 2012 are:

Zach Stockwell	Complete hunter safety training
TR Evangelista	Read all Tom Clancy novels and devise a themed Winter Camp XXXVI event
Will Gagnon	Get a new car
Drew Assenmacher	Shoot a deer and make venison jerky
Ian McKeever	Learn how to be an electrician/earn Electricity MB
Timmy Kasprzak	Learn how to play the viola
Vincent Warnuk	Hat collecting—earn Collections MB
Ethan Rein	Quilting—make a rhombus-shaped quilt
Alex “Jazzman” Rieden	Earn Cycling MB
Chris Shepherd	Crossbow shooting
Jared Rieden	Juggling
Wesley Pedeson	Learn euchre
Ryan Warnuk	Holiday light stringing
Alexander Downie	Darts
Kristie Donohue	Snowshoeing
Joe Warren	Candy making
Josh Cicotte	Learn a new programming language
Keith King	Complete the book <i>OMG Pancakes!</i>
Ben Green	Learn the ukulele
Carlos Fernandez	Learn to play Flogging Molly songs on the violin
Cory Sanborn	Go one year without losing his voice
Steve Donohue	Update Winter Camp Web site
Doug Wilson	Explore social media
Mark Bollman—>	Build a sculpture from dice
Jeff Rand	Swimming
Gabe Church	Learn Visual BASIC
Dave Oakley	Flower pressing
Mike Williams	Participate in NaNoWriMo

Facing the Future

The Winter Camp Future Society was founded at Winter Camp XI in 1987 in an effort to provide for the continuation of Winter Camp and its traditions throughout the coming years. Members have collectively paid into accounts which, when invested, have been used to enhance every fifth Winter Camp beginning with Winter Camp XX in 1996.

The Society's funds for Winter Camp XXXV have been invested in a number of directions:

- Purchase a James E. West award knot in honor of longtime chapter adviser Harold Oatley.
- Purchase the new water heater in Beaver Creek cabin.
- Purchase green T-shirts as Winter Camp XXXV souvenirs.

Additional funds are available, and the Society is discussing how they might be spent to enhance the Winter Camp grounds and Mahican Chapter.

Any Arrowmen who has attended three Winter Camps and makes the necessary financial commitment may join the Society, which is now accepting members for the class of Winter Camp XL, to be held in 2016. The cost of membership in the class of XL is the cost of Winter Camp XX, \$30.30 for youth and \$36.36 for adults. Membership dues must be paid by the close of Winter Camp XXXV.

Winter Camp Trivia

From yesterday's edition:

1. What does H.D.A. stand for?
—*Hike Disguised as an Activity*
2. The fence at which former camp landmark was torn down and burned at the Winter Camp XXXV service project?
—*The Silver Spur Corral*
3. What criterion was used to judge the entries in the Natural Disaster/Genius

Night Competition at Winter Camp XXXV?

—*Adherence to the Scout Oath & Law*

For your perusal over the next 11.7 months:

1. Who prepared a slide show of highlights from Winter Camp XXXV and showed it on the last night of camp?

2. What exotic pancake was the best one constructed by Timmy Kasprzak during the Pancake Dinner?
3. What is the title of the short story written by Mike Williams as part of his 2011 hobby?
4. Who was the only youth to complete the Winter Camp Participation Award at Winter Camp XXXV?

Winter Camp XXXVI

Could Also Be Known As Winter Camp VI^{II}

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