

All The Colors Of The Rainbow

The creative merger of color and food is a Winter Camp tradition dating back decades to such events as the Rainbow Repast and Monochrome Meal, and that tradition was upheld on Day One. When the history of Winter Camp XXXVI is written, it will surely be noted that a key component of the Meal By Numbers was acquired online and announced on Facebook just before camp. With the delivery to D-A of a set of edible food markers under Ethan Rein's name, the stage was set for a memorable meal.

The first challenge of Meal By Numbers, as ably demonstrated for all campers by Dave Milon, was to draw a paint-by-numbers picture on a tortilla, using the numbers 1-7. Each Arrowman then presented his creation to the meal servers, who filled in their picture with a collection of differently-colored foods to create something approximating a burrito. The artwork ranged from intricate geometric designs—which were frequently ignored by the servers in the interest of getting everyone through the line before midnight—to some examples of representational art that were rendered in ground beef, salsa, black beans, lettuce, blue sour cream, cheddar cheese, and rice to varying degrees of faithfulness. Jeff Rand insisted on coloring his tortilla without the interference of the meal staff, and took great pains to fill in his drawing of a butterfly to a high level of precision. The spectrum was completed with purple bug juice and several trays of orange Jell-O, the latter of which was served later in the evening to campers both human and masculine.

Alimentary Endings

Winter Camp XXXVI kicked off with the "something old, something new" **No-Hands Electric Lunch**. The electric hot dog cooked first built for the 20th Anniversary Banquet in 1996 was pressed back into service for quick hot dog cooking. Campers were called to the serving counter by their birth months, running from December back to January, and the challenge then presented was to eat lunch—including chili dogs, potato chips, apples, and bug juice dubbed "the finest blue liquid I've drunk this year" by one veteran Winter Camper—without using one's hands. Gabe Church, Keith King, Jeff Rand, and Ethan Rein proved particularly adept at meeting this challenge, though none did so neatly.

It should be noted that none of these four men currently has a girlfriend. Connection? You decide.

Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

9:00 AM	Bacon Breakfast
10:00 AM	Cross-Country Golf
12:00 N	IED Lunch
1:00 PM	Bowmaking
2:00 PM	Free Time
	Possible free time activities: Torch Making, Lantern Making
6:00 PM	Turducken Dinner
7:30 PM	Hobby Demo & Draw
9:00 PM	Movie Night
11:00 PM	Hell Snack
12:00 M	Quiet Hours

Gastronomic Delights

Today features four meal themes that are new to Winter Camp, although one of them has been used for a different meal.

The day will begin with the **Bacon Breakfast**, which will present that foodstuff in four different dishes. Mmm....bacon.

The **IED Lunch** will begin with the "I", as the goal is to improvise a tasty luncheon stew. Whether or not we get to the "E" will depend on the collective skill of the cooks. The *News* is hoping that we do not.

Winter Camp recently discovered how challenging it can be to locate ducks for sale in Michigan in December, but we have three of them now, and they'll be served at the all-new **Turducken Dinner**.

The **Hell Snack** is a new home for an old idea, as Winter Camp XII (that's before any current youth was born) served the Hell Lunch. The menu then was cracker casserole, red-hot apples, red drink mix, and "Gehenna cookies", so it is unclear whether "hell" referred to temperature, color, or quality of food. Unusually colored and seasoned popcorn—the former being a feature of the Gruesome Snack that dates all the way back to Winter Camp II (that's before several current adults were born)—will fix your hunger later tonight.

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

If you've ever drawn a paint-by-numbers picture on a tortilla...
If you've ever seen a guy sleeping in the semi-fetal position and still had to avoid his feet in the walkway...

A Merger Of Cultures: Tomahawk Throwing

While “Ancient China” is the theme of Winter Camp XXXVI, we are sufficiently flexible to accommodate other cultures in our program. On Day One, the ancient Chinese met up with Native America on the Tomahawk Throwing action course laid out in and around the Beaver Creek lowlands.

Three teams set out from beneath the Welcome To Winter Camp banner strung across the road, each with a simple mission: through the use of thrown tomahawks, to destroy approximately a dozen balloon interlopers. The tomahawks were equipped with detection devices to aid in their recovery in the fallen snow, and it is through this foresight that no weapons were lost.

The Gang Green, while ad-

hering both to the spirit and letter of their Totin’ Chip training, had some difficulty with a balloon they discovered in the cold waters of Beaver Creek. While it is well-known that a sheep is not a creature of the air, it is equally true, and a new discovery, that a tomahawk is not an aquatic weapon. The Gang took out all of their targets in 72 throws.

More success was had by Team Nothing Rhymes With Orange, who made their way around the landscape with little apparent difficulty. Led by Alan Wilson and his four kills, NRW put up a score of 69.

The Yellow Fellows set out from the start to triumph over their competition, and when the course was completed, had proved their superior efficiency by dispatching their air-filled enemies in a mere 36 shots.

Back In The Day

For the first time in several years, the Winter Camp schedule includes a block of free time today. In the early days of Winter Camp, free time was scheduled much more often throughout the weekette, sometimes in accordance with a procedure developed at planning meetings.

Those familiar with the rotation method of voting used in planning Winter Camp will perhaps recognize the routine: Beginning with the first person in the voting circle, members proposed the number of hours of free time they thought should be included in the weekette’s schedule. At the end of the circle, the number of accumulated hours was divided by the number of voters to determine the number of free hours to appear on the schedule. For example, if the first person said “4” and you, voting second, thought that there should be 6 hours of free time in the weekette, you would say “12”.

Steve Donohue pointed out one year that, since subtraction from the accumulated total was not permitted, this essentially left the question of how much free time would be on the schedule to the last member to vote.

Arrivals and Departures

Who’s here:

John Howey
Dave Milon
Geoff Brown
Mike Williams

Who’s gone:

Paul Kupser
Shawn Range
Ben Osvath
Mike Osvath

Winter Camp Trivia

Yesterday’s answers:

1. What language was banned during the Winter Camp XXXVI planning meeting?

—Spanish

2. At the Winter Camp XXXVI planning meeting, who said “You know, if I was the guy walking around with a sombrero full of peanuts, that would be awesome!”

—Steve Donohue

3. Who caught up with the Winter Camp XXXVI shopping crew in the parking lot at Sam’s Club—after all of the bulk items had been purchased?

—Timmy Kasprzak

4. Which component of the Turducken

Dinner proved very elusive while grocery shopping for Winter Camp XXXVI?

—Duck

Today’s questions:

1. Who bore the Emperor into the Winter Camp XXXVI delegation meeting on a sedan chair improvised from an emergency stretcher?
2. How many Winter Camp XXXVI participants have fathers who attended Winter Camp II?
3. What color sour cream was served at the Meal By Numbers dinner?
4. What is the score after the first point is scored in 4-Way Volleyball: 0-0-0-1, 0-0-1-0, 0-1-0-0, or 1-0-0-0?

Quotes O’ The Day

“Gabe is an excellent driver!”

—Many Winter Campers, rising to Gabe Church’s defense when his driving skill was questioned on Day One.

“Plaster repairs will be facilitated through the use of today’s leftover gravy”

—Anonymous comment on the Bacon Breakfast.

Correction

In the Winter Camp News for Thursday, 27 December 2012, Gringoritos were incorrectly listed among a collection of proposed Winter Camp meal themes consisting of intentionally substandard food. Oops.