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Since 1986"*

# Winter Camp News

*"Traditionally Unconventional"*

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## Smuggle That General!

—by Gabe Church

The birds were singing and it was all fun and games for Winter Campers on the evening of Day Two. Little did the Arrowmen realize the battle between two teams that would take place that evening. The Crusaders started off in the Beaver Creek dining pavilion and were given the task of smuggling General Saung across no man's land to Cow Camp. Meanwhile, the Night Hawks were smuggling General Sun Tzu, the Artist of War, from High Point through the lowlands to Highland.

The warriors of both generals were on the lookout for the art of deception. Unbeknownst to each other, both generals had the idea to escape the enemy's mechanical eyes by taking the trail less traveled past Trout Lake. This led to a great conflict between them. The Crusaders opted first to build a Great Wall along the roadway, which the Night Hawks attempted to Red Rover their way through. In the resulting scuffle, though, the Hawks fell apart in the heat of battle. Thankfully, they soldiered on, with their general's head and body intact., to the endpoint. During the scuffle, General Saung showed his yellow streak and left his men to fight while he beat a cowardly retreat to the final camp.

The outcome of the battle remains in question.

## Alimentary Endings

The schedule was slightly reset yesterday, and as a result, two meals were moved ahead from Day Three to Day Two. In accordance with the Law of Conservation of Meals, two other meals moved back a day.

The **Chinese Poverty Banquet** was a merger of the Ancient China theme of Winter Camp XXXVI with the fine tradition of Chinese buffet restaurants and the grim reality that four dishes is not exactly a banquet. Winter Camp adviser Ethan Rein ran the kitchen with a firm hand, and while the meal was somewhat delayed, it was well worth waiting for. General Cso's [sic] chicken was backed up by fried rice, sweet and sour pork, and fortune cookies. The chicken was especially spicy, to the delight of some. Winter Camp veteran Steve Donohue endorsed the meal less than an hour after it ended, saying "It lived up to the reputation of Chinese food; I'm already hungry again."

In less than 24 hours, Winter Camp went through nearly 50 pounds of flour between the Bakery Snack and **Bollmano's Pizza**, which returned for its 20th year on the Winter Camp menu. In response to concerns expressed by Gabe Church that Mike and Ben Osvath's return to camp might mean that the Little Ozzie's/Bollmano's pizza war might begin anew, CPO Mark Bollman—> noted that "I see no Osvaths here."

## Today's Revised Schedule

(All times WCST)

9:00 AM	Heart-Stupid Breakfast
10:17 AM	Service Project
1:17 PM	Continental Lunch
2:17 PM	Continued Service
7:00 PM	Turducken Dinner
8:00 PM	Hobby Demo & Draw
9:00 PM	Movie Night: <i>Big Trouble in Little China</i>
11:00 PM	Hell Snack
12:00 M	Quiet Hours

## Gastronomic Delights

In a bit of a reset to the schedule, the dinner and snack planned for yesterday have been shifted to today. You may preview them here or in yesterday's *News*.

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 Mi-Gi-Si O-Paw-Gan 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.

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.

Tomorrow morning will begin with the only **Continental Breakfast** of Winter Camp XXXVI. This low-impact morning meal dates back to Winter Camp X and was more fully embraced beginning at Winter Camp XIV. This is the only meal theme ever presented more than once at any one Winter Camp, and is #1 on the list of Winter Camp meal themes.

# New Adventures In Winter Camp Golf

Losing a golf ball during a round is not a big deal—all golfers are prepared for that, and cross-country golfers, who must often deal with snow in addition to other hazards, are more prepared than most. Losing a club is a different matter, and it had never happened in nearly twenty years of cross-country golf before Day Two.

The Rules of Golf, as agreed to by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of Scotland and the United States Golf Association, are strangely silent on what to do in this situation, though they are careful about what to do if a club becomes damaged during a round.

Fortunately for Timmy Kasprzak's team, his errant treatment of a club and its subsequent disappearance did not hamper their round; they

were much more handicapped when they lost all of their golf balls and had to forfeit the match. Conveniently, they were not yet at the Beaver Lake dam when their last ball vanished, and so had a short walk back to the cabins.

In the actual match, Team Eleven (based on the number of letters in their combined first and middle names) hacked through the snow successfully, taking 115 shots to tie the team led by Josh Cicotte. This took top honors over a team led by Ben Green, which scored 131± 5ish once their penalty strokes were tallied.

The deep snow led to many lost golf balls and frequent application of the Rand Rules, wherein a player may take multiple swings at the ball and have the count as one shot if his or her feet do not move between swings. (Rand Rules, unlike Rand himself, are quite liberal.)

## Back In The Day

A phrase often heard as Winter Campers gather together for a non-breakfast meal is "Do we get a pop with this meal?" At Winter Camp VI, the answer was "Yes" more often than not.

Jim Warren was serving as Food Director in the second year of Winter Camp's Communist government structure, and planned the entire menu, including shopping for food, without the input or assistance of adult advisers or other members of the leadership team. As a result, of the 13 non-breakfast meals served at camp, 7 served pop either as a beverage or beverage ingredient. By the end of camp, a standard picnic table was filled with the empty 16-ounce pop bottles.

Oddly, even this was not enough pop to slake Winter Camper's collective thirst. Beginning that same year, extra pop was purchased and resold at the Winter Camp trading post.

Jim's term at the helm of the kitchen was commemorated in verse twelve years later when Mark Bollman—>, Steve Donohue, and Jeff Rand composed the Winter Camp Epic Limerick Cycle, with one limerick for each Winter Camp and a prediction for the upcoming Winter Camp XVIII:

*Six had but one great event  
As millions of dollars were spent  
For we bought enough soda  
To flood North Dakota  
For shopping adults were absent.*

Ever since then, we have made sure that adult supervision is present at every grocery shopping trip.

## Arrivals and Departures

Who's here:

Mike Gambel  
Dave Oakley

Who's gone:

John Howey      Bryan Ennis  
Dave Milon  
Geoff Brown  
Roger Horn

## Winter Camp Trivia

Yesterday's answers:

1. Who bore the Emperor into the Winter Camp XXXVI delegation meeting on a sedan chair improvised from an emergency stretcher?

—Gabe Church, Keith King,  
Jeff Rand, & Ethan Rein

2. How many Winter Camp XXXVI participants have fathers who attended Winter Camp II?

—Three: Ben Osvath, Joe Warren,  
and Alan Wilson

3. What color sour cream was served at the Meal By Numbers dinner?

—Blue

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?

—0-0-0-1

Today's questions:

1. Who lost a golf club during Cross-Country Golf?
2. Where was the Winter Camp XXXVI archery range located?
3. Whose Winter Camp XXXVI fortune cookie read "Beef Fizz can lead to a long and happy marriage"?

## Quotes O' The Day

*"I was able to pursue my alternate hobby of releasing my inner Beast during Cross-Country Golf."*

—Kristie Donohue

*"Life is like Blind Euchre; you never know what you're gonna get."*

—Dave Oakley