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Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

December 31, 2012

New Leadership Announced!

Ryan Warunek Will Lead Winter Camp XXVII Winter Camp Rejoices Gabe Church To Serve As Adviser

Winter Camp's tradition of self-appointed leadership calls upon the youth of camp to offer themselves in service by stepping up for the leadership roles for which they deem themselves qualified. Since there are sure to be several youth each year who wish to serve as the next year's youth leader, the choice has been left to them. The youth who first shows the initiative and fortitude to declare himself leader is deemed to be qualified. At 10:27 AM WCST on Day Four, Ryan Warunek announced that he would serve at Winter Camp's 37th youth leader, in 2013.

At 1:42 PM WCST, Gabe Church declared himself adviser to Winter Camp XXXVII, which will make him the youngest adviser in camp history.

Ryan and Gabe are now charged with assembling a team of youth leaders and advisers to ensure the success of Winter Camp XXXVII. Should you be interested in serving in a leadership role next year, you should contact Ryan.

Lodge Chief Finds His Limit

Lodge Chief Chuck Coutheau visited Winter Camp on Day Four, joining in several meals and activities, including participating in the Time Capsule Hike. He was present when the 2002 capsule was opened, revealing a piece of beef jerky securely taped to the outside. The jerky was passed around for inspection after it was recovered, and Kristie Donohue cut it into pieces for all to sample. Chuck declined the offer of 5-year old dried meat, but not for the reason you might think.

His explanation? "I won't eat that because everyone had their fingers on it."

Some people have genuinely unusual standards. Nonetheless, it was a pleasure to welcome yet another lodge chief to Winter Camp. Chuck joined Ethan Rein, Jeff Rand, and Roger Horn as lodge chiefs attending Winter Camp XXXVI.

Quotes O' The Day

"Oh."

—Timmy Kasprzak, after having yesterday's Cross-Country Golf quote explained to him. Four times.

"That was so much better on the Web site than in real life!"

—Kristie Donohue, after tasting Beef Fizz for the first time.

Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

9:00 AM Jackpot Grits
10:00 AM Mentos Experiment
12:00 N Conglomerate Lunch
1:00 PM Cabin Cleaning
4:17 PM Winter Camp XXXVI ends

Gastronomic Delights

The roulette wheel that came out on Casino Night will be pressed into extra service on Day Five at **Jackpot Grits**—your last breakfast of 2012. What does the Wheel of Breakfast have in store for you?

Last, and possibly not least, the **Conglomerate Lunch** will bring back some of Winter Camp XXXVI's more abundant dishes for an encore in a tasty batch of Rand Stew. If you didn't eat it now, here's your chance to eat it later.

Alimentary Endings

For the first time since Winter Camp VII, Beef Fizz was served at Winter Camp yesterday as part of the **Carnivorous Lunch**. The crowds are not exactly clamoring for its swift return; nonetheless, this extreme beverage made its second appearance. Once every 29 years may well be about the right frequency. This year, the customary 7-Up was replaced by Vernors added to beef bouillon and served with a slice of lemon. A merger of ginger and beef might be quite reasonable in some Asian cooking, but as a drink, this still left something to be desired.

First to drink of the curious concoction this year were Steve and Kristie Donohue, who in some sense owe their marriage to Beef Fizz. Steve's indulgence represents his first taste of a carbonated beverage in 10 years.

What's a Luchador?

Find out at Winter Camp XXXVII?

Winter Camp Lights Up The Night

As prelude to the Time Capsule ceremony, campers preparing to hike to the CHR Memorial site paused en route to launch several Chinese lanterns that had been constructed earlier in the week. The winds were calm and the full moon was rising as campers lit their balloons and waiting for the accumulating warm air to lift them

skyward

Fifteen of the eighteen balloons successfully launched, drifting roughly to the east and catching the attention of those campers who remained in Beaver Creek. Two of the failed balloons completely ignited close to the ground, while the third hovered near the ground briefly before returning to Earth.

Winter Camp Trivia

Yesterday's answers:

1. Who played the ukulele at Winter Camp XXXVI as a demonstration of his 2012 hobby?

—Ben Green

2. What clothing item was discovered in bulk in a barn during the Winter Camp XXXVI service project and contributed to Winter Camp?

—Blue and white shirts

3. Who hosted a showing of fire safety movies on a 16mm movie projector he recovered from a D-A barn?

—Alan Wilson

4. Dave Oakley provided sausage made from which animal to campers prior to the Turducken Dinner?

-Wild boar

For your consideration over the next 11.7 months:

- 1. Who carved an 8-hole flute from bamboo as part of Chinese Percussion?
- 2. Who gave an impromptu guitar recital at Winter Camp XXXVI?
- 3. Who concluded, after a year spent exploring social media as part of his 2012 hobby, that most social media is "a waste of time"?
- 4. Whose car near-accident closed out the "Weekette In Review" slide show put together by Keith King and shown on the last night of Winter Camp XXXVI?
- 5. Who was the first grandfather/grandson pair to attend Winter Camp together?

Winter Camp XXXVI Short Takes

- In Capture The Objective, Team 1104 beat Team Not-So-Much 1104.
- Purple was the new color of Winter Camp poker chip this year.
- Ethan Rein successfully slept outside every night.
- Rand Rules are "creative ways of accomplishing things".
- A Great Wall (of wood) was constructed by Winter Camp XXXVI.
- Blind Euchre is apparently a very exciting game of chance.
- There's something oddly memorable about a Winter Camper in a bear suit.
- Or two guys in suits.
- At the Continental Lunch, there was more demand for Winter Camp bread than commercial white bread.
- Gabe Church is an excellent driver.

Back In The Day

Running from Winter Camps II through XI and brought back beginning at Winter Camp XXI, Casino Night in its early days ran on the last night of camp and allowed campers to try their luck against a variety of games of chance. From time to time, it has moved off the fourth night to where it might fit thematically. Blackjack, roulette, craps, chuck-a-luck, poker, baccarat, computerized Volkswagen races, and Tripoley have at various times found a welcome reception at the Winter Camp gaming tables.

When printed currency was used, a ready medium of exchange was available. Before its introduction and after its demise, members were issued an allotment of chips from the central bank. Mark Bollmancrafted a poker chip value system at Winter Camp II which differentiated chips both by size and color and was described 7 years later as "unintelligible to the normal participants". Numerous Arrowmen have made small virtual fortunes during the night, while others fell prey to the immutable laws of probability. One particularly successful gambler was Bob Stone, who struck it rich at Winter Camp IV and lit a victory cigarette with a burning \$5,000,000 bill.

In its return to Winter Camp beginning in the 1990's, the event's name has been modified several times to fit with camp themes. Casino Night was long noted for the "big poker pot" tradition, where several participants appeared to engage in a poker game with real money, often totaling thousands of dollars, at stake. The cash was always returned to its original owners at the end of the evening.

Beginning in 2006, Winter Camp has had its own professional-weight poker chips bearing the familiar rhombus logo. Ten different colors have been introduced over the years.

Winter Camp XXXVII

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