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Winter Camp News

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New Adventures In Winter Camp Golf

With a new camp comes the need for a new cross-country golf course, and Jeff Rand and Keith King rose to this challenge by laying out a single hole that began near Rotary Lodge, forded Silver Creek, and passed through Dan Boone and Kit Carson campsites before finishing at Fuseline West.

Par was set at 80: 100 less than the number of Chickagami lodge, and so the tradition begun at Winter Camp VIII, when par was standardized at 62 on the original Winter Camp course, continues.

Despite pessimistic predictions from several camp elders, two teams finished with all the golf balls they started with. Team 3 lost their last ball in the immediate vicinity of the hole and substituted a piece of wood, which now rests in the Winter Camp Museum.



Team 1 pauses en route to a score of 72 (-8) at Cross-Country Golf to briefly commandeer a golf cart—the first time that one has been used at Winter Camp. (Photo by Kristie Donohue.)

Gastronomic Delights

Today's **Electric Lunch** dates back to Winter Camp II and wins especially high honors for innovation. Cleanup is at a minimum after this meal, as the main course is prepared by electrocution. Hot dogs are impaled on nails, and an electric current passed through them cooks lunch from the inside out.

The **Dragon Dinner** represents another milestone in Winter Camp XXXVII's progression through the ages of mankind. While medieval people may not have fought dragons in reality, legend certainly holds no shortage of human vs. dragon combat. This will be the first meal of ribs served at Winter Camp in its history.

Bollmano's Pizza returns tonight as the snack in and around the Role-Playing Roundup. As is the custom, first-time Winter Campers get first access to the ovens.

Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
10:00 AM	Scout's Own Service
10:30 AM	The Rush Is ON!
12:30 PM	Electric Lunch
1:30 PM	Market Madness
2:30 PM	Auction
3:00 PM	The Madness Continues
4:00 PM	Magic: The Gathering Live
6:00 PM	Dragon Dinner
7:30 PM	Hobby Demo/Draw
9:00 PM	Role-Playing Roundup
11:00 PM	Bollmano's Pizza
12:00 M	Quiet Hours



Cross-Country Golf Team 2 puts their best faces forward to surround the hole as Kristie Donohue prepares to "Rand-rule" the ball toward its final target at Fuseline West campsite. (Photo by Mark Bollman—>.)

Short Subjects

- Ben Green proved the most accurate archer during the Clout Shoot at Silver Creek.
- The second game of Winter Camp Risk Legacy was played last night. The game will be finished at Winter Camp L in 2026.
- A rhombohexahedron can give one a nasty blow to the head if one is not aware of his surroundings. It is a testament to his dexterity that Alan Wilson has not hit his head yet.
- Orange camouflage attracts orange golf balls. Ask Will Gagnon.

Hobby Draw And Demo On Tonight's Horizon

One of Winter Camp's more enduring traditions is the Hobby Draw, in which campers are assigned, through a vote of the camp after they put forth three suggestions, a new hobby for the coming year. Commencing one year later than the Draw was the Hobby Demo, in which returning Winter Campers report on their progress over the past 72 weekettes. Tonight, we shall enjoy both, with a possible twist in the hobby suggestion process to add to the event's excitement.

Last year's chosen hobbies for returning Arrowmen are listed here. For some, this may be the first time they've thought about their assigned hobby in a year.

Gabe Church	Make a "cool" WC electronic device
Dave Oakley	Build a pair of 2' cubic dice
TR Evangelista	Collect miniature dragons
Will Gagnon	Eat things covered in pudding (Not his suggestion.)
Corey Sanborn	Airplane building
Ian McKeever	Noodle for catfish
Drew Assenmacher	Diving
Timmy Kasprzak	Learn lock-picking
Keith King	Build an electronic kitchen device for WC XXXVII
Joe Warren	Cooking with chemistry
Jeff Rand	Visit all 24 time zones
Garrett Yeltaw	Advance to Life rank
Nicholas Weathers	Fish with Dave Oakley
Gerard MacEachern	Collect tiki torches
Ethan Rein	Bean enthusiasm
Ben Green	Build an air cannon
Steve Donohue	"The 1728": Lose both 12" off his waist & 144 games
Alan Wilson	Build a light bulb
Kristie Donohue	Vegetarian cooking
Doug Wilson	Grandfather clock building
Mark Bollman—>	Bongo drumming

Back In The Day

The Winter Camp classic that is Cross-Country Golf traces its origins to the former Michigami chapter, who proposed this activity, somewhat in jest, for the 1977 lodge Fall Fellowship. Seven years later, it found its way to Winter Camp VIII, where the Beaver Creek Athletic Club is now established as a one-hole, par-62 course. The annual match tees off at the Beaver Creek Scoutcraft building and proceeds over the lake or up the dam along camp roads to the Ordeal site. A particular honor is to be handed the club for the traditional "face shot" from the top of the hill to the fire bowl. The hole is a pit atop a hill beneath a distinctive tree at the back of the clearing. Par was 162--matching the lodge number--for the first two years of the tournament before being reset to 62 for subsequent matches. The record on the BC course is 50 (-12), achieved by the Battling Bluegills at Winter Camp XIX. This year, in keeping with this numeric tradition, par on the new Silver Trails course was 80: 100 less than the Chickagami Lodge number.

As part of the Squaw Point project at Winter Camp XXV, official-looking signs were crafted and posted near the Scoutcraft building by Winter Campers to mark the teeing ground. These signs were later moved to the outside wall of the building after Winter Camp, but they were lost when the building was torn down.

"Rand Rules" were added for Winter Camp XXVII. These rules are designed to make the game easier for golf neophytes, and allow multiple swings at the ball, counting only a single stroke, so long as the swings may be made without moving one's feet from their initial placement. By careful application (and re-application) of this rule, it's possible to extricate the ball from a tough lie before taking a meaningful swing and incur no penalty.

At Winter Camp XXXIII, in keeping with the "Bigger Than Big" theme, cross-country golf was played with tennis balls. Certain advantages were readily apparent—a tennis ball was easier to find in the snow and more likely to bounce favorably off of a tree, for example. The team of geezers led by Gabe Church set the standard in this new category with a 9-over-par 71.

Winter Camp Trivia

Yesterday's answers:

1. How many current or former lodge officers were present during Tribal Inventory?

—7

2. What type of vehicle furnished the magnesium that was burned during Firebuilding?

—A 1969 Volkswagen microbus.

3. How many steps are there between Kane cabin and the Rotary Lodge?

—154. (Answers may vary.)

Today's questions:

- Which Scout rank team won the second 4-Way Volleyball match, in overtime?
- How many Winter Camp catch-phrases are in a language other than English?

3. In the Philmont grace, what is "raiment"?

4. What method was used to line golfers up prior to counting off to determine Cross-Country Golf teams?

Quote O' The Day

"If everyone just kept their hands in their pockets, a lot more balls would be out."

—Doug Wilson, on 4-Way Volleyball