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2013

Winter Camp News **apalooza!!**

Mercantilapalooza Economy Emerges

In economic news, it would appear that the Winter Camp economy has evolved past its agrarian stage of what seems like only a day ago and entered a mercantile phase. Engineering, cultural, and culinary ministries have been established to work for the greater good and for personal gain.

The rush was on at daybreak, as the new economy began with a search of the land for resources that were said to be situated at cryptically-defined locations. Four teams set out to find the raw materials, such as iron ore, flax, copper, and gold, that would drive the new economy. Once those were located, the quest moved forward to find ways to combine these resources into the inventions and materials that will drive the world forward. The madness of the market quickly showed itself, as plans were raised, refined, and presented to a panel of economic leaders for their worthiness to be judged. New resources were soon discovered, and these were placed on the market in auction format.

As men worshiped false idols in their hunter-gatherer days, so too does modern man fall prey to those peddling false resources. It was no different yesterday. In and among the necessary resources for post-agrarian world, rogue traders emerged offering such arcane tools as the "X box" and "Monster drinks". Some fell prey to their fast talk, while other teams resisted the lure of the cheap and gaudy.

In the final analysis, while Team 1 earned special commendation from the judges for inventing the Kitchamajig—a tool which will surely have great significance in the ages of man to come—it was Team 2 who took top honors and are best-equipped to lead mankind forward.

Quotes O' The Dayapalooza

"If that's not on fire, we want it back."

—John Howey, on paper airplanes.

"I'm gonna start looking for things before I ask."

—Adrian Felder, on kitchen supplies.

Alimentary Endingsapalooza

This is not a reflection on the quality of the food that was served, but pork ribs have been added to the menu for future Winter Camp Historic Banquets.

Today's Schedulepalooza

(All times WCST)

9:00 AM	Porkapalooza
10:17 AM	Servapalooza (tentative)
1:17 PM	Improvisational Lunchapalooza
2:17 PM	Servapalooza II: Revenge of the Service
6:00 PM	Piapolooza
7:00 PM	Timeapalooza
9:00 PM	Casinopalooza (Now with snacks!)
12:00 M	Quiet Hoursapalooza

A first lookapalooza at tomorrow:

9:00 AM	Battle Grits
10:00 AM	Croquet-Kickball
12:00 N	Aftermath Stew
1:00 PM	Cleanup
4:17 PM	End of Winter Camp XXXVII



Light Bulbapalooza: A close-up of the light bulb built by Alan Wilson as his assignment for the 2013 Hobby Draw conducted at Winter Camp XXXVI. (Photo by Kristie Donohue.)

Gastronomic Delightsapalooza

With the lack of suitable MRE's, the planned MRE Lunchapalooza has been replaced by the **Improvisational Lunchapalooza**. WE regret any inconvenience.

Tonight will feature some of the finest foods, both sweet and savory, ever sealed in pastry at Winter Camp. Yes, the time has come for **Piapolooza!**

Hobby Drawapalooza Sets The Stage For 2014

Another year, another Winter Camp—and another Hobby Draw. As Winter Camp and the world counted down to the end of 2013, the stage was set to extend Winter Camp's influence into the first 360 days of 2014 by assigning each member a new hobby for the year. Two or three suggestions, which ranged from the reasonable to the ridiculous (and other adjectives starting with the letter "R") were put forth by each camper, and the group chose everyone's new hobby—some with careful thought, some, well, with less care.

New hobbies for 2014 are:

Timmy Kasprzak	Try a new pie every week
Drew Assenmacher	Get a car
Ian McKeever	Collect historic American flags
Garrett Yeltaw	Cheese tasting
Gerard MacEachern	Gardening—bring us a shrubbery!
Nathaniel Muhick	Make a pocketknife
Nicholas Weathers	Bowfishing
Ben Green	Make wooden utensils
Chris Downie	Collect animal bones
Gabe Church	Gourmet cooking
Adrian Felder	Make an Assassin's Creed costume
TR Evangelista	Earn CCNA certification
Ethan Rein	Tree identification
Alex Downie	Golf
Brian Maghra	Build a battery
Keith King	Amateur radio
Kristie & Steve Donohue	Suburban archaeology (first-ever WC couple's hobby)
Alan Wilson	Build a cereal delivery machine
Jeff Rand	Write a Winter Camp radio drama
Doug Wilson	Build a leather bellows
Dan Sheridan	Make a sword
Joe Warren	Build new electric hot dog cooker
Adam Haubenstricker	Build a loader for a tractor
Will Gagnon	Lose 50 pounds
Mark Bollman—>	Scripophily
Corey Sanborn	Wear blue and gold at least one day every week for a year and compile a Facebook album of photos as proof
Dave Oakley	Model railroading

Back In The Dayapalooza

In its heyday, the Charles Howell Scout Reservation near Brighton was widely regarded as one of the finest Scout camps in America. However, the property was sold by the Detroit Area Council in 1986 for development into the Pine Creek Ridge subdivision of luxury home sites. Several Winter Campers have made visits to CHR since its sale, and a number of artifacts, including 5 campsite markers (Jim Bridger, Davy Crockett, OA Cabin, Plainsman, and Ranger), have made their way to Winter Camp for enshrinement at the CHR Memorial Site, which was constructed at Winter Camp XI in 1987. The collection of artifacts was enhanced at Winter Camp XVI, when soil from CHR was scattered over the site and a tree was transplanted from the former CHR Ordeal site to the Beaver Creek woods.

The memorial is a fenced-in area housing the campsite markers, with a gateway built from two trees and the Lime Lake Field Sports sign. It is located somewhat downhill from the Last Ceremony site in such a location as to make it unlikely that it will be discovered without a deliberate search. Winter Camp's 5-year and 10-year time capsules are buried there each year. Jeff Rand has written a brief ceremony performed at the site during each year's time capsule placement in commemoration of two former DAC camps in metro Detroit: CHR and Waterford Township's Camp Brady. At Winter Camp XXVI, the ceremony was updated by Gordon Draper to include recognition of Winter Campers who had camped at CHR and the singing of the Charles Howell Reservation song:

The Reservation Song

[Background singers chant "Um Pa, Um Pa, Um Pa..."]

Killy, Killy, Killy, Killy, Watch, Watch, Watch, Watch, Kay You Killy Come Cah Wah.

Killy, Killy, Killy, Killy, Watch, Watch, Watch, Watch, Kay You Killy Come Cah Wah.

Hail Reservation, Reservation, Polly Wah
Hail Reservation, Reservation, Polly Wah

[Those singing the words return to chanting "Um Pa", and everyone then fades out.]

Winter Camp Triviapalooza

Yesterday's answers:

of their last names. (I don't know why either.)

1. Which Scout rank team won the second 4-Way Volleyball match, in overtime?

—Eagles with palms

2. How many Winter Camp catchphrases are in a language other than English?

—Two (XXXI and XXXVI)

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

—Clothing

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

—Alphabetical order by the last letter

Today's questions:

1. Who served as auctioneers amidst the Market Madness?

2. Who has so far earned the Winter Camp Participation Award at Winter Camp XXXVII?

3. What did Alan Wilson use as the filament in his homemade light bulb built as part of his 2013 hobby?

4. How many colors do Winter Camp poker chips come in?