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# Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

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## Hobby Draw Set To Enliven 2015

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. Today, 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.

Timmy Kasprzak	Try a new pie every week
Ian McKeever	Collect historic American flags
Nicholas Weathers	Bowfishing
Ben Green	Make wooden utensils
Chris Downie	Collect animal bones
Gabe Church	Gourmet cooking
Ethan Rein	Tree identification
Alex Downie	Golf
Brian Maghran	Build a battery
Keith King	Amateur radio
Kristie & Steve Donohue	Suburban archaeology
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
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

## Arrival/Departure Lounge

### Who's Gone

John Howey  
Dave Milon  
Keith King  
Timmy Kasprzak  
Dave Oakley

### Who's Now Here

Kristie Donohue  
Ethan Rein  
Roger Horn

### Quote O' The Day

"Only at Winter Camp would you see the most sensible man you know do something like that."

—Steve Donohue. Fill in the details yourself.

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## Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

9:00 AM	Bacon Palooza
10:30 AM	String Maze
12:30 PM	Trading
1:00 PM	Hunter-Gatherer Meal
3:00 PM	Hobby Demo/Draw
6:00 PM	SOS Dinner/Alternate Name Dinner
7:00 PM	Time Capsule Opening
7:30 PM	Capture The Objective
9:00 PM	Movie: <i>Ocean's 11</i> (original version)
11:00 PM	Pizza Wars
12:00 M	Lights Out

## Alimentary Endings

Winter Camp's second attempt at the MREapalooza was greatly enhanced by the actual presence of MRE's—for the youth, at least. It should be noted that Joe Warren found the bill of fare quite tasty, which suggests that anyone cooking for Joe in the future is facing a very low bar for success.

The adults, on the other hand, were forced to contend with the leftover enchiladas from the Mexican Team Dinner. None of them objected too strenuously.

## Notorious Cheats

In casino lingo, "past-posting" is a term that refers to either adding to or subtracting from a bet after the outcome has been established, either as an attempt to illegally increase one's winnings or decrease one's losses. These schemes range from the very simple "capping" of a bet by concealing a chip in one's palm and dropping it on a good hand to complex plots involving thousand-dollar chips and careful subversion of casino security measures. Some of the most successful plots have focused on roulette, where it is not unusual for many dozens of chips to be in play on a spin of the wheel and bets are made and moved somewhat more frequently than in other games. One of the most famous roulette scams was "Savannah", a complex ploy to bet \$5010 (one \$5000 chip and two \$5 chips for camouflage) on a column and pull the bet off the layout if it lost. If the bet won, you won \$10,020; if it lost, you pulled the chips and—if not caught—lost nothing.

A more ambitious past-posting scheme centered on blackjack and played out at tables closest to the casino entrance. The player bet \$2000 on a single hand and collected if he won. If the hand lost, he grabbed the chips and raced to the door, where he met a co-conspirator on a motorcycle who whisked them off into the Las Vegas night.

This is, of course, a crime. **Do not try this yourself.**