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Winter Camp News

“Traditionally Unconventional”

“On Guard
Since 1986”

4-Way Volleyball Continues Its Evolution

3 to 7 to 5 to 9

Sounds kind of weird, but it's Winter Camp time.

Traditional volleyball didn't quite fit,

So we formed two more teams and threw up one more net.

There's four teams on the court, and they all play at once.

And the aim's not to score, or you'll sit out, you dunce.

Then you add in the fact that we play in the snow,

And it's clear we've invented a game that will go

On the Winter Camp schedule again and again.

3 to 7 to 5 to 10.

As Winter Camp evolves in space and occupies its third D-A subcamp, we find also that other favorite parts of camp can still be improved with the right initiative.

The results of this year's matches are almost secondary to the Haubenstricker Amendment's debut. This new rule provides that, when two teams have been eliminated, the final two teams shall face off in diagonally-opposite courts.

There was also some talk about the need for a dedicated scorekeeper, which might be a good idea. Also, someone was described as a “complete buffoon”—evidence of the intensity of this year's event, if perhaps not a contender for Quote O' The Day.

The Eagles With Palms won the second game, by the way—although there were a couple folks from defeated teams who joined them for the final volleys.

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

If your camp's museum has an addition made entirely of found materials...

If some of your fellows wear dozens of ballpoint pens as a breastplate...

If your pinball machine can be fixed with a copy of your camp newspaper...

If your blindfold signout sheet is older than most of your participants...

Quote O' The Day

Let's set the scene: At a recent chapter meeting, Steve Donohue was promoting Winter Camp and described it as “probably the most successful chapter event in the nation”. An interloper from another chapter rose to challenge this assertion, which led **Carlos Acosta** to utter the quote o' the day—and a certain contender for the quote o' all time:

Does yours have a 43 after it?

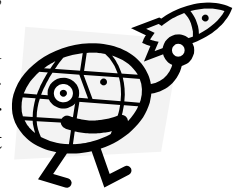
Challenge demolished in 10 words or less.

Report From The Field: Uncle Ethan's Craft Hour

For a second year, Winter Campers enjoyed a craft period organized by “Uncle” Ethan Rein. This year's craft was connected to the Winter Camp In Space theme and allowed each camper to make a wooden rocket which can serve as a place card for meals later this weekette.

Supplies for the meal were also contributed by Steve and Kristie Donohue, another example of Winter Camp drawing from the stock of the Oriental Trading Company.

An act of service was performed by Chris Adams, who accepted the challenge of constructing a rocket for Roger Horn so that he might have a place to eat this weekette.



Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

09:05:24.15	Lumberjack Breakfast (State Farm)
10:16:44.77	Service Project
13:23:59.66	Splash Down Lunch (Migisi Opawgan Empire)
14:21:47.40	Service Project
18:10:47.17	Half Moon Dinner (Migisi Opawgan Empire)
19:09:12.51	Rocket Building
21:03:40.75	Movie Night
23:09:11.23	Ice Cream Snack (State Farm)
24:01:07.92	Quiet Time

Alimentary Endings

At the **Caveman Dinner**, the traditional fare of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, milk, and chocolate pudding was served. The customary antipasto salad was replaced by a less complicated green salad. One participant, when asked to comment on the meal, stated that “It was horrible.”

Okay, that review was from last year. Those closest to our anonymous commentator report no change in that opinion.

If Winter Camp was reasonable...Two small Maltese dogs would have lived out their lives in metropolitan Joplin, Missouri instead of Michigan.

Know Your Fellows—Squad By Squad

Commander Matt Grimble stretched his counting abilities to their ultimate limit to divide Winter Camp XLIII’s participants into 3 squads, whose impact will be felt in different ways in the weekette to come.

The first squad has dubbed themselves “Dysfunctional Technetium” (DTc for short) and adopted the motto “We’re Completely Unstable”, in recognition of their guardian element’s status as the lightest known element with no stable isotopes. Technetium is element #43. DTc’s emblem is an equilateral triangle measuring 43 millitads on a side and bearing the symbol of its element: Tc. Its colors are Kelly green and light blue. Kieran “Captain Underpants” Bledsoe leads DTc, which consists of Andrew Fountain, Keith “K2” King, Dave “Oak” Oakley, Nick Weathers, Carlos Acosta, Mark Bollman—>, Ben Ferencz, Matt Grimble, Steve Donohue, and Timmy Pfeiffer.

Team Two has taken the name ”State Farm”. Jacob “Francis” Ferris leads this crew of good neighbors, and he is joined by Gabe Church, Alex Ferencz, Adam Haubenstricker, Brian Maghran, Jeff Rand, Alan Wilson, Chris “Sockless Wonder” Adams, Aiden London, and Ryan Shork.

The third team is now known as “Migisi Opawgan Empire”, taking their name from our chapter by eschewing the historical punctuation. Billy Perkins, Kristie Donohue, John Ferencz, Roger Horn, Brian Mann, Ethan Rein, Doug Wilson, Michael Bristol, Tyler Franzel, Billy Perkins, and JJ Stephens.

Following the division, teams assembled to draft their preferred meals for the weekette. The snake draft format was used to assign 5 meals to each squad, with the Hot Meteorite Lunch already having occurred and the Bakery Snack being a common event involving all campers.

Blast From The Past: The Return Of 2014

On Day One, Winter Camp XLIII opened a time capsule that we had buried in 2014 during Winter Camp XXXVIII. Among the artifacts returned to the surface were two packets of duck sauce contributed by Ben Green (Fun fact: Ben pulled into the parking lot at Sam’s Club in Southgate just as the Winter Camp shopping crew was leaving.), three bubble gum cigars which will be returned to Chris Kirschke, a small quantity of popcorn, and the foil-covered

cardboard cone that was used to make the bread cones in which macaroni and cheese was served in 2014.

Several campers sent letters to themselves and were present to retrieve them. Since you’re planning on attending Winter Camp XLVIII in 2024, write yourself a letter predicting what you and the world will be doing when this year’s 5-year time capsule comes back to the surface. You’ll store it in the woods on Day Four.

Back In The Day

Tales Of History and Imagination

“The Olympics” was 42’s theme.

With each camper assigned to a team.

We gave medals out, too.

In gold, silver, and...blue.

For the price of the bronze was extreme.

This limerick is the 47th entry in the **Winter Camp Epic Limerick Cycle**.

This literary work was begun on Thanksgiving night, 1994 by Mark Bollman—>, Steve Donohue, and Jeff Rand. Its original form consists of a limerick commemorating a significant feature of each of the first seventeen Winter Camps and a prediction limerick for the eighteenth. In this last limerick, it was guessed that no new Winter Campers would join the crowd at Winter Camp XVIII and that Mike Osvath would also be absent. Both components of the prediction failed..

Mark—> has extended the cycle through Winter Camp XLII, and Steve has contributed three further limericks. The complete Cycle, with explanatory annotations, may be found in the Yottapedia section of *Encyclopedia WinterCampica*, which may itself be found in the Winter Camp library.

This year’s limerick, like history itself, is being written as we speak. What will be preserved in verse from this weekette?

If Winter Camp was reasonable...No one would ever have eaten a Twinkie at the corner of the fire lane and Dryden Road.

Winter Camp Trivia

From yesterday’s edition:

1. Who originally declared himself as Winter Camp XLIII youth leader (as is our custom) but is not at camp this year?

—Chris Kirschke

2. Who created and administers the service that emails subscribers when the Winter Camp planning Web page is updated?

—Alan Wilson

3. As of 27 December 2019, how many cabins have been home to Winter Camp?

—8: In order, they are Clearwater, Beaver Creek, High Point, Lang, Trout Lake, Kane, Jack Lord, and James E. West.

Today’s questions: Precamp Follies

1. Which Winter Camper was taunted by his change at Wendy’s?
2. Who used his Colorado charm to score discounts at Wendy’s?
3. Who was metaphorically an angel on Steve Donohue’s shoulder at Greg’s Pizza on December 26?
4. Who was the metaphorical devil on Steve’s other shoulder that night?