

WINTER CAMP NEWS

"On Guard Since 1986!"

Winter Camp XXIX

December 29, 2005

Yeti Volleyball Makes Its Earth Debut

There are certain truisms that apply when Winter Camp modifies sports for cold weather and the minds of madmen:

1. The original rules may be freely modified or discarded if doing so increases the fun.
2. Skill at the original sport, if not necessarily a disadvantage, is usually not much of a benefit.

It was true with Cross-Country Golf at Winter Camp VIII and with 4-Way Volleyball at Winter Camp, and sports innovation continued today as Yeti Volleyball was invented and played on Clearwater Field.

YV is played with a 42-inch exercise ball and uses a volleyball net as a suggestion. Players may not

hit the ball twice in succession.

After that, the rules depart from convention. During playtesting before the actual match, it was decided that allowing players to let the ball bounce once before hitting it, erasing court lines, and allowing more than three hits per side would all enhance the game. Serving the large ball proved challenging for many, but the "Wilson Serve", where the ball is taken in the hands and simply thrown over the net, proved its value in play. The fire pit outside Clearwater cabin was the only region declared out of bounds, out of some quest to avoid injuring campers.

YV games are played to 17 points, and each team in the inaugural match won and lost a game. "Let it bounce!" was a common cry as players attempted to erase years--in some cases, decades--of volleyball conditioning.

Back In The Day

The Barbed-Wire Win

By "Oak"--David C. Oakley

It was 1979, Winter Camp III--the year of the 100-Dish Banquet. With an attendance of 25 members in Beaver Creek Cabin, the dining and activities reached a new peak. During a night game of Capture the Objective, 2 teams split up to hide their glow sticks. Dave Oakley was dressed in snow camo and moved up slowly, tree by tree, to within 25 feet of the green glow stick. When the time was right, he charged the target, grabbed it, and instantly had 4 guys on his tracks with flashlights on him. At full speed jumping logs, he dodged most obstacles till he hit a barbed-wire fence which slowed him down a bit. With excitement of a "rookie win" running through his thoughts, he kept moving on to finally reach his destination--BC Cabin.

Upon my entering the door, Mark Bollman? pointed out I was bleeding on the forehead. I guess the wire won.

(Editor's Note: Dave didn't return to Winter Camp for 18 years after this event.)

Winter Camp Trivia

By Mark Bollman? & Ethan Rein

Answers from December 27, 2005:

1. Which Winter Camp has the best record of people attending subsequent Winter Camps?
--*Winter Camp I*
2. What was par for Cross Country Golf at Winter Camp XXVIII? --62
3. What was the theme of Winter Camp XXVII? --*Channel Surfing*
4. Which current Winter Campers have attended all 29 Winter Camps? --*Steve Donohue, Doug Wilson, and Jeff Rand (whose return is expected tomorrow)*

Today's Questions:

1. What movie was shown during Dinner and a Movie at Winter Camp XXIX?
2. What were the destinations of the two Blind Hikes at Winter Camp XXIX?
3. At which Winter Camp was Ethan Rein first the youth leader?
4. How many requirements does the Winter Camp Participation Award have?

Cross-Country Golf

By Gabriel Church

Today at Cross-Country Golf, the starting point was by Beaver Creek Skill Building, and the hole was at the bottom of the face. The Jaguars started the golf course by having Corey Curtis (Our new Chapter Chief) hit the ball two to three yards. After that the Oddball Badgers started by hitting their ball seven to eight yards. The game continued all the way to the end where Ethan Rein scored for the Jaguars, and Jamie White scored for the Oddball Badgers. In the end the Oddball Badgers finished next to last with eighty-two strokes without losing a single ball, the Jaguars came in second with ninety-four strokes and lost two balls.

Gastronomic Delights

Tonight's **Chinese Dinner** will serve relatively authentic Oriental dishes. At this meal's Winter Camp debut in 1979, spaghetti was eaten with chopsticks. There were fortune cookies, though.

The **Casino Snack** will add to the excitement surrounding the gaming tables as our circuit of the world stops briefly at Asian gambling mecca Macao.

Tomorrow, the **Bali Brunch** will provide a tropical meal to follow boomerang action.

Winter Camp's most popular ethnic meal is the **Mexican Meal**, which has been served as both lunch & dinner in the past. Tomorrow, it will be lunch.

Hobby Draw Results For 2K6

Name	Hobby	Name	Hobby
Keith King	Landscaping	Larry Bibee	Become an Eagle Scout by Winter Camp XXX
Ron Donohue	Cataloging	Gabriel Church	Water bottle art
Scott McHugh	Enhance Winter Camp autograph collection	TR Evangelista	Woodworking
Corey Curtiss	Add 50 hobbies with measurable outcomes to WC list	Ethan Rein	Opera enthusiasm
Chris Corbin	Catapult design	Paul Kupser	Mint Winter Camp coins
Mark Rosiek	Make homemade SPAM--taste test at WC XXX	Doug Wilson	R/C modeling
Jason Licht	Perform 1 ceremonial speaking part by WC XXX	Gordon Draper	Cataloging
Dave Oakley	Small rock/gem collecting	Nick Bibee	Make a longbow
Steve Donohue	Redesign WC Web site	William Gagnon	Learn about Canadian bowling
Ethan Morlock	Earn Cinematography merit badge	Jamie White	Metal art
Rob Murphy	Become an Eagle Scout by El Mediodia	Sam Chomic	Collect Scouting memorabilia
Pavel Jarosz	Aluminum sculpture	Aaron Ankiel	Rewrite Murder Game program
Ramsey Allan	Glass art	Mark Bollman-->	Confectionery
Ryan Tamoshunas	Hacky sack--reach 52 kicks	<small>This space left blank.</small>	<small>This space for rent.</small>