

From The Directors...



*Dear Winadu Campers & Parents,
We hope that everyone is off to a great 2008! We are very excited to welcome Cole Kelly to our Winadu family. As you will read in the enclosed letter, Cole, along with his wife Kate, co directed Camp Wicosuta for five years. We are sure that Cole will be a great addition to Camp Winadu.*

We are happy to welcome back several members of our key staff including:

- **Tony Haywood** Staffing Coordinator
- **Matt Aker** Head of Baseball
- **Jimmy Evans**.....Head of Basketball
- **Gerry Nacheman**..... Waterfront Director
- **Pablo Montana**.....Head of Tennis
- **Jeff Mangini** Head of Lacrosse
- **Bill Kangas** Head of Ice Hockey
- **Dan James** Head of Waterski
- **Scott Johnston** Area Head
- **Matt Fonner** Head of Golf
- **Jerry Charson** Head Chef
- **Tamara Norton** Supervisor of Medical Services
- **Bea Price** Head Nurse.
- **Paul Fleet**..... Group Leader
- **Nate McEntee** Group Leader
- **Adam Savaglio**..... Group Leader
- **James Thomson**..... Group Leader

*Some of our new and returning Lobos for this summer will be **Erick Posser, Chris and Brian Lebowitz, Doug Baltman, Zach Lazare, Seth Goldwasser, Michael Schiff, Eric Sussman, Cesar Sassoon, Cameron Fischer, Jacob Goodman, Brett Savaglio and Eric Strumwasser.***

Have a great spring season and we are looking forward to seeing you very soon,

Warm regards,

Shelley & Arleen

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL!?!?!

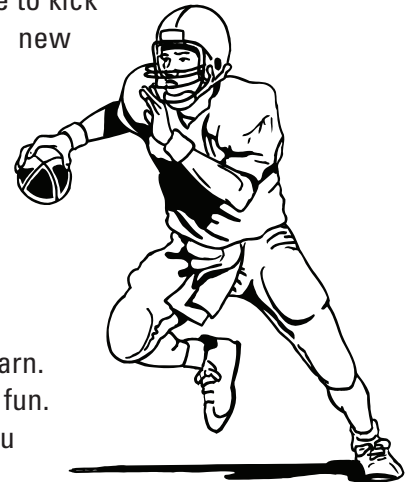
Drop your Madden and get ready for some real football action at Camp Winadu this summer. Team Winadu is excited to welcome football to its list of top flight activities.

Are you a late bloomer ready to explode like Eli Manning? Are you an AJ Hawk-like 'backer with a nose for the ball? Or do you have the LT moves that will lead to Winadu stardom? Come to the field and find out.

You'll tackle the dummies, perfect your routes, learn the art of the down field block, prepare your arm to throw bullets, and understand the game that has America's attention like no other. You'll even have your chance to kick the ball through our new goal posts.

The one thing you won't have to worry about are pads, as we will be using dummies, you won't need to suit up.

You'll sweat. You'll learn. Most of all, you'll have fun. See you on the Winadu fields!!!



SPECIAL THANKS TO SAM GRILL FOR DONATING PART OF HIS BAR MITZVAH MONEY TO THE ETHAN FREED SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THIS IS THE ULTIMATE IN TEAM WINADU! CONGRATULATIONS SAM.

WINADU CAMPER NEWS

We are excited to hear from so many of our campers. We are thrilled to hear that you are excelling in sports and in all aspects of your lives. Keep those emails coming!

Brian Vogel along with his brother Matthew and their parents spent New Years in Hawaii celebrating his recent Bar Mitzvah! **Harrison Brenner** just returned from a cruise to the Caribbean, finished Basketball and started Lacrosse. He made High Honor Roll. **Jesse Zubren** has been very busy playing basketball. He placed in the National Geographic Geography Contest at school. **Jesse** recently had the opportunity to meet Tiki Barber. He got a ball signed and a picture taken with him. **Jake Schuster's** Warrior team won the division Superbowl with an undefeated record. **Jake** is looking forward to playing a lot of football this summer. Both **Dale** and **Andrew Braverman** are racing for the Jiminy Peak Ski Team. Last weekend was their first race (the Denis Cup at Berkshire East) and they both finished in the top ten in their age group. Andrew also had the honor of winning the annual "Coach's Jersey Award" last fall on the Weston U-11 Travel Soccer Team. The Jersey is awarded to the player who exhibits the most outstanding all around effort and attitude. **Josh** and **Zach Hubert** recently went skiing at Jiminy Peak. They insisted on taking their parents and little brother, **Danny** to see Camp Winadu under snow. They had a great trip and enjoyed seeing camp with a white blanket! **Grant Perelman** is the starting point guard for the Greenwich Basketball League's Ohio 7th grade team. **Jesse** and **Sam Hahn** have truly been multi-tasking. **Jesse** is balancing a demanding pee wee hockey schedule with studying for his upcoming bar mitzvah, community service mentoring project and school. He enjoyed spending an evening with Winadu friends at **Willie Berke's** bar mitzvah. **Sam** worked hard to return to the ice after a broken arm and traveled to Detroit with his pee wee minor team for an international competition which included receiving custom USA hockey jerseys. He joins his brother **Jesse** mentoring after school and is busy studying for exams. **Adam Skolnick** is playing point guard for the Westport Y travel team in addition to Westport rec and Wakeman basketball. He just returned from visiting San Francisco and will be heading to the Dominican Republic. **Brad Benson** spent his winter vacation in Cabo, Mexico. He was a pro behind the wheel of an ATV riding through the desert and along the shoreline of the Pacific Ocean. **Brad** has been playing basketball with the AAU Wildcats, and on the Blind Brook HS freshman team. He scores most of the points at each game while being co-captain. **Alec Brown** is playing football and also working with a pitching coach. **Alec** is working very hard at his school Delta Honors program. He is also beginning to study for his bar mitzvah. **Alec** welcomes his brother **Harry** to Winadu. **Harry** is excelling at school, playing football, playing a lot of ping pong with a coach from Hong Kong. **Harry** loves his newest toy...a motorized razor scooter that he rides with his dog Roxy. In addition to playing tennis, **Michael Weiss** is playing basketball in the Greenwich Village Basketball League; dad and Winadu alum **Barry Weiss** is the head coach. **Sam Perlman** is playing a lot of basketball and tennis. He will be entering some tennis tournaments this spring. **Adam Scheckman** is playing on Travel Basketball for West Essex

and just made the Travel Baseball Team. He is also looking forward to skiing in Park City, Utah. A great time was had at the Mayan Riviera in Mexico where **Benjamin Weinberg, Andrew** and **Jason Shein** went parasailing together! **Sam Selinger** and **Mike Berlin** joined them to play beach football. **Zak** and **Josh Levenstein** did two live shows with the Paul Green School of Rock Music, performing songs by Red Hot Chili Peppers, U2, Oasis, Stone Temple Pilots, and more. They will be starting rehearsals for their next show, which will feature music either by The Beatles or Rolling Stones. **Zak** is looking forward to his upcoming baseball season, and **Josh** is excited about picking up where he left off as an advanced orange belt in Karate. **Tyler** and **Max Rose** are having a great school year; they were in the Dominican Republic during winter break where they ran into **Adam** and **Alex Freed, Luis Betances** and **Harrison Napell**. They are also playing in some local tennis tournaments and of course counting the days until summer! **Ryan Dallow** just got back from vacation in Florida where he saw **Owen Levine** and **Logan Levin**. They even got a surprise visit from **Shelley** and **Arleen**. **Ryan** will also be seeing **Ryan Rubizhevsky** when they play each other in hockey. **Jake Diamond** is playing point guard for his travel basketball team the Cresskill Cougars. **Nathaniel Konikow's** club soccer team was moved up to "A" flight, and had a great season! He also was part of his first place school team. Now on to basketball season, he is playing on an AAU travel team and his town travel team. He is also on an indoor soccer travel team in the premier division. If that's not enough; he is preparing for his Bar Mitzvah. **Nathaniel** is doing very well in school. **Zac Chernin** is busy with karate, swimming and piano. His winter passion is skiing and he spends every weekend training and racing. He recently made a trip to Gillette Stadium in MA to represent his school and met Wes Welker from the New England Patriots. **Michael Gardner** is playing point guard for Fastbreak and recently won a 3 on 3 tournament. **Michael** is continuing to play tennis with **Elijah Connell**. The Fast Break team including **Elijah Connell, Jonathan 'JD' Levine, Kyle Axelrod, Isaac Shapot** and **Michael Gardiner** won their first basketball tournament. **Elijah Connell** is playing the drums, travel baseball, travel basketball and tennis. **Michael Gardiner** is having a great 5th grade year! He started playing AAU basketball this year. He also plays flag football every Saturday! **Alex Feldman** is playing freshman basketball, his team is off to a good start. They are 6-1. **Jake Feldman** is playing on three basketball teams and is doing very well. He plays point guard and has been the high scorer on his school team. **John Sweetwood** is playing for the NJ Blue Chips Travel Baseball Team. He is looking forward to another awesome summer at Winadu. **Adam Freed** made high honor roll at school. He is playing on his schools 7th grade basketball team as well as an outside rising stars team. **Harrison Napell** is breezing through fifth grade and is halfway through his first season of ice hockey. He is going to Annapolis, Maryland to play in a tournament. **Owen Levine** and **Logan Levin** are winning in their division for soccer.

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Owen Levine had an unexpected Winadu reunion with "ATAB" - **Adam Tabatchnick**- as he celebrated his cousin's Bar Mitzvah. He danced the night away- and "ATAB" ran the show!!! Fun was had by all. **Brandon Remer** participated in an Indoor World Cup Soccer Tournament. His team, the Hewlett Blue Demons, came in first. He was awarded MVP. **Brandon's** ice hockey team, the Freeport Arrows came in second place in the Eastern Regional Silver Sticks tournament in PA. **Josh Reim** has had another outstanding Judo season! He has won 4 gold medals and 1-silver in his 5 provincial and city wide tournaments so far this year, including winning #1 Gold Medal at the Province of Quebec Games. **Josh** is ranked number 1 in the province in his category. **Josh** has also made great strides as a shooting guard for his school "A" basketball team, the St Georges Dragons, who are now 8 and 1 and in first place. **Scott Bordonaro** recently celebrated his Bar Mitzvah. His soccer team won the Northwest Bergen County Soccer Association championship and the Mayor's Trophy for an undefeated season. He is now looking forward to resuming soccer and his first trip to Paris in May. **Jack Ploscowe** is counting the days until camp begins! Right now he's enjoying the basketball season and gearing up for baseball. He had a straight A first season in school and is still banging the drums! He's really hoping for a new drum set for his 10th birthday. **Sam** and **Jake Grill** are both playing indoor lacrosse and also won awards for their performance on the football fields. They will both continue to play lacrosse this spring. **Michael Colucciello** made first honors in 7th grade at Welsh Valley Middle School and he is playing in the Penn Valley basketball league. **Edmond Sassoon** has had a successful season on Great Neck's Junior Varsity soccer team and will be playing on the Jericho Travel Soccer team. **Jack Zenkel** is very busy playing flag football as well as lots of basketball for the Armonk Heat along with **Jake Schuster** and **Brenner London**. **Jack** is also looking forward to attending Bucky Dent's baseball camp during winter break. **Bobby Friedner** was elected President of Great Neck South Middle School. His soccer team finished the season undefeated. **Jimmy Bredt** is having a great season on his two basketball teams. He is doing well in school and can't wait to see all his camp buddies this summer. **Logan Levin** is busy with school. He just returned from a ski trip in Deer Valley, Utah. He has started baseball season and he is playing on the same team with **Max Loria** and **Owen Levine**. **Jake Axelrod** hit a game winning shot with 10 seconds left for his school's basketball team. **Evan Zaransky** is playing lacrosse at Turf Island as well as basketball for O.L.P. He can't wait for camp. **Troy Manheimer** while busy getting ready for his bar mitzvah, led his school soccer team to the *divisional championships*.



SHELLEY'S CORNER

SMART GOALS Make a Difference

Children constantly hear about the need to set goals. Whether it is teachers at the beginning of the school year or coaches at the start of the season, setting and achieving goals is part of everyday life.

*Setting goals and implementing them is not as easy as it sounds. There are several things that make personal goals, from the classroom to the weight room, to the athletic fields, more effective. Goals have to be **SMART**. By that I mean:*

Specific **M**easurable **A**ttainable
Realistic **T**ime bound

For example: There was a time when dunking a basketball might have been realistic for me. While I am still the "Stoop Ball King," the goal of dunking a basketball may not be in my future, so that would be an unrealistic goal for me to set. While I know that I would try to work really hard on this goal, I realize that I just won't be able to jump high enough to slam a basketball through the rim.

Therefore this goal is not realistic or attainable.

Examples of good goals:

- *"I will beat Shelley in Stoop Ball by the time I am an Upper Warrior." This has the qualities of SMART goal.*
- *"I will get to know every person's name in my group by the end of the second day of camp." This is specific, it can be measured, it is realistic, and it is time bound.*

Goals must be challenging. You can set a very easy goal and attain it right away but did you really challenge yourself? If attaining your goal was so easy, you really haven't gained anything. Try to set higher goals and be SMART about reaching them.

Cesar Sassoon was voted All Conference in varsity soccer for Great Neck and his team won the Nassau County Title.

Robert Fink participated in the Maccabiah Games in Buenos Aires over Christmas week. His team won the boys 16 and under division defeating Canada in the finals.

CONGRATULATIONS to former Winadu Staff member **Trent Baalke** on being named Director of Player Personnel for the San Francisco 49ers.



It's Your Birthday!

JANUARY

Benjamin Adler, Stanley Brenner, Carson Cerrito, Andrew Cohen, David Cohen, Ryan Dallow, Zach Drazner, Luke Field, Griffin Flagg, Daniel Frackman, Bobby Friedner, Logan Geller, Jake Grill, Drew Gross, Josh Hubert, Noah Lazarovitch, Miles Levine, Jesse Lowey, Jonah Lowey, Corey Mermelstein, Mack Rukaniec, Zander Saslove, Andrew Shein, Aaron Tabak, Harris Teitelbaum, Jacob Umansky, Ryan Walker, Michael Winik.

FEBRUARY

Jack Blumenfeld, Matthew Brenner, Harrison Brenner, Robert Coles, Jacob Diamond, Ryan Donnelly, Sam Field, Max Fuld, Ryan Goldberg, Max Hammer, Manuel Iriso, Zack Jacobs, Charles Kalvaria, Max Kessler, Bobby Kirschenbaum, Max Kurzban, Ben Meland, Harrison Napell, Jack Ploscowe, Cameron Rauchberg, Jared Schwalbe, Adam Tabatchnick, Andrew Weinberg, Jesse Zubren.

MARCH

Harry Brenner, Jacob Brown, Alec Brown, Ari Cepelewicz, Jack Dolgin, Parker Feinerman, Adam Freed, Ari Freedman, Brett Goldstein, Harrison Haft, Alex Herbert, Ethan Jacobs, Nathaniel Konikow, William Lane, Jack Langan, Mitchell Leighton, Brandon Levine, Josh Levy, Evan Meiselman, Elias Millstein, Zachary Morris, Brandon Perry, Jake Rauchberg, Adam Rosen, Drew Rosenberg, Max Rosenthal, Ryan Rubizhevsky, Adam Scheckman, Jimmy Wasserman, Ben Weiner, Matthew Yellin, Jack Zenkel.

APRIL

Kyle Axelrod, Michael Berlin, Nick Bette, Michael Budlow, Julio Cabrera, Trevor Casson, Daniel Esh, Brandon Goldberg, Jason Gurewitz, Jesse Hahn, Corey Hoffman, Max Kleinberg, Jared Levi, JD Levine, Troy Manheimer, Harrison Messer, Matthew Pasternak, Christophe Pierre Louis, Brandon Remer, Bo Ressler, Hudson Ressler, Brandon Rothberg, Sam Rubinoff, Andrew Schornstein, Jake Schuster, Jason Shein, Sam Solondz.

A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BAR MITZVAH BOYS!

Josh Alovis 12/15 Lowell Hunt 1/5, Willie Berke 1/12, Scott Bordonaro 1/12, Harris Teitelbaum 1/19, Jacob Umansky 1/26, Andrew Weinberg 2/02, Sam Selinger 2/2, Michael Winik 3/1, Adam Freed 3/8, Nathaniel Konikow 3/15, Jesse Hahn 3/29, Michael Colucciello 4/26.

Where are they now?

SCOTT JEFFER



Scott Jeffer

Matt Schoengood recently caught up with former Winadu camper, Scott Jeffer. Scott spent seven summers at Winadu beginning as a Pioneer and ending his camping career as a CIT in 1986. Scott is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is currently the

Assistant General Manager of Marketing, Advertising and Sales for the Toledo Mud Hens. The Mud Hens are the Triple A affiliate of the Detroit Tigers. He and his wife Lisa are the proud parents of a two year old daughter Grace and they live in Toledo, Ohio.

MS: What are your memories of Camp Winadu? I have so many, many fond memories of my Winadu years. I remember the wonderful friendships that I made at camp and how I looked forward to returning every summer to be with my camp buddies. I will never forget my last Winadu Color War when the CIT basketball game determined the winner. It was so exciting to have the entire camp together watching us play.

MS: Did your Winadu experience help you with your professional career? Very much so. Coming back to Winadu year after year instilled lots of pride and experience as I matured. I have been with the Mud Hens organization for 15 years and feel the same pride and enjoyment in my work.

MS: How did you get started with the Mud Hens? I majored in Sport Management at Michigan and initially had an internship with the team which led to a full time position in 1993. When I started we had 5 full time employees. Today we have a front office staff of 40. I am responsible for all ticket sales, corporate events, food and beverage services, email and direct marketing; I also supervise all PR and promotions.

MS: What was your best and worst Winadu moment? My best moment was winning the grand prize at the carnival during my first year as a Pioneer. In those days the grand prize was portable black and white television. It was amazing to watch the way Shelley announced the carnival raffle ticket winners. When announcing the winners would give clues about each camper. I was so amazed how he knew every camper so well.

My worst moment was when my bunkmates and I lost a bet to Shelley as to who would win a Mets v Pirates series. Unfortunately for us, the Mets lost and we had to sit on the stage in the theater dressed in funny costumes and sing a song to the entire camp.

MS: What do you remember most about Winadu? The passion and care that Shelley and Arleen provided. To this day I will never forget Shelley's famous five on one basketball games and he always managed to win every challenge. I will never forget the goggles that he used to wear when he played. Of course, how can anyone forget playing stoopball with Shelley? Shelley is still a friend and mentor to everyone.