

## A Letter From Shelley

Dear Winadu Campers and Families,

Arleen and I are enjoying the cool, crisp Berkshire air, the magnificent colorful leaves and the clear, sparkling water on Lake Onota. While it was quiet for a few days after camp ended, the sounds of our campers' laughter and cheering were quickly replaced by hammers, saws and construction workers. Winadu is bustling. We are reconditioning the soccer fields and replacing glass backboards. Seven lower and upper Hornet bunks are getting new paneling, ceilings, screens and completely updated bathrooms. We're adding to the skateboard park, and we'll have 3 new waterski boats next summer, along with new skis and wakeboards.

The 2005 summer was incredible! Our motto "Fire It Up" ("Friendship Inspires Respect and Enthusiasm") ruled the day and inspired every camper to accomplish great things. Campers learned about sports and life and made many lasting friendships along the way. We had the best staff in our history, a spirited group who really cared about the boys and served as great role models. We are thrilled and fortunate that a high percentage have indicated their desire to return to camp next summer.

Campership was as exciting as ever, with our amazing band, **Best Band This Side of Onota**, entertaining us each Friday evening. A big thanks to staff musicians Shane Lanham (guitar), Joey Gross (guitar), Michael Davies (drums), Matt Hornell (guitar), Dan Robinson (vocals), Drew Piston (guitar, vocals), Chase McMurren (piano), James Thompson (bass) and Molly Cannell (vocals) for keeping our boys singing and dancing to traditional Winadu songs like "Brown Eyed Girl", "Wild Thing", "Sweet Home Alabama" and "Wonderwall." You guys are the best!

I want to take this opportunity to announce that Don Moody, who has been an important member of the Winadu team for the past 15 years, will be leaving Winadu. Don has been instrumental in hiring many great Winadu staff members and in developing many innovative programs. We wish him all the best.

Arleen and I think of all of you often and hope that everyone is doing well in school, sports and life. Please write, email or call us—we'd love to hear from you.

Warmest Regards,

Shelley

## Hockey News!

In 2006, Camp Winadu's outstanding hockey program will be returning to the recently renovated Veterans Memorial Arena in North Adams, MA.



### WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

*Campers: Please visit our web site at: **www.campwinadu.com** and complete the Summer 2005 survey. Thanks! We appreciate your help.*

### Quote of the Month

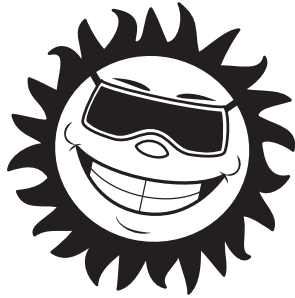
*"It is never a case of win or lose, because I do not demand victory. The significance of the score is secondary to the importance of finding out how good you can be."*

**- John Wooden**  
*Hall of Fame Basketball Coach*

# Perfect Day!

## VISITING DAY RECAP

A record number of campers and their families remained on campus for Visiting Day. The afternoon was filled with athletic and aquatic activities for campers and parents. These included a home run derby, foul shooting and 3-point contests, soccer goal shooting, football toss, beat-the-tennis-pro and and target contests for serve, volley and ground strokes. Many campers water skied and wakeboarded, while their parents watched from a ski boat. Next summer's visiting day will be even more fun-filled and exciting. We look forward to sharing Camp Winadu with all of you.



# SHELLEY'S CORNER

**Every Winadu camper is a WINNER!**

*Some of our campers are outstanding athletes; some are not. Sometimes we are on winning teams; sometimes we are not. But in the bigger picture, every camper can develop a stronger sense of himself through participation as a member of a team. Every camper can learn important lessons about life by making great efforts, enjoying the taste of victory, and returning to try again after a loss.*



**Remember the 3 Winadu goals:**

- 1) *We play sports at Winadu because we want to have fun.*
- 2) *We always try our best.*
- 3) *We should always be a good sport.*

**And our GOLDEN RULE:**

**No Winadu camper should ever be afraid to make a mistake.**

# Hats Off!

While all the campers know about "HATS OFF", many parents probably do not. Every morning after the four youngest groups (Braves, Pioneers, Lower Hornets & Upper Hornets) raise the flag and say the pledge of allegiance, the boys are given an opportunity to compliment each other. We call this "Hats Off." Shelley asks the boys if there are any "Hats Off" nominations. Each boy is encouraged to offer "Hats Off", or compliment a friend or bunkmate on something nice that he has done for someone else. This summer we had a record number of "Hats Off" nominations. In fact, one camper, Jake Grill, made a different nomination every day of the summer!



# CAMPER NEWS

**Doug Hock** recently made his middle school soccer team. When Doug first came to Winadu, he refused to play soccer. By his 2nd year at camp, he was loving soccer.



He has continued to work hard at his game, and now he's earned a spot on his school team.

As a first year camper, **Steven Sonkin** rarely showed interest in basketball. But for the last few summers, he has worked hard to improve his skills. This past summer, he continuously worked on his defense. Now, he is a defensive force. This was evident on NBA day when he always guarded the opposing team's strongest player. When Steven's man didn't have the ball, he was consistently on the help side ready to pick up another man when his teammate had been beaten. Congratulations Steven! Dee-Fense. Dee-Fense.

# Where are they now?

## JEFF DAVIS

Jeff and his brother Scott joined the Winadu family as campers in 1984. As campers, both excelled in creativity. They began designing our Color War plaques as Lower Hornets. After graduating from Winadu, Jeff ran our arts and crafts program. Scott and Jeff's artwork is all over camp - on the Jam Court, on the sports wall by Headquarters, and in paintings on the office walls. Jeff's artistic talents have continued to serve him well. Jeff created and wrote a thirteen episode series for CBS called "Criminal Minds" starring Mandy Patinkin. It has drawn fabulous reviews and airs every Wednesday at 9:00 PM. He is now working on a screenplay. We look forward to more excitement from Jeff and encourage all Winadu campers and parents to tune to CBS on Wednesday evenings.



## WINADU TRADITIONS

In this new feature, we discuss one of Winadu's longstanding traditions.



### SONGFEST

One of the most special nights at Winadu is our annual Songfest. The entire camp gathers together by age group and performs three songs that they or their counselors have written and that they have practiced: a fight song showing their group spirit, a novelty song poking fun at the staff, and a camp alma mater which shows our love for camp and each other. The boys dress up and stand proud while they perform. This night gives us a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the artistic and musical side of Winadu. SongFest also indicates that Color War is right around the corner, and that adds to the evening's mystique. Congratulations to the 2005 Lower Warriors as they repeated as the songfest champions with their dynamite Alma Mater "Camp is in Our Heart!"

# WINADU WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble each word, then write the shaded letter from each word on the line below and unscramble again to reveal this summer's motto.

(1) TUELHS  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

(hint: Charlie \_\_\_\_\_)

(2) YEHLELS  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

(hint: Stoop ball master)

(3) PRSACHPMEI - (hint: Friday nights)

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(4) TIRSIP  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

(hint: Winadu campers have a lot of this!)

(5) VEFHANU - (hint: Goal #1 at Winadu)

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(6) SBVERA  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

(hint: dwellers of the TeePee house)

(7) MEAWUDAITN - (hint: camp motto)

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(8) ETOTYBSRYRU - (hint: Goal #2 at Winadu)

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List all shaded letters:

(9) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Now, unscramble to find last summer's motto:

(10) \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ / \_ \_ !!!

Answers can be found on the back page.



# They Say It's Your Birthday!



**Madame Wizard just stopped by to wish you a happy birthday:**

## SEPTEMBER



Cole Aker, Federico Alvarez, Jordan Arzi, Drew Beckerman, Harrison Finkelstein, Alex Gatof, Ian Greene, Eric Handelman, Douglas Hock, Sam Katz, Zachary Kleinman, Sam Koss, Alex Kreichman, Michael Kushner, Randy Leibowitz, Zachary Leighton, Matthew Lipson, Scott Margolis, Daniel Matthews, David Paisner, Michael Prokopchouk, Sam Raskin, Max Rose, Tyler Rose, Alex Rosenberg, Edmond Sassoon, Jamie Scharf, Evan Schreiber, Stephen Sonkin, Eric Strumwasser, Harrison Zablo

## OCTOBER

Daniel Brenner, Teddy Buck, Matt Citak, Danny Cohen, Danny Edwards, Robert Fink, Jose Flores, Michael Gardner, Scott Gartenberg, Matthew Goldberg, Brandon Goldenberg, Ben Hagemeyer, Robbie Hamerman, Ethan Hoffman, Jason Honigfeld, Ryan Kawles, Andrew Korman, Chase Landow, George Langberg, Ethan Lazarovitch, Joshua Low, Jordan Marcus, Matthew Marino, Aaron Rabinovich, Adam Rose, Jake Silvestri, Zachary Spal, Jamie Sternheim, Josh Tarre, Cary Volpert, Aaron Weiner, David Wolkoff, Jourdan Yeager, Evan Zaransky

**And, a special congratulations to our recent Bar Mitzvah boys!**

Alex Barnett, Bradley Benson, Matt Citak, Jake Friedman, Laurence Khakshouri, Kenny Kirschenbaum, Zachary Kleinman, Michael Kushner, Zachary Kushner, Freddi Kutnick, Saul Mangel, Jedd Mellin, Perry Rosenberg, Michael Salik, Edmond Sassoon, Jamie Scharf, Max Segal, Evan Solomon, Eric Strumwasser, Aaron Weiner.

## WINADU TRIVIA!?

*In this feature, we will ask trivia about Winadu history. Email your responses to [courtney@campwinadu.com](mailto:courtney@campwinadu.com) (Winners will receive a CD of your choice. In case of a tie, we will pull a winning name out of a hat.)*

1. Who were our Color War Generals the last three years? Who were the Salt and Pepper Generals the last two years?
2. How many years has Gerry Nacheman been at Winadu? What was his first year? (This is a trick question)
3. What was the first special day? NBA, NFL, or MLS?

### BONUS QUESTION:

4. What was the only college conference name used in CONFERENCE league when camp began?

## IMPORTANT 2006 DATES

### CAMP OPENS:

Saturday, June 24th

### VISITING DAY:

Saturday, July 15th

### CAMP CLOSES:

Saturday, August 12th

### ROOKIE CAMP &

### FATHER/SON WEEKEND

Saturday, August 12 - Sunday, August 13

## WINADU WORD SCRAMBLE

*Answers to puzzle from previous page.*

(1) Hustle (2) Shelley (3) Campership (4) Spirit  
(5) Have Fun (6) Braves (7) Team Winadu  
(8) Try Your Best (9) UEIFFRIT (10) Fire It Up!