



Ahoy, Mateys! Here there be Treasures!

The crew of characters aboard the 101st Winni voyage oriented all the passengers for this weeks' journey starting with the ringing of Barb's bell and a request for everyone with a hammer to come get to work. Or was it to *sing* with a hammer? Whichever—we hope you'll do it morning, evening, and all over this land, all week long.

Deans Milford kicked off the orientation by introducing some passengers and crewmates, oldtimers and first-timers, who all come from all over this land (even Delaware)! (Cap'n Bill brought his "A" game and was able to get approximately 30% of the names correct. Nice job, Bill! Guys go to the baseball Hall of Fame batting .300!) Our steadfast business manager reminded us that on the conference registration form where it says CHILD'S AGE & GRADE, she needs parents to write their child's age and grade. (The Gems feels obligated to remind campers that same holds true for putting their children's names in the spot that is labeled "Name" and to fill in your bank account numbers where it asks your thoughts on the Gems in the camp evaluation forms.) Also, the tenting area is first come, first served! That is, except for sites 1-4. If yer there, ye shall walk the plank!

Bill introduced our new Chaplains, Barbie & Ken, whose action figures will be available for purchase at the bazaar! (See the Dean himself to pre-order.)

They were followed by Ed School chair Hillary Irvine, who assured all parents & caregivers that by

the end of this week, all children from birth to high school will be college- or career-ready.

Our new Program & Evaluation Chair, Bobbie Cecere, introduced all the course teachers. She herself will also be offering a separate ad hoc course for those who need to learn how to pronounce her last name.

Monica Seaman joined the ranks as the new recruit for Coordinating our Evenings with Stacie Finlayson. It takes a couple of Millenials to ensure we are keeping tabs on our social calendar via Facebook. Given there's both a photography and a videography course this year, we expect some events may even be streamed live with the latest Snapchat filters. LOL. ;)

We are also glad there's both a yoga course and a fitness course after hearing that the Scoop Shop is now open from 6:30 AM to 10:00 PM!

You want to swim? Go to the lake! You want wifi? Stay away from the lake! And if you want the wifi password, you should have come to the orientation. (For those of you kind enough to attend, we'll remind YOU that the password is "pinecone" but don't tell those who skipped out.)

Rumors buzzed when GPC said the bear moved to Camp Tecumseh. Was it something we said? (Personally, we here at the Gems think that he was upset that he wasn't allowed to camp out in tenting areas 1-4.) Alas, the gossip mill dwindled upon the sighting of a Mama and her cubs on Dock Road last night. But don't feed them—send your chocolate to the Gems office instead.

Sunday's Schedule of Events

6:45 – Evening Watch (Chapel)

7:30 – Bill 'n Barb 'n Friends show (Chapel)

9:00 – Dancing in the Barn with Barb

Monday Menu

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, bacon, seasoned potatoes, banana bread, fruit, yogurt

Lunch: Baked potato bar, chili, veggie chili, salad bar

Dinner: Pasta du jour, Italian meatballs, marinara sauce, vegetable medley, garlic bread

Your Winni weather for Monday



Mostly sunny, 84°/60°

UV Index: 8 of 10 (*wear your sunscreen!*)

Sunrise: 5:33 AM, Sunset: 8:09 PM

Bring Us Ye' Gold and Buy Some Treasures at the

Annual Bazaar

Monday, 1:00-3:00

Meetinghouse Main Room

COMING ATTRACTIONS

☆ **Monday** – Keep your eye out for Wednesday's Hoot sign up posted on Monday on the Inn porch! We're looking forward to those willing to share their personal treasures with the winni family.

☆ **Tuesday** – X marks the spot at the flagpole where a Scavenger Hunt begins at 1:00

Thanks from Evening Coordinators

Our evening events this year began with a sweet treat. Long lines, second helpings, sprinkles galore and a cherry on top. Thanks to our ice cream scooper volunteers, Shannon Smith, Reagan Hottenstein, Emily Kaye. Thanks to the GPC staff who kept us stocked, it wouldn't have ran as smoothly without you!

Our first night of barn dancing was a success as always! A little sparse, due to travel and late arrivals. Kudos to the dedication of those who joined in. Thanks to Barb for sharing with us her dancing skills and bringing us together, while guiding us away from the poles.

Morning "Watch"

Thank you to Jim & Jean & Chris for our first Morning Watch today. It was a wonderful, thought-provoking way to start our week! Western

thought is that time is linear, while Eastern thought is that time is more circular, and today they also discussed that it is perhaps more of a spiral. (The Gems editors just got dizzy and had to sit down.) Morning Watch was followed by breakfast during which the longstanding question suddenly had newfound meaning: "does everybody know what time it is?"



Here's the rundown of the upcoming Morning Watches all week, held in the Outdoor Chapel from 7:30-7:55:

- Monday – Dan & Miriam (Quaker)
- Tuesday – Marilyn Kendrix
- Wednesday – Laurie Ladr
- Thursday – Amy Bruch
- Friday – Bob Fellows
- Saturday – Mark Brady

JEW WITH A VIEW

• *Lifecycle Events* •

Introduction

Shalom, and welcome to *Jew with a View*! This year I'll be talking about Jewish lifecycle events, from birth to death and everything in between. First a bit of background.

How did a Jew like me get to a camp like Winni, you may be wondering. I met Bill Milford back in high school, and he spent a week here every summer with his family. From his description Winni seemed to be a combination of Sunday school, summer camp, and a cult, complete with strange rituals (who is Georgie? And why is he so regular?). Back then, I never really thought about checking it out.

Over the years, other friends started to attend, and I got more curious. Everyone seemed to have a great time, coming back with stories of dancing, swimming, singing, seed spitting, constipation, sleeplessness and snacks. And great times with great people.

There was one thing keeping me away, though. I'm Jewish. And the Christian origins of the camp and

incorporation of worship made me uncomfortable. I wasn't sure how I would fit in.

Eventually I did come, and I found an open, curious and thoughtful community open to discussion about the religious aspects of the camp. I soon engaged in a lively dialog about the role of religion at Winni and how Judaism and other beliefs and practices could be incorporated in a way that was comfortable for all. In the course of these conversations, I was interested to find that lots of people didn't know a whole lot about Judaism.

Hence Jew with a View. My first series of columns covered various aspects of Judaism (what are the various types of Jews? How can you live without cheeseburgers? Jewish humor, etc.), with the goal of educating and perhaps even entertaining the readership. A couple of years ago I taught an experiential course about the Jewish holidays, and this year I'm sharing my treasures via this column about lifecycle events.

So, pull up a chair, grab a little nosh, and let's dig in!



Today's joke:

Q: What does a Jewish pirate say?

A: Ahoy vey!



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Tonight!

Come laugh, sing, clap hands, and sway to the talented musicians that Barb Siftar and Bill Milford have rallied together! Singers head the team of bass, piano, drum, & guitar players in catchy, meaningful and hilarious songs.

Chapel – 7:00 PM

A Note from our Chaplains

'Where your treasure is there will your heart be also.' - Jesus of Nazareth

Dear Friends,

During our week we will take time for giving thanks and sharing our Treasures, in a prayerful and inclusive way.

- Morning watch is held each morning from 7:30 - 7:55 at the Outdoor Chapel, led by various members of our Winni community.
- Evening watch is from 6:45 - 7:15 at the Chapel. Communion will be served at the end of Sunday's Evening Watch.
- A Shabbat celebration will be held on Friday evening at 6:45 in the Chapel led by Bari Prince.
- Evening watch planning will occur every day after lunch on the Inn Porch, except for Wednesday.
- Wednesday is the day for our Annual Memorial Service, for those beloved we have lost in the past year. This will be held in the afternoon at the Council Ring.

We look forward to worshiping and sharing as part of this Treasured Community.

Peace,

Diane and Kevin



Wow. It didn't take long for Kate Fioravanti's husband and Joe Morrissey's wife to start taking selfies together. Couldn't you guys have at least waited until Monday before you started acting like Gems widows?

Kevin Weston Demands restitution!

Kevin stopped by the Gems office and pointed out numerous errors in the Pre-Gems (like we've never heard *that* before). He states that he did not work on the Siftar cottage (must be some sort of rivalry between the Siftars and the Westons). He did, however, paint the floors on the 2nd floor of cottage E and stained Pine Haven. At least we got the part about him being a Trustee right.

Editor's Note:

After my first day here at camp, I've come to the realization that hobbling around on one foot isn't such a bad thing. I've got fellow campers fetching me pillows (although Stacey Finlayson must go to the Simmons factory in Detroit in the time she takes to come back with one), getting my meals (even though Lorraine tends to be a bit heavy on the salad and neglects to put any kind of dessert on the plate), and fetching me the occasional mug of grog (speed it up a bit on those, Nisson). Speaking of Mike Nisson, he did volunteer to be my boy this week (drive me around campus, help me in and out of the golf cart, fetch my slippers) and a pool has been started as to how long his subservience will last. Personally, I have Monday afternoon (my son Trevor had 8:00 last night). Any other guesses? Everybody into the pool!

Granted, the view from our office is obscured a bit by trees, but it appears that the exercise class taught by Sue and Melissa doesn't have many guys in attendance. Maybe the guys were all doing their own exercise class (yeah, right), or in Jen Brosious's yoga class (I don't think so), or planning on surprising their wives by cleaning up the cabins (puhleeze), or just sleeping in until lunch (Winner!)

The Gems office remained void of chocolate today. Newly hired Co-editor Kate Fioravanti was dismayed that this promised perk was unfounded. Before she forms a collective bargaining unit to challenge these working conditions, please stop by the Gems office with chocolate! (And stuff you want to be published would be good too.)