

The Geneva Printer JAMS

Hoot Review

*Some things old, some things new,
some things borrowed, some things
blues*

As the rain dribbled down, the talent was ratcheted up for this year's Hoot. In his lame duck performance as MC, Miguel Nissayman, presented the aggressive MC skills needed to keep the show on track and younger performers in tears. Wearing a sporty NASCAR shirt, Micky's pit stop mentality kept the show rolling even when wrecks occurred. Twenty seven acts graced the stage as Mickelo finally gave his beautiful wife Susan the credit due her for being the workhorse behind the evening activities. Nishman apologized for being abrasive to previous years' acts and promised to go out on a positive note.

1. **Chocolate Ice Cream Cone:** Can this act get anymore delicious? A huge gaggle of kids graced the stage and knocked this Winni classic out of the park. Jon Arnold provided the musical backbone once again as he has done since these kids' parents sang this song umpteen years ago.
2. **Jon Turgeon:** Rap Mash Cover: - Whatever the heck that is – we liked it! "Solid Dollar Bill -Cash rolls around me" it will if you keep singing like this!
3. **The Seamen/Smith Clan:** Chicago! Jump lady jump! Awesome hoot act – short n sweet n funny and Shannon and Michaela brought it home! A hot time in the old hoot tonight!
4. **Abigail Weeks:** "Set In Stone" high fretted strumming supported this awesome tune of our new GEMS junior editor. "The only thing that matters is..." Guess what? We loved her! Keep up the singing (and writing!)

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Thursday Night Schedule

6:30 Evening Watch

7:30-9:00 Family Dance - *Barn*

7:30 Fireside Chat with Marilyn Kendrix – Marilyn will talk about her trip to Tanzania, Africa.

9:00 Coffeehouse – *Chapel (Ages 18 and up can perform)*

9:00 Movie – "Despicable Me" – *Meeting House*

FAMILY DANCE TONIGHT

Tonight's early evening dancing is absolutely for **all ages** with the dances specifically targeted to our youngest campers. Parents, please come **with** your children. It is wonderful to dance together as families.

- *Barb Siftar*

EVENING COORDINATOR THANK-YOUS.....

- ...to all the acts from the Hoot for sharing your talents and creativity with all of us
- ... to Larry and Bernadette for hosting the Drum Circle.
- ... to Barb, for a packed house of dancing

WEATHER

Tonight: Low 55, a thundershower in spots early this evening, patchy clouds. Chance of t-storm 38%.

Friday: High 80, low 59°. Sunny to partly cloudy.

Tanzania- The Drama of the Trip

Marilyn Kendrix Gives A Fireside Talk on Her Trip to Tanzania

During the month of July, I traveled to Tanzania, East Africa to participate in an interdisciplinary program sponsored jointly by Yale Divinity School and Yale School of Drama. Partnering with the Parapanda Theatre Lab of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. I worked with these students and three instructors to create an interactive theatre piece with the hope of inspiring community dialogue and action for change!

- **Marilyn Kendrix**

Desperately Seeking Siblings

Ed. Note: Have you ever had that funny feeling after you've left an awkward message on an answering machine that you'd like to go back in time and try it again?

Allie Bruch would like to report that earlier today she and her sister Amy Armastead Bruch said exactly the same thing at exactly the same time. *[Ed: the phrase uttered was, "And who are **you**?"]* When asked of Amy's favorite number, as yet another test of their love, Allie correctly replied, "206." That's right, 206. Lastly, spontaneously Amy and Allie did indeed realize and recall the dumbest thing they had ever done together...if you're interested, they tried to harness and walk one of their pet mice named "Fred."

[Ed: the "name the number" trick was pretty impressive. We would have predicted a figure 460 higher.

Allie actually isn't sure of her sister's middle name. Several alternative spellings were shouted through the GEMS office window immediately after the article was submitted.

*[So we're thinking mouse-walking might just be the **second-dumbest** thing they've ever done together; the first, of course, being this painful attempt to fashion a sibling bond long after the fact.]*

Tell Us What You Think

It's Evaluation Time

As we near the end of the week it's once again time for you to take up your pens and tell us what you thought of the week, both NNESRE and GPC-wise. The Dean will be raffling Golden Tickets for free ice cream and head-of-the-line placement in the Scoop Shop to those who return evaluations early. To paraphrase a key motto: evaluate early, evaluate often.

While we're on the topic, many thanks to Joann Milford, Kate Milford, Leslie Dockendorff, and Kim Holstrom for helping to gather and tabulate the evaluation results over the past few years. Your hard work makes it possible for us to improve as the years roll on.



The Coveted Golden Ticket

Say "Cheese Product"

There will be a camp-wide photo taken on Friday evening after dinner at the flagpole. Mark Brady will attempt to herd campers into some kind of clump formation in order to snap our picture for posterity. Brush 'em up, smile, and wear your newly-silk screened T-shirt if you have one.

This Week at Winni from the Chaplain's Perspective

Melody and I have certainly enjoyed the rich experience of Winni with all of you this year. Together, we attended the classes on "The Seven Deadly Sins" and "Politics, Governance, and Action." I also attended "Difficult Sayings of Jesus."

Dealing with the concept of sin and the difficult words of Jesus has taught me once again that God is forgiving and that we can always start anew—even if we go through periods of doubt. Here is the quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson that I read on Sunday night: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Over the 40 years that I have attended Winni, I have seen many different faiths represented in our community: Jewish, Catholic, Protestant Christian, Unitarian, Quaker, Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, agnostic, and more. I have observed influences from pre-Christian European, Native American, and pantheistic traditions. Some do not wish to define their faith. To reflect our diversity, our Trustees have recently rewritten our mission statement. "We are an interfaith, interracial, family-oriented, and open community that shares a weeklong experience of living and learning."

George Blackman said that the most difficult part of being the Winni Chaplain was offering services that were as inclusive as Winni wanted them to be, but that still had integrity. That is still a challenge.

To honor each of our faiths, it seems to me that we need to experience each one in its fullness rather than blend them together or simply find a common denominator. My concept is plurality and mutual respect first, then seeking common ground. We have separate Communion and Shabbat celebrations in the Pines, attempts in other Evening Worship services to create dialogue between different faiths, the Walk of the Labyrinth, and a wide range of approaches taken in Morning Watch. We "Celebrate Differences" by celebrating our different faiths.

This week, the second and third grade class was asked to think of words that illustrate "Celebrating

Differences." They took photos that represent those concepts and we will see them in our Closing Ceremony. Also on Friday night, I will provide worship on the topic of finding common ground as a diverse community. The image that I will use is "The Outstretched Hand," and the inspiring example I will draw on is the cooperation between Muslim and Christian young people in recent political protests in the Middle East.

Celebrating our differences, I believe, helps us to celebrate our common ground. In our own search for common ground at Winni, in Tuesday night's Evening Watch, after discussing our different beliefs, those who were present shared the beliefs they felt they had in common. They were:

A desire to experience contact with greater reality beyond.

Some belief in a higher power.

Belief in the power of prayer.

A sense of spirituality in sharing food together.

Our faith community is like a home to us.

Some UCC church members found that they are all Open and Affirming.

The importance of helping each other. For example, bringing meals to the sick.

Community service programs and outreach to the homeless.

Love at the center of our belief system.

The values of personal growth and a sense of community are prominent and well known at Winni. But there's another value we share, and that is the value of social service and social justice.

In our Closing Ceremony, we will light candles to illuminate the Circle on the Green. As we leave that circle on Friday night, let us take our lights into the world to carry out our shared value of social service as well as the feeling of community that brings us together each year. As the Geneva Point Rock instructs us, "From this place go build a better world." Let us also respect and honor the different beliefs of others as we attempt to find common ground.

Blessings,
Bob Fellows

2nd and 3rd Graders

The Hunt Is On For This Elusive Object!



After Downward Dog, Do Upward Pen!

Keep Yoga Rockin...

I have really enjoyed sharing yoga with folks here at Winni both when I've been on and off staff. If you would like to be sure that yoga continues to be available, be sure to include that in your evaluations -- not everyone knows that most years it has not been an official part of the schedule.

--Jen Brosious

Good News Department

Barbara Gatto insists that taking a Nisson into her home was Good News

In response to our invitation to share good or exciting news from the past year, Barbara Gatto wrote the following:

I don't know if this is the best or most exciting thing that has happened to me during this past year but it was pretty interesting. When I received a mass email that went out from Winni that Eric (Weedge) Nisson (who lives in Connecticut) needed a place to live for 2 months because he was doing an internship at Stop & Shop in Braintree MA, I

immediately wanted to help him out. I did not know what I was in for, but I just knew that I wanted to help him out with this job, so I contacted Mike and Sue Nisson and we worked things out for Weedge to come live with me and my son, Scott Gatto. He moved in on June 5. I was a little apprehensive because I needed to make some arrangements for him that would definitely alter my lifestyle. I really didn't know what to expect and wasn't sure what kind of kid he was but I found out quickly. Scott and Weedge got along so well. I have not had one problem with him living with us. As a matter of fact, I will miss him when he has to leave...I know, for sure, that Scott will miss him because then he's stuck with me again!! lol!! I am really glad that the email went out to the Winni community. So, in the long run...maybe I was wrong...It probably was the best, most exciting and interesting thing that happened to me during the past year!! And I want to personally thank the Winni community for that email and let people know that when someone is in need of help, for whatever reason, you can always go with your "gut" feeling that it will work out. I also want to thank Weedge for being a respectful, kind, young man. He truly is a good kid and listens very well to his elders!!! hahaha!!
- Sincerely, Barbara Gatto

10 other ways to get kicked out of camp

1. Store all the camp's water in your cabin
2. Pull out YOUR bullhorn and yell at the lifeguard for staring
3. Turn down an ultimate Frisbee game
4. Go to Jo-Jo's without asking if anyone needs anything
5. Sit in Deb Gunderson's chair
6. Try and send recipes to the cooks
7. Forget to put out your campfire
8. Perform "Baby Got Back" in the coffeehouse
9. Wear too much clothing, or clean clothing
10. Try to domesticate a baby loon... or Kevin Weston

- By Abby Weeks

Wacky Winni Weather: Amazing Jesus Angered???

Winni is a place where all rules are followed. As we learned the Ten Commandments for the first time last night from the 2nd and 3rd graders I realized we might be doing something wrong. As a new experience to me, everything clicked. The weather seems to come and go. It starts to rain as we rush to clean up all the chairs and food and as soon as we finish it stops. This is God's way of getting Winni-ites to exercise. God makes it rain when the astronomer comes in an attempt to prevent us from using the stars to predict our future. Winni seems to anger God a lot. In an effort to prevent more bad weather we ask that anything done to anger god be done inside or under tents. Unless he has x-ray vision we're safe.

- By Abby Weeks

This morning's Sloth class renders lowest attendance yet

Having had regular attendance for four days straight, the Seven Deadly Sins class saw a dramatic attendance drop on day five for the class centered on Sloth. Apparently students were too unmotivated, unchallenged, bored to tear themselves out of bed. The teacher claims there is absolutely no relationship between today's poor attendance and yesterday's subject matter: lust. But some students did look sleep deprived.

Greetings from Campers at Large

Joanne Hammil sends her greetings and says she's with us in spirit.

Tad & Liz Brennan write:

We miss you! Having a wonderful time in Germany, in the Alps right now. All have learned a lot of German. Please say hi to everyone at Winni.

[Editors note: we all miss the Brennans. In a glass-half-full fashion, however, we note that with the removal of trees in Dock Road we need not miss their bread oven. Simply set the dough in the cabin and leave it for the afternoon. Fresh, crispy, steaming-hot loaves when you return from the beach!]

Diary of a New Camper: Day 5

Dear Diary,

Woke up with a new attitude today. Decided to see where the spirit would take me and not worry so much. Sat out on the Inn Porch for Breakfast and watched the wind waft over the water. Wandered down toward the water, fell in with a few fellow campers, and next thing I knew I had wandered in to the sin class.

The class topic was lust—wow was that an eye opener. Can't imagine people talking about this stuff at an inter-faith camp. Beginning to like this place more and more. Brought back to mind my favorite hymn "Amazing Grace...I once was lost but now am found..."

Lunch was pizza—not as good as New Haven pizza but much better than the pizza in Chicago where I live. Met some nice folks who were concerned that I was having a rough week, because they had seen me walking around muttering to myself and waving my arms. They invited me to go out on their boat, so I went.

We saw some baby loons with their parents. They were really cute. My nice new friends explained that these were the birds that made the spooky sounds that had been scaring me at night.

Went down to Chapel Line afterward to throw around a Frisbee. Then dinner and the Camp-wide Hoot show. Luckily I had brought my Didgeridoo. This was the first time people had ever applauded my music. I really like these folks.

Afterward I bought ice cream for some of the Children of the Corn, and they actually talked me into going dancing. I tripped a lot, and fell down once or twice (but then again almost everyone else was doing the same thing). Slightly bruised, I headed back to bed.

Good Night, Diary

PS I think I am finally starting to relax.

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GEMS Haiku

End of right column

Editor with space to fill

Haiku does nicely

More Morrissey

One of my favorite parts of Winni week is listening to Hamish and Graeme practicing the bagpipes in the tenting area. Bagpipes are a funny instrument. When they're played by somebody who doesn't know what they're doing, the sound of them can make you want to throw yourself out a window. But when they're played by somebody who is good then there's no better sound in the world (at least if you're Irish like me). And these guys aren't just good, they're great. Good luck to them both at the World Bagpipes Competition in Glasgow Scotland.

Some thoughts on the Hoot: It never ceases to amaze me how much musical talent is at this camp. Unfortunately, none of it resides in me. And what the heck was Mike Nisson wearing? Did he need to leave camp early so he could participate in the Red Bull bowling tournament? OK Mike. You were given the shirt as a sales award. I lived in Ohio and once won a bag of fertilizer at a county fair but I didn't tape it to my chest and walk around with it.

Lastly, things change. There's nothing that can be done about that. But one thing that doesn't change is Winni. Sure, outwardly some things may change from year to year but the spirit of Winni is constant. I've only been coming here 10 years or so but I think I have my finger on the pulse of this place and know it well. It's the peace of this place, the spirit, the people, the intangibles that you could never explain to someone who hasn't been here that make it what it is. And so it breaks my heart when I hear of incidents that bring pronouncements that contain words such as "no more warnings" and "police involvement". I ask everyone to please remember that this isn't just anyplace, it's Winni. It's different, it's special, and should squad cars start arriving on campus, it will never be the same.

- By Joe Morrissey

Good News Keeps Coming

More highlights from the year

Bill Milford

I received an Osherson Fellowship and got to spend a week at Fielding University - right on the beach in Santa Barbara, California!

Donna Dawes

A bank and I bought a 2012 KIA Sorento. I am thankful to God and all the medical personnel who have kept George alive this past year.

Donald Quinlan

being there with my granddaughter Olivia.

Tom Weston

I finally went to Arizona to visit the Grand Canyon. It's really, really big. You could put all of Lake Winnepesaukee into it and it would still have enough dry space to hold a barn dance. (they already have bats so we wouldn't have to bring ours) It is truly one of the seven natural Wonders of the World.

Hesung Koh

Published a book, "Meaningful Aging" in Korea. I am sorry that I will not be able to come to NNESRE again this year due to a conflict of schedule. I will be thinking of you all. Have a great week! Hesung Koh (Attended NNESRE since 1968 and missed only a few)

Faye Hess

Launched a social networking platform-Dinnerlist.com-and was one of the chefs on "Chopped."

Riddle Me This

What do Bill Milford, Jim Peters, Ken Cheek, and Robert Campbell have in common?

Answer in tomorrow's GEMS.

HOOT 2011*(Hoot review continued from page 1)*

5. **Ferd Stirling:** Free form dancing to "Cantaloupe " Floor-flying, gravity defying, spine tying! Fortunately the chiropractors on call were not needed for emergency adjustments. Fab!
6. **Max Kay, Parker Davis & Griffen Jagel:** Here Comes The Sun - This Beatle's classic was mastered today by this threesome that would have had the Fabulous Four on the run! Fab singing, fab playing, fab all the way round. Here comes the next generation of Winni entertainment!
7. **Sam and Einar Olfsson:** Trombone and keyboards - "Funky Town." The rockers from Reykjavik bring down the house. Disco hit transposed for piano and trombone comes alive in a classical fashion - Carnegie Hall - here they come!
8. **PreSchool - Down By The Bay:** If you could bottle cute - it would be the essence of these kids! Brave and talented souls giving their all to Winni. We look forward to years more of "lake filled with the cake?" Did you ever see a belly, rolling like jelly, down by the bay!
9. **Carrie Leap, Cathy Jones and the 1st Graders:** Never has a single mike done so much to bring out the cute in cuties as this! Makes us want to have summertime all the time!
10. **Alycia Kaufman and 2nd & 3rd graders:** Ten Simple Rules- More talent and values were put forth in these 3 minutes than 20 years of Bible school. Great performance guys! Commandment #11 - Keep your distance, from the Mike Niisam.
11. **Matt Brady:** Made his Dad, Barb Gatto and Mike Nissem cry - either with laughter or for some other reason. Matt's comfort on stage, use of mic, playing the audience - all impeccable with great timing. The Comedy Zone can't be too far away for this comic and lots of greats got their start at Winni.
12. **Julia Ganley:** "Who Do You Think You Are?" - We were wondering the same thing - is this the Hoot or American Idol! Pop sensibilities with some vocal chops that rocked us out of our seats. Way to go, Julia! Awesome piano on top of all of this - wow! No sheet music, so no net under this performer. Wow!
13. **Ron and Adam Offutt & Company:** Harry Nilsson's "Lime in the Coconut" - along with "Rehab", one of the flagship anthems of Chapel Line. However this unlikely crew reigns from outside that den of iniquity. We were sure Manager Offutt would change the lyrics to "you put the check in the bank account and see if it will bounce...."
14. **Stefan Livsey and Tre Davis:** "Love The Way You Lie." The first time we were happy to hear dishonesty from Winni teens. Lickety split rapping with great vocal harmonies on the chorus. These guys have played together so much and so long - they are fused at their musical core. Awesome job.
15. **Bari Prince and Hamish Blackman:** A tango that melted all the ice cubes on campus - yeow - Bari can now lead us off in the discussion for lust in the Deadly Sins class! Slow, patient, exact, passionate, and sensuous - and that was just walking to the stage. Their standing ovation was well deserved as the audience provided the accolades for their precision, passion, and skill.
16. **Mark Brady and Chuck Bates:** Who's On First -25 years seems like a quarter century to our most devoted comedy duo. The comedy genes run strong in the Brady family and Bates is the perfect straight man.
17. **Mary Offutt: "Us?"** By Regina Spektor - dedicated to her friend Laura in Louisiana - great piano and smooth vocals - what a touching ode to an enduring friendship!
18. **Sue DiTucci 4th and 5th graders..:** Would you like to talk a little - round....: Sweet tune

about differences and connecting – perfect for our theme and wonderful for the show!

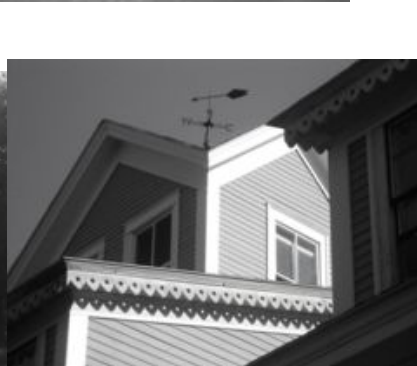
- 19. Parker Davis:** Unplugged and live, Parker's vocal performance and guitar were terrific. "When you make your way...." to stardom – remember us here at Winni!
- 20. Putt Smith:** Touting the #2 folk album in the nation, Putt is a treat with his laid-back demeanor and over the top talent. His wolf pack was in full force and howling with delight at his energetic performance and banjo playing. 'Were' you been? – a full moon full of banjo picking fun!
- 21. Mary-Y?** Nary a Mary had a hand in putting this comedy bit together. The Westons are never afraid to get dirty and the Dean is never a "drag" despite his affection for make up. Smashing indeed!
- 22. Tre Davis:** Dark Side of the Moon - Pink Floyd ain't got nothing on Tre when he is in his groove. His pipes have matured into this full, mellow voice who can really belt out a tune – and he wrote the song, too! Thoughtful lyrics and driving chord sequences – we are watching him grow into a fine young musician. Awesome job, Tre.
- 23. Hamish Blackman:** The Amazing Jesus – The sweet aroma of heresy hung in the air as Hamish channeled the wonderful Rowan Atkinson and a wee bit o' his father in this comedic gem that showed that Jesus laughs with the rest of us. Our hearts were cut in twain! 2/7 of the Deadly Sins in one Hoot for Hamish? You have got to consider it a good night. With God as our co-editor, we all anxiously awaiting the final review – but just in case, we are prepping for s'mores.

- 24. Alex St. Louis:** The End of the Era: The wand finds the wizard, and the song found our hearts. Awesome vocal with a very sweet rendition, excellent job by Kate Fioravanti on the piano – beautiful job!
- 25. Michael Loughlin:** Michael Mania hits campus! Great song with powerful guitar strumming considering they were almost all barre chords! Excellent vocal performance and jazz stylings with his guitar. Great job, Mike!
- 26. The Bucket Singers:** Bring Me Little Water, Sylvie – Hand jive and multi layered harmonies! Awesome job, buckets! 2nd standing O of the night! A worthy sacrifice of water for Chapel Line to have received this awesome flow of harmony. Kudos to Camille, Barb, Kathy, Bari, Linda, Cara, Liz, Jean, and Chris
- 27. Winni Wonders:** Night and Day – Fred Griffeth brought it home with Chris Loughlin pounding some mean ol' blues out of that tired chapel piano and kicking it back into life! Chris Peters added guitar licks that should be sold at the Scoop Shop – and Gail Nickse wailed pitch perfect passion with Rose Ganley backing them in blues bliss! Trevor Davis banged the skins whilst Larry Kern manhandled the mandolin. A great way to end the show with an encore of Fred's 5th grade prizing winning entre in show biz!

Kudos to all involved for your talent, passion, skill, and ability to stay within the 3 minute boundary (+ or - 3 minutes). Thanks and farewell to Mike Nishum as he closed the show and hit the road to get to Boston for a plane flight to MC another kid's camp hoot in Texas.









Things You Hear, See, Feel, or Do at the Barn!

Can you find: JiffyMixer, Ningunatik, YMCA, Abigwindblows, MontegoBay and 32 others?

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