

You've Got GEMS!

An Ode to Camp Orientation

Chaplain Jim led our vespers service,
With many a prayer and a laugh,
When it was over, all our good intentions,
Were hanging with the new camp staff,
Dean **Tom Weston** welcomed us heartily,
And told us to have a good week,
And rejoiced with us all to finally see,
Director **Jess Schload** on his feet,
Director Jess told us frankly,
By telling us camp is for fun,
But if you plan an untimely demise,
Please call him after you call 911,
Chris the nurse, spoke unrehearsed,
And spun a woeful tale,
It's the last time the GEMS wishes to hear,
At orientation, the word "impaled",
Jon Rowe said numbers are high this year,
Our camp's full at 297,
As long as your account is paid in full,
The week for him will be heaven,
Then Program Chair, **Kevin Weston**,
Has classes so good that he said,
That you'll feel like you lose,
Cause its so hard to choose,
That you'll probably just stay in bed,
Go to **Dennis Courtney's** class,
For lots of information,
If you think that life's revolting now,
Just check out the Reformation,
Lou Weeks likes immigration reform,
Tis a topic he holds dear,
Says our border security's a very bad joke,
As 3 million crossed last year,
If laughter and fun are number one,
And healing for you like chicken soup,
The doctor is in with **Siftars, Julie & Tim**,
Teaching us Games with Groups,

Marilyn Kendrix says that listening,
Can be the way to someone's soul,
Yes, amazing things can happen,
When you shut your big pie hole,
Kate Poole said the Asian culture,
Can help us to make life make sense,
However in the world of the GEMS office,
"Paradigms" are still worth 20 cents,
We'd love a drink with **Frances Sink**,
Whose theology and wit,
Says spend less time watching cable,
And talk spirituality more with kids,
And **Ron Kittel** says 1945,
Was a big year for scripture and caustic,
One inspired by Harry Truman,
The other by the cave dwelling Gnostics,
We're so glad **Joanne Hammil's** here,
To help us find our sound,
Once she gets you going,
You're sure to go round n' round!
And **Bob Fellows** puts on his theology hat,
So instead of making people disappear,
He's teaching to put magic in scripture,
So you can bring others near,
So kudos to the **Program Committee**,
To them we raise a glass,
But the first step in life as with anything,
Is to first get off (to) your class!

Tonight's Schedule

6:30 **Field Games on the Green**
7:00 **Vespers in the Chapel**
7:30 **Barb Siftar & Bill Milford**
 In Concert in the Chapel
8:30-10:00 **Scoop Shop Open**
9:00 **Dancing in the Barn with Barb**
9:00 **Dock Road Campfire**
 Drop In – Your Topic Welcomed!

Campwide game: POLITE CONVERSATION

Write your name and a little-known fact about yourself (one that you would not mind revealing to your fellow campers) on a piece of paper and stick it in the labeled bucket in the main room of the Meeting House.

For example:

Jon Doe: I can touch my tongue to my nose.

Jane Doe: I was in the Peace Corps for eight years before I became a teacher.

(Or for example:

Name withheld: I know the whereabouts of Whitey Bulger.)

Each day five little-known facts will be revealed in the GEMS without the name of the person that goes with it. It is YOUR job during a 24 hour period of Polite Conversation with people in our Winni community to find out who among us are connected to those mysterious facts.

Each night at dinner with the new edition of the GEMS the identity of the featured campers will be revealed. Just before dinner you will have one last chance to tease out these little-known facts with some pre-dinner polite conversation at the Inn Porch where that day's mystery people will be asked to come mingle. Note: if you see YOUR little-known fact listed in the GEMS – be sure to come early to the Inn porch the next day before dinner (by 5:15) to chat it up with your fellow campers.

Bazaar Info

Where: The Meeting House

When: Tomorrow, Monday, from 1 – 3

Why: To replenish the Scholarship Fund and bank accounts of participating vendors

Representative wares and products:

Cards, jewelry, calendars, CDs, Mexican market bags, and more!

Be There!

Monday Menu

Breakfast: Breakfast Bar, Pancakes with Syrup, hard boiled eggs, cranberry orange muffins.

Lunch: Soup du jour, Salad & Sandwich Bar: BBQ Riblet, Hummus Wrap, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese. Chocoate chip cookies.

Dinner: Baked garlic bread, pasta bar with meatballs, Italian sausage, Marinara or Alfredo sauce, Italian mixed vegetables, Denver pudding.

What's the Weather Report?

Tonight: Clear, passing clouds, low 55.

Tomorrow: Uh, lets say, 40% chance of dry weather.

Massage Table Wanted

Cynthia Campbell is looking for a massage table to use in administering Shamballa/Reiki therapy. If you've got one she can borrow, you can probably bargain for a free session in exchange.

Ed School Help!

The Pre-K class could use an extra pair of volunteer hands during second period. Please see Joann Milford or Denise Livsey if you can help out.

Dean Waxes Philosophical

Kant Say We Object

Off The Dean's Bean

Voices in a Choir

Here is one I have always enjoyed and have shared with various choir directors I have worked with over the years. Sung to the tune of "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise:"

Immoral, impossible, God only knows
Why tenors, sopranos, and basses, altos
So often on Sunday they are not the same
As those who on Thursday to choir practice
came (author unknown)

It is so true. At rehearsal, the choir works to perfect an anthem and gets the balance and sound just right. Then three days later, those same people come together and the results are so different than what was rehearsed. Sometimes better, often not. Maybe there are a few people that didn't get up in time to get to church that Sunday, or perhaps someone who didn't make practice shows up and has not learned the music. Here we are, the same people and doing the same song yet with different results.

I sometimes think it is like that at camp. We come here with our best selves and share a tremendous week together and vow we will find ways to take the spirit we find in this place and share it with others in our lives at home, at work, in our schools, our communities and churches. And our results vary. Sometimes better, often not. Well, as Christians, we are not perfect but we are forgiven and blessed with the opportunity to try again with hopefully better results.

So keep showing up. Keep singing and keep trying. While you may not realize the exact result you are seeking, your presence surely makes a difference and matters to somebody.

- **Dean Tom Weston**

GEMS Wanes Philosophical

"Do What It Takes To Have A Great Week"

Logical Violations Encouraged

"These are my principles; if you don't like them, I have others" Groucho Marx

Take it from the hypocrites cranking out copy in the knee-deep stress pit known as the GEMS office and hear us loud and clear - "Relax, take it easy."

Tis' always good at the beginning of the week to take stock of who you are, where you are at, and what you would like to get out of the week. Break out and try something different to create a new experience for yourself. Skip a class, attend a class, get up early, sleep late, have extra ice cream, extra exercise, make a new friend, gift yourself alone time... nobody knows what will do the trick for you except you!

So spend a moment right now to think ahead to next Sunday. You are back at home and thinking back to the great week that you had at Winni. What happened during that week? Make it happen!

As for us, well, we get to make our dreams come true everyday by cranking out these quality GEMS. If you are looking for a place to start your journey of self-fulfillment, the GEMS office is as good a place as any to start. Oh, and bring coffee.

Relive Last's Year Concert This Year

Barb N' Bill's 2nd Concert CD
Benefits NNESRE Scholarship Fund

Available tonight, ironically enough, right after Barb Siftar and Bill Milford's concert in the Chapel, will be a limited number of CD copies of their 2006 concert.

The concert was recorded by Kevin Weston, mixed and mastered by Bill Milford, and includes the musical support of guitarist Chris Peters, Steve Gilardi on bass and Trevor Davis on drums. The 2006 concert included these songs (see if you can remember them!?!):

Don't You Hate It (When they make you sing along)
If I Had a Hammer
Roo Roo Roo Roo
Nothing But Love
Old Time Medley/Old Time Parodies
A Summer Song
(written by Bob Arnold for Dotti Siftar)
If These Walls Could Talk
To Tell The Truth
Counting Your Blessings
This Is My Song/What A Wonderful World
Hallelujah Anyhow
Carry Me
From This Place

This exclusive recording is available to Winni campers only and is not commercially available on the internet, TV, or with a purchase of Ginsu knives. Suggested donation for the CD is \$10 and all profits go to benefit the NNESRE scholarship fund.

Last year's concert CD raised over \$500.00, along with Dotti Siftar's All Day Singing CD (which Barb Siftar had

remastered to CD) which raised over \$1,500. Thank you Winnites for your support of folk music and the NNESRE scholarship fund!

Morning Watchers

Thanks to our Morning Watch leaders for the week. Come, check it out, and check in with yourself, your surroundings, and the brand new day. Your leaders for the week:

Sunday – Mark Brady
Monday – Lelly Smith
Tuesday – Jean Peters
Wednesday – Cynthia Russett
Thursday – Charlie Soper
Friday – Linda Higgins
Saturday – Mark Brady encore

Greetings from Chaplain Jim

Many thanks to those who helped with music at last evening's Vespers: Jean Koh Peters, Bill Milford, Chris Peters, Cynthia Wilcox, Jerry Christman, Cynthia Campbell, and Giulia Paladino. Thanks also to our Dean for a stellar reading performance. Thanks to everyone for adding their voices in song and reflection.

For those who didn't have a chance to write an intention for the week, and would like to, there will be a supply of blank musical notes and colored pencils in the Chapel, along with the large musical staff we've brought over from last night's service.

Here's to a blessed Winni week!

Sports Headlines

- Bonds hits #755, ties Aaron
- Sox Win!
- A-rod hits #500
- Yankees Suck!

Labyrinth Invite

It is rare and lucky that we have a labyrinth here at Camp WINNI. Tomorrow (Monday) evening from 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm, there will be live, improvised meditative music to accompany those who arrive during that time to walk through the labyrinth. In addition, in a tent erected on the grounds nearby, you may enter and receive a spiritual blessing, passed on to you from me, in the form of a sacred movement prayer, before or after you take your journey through the labyrinth. This blessing refers to the spirit that people pass back and forth to one another, in their relationships.

So when I am making a Barekhu on a relationship that exists between myself and another person, I am appreciating where the source of that relationship comes from. When I have the appreciation that this relationship is a gift to me, then the experience is brought back to a relationship with God. The ultimate, greatest, infinite pleasure in the world, is a relationship to God.*

Excerpted from the internet radio show, "Beyond Reason". Guest: Rabbi Alexander Seinfeld.

***Daily Hebrew Barekhu** [b'ruhck haw]
Jewish tradition asks that we personally bless the Lord for each detail of our daily experience. These Hebrew blessings vocalize our gratitude to God.

Excerpted from the internet web-site:
hebrew4christians.com/Blessings/blessings.html

(The certification I have received (Shamballa, which includes Reiki) is an attunement for channeling life energy. This plays a part in providing the spiritual blessing.)

-- Cynthia Campbell

Special to GEMS

Night Owl Wanted

Ginny Houghtaling would LOVE to have someone *awake* to accompany her to Manchester airport Monday evening to fetch Heather, Duncan, and Tessa for an 11:30 PM flight arrival – my car – see me – I'll be grateful!

- Ginny Houghtaling

SNEAK WEEK PREVIEW

You asked for it, you got it. Here, courtesy of your Evening Coordinators, is a look ahead at the week's activities:

Monday:

3:30PM Water Carnival
7:00PM Vespers
7:30PM Weston Family Campfire
7:30PM Movie - "An Inconvenient Truth"
7:30PM Labyrinth Walk (raindate Thursday)
9:00PM Dancing with Barb
9:00PM Fireside Chat

Tuesday:

7:00PM Vespers
7:30PM Squam Lakes Natural Sci. Center
8:30PM Story Time
9:00PM Bonfire singing
9:00PM Family Movie or Board Games
8:00PM Drumming Circle

Wednesday:

6:30PM The Hoot!
9:00PM Barn Dancing
9:00PM Fireside Chat

Thursday:

7:00PM Vespers
7:30PM Family Dance
7:30PM Meet the GPC Staff
8:45PM Story Time
9:00PM Dance Party
9:00PM Coffee House
9:00PM Fireside Chat

Friday:

6:30PM Watermelon seed spitting contest
7:30PM Vespers & Closing Candlelight Circle
9:00PM Barn Dancing
9:00PM Fireside chat

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

words and music by Woody Guthrie

Chorus:

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California, to the New York Island
From the redwood forest, to the gulf stream waters
This land was made for you and me

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I looked above me, there in the skyway
I looked below me in the golden valley
This land was made for you and me

Chorus

I've roamed and I rambled, and I've followed my footsteps
O'er the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts
And all around me this voice came saying
This land was made for you and me

Chorus

I followed your low hills, and I followed your cliff rims
Your marble canyons, and sunny bright waters
This voice came calling, as the fog was lifting
This land was made for you and me

Chorus

As the sun was a-shining as I was a-strolling
Through the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling
I could feel inside me, and see all around me
This land was made for you and me

Chorus

Lame Tame Crane

My dame has a lame, tame crane
My dame has a crane that is lame
Come Mistress Jane, see your dame's lame tame crane
Feed it and return again.

