

Your Geneva GEMS!

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Relaxing at Winni During The Recession

Whilst we have often proffered the clever phrase of "Ready, Set.... Slow!" to begin the week here at Winni, it is important for us to acknowledge the unique nature of the camp and the economy. These are challenging times for many, hard times for some, and desperate for a few. So what does Winni offer us as respite from these woes?

#1. A change of scenery: You are not there where all that other stuff is – if you have brought it with you then the only thing in common with there and here is you.

#2. A change in perspective: You have tried budgeting, you have tried networking, but now that you are at Winni – try some ice cream and singing. Give yourself the well deserved break from your normal routine and see what the shift in emotional energy brings you.

#3. A change of heart: How is it that one of the best weeks of our year is always spent sleeping in sub-standard conditions, being sleep deprived, eating food we could make better at home, and going to church in our shorts and sandals? We would propose it has something to do with relationships. Our relationship with our friends, with nature, with the lake, the barn, the Scoop Shop, and even the nurse. We come with an expectation of being filled and sustained by these relationships during the week and rarely does Winni disappoint.

So how can we inoculate ourselves from our daily other world stress and make sure we get recharged with what **we** need? Your stressed out, overworked, and happy-to-tell-you-what-

to-do-while-we-fail-to-do-it-ourselves GEMS editors suggest the following:

1. Give yourself a break: Really. Figure out what things you REALLY have to do to keep yourself sane and afloat for the week and ONLY do that stuff. Otherwise, jump into Winni feet first.

2. Keep a schedule: If you need to check email or voice mail. Do it during one specific time during the day and then let it go. (*Maybe not after meals...) The world will survive without you although admittedly not nearly as well.

3. Lighten up: As the Zen Master said "Hey, its only life – don't get too attached to it!" There will be plenty of times to go for the golden ring, how about making this week the time where you go for the ginger ice cream.

4. Take Time In Life: Especially for you and those you love. It is time well spent!

Your Welcome to Winni Schedule!

2-5 PM Waterfront Open

3-4 PM Store Open

5:30-6:30 Dinner!

6:30-7:00 Ed. School Open House

Parents and children go to their assigned classroom meeting space. High School Planning meets at Lake View Lodge.

7:00 Dancing with Barb Siftar on the Green

7:30 Vespers and Camp Program
Orientation in the Meeting House

8:30-10 Scoop Shop is Open!

9:00 Dancing and Games in the
Barn with Barb Siftar

Ed School News

Ed School Open House tonight from 6:30-7:00 p.m.! Then please join the camp community for dancing on the Green with Barb Siftar!

Parents of Toddler, Pre-K/K and Primary classes, please come to the classrooms **with** your child to see their assigned classroom space and visit with his/her teacher. We look forward to a wonderful week of friendship, laughter and fun! Please see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Joann Milford - Ed School Coordinator
Joe Morrissey - Ass't Ed School Coord.

Top Fifteen Signs You're At Winni During a Recession

1. Ladies and gentleman, Your workshop leader for "Foreclosure Madness" - Mike Ni\$\$an!
2. Ginger ice cream: \$23.45 for single scoop.
3. Life guard only willing to lifesave up to the small raft.
4. Georgie is no longer a cute kid knocking on your cabin door any more. Turns out he is a 46 year old stock broker trying to sell you mutual funds.
5. GEMS now produced in the bath house to eliminate the middle man.
6. Making lemonade out of lemons? Food portions are smaller.
7. Softball game reduced to 3 innings. No ball used so everybody strikes out.
8. Less S'mores. More S'Lesses (delicious treat of leaves, dirt, and guano)
9. Good News: Watermelon seed spitting contest is still on! Bad News: We have to share the same seed.
10. Morning Watch downgraded to Morning Glimpse - Standard prayer is "Good morning, here's the lake, let's eat...."
11. Kayaks are now BYOP.

12. GEMS abandons the high priced luxury of its spill chicker.

13. Camp nurse only willing to apply band-aids horizontally.

14. Plans delayed for yet another year to flip Dock Road Chicken Coops into actual cabins.

15. Winni Swimmi reduced to one way to conserve water

The Dean - Takes Five (K, That Is)

Are you a morning person? Do you enjoy running, walking or swimming? Did you know there are options of things to do, even before Morning Watch and breakfast?

I invite you to join me, if you are willing and able, to enjoy an early morning jog, walk and/or swim. A Dash and Splash if you will. I head out about 6:00 AM and jog to the Long Island bridge and back. It is about 5 K (3.1 miles). I then continue down to the beach for a morning dip. GPC has a life guard posted at the beach at 6:45 AM. Usually the lake is like glass, and the water is always warm. There is plenty of time to get back and dressed before Morning Watch, and I never miss breakfast.

The Morning Dip is a tradition that dates back to my youth. My Dad would wake us up and invite us to join him for a walk to Morning Beach. Getting into the wet bathing suit was an issue, but oh the reward. The sunrise there is gorgeous as it comes over the mountains and across the lake. For me, it was a ride on Dad's shoulders to the beach and back. The return trip was filled with singing (of course), as we woke up Dock Road with a chorus of "The Happy Wanderer" or "Morning Comes Early". If any of us kids did not go with Dad, we were greeted upon his return with what he referred to as the "Cold Hand of Ambition". Thankfully, that part of the tradition has (pretty much) gone by the board, but let me offer you the "Warm Hand of Friendship" in extending this invitation. Sorry, I can't offer the shoulder ride either.

"And as I go, I love to sing"
 Your Dean,
Tom Weston



A Warm Winni Week

Welcome from Chaplain Jim!

Welcome (or welcome back) to Winni! I know you are busy finding your way to your cabins or rooms, and unpacking and getting yourselves oriented. I'd like to take a few moments to introduce this year's theme and to offer an invitation to the community, both for your presence at and your contribution to our evening Vespers services.

This year's theme is ***"Take Time in Life."***

During Vespers this week, we'll explore some aspects of what it means to take a retreat from our everyday lives, to see important things from fresh perspectives, to give ourselves permission to take time in life.

One understanding of "retreat" is a *time set apart to reflect on an intention.*

Intentions can be personal-- *"I intend to take a quiet walk each day and seek out a reflective inner place."*

or interpersonal:

"I intend to be more thoughtful how stress affects my interactions at work and home."

or global:

"I intend to be an instrument for peace."
or anything at all that might serve as a useful focus for your time this week.

On Saturday night, our evening will begin, weather permitting, with some dancing on the green in front of the Meeting House led by Barb Siftar. We'll dance our way into the Meeting House and there each of us will receive a small pouch containing a slip of paper on which we can briefly compose an intention for the week.

On Sunday at Vespers, we'll take time to talk a little more about retreating from a spiritual

perspective, about why and how time apart can be good for our souls.

On Monday, I'll take time to share my faith journey and how Winni has influenced it.

On Tuesday, we'll take time to reflect on a spiritual interpretation of our difficult economic times – can we embrace an abundance mentality in the midst of what feels like a context of scarcity?

On Wednesday, we'll take time for the annual Memorial Service in the afternoon at the Council Ring.

On Thursday, we'll take time to hold up the planet Earth, our island home, as we reflect on the 40th anniversary of the lunar landing and that iconic "earthrise" image that came to us from the Apollo program.

On Friday, we'll take time for our annual Candlelight Service in the Barn and concluding out on the green.

As ever, there will be a gathering on the inn porch or nearby after lunch for Vespers planning. As such, the advance schedule outlined above is always tentative; if the community who gathers for planning moves us in new directions, then that's what we'll take time for!

I'm also excited that there seems to be energy around choral singing during Vespers. Rehearsal usually takes place in the chapel about 30 minutes before Vespers. All are **warmly** invited to add their voices to the choir.

As I've said in the past, I invite each of you to our nightly Vespers worship. Bring your certitude and your struggle, your belief and your bewilderment—together, from our many faiths and backgrounds, animated by the unique spirit that inhabits this location and this community, we'll gather each evening after dinner to create a sacred space. Please come.

Chaplain Jim

Sunday Reception for Entire Camp!

***Thank you reception.
Come one, come all!***

Please join GPC and NNESRE at a pre-supper reception to thank the many volunteers and donors who have worked hard around the GPC facility and have helped make the staff cabins a reality. Many people have contributed blood, sweat, tears and money to this effort. GPC would like to thank them and we would too! Come gather for snacks and refreshments at the Inn Porch before supper on Sunday. Consider moving your cabin or neighborhood pre-supper gathering up to the Inn tomorrow night so we can chat and visit as a community. You can even bring along your snacks and your friends and your friend's snacks. We'd especially like to have in attendance anyone who worked at any of the work weekends over the last 2 years and any donors. That's about 65 people! Below is the list of volunteers we could remember but we think there are more. Does your name belong on this list?

Tracy Hall
Derrick Hall
Julie Siftar
Dan Nicholson
Celia Nicholson
Sonia Nicholson
Jen Leaf
Jonathan Leaf
Jon Arnold
Hans Seitz
Joe Morrissey
Trevor Morrissey
Lorraine Morrissey
Kelsey Morrissey
Collin Morrissey
Deb Gundersen
Wes Gundersen
Rachel Gundersen
Kevin Weston
Tom Weston
Holly Weston
Susie Hawthorne
Doug Hawthorne
Shawnie Hawthorne
Sheldon Soper

Diane Soper
Charlie Soper
Alycia Soper
Leslie Ganley
Rose Ganley
Julia Ganley
Barb Siftar
Sue DiTucci
Allie DiTucci
Melissa DiTucci
Ashlee Onions
Sherry Brady
Tad Brennan
Mark Brady
Amy Bruch
Laura Greaney
Steve Jennings
Georgia Jennings
Stew Erwin

Winni's Favorite "Should"s

- **Wear a nametag! Be known!**
- **You should wear footwear. There is stuff living in the grass that you don't want on or eating your feet.**
- **You should try to buy canned beverages instead glass. They recycle easier.**
- **You should slow the heck DOWN! Don't drive on campus or if you have to – goooooo slooooooow!**
- **Even when you haven't got a prayer, you should still have a grace that you would be willing to share at a meal, see the Dean, Tom Weston.**
- **You should see Renate Seitz if you are interested in leading or helping out with a Morning Watch Service. Morning Watch is a beautiful, brief service held every morning at 7:45 am at the Outdoor Chapel by the Inn.**
- **If you have a birthday or anniversary during the week, you should tell the Dean. He'll be happy to make you the focus of attention for your 15 seconds of fame!**
- **You should feel free to help with Vespers planning. Daily meetings for Vespers are held after lunch on the Inn Porch with Chaplain Jim Peters.**

2009 WINNI COURSE SCHEDULE

Period One	Period Two	Period Three
8:50 - 9:45	9:55 - 10:50	11:05 - 12:00
International Folk Dancing	Yoga	Yoga
BARN	BARN	BARN
	Politics and National Governance Steve Fontana CHAPEL	
Living The Bible Stories in 2009 Lillian Daniel GIBBES	Living The Bible Stories in 2009 Lillian Daniel GIBBES	
Hospital and Health Care Alan Kendrix	Hospital and Health Care Alan Kendrix	Politics and National Governance Steve Fontana
MEETING HOUSE MAIN	MEETING HOUSE MAIN	MEETING HOUSE MAIN
	Resurrection Ron Kittel MEETING HOUSE SCREENED PORCH	Resurrection Ron Kittel MEETING HOUSE SCREENED PORCH
Drugs, Race and the Prison System Clifford Thornton	Leadership Vision/Persuasion Robert Campbell	Drugs, Race and the Prison System Clifford Thornton
MEETING HOUSE RM 4	MEETING HOUSE RM 4	MEETING HOUSE RM 4
Sustainability in a 21 st Century Society Trevor Davis & Chris Dockendorff	Sustainability in a 21 st Century Society Trevor Davis & Chris Dockendorff	Leadership Vision/Persuasion Robert Campbell
MEETING HOUSE RM 6	MEETING HOUSE RM 6	MEETING HOUSE RM 6

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)***GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP**

Give me oil in my lamp, keep it burning,
 Give me oil in my lamp I pray
 Give me oil in my lamp, keep it burning,
 Keep it burning 'til the break of day.

Chorus:

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King of Kings
 Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King.

Make me a fisher of men, keep me fishing,
 Make me a fisher of men I pray
 Make me a fisher of men, keep me fishing,
 Keep me fishing 'til the break of day.

(Chorus)

Put a song in my heart, keep me singing,
 Put a song in my heart I pray
 Put a song in my heart, keep me singing,
 Keep me singing 'til the break of day.

(Chorus)

Let me walk in thy way, Oh my Savoir,
 Keep my feet on the path I pray
 Let me walk in thy way, Oh my Savoir,
 Keep me walking 'til the break of day.

