

THE 2010 KAWANHEE SEASON IS UNDERWAY!

The 2010 season at Camp Kawanhee is underway! My personal thanks to all staff who were at camp well before the first campers arrived, rigging boats, prepping the athletic fields, and cleaning, cleaning, cleaning! Special mentions go to Ed Watson, Kris Tyler, and Ben Connelly and their crew of guys who braved the chilly waters of late spring putting in the docks and the diving platforms. Mark and Liz Standen were on the scene weeks before the beginning of camp to organize and help out with all the hard work. Many parents commented on how nice the camp looked on opening day, so – a HUGE thanks to all!



To the campers of the 2010 season – I hope you are already settled in; connecting with returning camp friends and making new friends too! What did you say you will work on this summer during Vespers? What are your goals this summer? Diving from the high dive, reaching a new personal record at the ropes course, reading a great book that you found in the library, getting up on skis, seeing a moose – are any of these your goals? You are going to have so much fun this summer!

I can't stop bragging about the terrific staff we have assembled for our 90th season. Office, Kitchen, Maintenance, Counselors, Senior Staff, and Administration all seem especially energized for this season. It strikes me that The Frank brothers, Walter and Jane Estabrook, and Herb Birch are smiling upon us. Andrew Altmaier and Ben Connelly did a super job leading them through the staff training week leading up to the arrival of the first campers.

In closing, I wish to express my thanks to my predecessor, Danny Packer. Danny is unable to join us this summer but the energy, vision, and plain 'ole sweat that he contributed to Camp Kawanhee for the past two summers have helped to pave the way for the remarkable season that we are in.

My personal motto for 2010 "Kawanhee Now; Kawanhee Forever!" expresses my belief that what we give of ourselves in the moment builds the foundation of the Kawanhee of the future. Have a great summer – right now!

Dan Webster – Camp Director

Dear Parents,

The first day of camp has finally arrived! The boys all entered camp with smiles on their faces, ready to enjoy the summer. It is one of my favorite days of the year... Meeting new campers and their families and welcoming past campers back. Some have grown so much!

This day is often hard for our mothers to bear. Leaving their babies in our care for weeks is a hard thing to do.

I want to assure you that we will take great care of them for you! Returning them to you with great camp experiences!

Parents are more than welcome to get in touch with me by phone or email. I can update you on how your son is doing and answer any questions you may have during the first 2 weeks. After the 2 week mark you can call your son and he may call you. Just remember to keep the focus on camp and not on home. This way we can avoid extra home sickness. Try not to worry and remember they are having so much fun trying new things and accomplishing some wonderful goals.

In case you need to reach me, my email is... debi@kawanhee.com if you need to contact the nurse her email is nurse@kawanhee.com

Happy summer! Smiles, Debi Sullivan ~ Kawanhee Camp Mom

Campcraft Update

As the world competes for simpler, faster and shinier gadgets to accommodate everyday life, few individuals remain that could actually thrive in a survival situation. Thus, the technological prowess of the human species has led to our own natural devolution. This macroscopic issue has affected even wilderness areas of camp life such as Campcraft. Over the years, the once hard-nosed activity has slowly implemented modern commodities to improve efficiency. Be it propane tanks for easy, quick cooking or strike anywhere matches, something is not quite right with training survival skills with an equipped handicap. That is why this season we have opted to make Campcraft more of a primitive skills institution. If a young lumberjack really wants to cook a pancake he will do so over a fire. And said fire will be lit by a set limit of matches, to promote respect for their materials. In the future we hope to implement bow drills and fire sticks to obviate the need for matches. These are skills we feel that could truly create men capable of survival. Mmmmm...like the good ol' days.



JP Rullan – Campcraft Department

Master Campers Program – 2010

Again we find ourselves blessed enough to wake up on the shores of Lake Webb in the wilderness of Tumbledown, ready to start another fantastic summer--the water is cool, the sun is shining, and the campers are chomping at the bit to get to their activities. Helping to lead some of those activities will be a great crew of Master Campers (MCs). These young men will be working together and with staff members to make the difficult transition from camper to staff leaders.

Kawanhee has always been a place steeped in traditions and lead by outstanding staff.: “Finish what you start,” “The big ‘R’--responsibility,” “Follow the Golden Rule,” and “Learn to do by doing,” are phrases that have been etched into the minds of countless campers and staff over the past ninety summers as Kawanhee has endeavored to mold young boys into the gentlemen of tomorrow. Over the course of the next seven weeks, the MCs will come to better understand and apply these traditions to their lives, thereby aiding a new generation of Kawanheean.

The MCs will spend the first few weeks attending regular activities during the day, and attending weekly meetings where they will learn the ins and outs of leading a lodge, taking care of campers, and teaching their selected activities. During subsequent weeks, they will spend time working in at least three different activities while continuing to refine their instruction skills under the tutelage of trained staff members. They will also begin to share meals and attend activities with a designated lodge. During the final week of the season, they will move in with a lodge, and assist the counselors with daily lodge duties.



As Chief Kawanhee calls his tribe to serve others, MCs will also work on both personal and public service projects. At the moment, there are plans for the MCs to help repair current Kawanhee outposts and to serve in the Weld community. Through service to Kawanhee and to others, the MCs will learn to take pride in their surroundings, which they will have had a part in improving.

Ed Watson – Director of the Master Camper Program

LOCAL HERO MAKES LAKE WEBB SAFER PLACE

It was a damp afternoon at Camp Kawanhee for Boys on Wednesday, June 16. The swimming platform needed to be adjusted to fit the crib. The job would require the help of a handful of courageous staff members, most notably local legend and current DOA Ben Connelly. But as work commenced, it soon became apparent that a strange feeling was in the air, or rather, the water. Unbeknownst to the crew that was fast at work, there was an ancient, evil menace beneath the surface that was poised to strike at any moment. Soon, a battle was to begin; a battle that would test the limits of human endurance and bravery. Somewhere, in the depths of the swimming area, was the infamous Snapula; a 30 lb snapping turtle with a serious attitude problem.



After diving down to fasten the chain to the cribbing, Ed Watson returned to the surface looking pale and afraid. His lips trembling, he muttered with great concern “SSSSnapper!” It was at this time that Connelly, Guardian of the Cove and Devourer of Red Meat, jumped into action with the aid of his trusty sidekick, Kyle “Hutch” Hutchinson. They immediately took to the shallows, searching vigorously and relentlessly for the dreaded Snapula. This was not the first time the two had met. Snapula had been spreading terror throughout the Happy Hunting Grounds for many moons. When he decided to visit the swimming docks, however, Chief Kawanhee made a desperate plea for Connelly to come rid him from the lake once and for all. And rid him they would. Connelly, and his faithful companion, “Hutch,” attacked.



Connelly wielded his coveted garden rake “Turtle Hammer” with the strength of the gods. The pursuers were joined by the gallant Ned Carson in his canoe, the U.S.S Eagle Lodge. Together they chased Snapula into the boating area. A crowd gathered on the beach; the scene was not for faint-of-heart, who promptly fainted, not having the heart for what they were witnessing. After 2 days of combat, Connelly and Hutch (particularly Connelly) finally subdued the beast in a rowboat, using none other than a hammock from the camp mother’s cabin. Snapula, who lay in defeat in the boat, was

banished yet again from the shores of Lake Webb, to the depths of Hills Pond on Route 156, never to return. Connelly and Hutch returned to their retinue of staff members, who greeted them with praise and bounty, as safety was restored to the land....for now.

Ben Connelly – Co - Director of Activities & Kawanhee Hero

Kawanhee Ropes Ready for Action!

After two rigorous yet fun days of ropes course training, Ropes director Jared Stinson and co-directors Graham Marvin and AJ Johnson are prepared to jump into high gear for another thrilling summer out on the ropes course. Along with the ropes staff, camp photographer Mark Gibson and shop counselor Cameron Cisco completed the 14-hour course on Tuesday afternoon. Designed to teach and refresh memories of participants, the Wingspeed training class re-taught the group knots, spotting and belay techniques, as well as climbing terminology. Course teacher Jen Stanchfield also taught new team-building activities and gave more tips on how to facilitate effectively both low and high ropes course elements. The two days proved to be refreshing and informative, but mostly just excitement-inducing. After setting up each element and learning some original and fun challenges for campers, the staff is pumped to provide campers with both new and old



opportunities out on the ropes course in 2010. Built in 2000 with the support of the George and Raymond Frank Foundation, the Kawanhee ropes course has always tried to provide campers with a means both to physically and mentally challenge themselves, and test their personal limits. But as in every activity, the main goal is to facilitate a healthy, safe, and outdoor experience that is pure fun. The motives remain the same this summer, as Jared, AJ, and Graham get ready for another fantastic time up on the course.

Graham Marvin – Ropes Course Instructor

“Ready on the Line...”



The rifle range, always a popular camp activity, is again being headed by Mary Birch and Sandy Winkles, both NRA certified instructors. Safety continues to be the primary objective at the range. All campers, new and returning, must go through a thorough safety course. They also must learn proper range procedures, and methods of how to be a good and safe shooter before handling the rifle. The campers use .22 caliber long rifles and shoot at paper targets from 50 ft. in order to earn NRA medals of accomplishment. Mary and Sandy are excited about this season. They look

forward to working with your sons and providing a safe but fun camp activity.

Sandy Winkles - Range Instructor

Pictures and more Pictures and an occasional Video!

The Kawanhee Photo Gallery will be updated every weekend on either Saturday or Sunday nights starting next week. In addition to photos we are planning to provide some short videos as well!

Kawanhee Sports New Looks

Kawanhee's ninetieth season begins with the recent completion of some dazzling new projects, all of which feature the handiwork of Wallis Tyler, Kawanhee's chief carpenter and troubleshooter. The Kawanhee Yacht Club/Badger/Crow's Nest building, the waterfront home to our sailing program and our 15 year-old campers, boasts fresh red cedar shingles, a crow's nest balcony, a hand-hewn cedar railing along the catwalk, some new doors and windows, a newly constructed staircase and a fresh coat of paint on all the trim-work. The early reviews, including those from our sailing master, Rees Tulloss, and our very discerning 15 year-olds, have been extremely favorable.



The museum, scheduled to open by the 90th Reunion in mid-August, has been outfitted with new lights, interior bead board paneling, and a deck enclosed by hand-hewn cedar railings. The archives are taking shape, and we welcome any contributions of Kawanhee memorabilia, including old camp photos and publications.

Finally, many of our lodges offer wooden bunk beds, built in-house over this past winter, outfitted with new mattresses. We plan additional wooden beds in the future as we gradually replace our steel bed frames.

Trivia at Kawanhee!

If you have ever visited Kawanhee and shared a meal with us you may have noticed a unique tradition we have after the meal is completed and we give announcements. After every meal I ask the entire camp a trivia question. It can get a little crazy with over 200 people trying to answer the question. Of course, the fact that the winner gets a candy bar probably has nothing to do with the enthusiasm! I started this tradition about twenty years ago when I was doing regular announcements in my position as Director of Activities. To spice things up one day I decided to ask a question. I can still remember my first question- "What is the only man made item visible from outer space?" The answer is the Great Wall of China, although I believe since then I have heard this really isn't 100 % accurate. But, since I saw the question in the original "Trivial Pursuit" game, it's not my fault! I hope to use the e-wigwam to share with all the readers some of the questions I ask the campers this summer. The e-wigwam will not be sending out candy bars!!

Michael Altmaier – Director of Trivia & Tennis

CAMP KAWANHEE 90TH REUNION

This is a reminder to all that we will be celebrating our 90th reunion in August. We are inviting all current and former campers and staff as well as all friends of Kawanhee to join us for the fun and festivities. We plan on having a broad range of activities Friday 8/13 and Saturday 8/14 including range, archery, water skiing, tennis, sailing, basketball, softball, and golf as well as fun on the waterfront. The ropes course will be open throughout both days. Come join us and bring family and friends. There will be plenty of fun for all!

Stay in the cabin of your choice or bring a tent or RV. Arrive any time Thursday August 12 to check in and chose your lodge. Thursday will be an open day. Come spend the day walking the grounds and meeting old friends. Dinner Thursday will be a light supper. All meals starting with the Thursday supper are included with the registration fee.

Further activities Friday and Saturday include a war canoe race, group photos, and a Tumbledown hike. There is a Women's Program to accompany the regular camp activities. Saturday evening we will be having a Maine lobster dinner. Following this will be a campfire with a visit from Chief Kawanhee. We will finish on Sunday with a church service led by Judy Hoffine at Council Point and then a late morning brunch.

[Register on line](#) at the camp website, kawanhee.com (go to "alumni" and click on 90th Reunion Registration), or call 207-585-2210 for a form for mail in registration. Save the date and join us August 12-15, 2010!



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