

CAMP KAWANHEE FOR BOYS ~ WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2011 SEASON ~ WEEK ONE (ISSUE #11)

A Successful and Fun-filled Week One! ~Dan Webster, Camp Director

Wednesday afternoon – Whoosh!! A massive wave of wind and rain that we watched advancing across the lake from the west finally hit us! Sailing, Boating, Kayaking and Swimming Departments kept a close eye on this advancing front and got everyone back in the Cove and out of the water just in time for the cell to unload on us. In moments the entire camp was a puddle while the boys weathered the pounding storm from the comfort and safety of their lodges.

An event like this is a quintessential Maine experience that makes a Kawanhee summer unlike any the campers would experience anywhere else. A couple hours later the lake is calm, the sun is out and they are right back in the water practicing Eskimo roles and doing back flips off the high dive.

The **Coming of the Chief Ceremony** marked the initiation of braves new and old into the Tribe of Kawanhee. It was a perfect night, warm and clear, and Chief Kawanhee perfectly encapsulated the Kawanhee Code to all those gathered at Council Point. While the eerie cry of loons pierced the night air Chief Kawanhee intoned his blessing with the following marks:

Upon our hands - “Whatever you start, you shall finish.”

Upon our minds – “Compassion for others shall be foremost in your thoughts.” Upon our hearts – “Live in Peace and in Brotherhood with all.”

All those surrounding the Central Fire of Great Spirit placed their offering into the flames and became one with the Spirit of Kawanhee!

Lodge Sachems unearthed the can containing the lodge messages read by Sachems 10 moons ago. The Ceremony of the Four Winds was solemn and moving. Their messages sank into our bones as the fires of the North, East, South, and West Winds crackled to life.

Captains for the Maroon and Grey teams were chosen and announced on Friday and you will see their introductory messages to the Kawanhee family in this eWigwam. Shea and Blaise along with co-captains Rye and Mac are venerable Kawanheeians who will bring feisty competitiveness and also the true spirit of sportsmanship to the 2011 Color War. Congratulations to the Captains and good luck and fair play to both teams!



2011 Grey & Maroon Captains

Message from the Captain of the Maroons:

-Shea Maroon Captain 2011

Canoes rocking, baseballs flying, and kids laughing, ah yes, the typical sounds of another Camp Kawanhee Season. This year on Lake Webb we have a record-smashing amount of campers ready to experience the time of their lives, and as Captain of the Maroons, I have no doubt this year will fully surpass their ideas for fun and adventure. My ninth year at camp and first as a counselor I have never witnessed so much energy and excitement. Kids and counselors alike are all amped for another year and ready to seize the opportunities presented. Continuing, as a leader I will stop at nothing short of all my campers having a great time; if you as a parent are not jealous of the stories your boy tells you over the phone or back at home then clearly I failed my job. That being said, expectations for campers run high as well. A classic motto that has run through camp for as long as I can remember is "finish what you start," keep up the can-do mentality and never settle for less than success, as I tell my Maroon Team, "Dig deep, give it all you've got, and leave it all on the field." With 6 more weeks of pure energy I will be encouraging all campers to enjoy their time, push themselves, and recognize that time will fly. Soon enough all of us will be back to the chaotic and stressful lives society presents us.

Go Maroons!



Message from the Captain of the Greys:

-Blaise Grey Captain 2011



This truly is an exciting year for the campers of Camp Kawanhee. This is the biggest camp has ever been and I am privileged to lead these campers to a great seven week summer season. Over the weeks to come, I hope to lead every camper through the most exciting camp season of their lives. Even though we are all looking to have a great time, there are certain ideas that we aim to keep around camp. Quotes are important to Kawanhee because they remind us why we are here and why we do what we do. These are the

quotes that are especially important to me: "Fun with a purpose," and "Finish what you start." These sayings have been around since the beginning of camp and will continue to stay around for generations to come. The first quote holds a special place in my heart because there aren't many places where you can have fun and get something out of it. For instance you can mess around and have a great time at home with your friends but you get almost nothing out of it. In Camp Kawanhee, there are accomplishments that get harder and harder to reach but campers have fun reaching them and this always keeps people busy. For instance, in archery, a camper may have just completed everything they can do at a certain distance, but then the counselors can move the target back and all of a sudden it comes harder but the camper still loves the activity. The second quote is very important to Kawanhee, specifically the shop, and it reminds everyone that an unfinished masterpiece is just a scrap piece of wood. If you start a sailboat one year in the shop and you can't finish it, this quote reminds us that it is recommended that you finish your project. Maybe you have come across a rough part in your sailboat; this quote encourages us to keep going and to never give up. The campers attending this year won't look back five years from now and think of the Grey and Maroon score, they will think of the fun they had this summer and their accomplishments. **Go Greys!**





“Polar Bear is really fun. The first time was cold and so was today. But it is about having courage and the will to get up in the morning and get something special done. “

Sean - Beaver Lodge

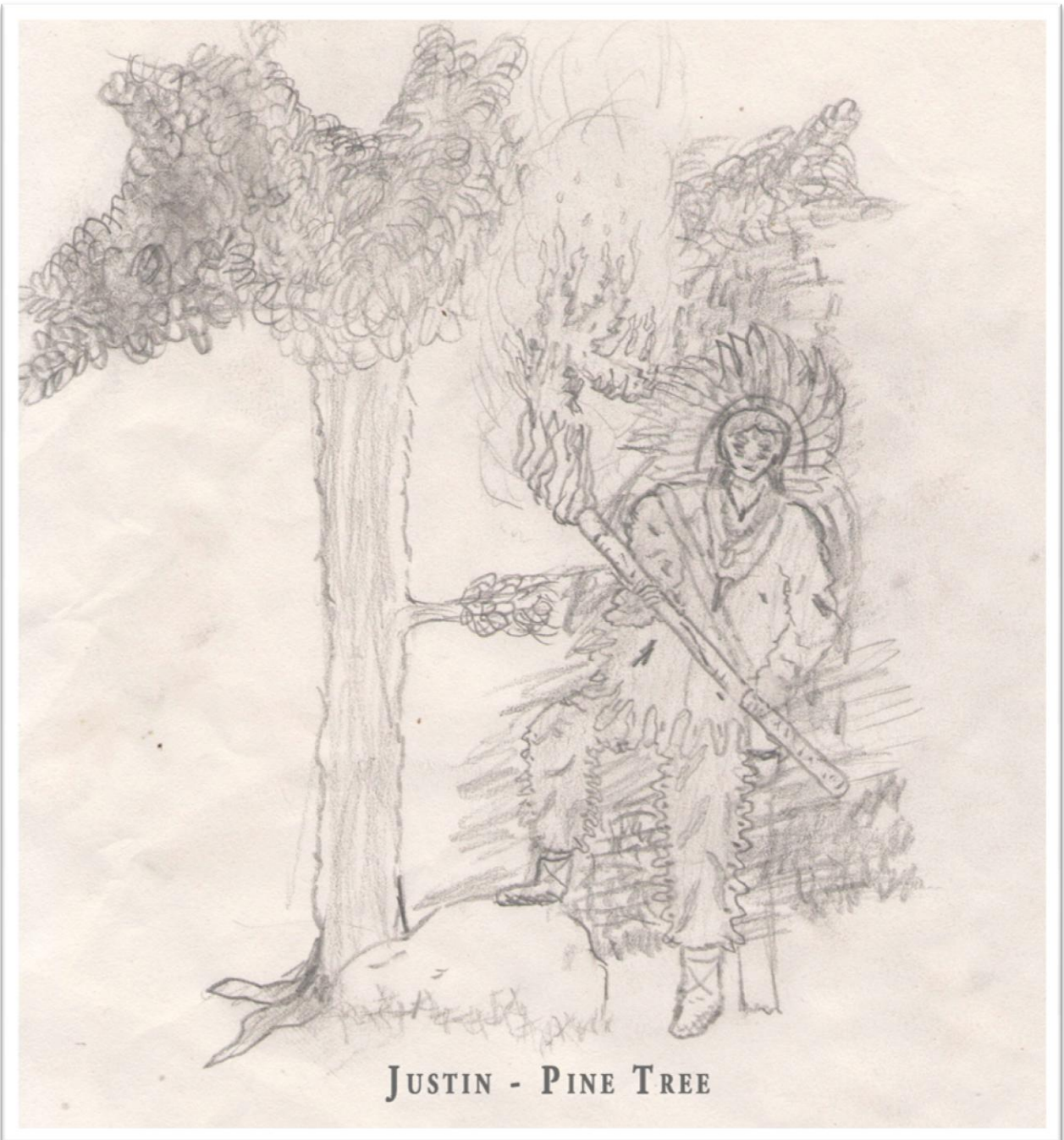
Coming of the Chief - Peter, Badger

The camp season has officially begun. The new Kawanhee Braves have been initiated into the Chief's ever growing tribe. Older campers, experiencing Chief Kawanhee's words for a seventh, eighth, or later seasons, reunited for yet another great summer. New campers seeing and hearing the magic of the chief for the first time were mesmerized by his words for hopefully the first of many times to follow.



Old or young, veteran or new-comer, the chief touched the heart of every single camper, counselor and staff member last Wednesday night at counsel point. He spoke wisely, and whole heartedly gave everyone his blessing. In return we each secured out place in the tribe of the Kawanhee brotherhood by placing a stick from Chief Kawanhee's forest into the Central Fire of the Great Spirit. Led by Chief Sachem Dan Webster, the night continued with excellent reading

from the sachems and powerful words from four older campers representing the four winds, in the Ceremony of the Winds. We would like to welcome each and every one of you to the tribe, and hope that this becomes the best camp season EVER!



JUSTIN - PINE TREE

Baseball 2011 - Will Ryan, Director of Baseball

Frank Field has been a great source of excitement for campers and counselors alike this summer. Our backstop, outfield fence, sprinkler system and infield are all new. The grass is luscious and the infield has a significantly improved drainage system. We also acquired a new tee, batter's box template, drag and an L-screen for batting practice.

With our wonderful new facilities and equipment we have been able to maximize camper involvement during activity periods. Despite some rainfall early in the week, several lodges were still able to take batting practice and go through defensive drills. And the Kawanhee little League and Hank Aaron Softball League are both seeing a spike in the number of players who come out for each game.

Earlier this week La Casa Nostra and The Super Sautéing Skillet played the first ever game on the new field. It will probably end up being one of the best games of the summer. We played two extra innings and the game was won on a walk-off single by Phil from Crow with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. The next night we had our first Kawanhee Little League game. The big highlight was Sean from Beaver's three run home run. Sean also pitched very well, leading the White Straightjackets over the Blue Bull Tigers seven to four.

Our first two games were incredibly exciting, and they are surely a sign of things to come. I first came to Kawanhee as a Falcon Lodger in 2002 and I have never seen even half as much hype surrounding baseball in previous seasons as I have this year. The new field has truly been a blessing for our activity. On behalf of the Baseball Staff, I would like to thank everyone who supported the Kawanhee Field Renovation.





Meal Time Trivia

by; Mike Altmaier

Well, another camp season is upon us and time for another summer of meal time trivia! After every meal I ask the camp a trivia question and the correct response results in a candy bar. Here are some of the questions I've asked the first week of camp.

1. What is the most common name for dogs in the U.S.?
2. What position name do football, hockey and basketball teams have in common?
3. What New Mexico town has a professional baseball team that is appropriately named the "Invaders"?
4. What percentage of the World's water is fresh water?
5. What is the only Mammal that can't jump?
6. How many practice pitches does a relief pitcher get to throw in a Major League baseball game when he is called in to pitch in a game?
7. The most requested photo from the National Archives is one of President Nixon shaking hands with what person?
8. What was the first toy advertised on TV?
9. What is the only mammal that can fly?

Week One Lodge Photos



Eagle Lodge



Falcon Lodge



Pinetree Lodge



Hawk Lodge



Deer Lodge



Beaver Lodge



Moose Lodge



Lynx Lodge



Wildcat Lodge



Trout Lodge



Coyote Lodge



Bear Lodge



Loon Lodge



Crow Lodge



Badger Lodge



Birch Lodge – Leadership Training Program

Meal Time Trivia
Answers:

1. Max
2. Center
3. Roswell
4. 3
5. Elephant
6. 8
7. Elvis
8. Mr. Potato Head
9. Bat



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