

## Camp Rolls Through the Half Way Point!

By: Dan Webster - Camp Director

Although the actual halfway point was Wednesday, July 17th, Saturday, July 20th ushered in a big weekend at Camp Kawanhee! Sadly, we said goodbye to our Kawanhee brothers who had reached the end of their four-week camp experience. The campfire the



night before revealed tales of accomplishment and bravery, fun, and rich experience. While the fire glowed, paddles were presented to these campers, newly painted with insignia that represents Cove Swims, BLS (Basic Life Saving), Polar Bear, and a maroon stripe near the handle for every year they have been at camp, and more. Each layer of paint represents stories of physical, emotional, and mental perseverance that led to a goal realized. We will miss these boys, and hope that their time with us was rich and rewarding. We know that the Great Fire of the Central Spirit will burn brightly in their hearts as the summer months turn to fall, winter, and again spring. May they return home safely, and in turn look forward to another summer on Webb Lake with their new and old friends at Camp Kawanhee.

Saturday morning a big school bus rolled into camp ready to take all the seven-week campers to Big Adventure in Bethel, Maine! The guys had a great time with miniature golf, laser tag, water slides and more.





They returned to camp with big smiles, ready to spend a rather quiet night at camp anticipating the arrival of the campers scheduled to begin their three-week camp session.

Sunday broke – and a beautiful Maine morning it was! Soon the whole camp was engaged in meeting and greeting new campers and their parents! Office staff manned the registration table, Emily Lou saw each boy in the Health Office, and counselors helped move luggage and trucks and set up the new campers’ areas. Camp rolls on! Keep up with us via the remaining eWigwams, and the daily Facebook updates!



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# Colin H. Wins 2013 Chess Tournament

by Michael Altmaier

The 2013 Camp Kawanhee Chess Tournament wrapped up a few days ago. The finals came down to two great friends. Colin H. and Charlie W. were both members of Wildcat lodge this summer. They are also good friends at home in New York. So it was tough to face each other in the finals. They decided to play the final in the quiet of Wildcat lodge at rest hour and Colin H. won the title. Both Colin and Charlie received their awards at dinner later that same day. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the chess tournament this summer. It was the first chess tournament I can remember Camp Kawanhee having, so it was great to have a tournament and get lots of players.



# Sean S. defeats Colin H. for Checkers Championship

by Michael Altmaier

The 2013 Camp Kawanhee Checkers Tournament was completed on Friday, July 19th. After a very competitive tournament the finals came down to a counselor versus a camper. It was a titanic struggle as counselor Sean S. defeated Colin H. of Wildcat lodge for the title. Colin had already won the chess tournament so he was used to the pressure of a championship match, but he couldn't quite pull off the accomplishment of winning both the checkers and chess tournament. Both finalists received their awards at breakfast on Saturday, July 20th. Thanks to everyone who entered the 2013 checkers tournament . The new outdoor board makes checkers a very popular activity at Kawanhee.

# Horseback Riding at Kawanhee

by Michael Altmaier

Many years ago horseback riding was a popular activity at most camps in Maine and the United States. And this included Camp Kawanhee. Horseback riding made its appearance in the very early days of Kawanhee's history. As the activity developed, boys could sign up for individual and group lessons. These lessons were reasonably priced, but horseback riding was only open to boys who paid for the activity. Kawanhee's stables were located off the current property of Kawanhee. You can still see the hole that was once the cellar of the stables. I take boys to the site of the stables on my history walks I take with interested campers. The site is about a half mile from camp, just past the Kawanhee Inn. Many of the trails around the Kawanhee Inn were once used as horseback riding trails in the 1920s and 1930s.

Of course, the 1920s and 1930s were different times in Maine and the United States. People riding horses and using horses for labor was a more common sight. An im-

portant task every winter for Raymond and George Frank was hiring good horseback riding instructors. Horses were rented for the summer and, of course, kept in the stables.

As it turned out, horseback riding did not have along history at Kawanhee. It was a dangerous activity and in the mid 1930s, a boy was seriously injured. The resulting insurance costs were not worth it, and there is no mention of horseback riding in a camp catalog past 1937.

The stables remained standing and as the years went on the building was used for various purposes but after awhile, the building was vacant and the structure began to fall apart. The building was still standing when I first came to Kawanhee, but I, of course, didn't realize the history of the building. It was just an old boarded up building along the road into Weld that I saw every Sunday when campers were allowed to walk to town and get goodies. I guess my mind was on a six pack of soda and the largest



Kawanhee Stables



bag of chips in the world instead of Kawanhee history. Eventually the building was torn down in the 1970s and all that remains is the hole that once was the cellar. I often walk to the site and imagine the

time in our history when boys and instructors were saddling up for a trail ride and probably pretending they were cowboys or racing their horses at the Kentucky Derby.

## Mid Season Tennis Tournaments are Completed!

by Michael Altmaier

The Camp Kawanhee Mid Season Tennis Tournaments were completed this past week. As I've mentioned in earlier articles, we started these tournaments a few years ago to give our growing number of half season campers a chance to compete for tennis trophies. This year we had three singles tournaments- 11 and under, 13 and under, and 15 and under.

The 11 and under came down to defending champion Peter K. of Hawk lodge against newcomer Nikolas P., also of Hawk lodge. Peter won in two sets, 6-3, 6-4. Peter had a 5-2 lead in the second set, and nearly gave the lead away, but regrouped in time to pull off the victory. Nikolas did a great job in coming back and almost winning the second set.





The 13 and under tournament was won by Jamie T. of Coyote lodge. He defeated Luca C. of Wildcat. Jamie , who is a first year camper, used a strong ground stroke game to play a consistent game. He won the match 6-2, 6-2. Luca , who is a former Kawanhee Tennis Champion, put up a strong fight but couldn't match the consistency of Jamie.

The 15 and under champion was Charlie L. , a longtime Kawanhee Tennis powerhouse. In the finals he played Elliot G. and Charlie defeated Elliot, 6-0, 6-1. Charlie showed a great power tennis game in winning the title. Elliot had played a great semi-final match against Preston P. of Loon lodge and the match took a lot out of Elliot and he couldn't match Charlie's consistency and power.



All finalists received their trophies at the campfire on Saturday, July 19. Thanks to all the players who competed in the tournaments. We will start our final tournaments of the summer- the all camp singles and doubles tournaments.

# Grey and Maroon

## Grey Report

We are well on our way through a great camp season so far! It is a week after the midway in camp and kids could not be having more fun! Although it was sad to see the four-week campers leave, the three-week campers are here and having a great time. The transition was seamless last weekend and points are already flying off the board.

Being captain of the Greys this summer has been an amazing experience and I hope to bring the last stretch of camp even more enthusiasm than the first half of the summer. This is the time of the year when points start piling up and the score normally doubles from the end of the fifth week to the end of the year. The JMGs have been working incredibly hard up until this week and now they are testing their skills at the testing site in Rangeley. Last week was the Woodsmen's Meet where everyone tested their chopping and obstacle course skills.

As the JMGs return and the quest for sports championships heat up, I wish all parents a good end of July and safe trip up to camp in August. Go Greys!

Phil - Captain of Greys

## Maroon Report

The transition between four-week and three-week campers went over smoothly last Saturday, and the energy that the new campers have brought has me excited to see how many points they can bring in. Although the Maroons are currently down in the score we are up in spirits and ready to make a comeback as these final three weeks approach us. I have no doubt that these boys can do it, and they believe they can too. Camp is right in the swing of things, and at any activity the kids are scoring points and having a blast doing it. The JMG's are currently at testing camp and we wish them the best of luck and hope that all goes well in their endeavors. The Maroon spirit is still burning bright as we come down the home stretch!

Go Maroons!!

Peter - Captain of Maroons

## Week Four—Top Ten:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Ricky F. - Wildcat 1,870 | (6) Inigo P. - Wildcat 975  |
| (2) Luca C. - Wildcat 1,230  | (7) Bruno B.- Pine Tree 970 |
| (3) Gonzalo C. - Deer 1,160  | (8) Peter B. - Bear 945     |
| (4) Diego P. - Deer 1,080    | (9) Antonio F.- Bear 935    |
| (5) Charlie L. - Loon 1,030  | (10) Ben K. - Bear 765      |

**Greys (28,316) - Maroons (22,282)**

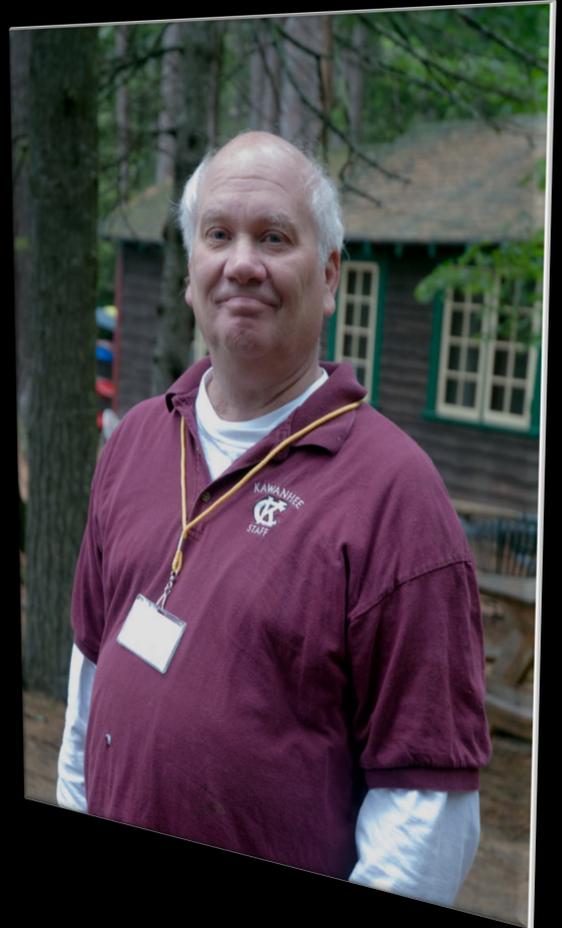
*"Have fun and the points will come"*

# Kawanhee Mealtime Trivia ~ Week #4

by Michael Altmaier

Another exciting week of mealtime trivia. I was glad to hear that the boys on the Monhegan Island trip also did trivia questions after each meal ! It's a craze that is sweeping the nation. Here are this week's questions and answers.

1. How many possible first moves are there in chess?
2. What percentage of people are left handed?
3. The Titanic had three rooms reserved for this activity in which only men could only partake.
4. What percentage of all the people who have ever lived on earth are alive today?
5. How many men have walked on the moon?
6. What board game's possible solutions can be ascertained by multiplying  $6 \times 6 \times 9$ ?
7. What is the longest English word that doesn't include a true vowel (in other words don't count "y" as a vowel? )
8. What state has the lowest numbered zip codes?
9. How many U.S. state names end in a "y?"
10. How many angels are named in the Bible?



((Answers On Last Page))

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# Kawanhee Lobster Bake!





## Trívía Answers

1. 20
2. 10
3. smoking
4. 12
5. 12
6. clue- rooms x weapons x suspects
7. rhythm
8. Massachusetts
9. 2, Kentucky and New Jersey
10. 3, Lucifer, Michael, Gabriel

See you next week!

## Announcements:



Please check out our Facebook page at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Camp-Kawanhee-for-Boys/132213696858301?ref=hl>

**I hope to upload week five photos on Sunday.**

**The password for all of the Kawanhee Photo galleries can be found in the email that sent this newsletter to you.**

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