



Kawanhee '16 Underway!

Kawanhee's 96th consecutive season began on a splendid summer day, the first of many splendid days we've had in camp's first week. Cars began lining-up at the entrance at least an hour before the gates opened at 9:00 a.m. For most of the day, campers were tumbling out of their cars, carrying gear to their lodges, meeting their counselors, reuniting with old friends and meeting with new ones, bidding parents goodbye, and striking up spontaneous games of knock-out, gaga ball, Frisbee and all manner of other diversions.

The first day of camp was a reward not only for patient campers, who had completed another year of school and had been counting the days until camp, but also for those of us on the staff who had been preparing for the 2016 season. Preparations for this camp season began many months ago, but reached a fever pitch as staff arrived for training in mid-June. New construction projects were completed, fresh paint was applied, docks were assembled, soccer goals were netted, canoes were carried, masts were stepped, and on and on. Somehow, there was also abundant time for orienting new staff members, CPR and lifeguard training, sessions on camper health and hygiene, group dynamics, conflict management, legal issues, homesickness, communications with parents, and other topics too numerous to mention. There was also the annual staff trek up Tumbledown Mountain, one of our local treasures, and an evening of bowling and dinner in Rangeley. As productive and fun as staff week was, we all understood that it was simply the warm-up act for opening day on June 26th.

Liz and I are feeling extraordinary gratitude...to the campers, for a first week of spirited camaraderie and learning; to their parents, for making possible the gift of a summer in Maine, where boyhood is at its best; and to our counselors, who seem to understand fully the complex and privileged role entrusted to them. More later!

2016 Captains Announced - the competition has begun...



Grey

Captains: AJ D. (Crow)
Co-Captains: Jeff K. (Wildcat)

Maroon

Ryan D. (Pine Tree)
Joel M. (Moose)





Home on the Range

We had a great first week on the rifle range. It all began with safety lectures for new and returning campers. The second visit to the range included a review of the safety rules. The new campers must be able to pass a written test covering safety and the parts of a rifle before they are allowed to shoot.

Next, strategies on "how to be a good shooter" were demonstrated by our JC and, after all this was accomplished, the boys were able to begin working on the Civilian Marksmanship Program awards.

The following boys reached a level this week:

Pine Tree- Warren S. - Qualified

Deer- Garrett H.- Qualified

Beaver-Connor C. and Quinn R.- Qualified. Ethan H.- Prone Expert

Moose - Donald C. - Prone Sharpshooter

Lynx- Alvaro A., Ricky B., Brady R., and Mateo R. all Qualified

Wildcat- Fernando-Prone SS

Coyote - Fernando A. - Qualified

Badger- Jack F.- Red Star (kneeling) Sharpshooter



Camp.

By Blaise Mariner

Humans have a tendency to label everything in existence. From these labels that are created, stereotypes are then formed. We are conditioned to think of these superficial stereotypes when we see labels.

The word “camp” brings a few things to everyone’s mind. In my mind, it brings up experience in things that one would not normally do at home. It brings up the experience of living away from home and having a wide variety of guys that I can look up to and do unorthodox things with. But whatever comes to mind for anyone about this place, there is a component that cannot be put on paper. And that is the component of developing a bond and friendship with peers and mentors for a lifetime.

I have gone to camp since I was 11 years old. Kawanhee has gone through many physical and structural changes in my nine short years. The athletic fields received an upgrade, archery has moved behind the tennis courts, and a new director’s cabin has been built, to name a few. But no matter what has changed, one thing has remained constant: the people. Campers come back as counselors, counselors come back as counselors, and people care enough to give back again and again to lead this place in the right direction. That direction giving boys (who turn into family) the best summer of their lives. There are many different camps in Maine, all of which have the same activities offered, but the return rate of people that attend Kawanhee makes it elite. And it is a factor that cannot be expressed in a catalogue.

I am co-counselor this year with a childhood friend that I first met in 2006. We have grown up every summer for 7 straight weeks in the same environment developing a lifelong, unbreakable bond, and now we can watch and lead the next generation of Kawanheens together. I can’t wait for the years to come, when my Pine Tree lodgers of 2015 run Kawanhee with the same love and passion that I and my peers have now.

My Grandfather, captain of the Maroons in 1948, has stayed in touch with the members of Wildcat Lodge through today. They gave money to the camp 50 years ago, and they continue to do so. What this camp has meant to people goes beyond what can be written, or labeled.

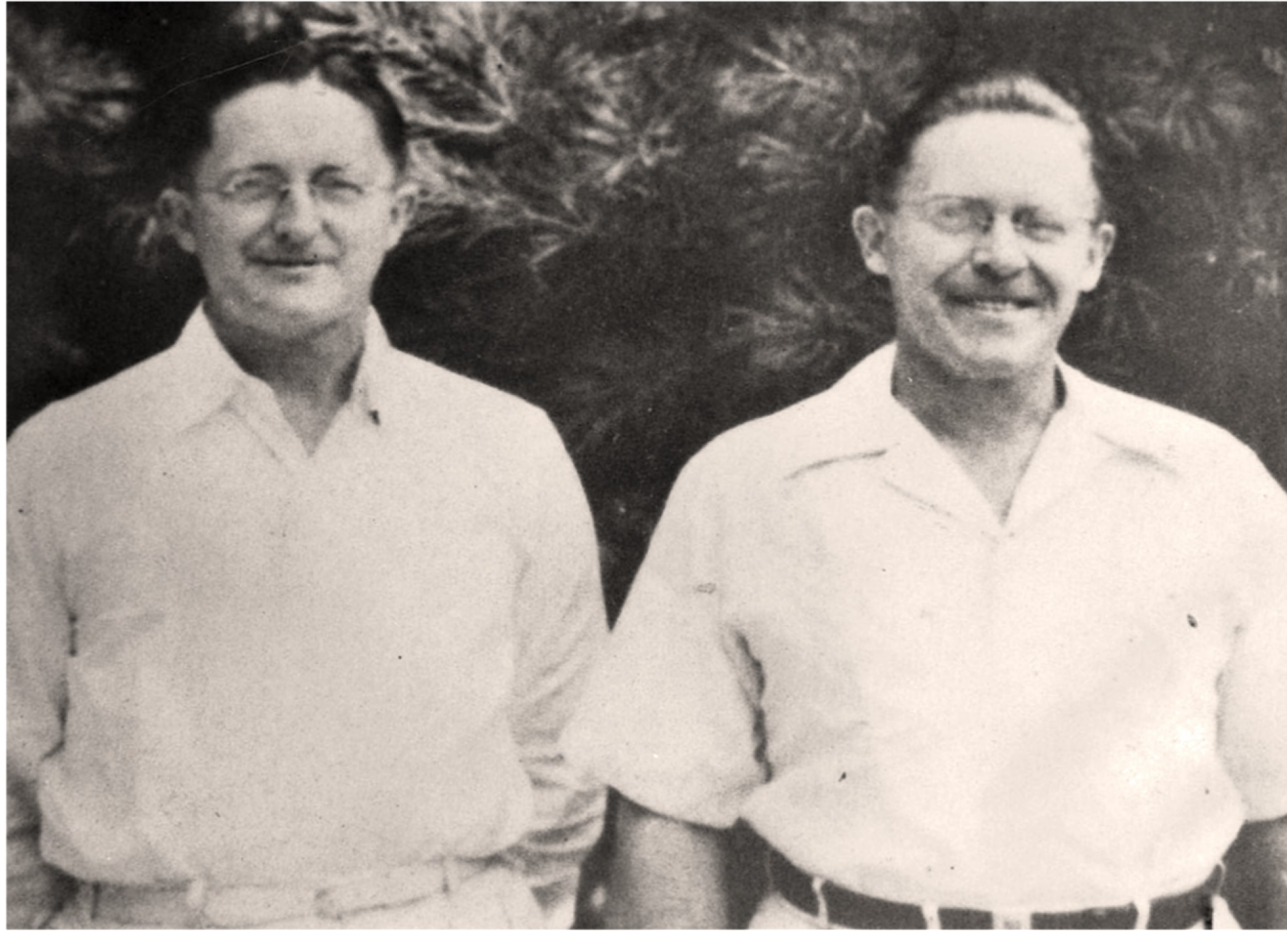
Camp.

What a superficial label. Oh, what it can't define.



*Wild Cat Lodge — Senior

Sr. Counselor, Herbert Birch — Jr. Counselor, Ben Hadley



A glimpse into Kawanhee's past - George and Raymond Frank and their lives outside of Kawanhee

by Michael Altmaier

We all know that George and Raymond Frank were the founders of Camp Kawanhee and operated the camp for over 50 years. And I tell the story to the campers of the basics of the founding of camp. George first saw Webb Lake from the top of Mount Blue when he climbed to the top to cook a deer he had had killed with his cousin. He fell in love with the lake and even honeymooned on the lake. Eventually his brother Raymond also fell in love with the lake and visited it often. Since both brothers were involved in youth work at the time, it is

understandable that the leap to start their own summer camp was a natural progression. When scouting locations in 1919, they canoed the lake. They came into a quiet cove with a floating swimming raft. They had found the home of their camp. They were able to get a loan to buy the property and soon their dream turned into a reality.

Today, all of us know the Franks as the name of the non-profit foundation that operates the camp. Over the years I knew the story of the founding of camp, but knew little else. Raymond died between my second and third summer in 1966 and George died in the fire of 1977 and, of course, I have memories of knowing them for a few years. Last year I tried to learn more about their lives and have made a display in the Kawanhee History Museum of some of the details of their lives.

Here is some of what I found out. Raymond was the younger of the brothers. He was born on December 22, 1894 in Westbrook, Maine, which is a community near Portland. He graduated from Springfield College in Massachusetts. He served in World War I with the American Expeditionary Force. Upon returning from the war, Raymond attended Columbia University in New York for graduate school. In 1924 he earned a Masters in Music and Religious Education. One of the great gifts Raymond had was singing. He had perfect pitch and in the 1920s he took a role in the Chicago production of "The Student Prince". He was a tenor lead. He did this to earn money for the camp.

Much of his adult life he spent working at the First Presbyterian Church in Englewood, New Jersey. He was first hired to be the tenor soloist in the choir. Later he became director of the boys work program at the church and then director of young people activities and then superintendent of the Sunday school. In 1929, Frances Lawton came to the church to be director of the girls program. They fell in love and were married in 1935. A few years later they welcome a child into the world- Betty Frank. Betty was their only child and today lives in California. We were excited to see her at the reunion last summer! As Betty grew up, the family lived in Weld the year round in a beautiful home on Center Hill. They returned to New Jersey when Betty started high school. Kawanhee and the church kept Raymond and his family busy for the remainder of their lives. Raymond died on November 1, 1966.

George was born on May 30, 1888, also in Westbrook, Maine. He married in 1916 to his first wife Florence. When Kawanhee came into their lives she operated the Kawanhee Inn and planned the menus. She died in 1966 after fifty years of marriage with George.

George pursued a career in teaching. He was an Industrial Arts teacher. He taught for several years at Indinaola Junior High in Columbus. It was the first junior high in the country! For ten years George was Director of Industrial Arts for the entire Columbus, Ohio school system. Later he became principal of McGuffey Junior High in Columbus. He was principal for twenty years. He eventually retired and this enabled him to concentrate on operating Camp Kawanhee full time in his last few years. After his first wife died he remarried. His second wife was Mary Baker who worked in the Kawanhee nature department for many years. After selling the camp to a group headed by Walter and Jane Estabrook in the late 1960s, George continued as a senior adviser to camp until his death in 1977.

I know to many people George and Raymond Frank are names on the foundation or on official communication from Kawanhee. I hope I have made them come alive a little bit.

Week One Lodge Photos



Eagle



Falcon Lodge



Pine Tree



Hawk

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Deer



Beaver



Moose



Lynx



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Wildcat



Trout



Coyote



Bear

Week One Lodge Photos



Mealtime Trivia

by Michael Altmaier

As I have done for many years I ask a trivia question after every meal. This summer we have tried to move away from candy as a prize and give cool novelty gifts. So far the favorite prize has been a Sponge Bob necklace!

Here are some questions and answers from this summer in the first week of camp.

1. What happened to U.S. Park Ranger Roy Sullivan a record seven times between 1942 and 1977?
2. What major league baseball position hasn't been played by a left hander since 1989?
3. What lady has a shoe size of 879?
4. What mammal is pictured on the coat of arms of the Ivory Coast?
5. Who was the first member of the WWE (pro wrestling) Hall of Fame?
6. How many months have 31 days?
7. What are the three primary colors?
8. What is the most common color of Reese's Pieces (often making up 2/3s of a bag)?
9. What Olympic sport uses the smallest ball?
10. What percentage of the world's population have green eyes?

(Answers on the next page)



Free Time Tournaments Underway!

by Michael Altmaier

Our first set of free time tournaments are underway at Kawanhee. These include tournaments in chess, checkers and table tennis. Many returning champions are in the tournament entries. A new feature this year are special tournaments just for the two week campers. In the past they were often entered into the four week tournaments and never had a chance to finish their tournament before they had to go home. I have also started our first group of tennis tournaments. It should be an exciting year of tournaments and I'll report tournament results in future issues of the Wigwam.



Mealtime Trivia Answers:

- 1. struck by lightning*
- 2. catcher*
- 3. Statue of Liberty*
- 4. elephant*
- 5. Andre the Giant*
- 6. 7*
- 7. red, blue and yellow*
- 8. orange*
- 9. table tennis*
- 10. 2*

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