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SAY, ARE YOU COMING BACK?

As I sit here and think of all I had done last year, I cannot wait to go back. I'm going back because I love Kawanhee. Yet, it's more than that. It's really too hard to explain or put into words. But then again, I'll try my best. I'm going back to Maine this summer for the friendships that I would like to continue. I'm going back to make new friends and meet new people. I'm going back for the clean air, the beautiful lake and spectacular sunsets. I'm returning to learn new things I was too busy to try last year. I'm going back to defend Kawanhee's baseball title. I'm going back to find all the stuff I left there last year. I'm going back 'cause I don't want to miss the Arcadia dance. I'm returning to have an even better time than last year. I'm back to find my "buoy". (Where is it?)--Note: This is a joke between my lodgemates and me in Deer Lodge. But most of all, I'm going back to Kawanhee for all the things that happened last year that have been stuck in my mind since June 27 at 4:00 P.M. 1993. I'm going back for the memories!

Kurt Coursen, Deer Lodge

MY KAWANHEE STORY

When the Estabrooks asked me to write a short paragraph about what I'm looking forward to this year at Kawanhee, I thought that this would be a "walk through the park". But as I got started and I realized how many things there were, I knew that this would be harder than I had imagined, since I liked it all!!

As I mentally examined the last few years at camp, the visions of Lake Webb and the warmth of the Maine weather fade out our cold, grey, wet Ohio setting where I live, making me wish that camp was next week or sooner. Soon I found myself sneaking in conversations after lights out, waking to the sound of the morning

bell, and preparing for the morning activities.

Who would have thought a slender kid like me would enjoy wrestling so much? My Dad, who went to Kawanhee 25 years ago, still swaps stories with me of funny, exciting, and interesting things that happened while we were camp. I think Campcraft was my favorite...OK maybe Wrestling, or even Archery. It's so hard to put a label of "my favorite" on any one activity since they were all great. Although one thing I can say that was great without any doubt in my mind, and these are the emotional events, the sense of freedom, the smell of the woods, the feeling that you are learning something new all the time, and the great time I spent with my extended "family", the wonderful people of Camp Kawanhee. All these things will stay with me for the rest of my life.

Kris Hamwi, Moose Lodge

KAWANHEE'S 75th "JUST AROUND THE CORNER"

Think Kawanhee Reunion! Celebrate number 75 in 1995--not '94 but '95. Scheduled dates are August 18, 19, and 20 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday), 1995. Please reserve these dates and mark your calendar. We are happy to announce that John ("Big John") Detrick will be Chairman of the Reunion, and he will be contacting everyone with some exciting plans over the next few months.

HONK IF YOU LOVE CAMP!

Traffic jams don't thrill me. Crowded corridors in school can be a pain. The hustle and bustle of daily chores can be exhausting. But not in June. But not in Weld. But not in camp. I love traffic jams in the center of camp! I love a crowded Rec Hall on Game Night or Vespers! I love the hustle and bustle of

activities and the Dining Hall! These are the things that I am most looking forward to. I long to hear boys shouting on the first Sunday,"What lodge am I in?" Boys and counselors are hoisting trunks and greeting one another happily. Conversations race between winter stories and upcoming goals and levels and renewed friendships. Splashing can be heard at the beach. Baseballs smack to the tennis courts. Hammers pound shop projects. Motor boats whirl by the ski dock. These are the sounds of hustle and bustle that I like. A good place to be crowded is around the oatmeal kettle at breakfast. Or fitting one more person on the baseball bleachers to watch a game after supper. Traffic jams don't belong on the road. They belong at the camp store waiting to open a package. They belong

at the Tug-of-War. They belong right outside the Camp Mother's Cabin.

Kate Schoedinger, Camp Mother

CAMP ENROLLMENT RISING

Some families have delayed finalizing summer plans due to their involvement with severe winter weather conditions. However, Kawanhee applications are arriving regularly and this is an updated listing. If the below list does not include your name, please mail your 1994 application promptly.

Tony Acampora Noboru Akimoto Jim Barnes Adam Barnes P.J. Beauchamp Darren Belskis Matthew Berg Christopher Berg Kevin Bonasera Joel Brinkman Billy Burbine **Andy Burbine** Jacobo Calderon Diego Campo Carlos Canas Geraldo Carreras Peter Cartei Jon Casto Matthieu Chabanis James Chagaris **Bradley Comfort** Tim Cook

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Note: A summer at Camp Kawanhee is one of the wisest investments a parent can make for a son during his formative years. Camp Kawanhee relies on leads for new campers through the Alumni, and through present campers and their parents. Please phone or write to Walter Estabrook, 415 S. Drexel Ave., Columbus, OH 43209 (phone: 614-252-4381) so that a catalog & tape can be mailed to the prospect.

AS KAWANHEE TURNS

Wedding bells rang three times this winter! Josh Cook and Susan Hoffman were married before Christmas in Columbus, Ohio. Josh is a doctor in emergency medicine at the hospital in Sidney, Ohio where they are now living. Josh was a second generation former camper and counselor and Susan was one of the leaders when our summer program included doing an Applachian Mountain Trail Trip. Susan and Kevin

Morin headed the program. David Lamb is helping us get started "up dating" info for the Reunion '95--On May 9, 1992, he married Mary C. Muench in Fairport, NY and they reside in Fairport. David is the president and owner of an architectural photography company and also of another company that is an industrial paper packaging company. His wife is a sales rep for the Hewlett Packard Co. in Health Care Information Systems also in NY. Mr. and Mrs. Rob Studebaker celebrated their marriage in Idaho Falls, Idaho this

February. Rob has been a third generation camper and counselor at Kawanhee. His bride is Angela Louise Hart and we all send our best wishes to these couples. And now to babies: Carter and Carol Messick are so happy to announce their first baby--Emily Michelle born November 23 and weighing in at 7lbs. 8oz. Carter is also a former camper and counselor. They live in Texas. Richie and Ann Estabrook are celebrating the birth of Kristen Erin born January 18 weighing 6lbs. 6oz. She joins Ben and Katie in the Estabrook household. Ferd and Kate Schoedinger are pleased to welcome Elizabeth Kelton born two weeks early like her cousin Kristen on February 20 weighing 7lbs. 1oz. She will be better known as Liza. A big welcome to these babies!!

Big time athletic news: Nick Aiello had a great football season this year--we like to think all his training at camp this summer helped him to have this good year-and next season he is one of the Tri-Captains of his team! Trevor Cooke also had a spectacular year in football. At the Bexley High School football awards banquet Nov. 14, Trevor was honored for being named to the first-team all Buckeye Athletic Conference. He was voted the most valuable player by his teammates! Both boys had their pictures in local papers.

A note from Eric and Erica Jensen tells a wonderful story about their small daughter Anika--she likes to give the blessing before dinner and guess what?--she sings Johnny Appleseed!

Bill Burbine was playing tennis at his home town of Bedford, NH and friendly Bill started a conversation with a man in the next court. It turns out to be one of our alumni--Robert Warren who also lives in Bedford. He had some years at Kawanhee and also lived in Beaver Lodge one summer where Bill was last summer. Note: at some point in time, it seems, all Kawanhee Braves meet up with others who have attended Kawanhee. Another communication from one of our alumni, Bob Lamb from Canton, OH, with the heading "I Remember!" and then Bob lists the following: Dean Ross Miller, Nick Nickerson, Mike Umpbleby, Clarence Bateman and Bates' Bouncing Buggy, Chief Marshall, Campbell Scarlet writing the Wigwam, Mike and T.D. Griley, Mr. Barth, Phil Drake, Dick Webber, and many more. Thank you, Bob Lamb, for your fun note! Terry Berrigan, a former counselor, is becoming a politician--he is a candidate for Pickaway County commissioner. Circleville, Ohio is his home base. Terry also serves as the director of the Ohio Rails-to-Trails Conservancy which deals with the conversion of abandoned railroads to hiking, biking, and bridle trails. What a great project! Charlie Fall sent word from Eric Perryman, former Waterfront Director from the 1930's. A call to Mr. Perryman says that he is planning a trip to visit Kawanhee this summer. That's what we like to hear. Also, Charlie

Fall's grandson will be a new camper this summer! This, too, is what we like to hear!

Keep your news coming into the Wigwam and if you know of Kawanhee friends who are not receiving the Wigwam, please send us the names and we will see that they are kept up to date with information about Kawanhee!

OBITUARY BRUCE KELTY BIRCH

We announce with regret the death of Bruce, age 44, on October 14. Bruce was such a part of Camp Kawanhee, having been at camp for 37 years, and the last 25 years as Director of the Rifle Range. He died very suddenly of a heart attack during his school hours at the Eastside Elementary School in Brooksville, Florida. Bruce was the son of Herbert and the late Jean Birch and was married to Mary Birch. His brothers were Barry, and Brian, and his sister, Bonnie Birch Schuck, and he also leaves nieces and nephews. Bruce graduated from Maryville College in Tennessee and remained very active in the College Alumni Association. One of his greatest lifelong interests was in music and he was very active in music circles. The Kawanhee Choir was one of his very special interests, and he was a faithful member of that group. A Memorial Service was held in Brooksville with Dr. Paul Clemons of the Grace Presbyerian Church officiating, and assisted by family members. Bruce truly loved Camp Kawanhee and was deeply devoted to helping boys progress and reach their potentials. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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