

# WIGWAM

## AN HONORED GIFT

by Amy Spencer

This week the nature department was delighted to receive, courtesy of Jeanne and Stephen Dexter, a gorgeous wooden cabinet housing one of their father's impressive rock collections. Forrest Dexter was a professor and chair of the department of geology at Union College in New Jersey. Following his retirement, he moved to Wilton, Maine and taught geology part-time at The University of Maine in Farmington. He also gave lectures at schools throughout the state.

Forrest worked in Kawanhee's nature department from the early 50s through the 70s. Many camp alumni still have rock collections which they assembled under his tutelage. Forrest was responsible for a historic change at Kawanhee when he hired the first female counselor, Mary Baker, who later married George Frank. (Prior to that time, the only women in camp were Ma Frank and the uniformed nurse.)

Until illness prevented him from continuing, Forrest remained active in the life of Kawanhee, aiding campers in rock identification and delivering many well-received Sunday messages. Forrest passed away in 1993.

We are honored to have part of his rock collection on permanent display in the nature building.

Thank you Jeanne and Stephen!

## ARCHERY REPORT

Archery got off to a fast start this season with over 100 medals being earned in the first two weeks of camp. Medals are awarded through the Camp Archery Association program beginning with three medals at the 15 meter line and ending with the American Archer medal shot from the 50 meter line. In addition, campers may shoot for Robin Hood trophy awards from 15, 20, and 30 meters for Junior B's, 20, 30, and 40 meters for Junior A's, and 30, 40, and 50 meters for Seniors. These trophies are awarded at the end of the camp season during the awards ceremony.

During the camp season, Kawanhee archers compete against other camps in several out-of-camp tournaments. The first such tournament was held Friday, July 5th at Camp Caribou and featured a total of 6 camps. Our team came in second overall and for the first time, we placed 6 team members in the top 12 individual spots. The 12-under overall Champion was Nate Duncan while Sean Duncan came in 2nd overall in that category. Placing 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th respectively in the 15-under category were Jake Kaplan, Darren Belskis, Sam Tillet, and Kurt Coursen. Sam Tillet had the honor of scoring a 59 out of a possible 60 points on one of his targets. Other members of this outstanding team were Will Alexander, Spencer Aldrich, Brad Comfort, Ryan Hoff, Jacob Jones, and Lucas Pliakis. This was our strongest team ever, and we look forward to other competitions during the season including two intra camp tournaments.

In our continuing effort to improve and upgrade the Kawanhee Archery program, we were able to purchase 3 new Sky Medalist bows with sights. The archery department which includes Jaime Rubio, Carlos Canas, Nancy van den Honert, and Chuck Compher Sr. are looking forward to an outstanding season in archery, and we invite anyone who is in camp to stop by Archery and see Kawanhee archers in action.

## THE COMING OF THE CHIEF

On Wednesday evening, June 28, it was time for the annual ceremony of the Coming of the Chief. As usual, the ceremony started with a presentation in the rec hall on the history of Kawanhee and the Webb Lake region by Chief Sachem, Herb Birch. After this interesting presentation all Kawanhee campers, counselors and staff headed out to the council ring for the ceremony. When everyone was assembled, Mr. Birch called for the Chief. After the third call, the Chief finally appeared. He was in full ceremonial dress, befitting such an honored tradition.

During the first part of the ceremony, the Chief asked that the message from the campers of 1994 be dug up and read to the entire camp. This was done

and was full of good advice for having a successful camp season in 1995.

Shortly thereafter, the Chief ordered the four fires of the winds to be lit, and then he asked that the main campfire be lit also. As the flames went higher and higher, the Chief talked of protecting Kawanhee's environment and using the many opportunities we have here. The Chief stressed that by giving so much at Kawanhee we will receive much in return. As a symbol of this giving, each member of the Kawanhee family threw a small stick into the fire.

After a few important concluding words, the Chief descended into the woods. We know the Chief's words will stay with us throughout the summer.

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT KAWANHEE:

### THE TEEPEE

Among the exciting new projects under way this summer at Kawanhee is the construction of a Dakota-style teepee of the Plains Indian culture. Dan Webster, head of the tripping department, is directing this project. Dan has been busy cutting and debarking long poles for the frame of the teepee. Meanwhile, Adrienne Thompson is busy working on the canvas. Dan says he hopes to have the teepee done by the last few weeks of camp. At that point the teepee will sit in an open area of camp. Next summer Dan hopes to find a more permanent place for the teepee.

### THE TOTEM

1. a natural object, often an animal, taken as the emblem of a tribe, clan or family 2. image of such an object, totems are often carved and painted on poles (Thorndike-Barnhart)

Totem poles have long been a tradition among Indian tribes. Native Americans used symbols of wildlife because they understood and respected the majesty of all creatures. With the rich Indian tradition as the basis of Camp Kawanhee, isn't it time that Kawanhee has an emblem befitting its name and location? That was the thought behind Ted Simanek's inspiration to create a totem pole as a gift to the camp in its 75th year. And what could be more fitting than images of the creatures we have all come to look forward to observing on and around beautiful Lake Webb as part of the experience of summer at Camp Kawanhee.

The loon was chosen as the top symbol: one of the most primitive creatures on earth to survive in its current form (over 125 million years).

The moose as the middle symbol, the largest of all American deer, embodies magnificent stature and wilderness dominion.

The bear, as the base symbol, represents tenacity and the will to survive under the best and harshest of all conditions.

These three images are symbolic of the Maine wilderness we, as the family of Kawanhee, have come to know, respect and honor. Ted hopes to complete this project during the '95 season, with an eye on starting a new tradition for senior campers in future years. We hope also to offer younger campers the opportunity to create small totems of their own design from clay as part of the arts and crafts projects in the nature department.

## DARK ROOM by Kurt Coursen

It's strange to realize that camp is helping to improve something you never knew was there. Many people never knew there was a dark room in the back of the nature building.

"Now why in the world is camp spending money on something no one uses?" you are probably thinking.

Well, boys and girls, here's the reason: for many years the dark room has been unused and became terribly dirty and dusty. Recently yours truly has been developing and processing negatives and prints in the dark room. The only problem is, with no ventilation and little light source, you can't work for more than 30 minutes without passing out. So, there it is; we all know why a fan is being installed and new wiring is too. Got a question? Come and see me. I'll be glad to help.

## KAWANHEE WOODSMEN THE JMG'S By Tim Donahey

JMG's are the future of wilderness knowledge. John Bell, Travis Hatley and Bill Burbine are the stronghold for our success. I will join these people on Swan Island where we will be taking 21 intensive tests of outdoor knowledge and labor: Bradley Comfort, Carlos Morales, Philipp Kunze, Torrey Liddell, Adam Cook, Brian Jacobs, and Gerardo Carreras. While there five days, our tests will range in content from axmanship and fire building to cooking and knowledge of trees.

In preparing for the JMG testing we spend two hours daily learning and practicing the skills necessary to successfully complete our tests. Maine Guides will administer the many grueling tests. Kawanhee men historically impress the Guides. This year our menu will surely earn us high marks. It includes savory Mediterranean Pasta, tantalizing Beef Stroganoff, zesty Chicken Stir Fry, and steamy Blueberry Coffeecake. Cross your fingers! We'll do our best!!

# Camp Kawanhee June 28, 1995 Lodge List

## WILDCAT

Andrew Hromyak S.C.  
Peter Cartei J.C.  
Brian Huntington J.C.

Chad Guthrie  
Brian Jacobs  
Stevan Jovic  
Jake Kaplan  
Brian Osar  
Josh Purcell  
Cornelius Reinartz  
Johannes Werhahn

## BEAR

Mike Schuller S.C.  
Todd Worthington S.C.  
Kevin Bonasera J.C.

Gerardo Carreras  
Bradley Comfort  
Tim Cook  
Tim DeVoe  
Christopher Haverick  
Tom Meaney  
Pedro Pons  
David Sentis  
Alberto Ventoso

## LOON

Russ Jessen S.C.  
Mark Nelson S.C.  
Adam Ramsay J.C.

Chris Atwell  
Darren Belskis  
Jose Bilboa  
Adam Bowman  
Leland Brinkman  
Kurtis Coursen  
Dirgo Garrigues  
Jorge Marcial  
Adam Studebaker  
Marc van den Broeck

## HAWK

Tim Horton S.C.  
Eric Miller S.C.  
Jose Gomez J.C.

Dominic Abbott  
Gabriel Acosta  
Will Alexander  
David Jovic  
Jaime Lastra  
Daniel Osar  
Forbes Rigsby  
Jeronimo Velasquez

## DEER

Scott Hairston S.C.  
Alan Michalak S.C.  
Robbie Hunter J.C.

Noboru Akimoto  
Spencer Aldrich  
Andy Burbine  
Carlos Cidre  
Hadrian Engel  
Jacob Jones  
Ian Lawson  
Douglas Sloane  
Rafael Tirado

## BIRCH

Warren Fish S.C.  
Ben Findley J.C.  
Shawn Maxwell J.C.

Alejandro Acevedo  
Nate Duncan  
Sean Duncan  
Guillermo Maradona  
Adam Muther  
Jamie Strawbridge  
Jim Wallingford  
Edward Watson

## CROW

Jacobo Calderon S.C.  
Bernie Gehret S.C.  
Inigo Oyarzabal J.C.

Joel Brinkman  
Tim Donahey  
Kris Hamwi  
Peter Kelly  
Matthew Latowsky  
Torrey Liddell  
Eduardo Lucas  
Tom Papa  
Ignacio Prieto

## BEAVER

Simon Doolittle S.C.  
Travis Hatley J.C.  
Enrique Pons J.C.

Jeffrey Abbott  
Willie Adams  
Michael Brinkman  
Ryan Hoff  
Dan Parker  
Mike Pierson  
Ben Porter  
Nathan Webb

## MOOSE

Mike Compher S.C.  
Jim Papa J.C.  
Matt Rothman J.C.

Enrique Amerigo  
Adam Barnes  
David Girard  
Jose Gonzalez  
Carter Humes  
David Slocum  
John Tarzy  
Sam Tillett

## LYNX

DJ Cram S.C.  
Diego Campo J.C.  
Tim Johnston J.C.

Victor Acevedo  
Gregoire Ducroquet  
Danny Kim  
Robbie LeVeen  
Efreem Palmer  
Max Pigeon  
Javier Ramis  
Rodrigo Valderrabano

## BADGER

Scott Barnes S.C.  
Ted DeVoe J.C.

Bill Burbine  
Adam Cook  
Gonzalo de Armas  
Trevor Griffin  
Philipp Kunze  
Carlos Morales  
Lucas Pliakis  
Richard Pinkham  
Stefan Wagner

## FALCON

Mike Altman S.C.  
Chad Hollenbaugh S.C.

Joseph Barrows  
Shawn Danahey  
Ryan Davis  
John Kelly  
Jose Marcial  
Alex Smith  
Juan Velasquez

## PANTHER

Rupert Wetherilt S.C.  
Jaime Rubio J.C.

Daniel Alvarez  
Thomas Barrows  
Brandon Jiaconia  
Fernando Martos  
Tristan Ramirez  
Collin Tice

## PINETREE

Jason Roth S.C.  
Raul Marcial J.C.

Brooks Anderson  
Jon Casto  
James Chagaris  
Aaron Lawson  
Dan Marshall  
Christian Sieber

## REUNION UPDATE

\*\*\* If staying in a lodge, Please bring your own bedding (sleeping bag) and towels \*\*\*

Reservations and deposits in hand as of July 9 1995:

Sue Altmaier  
Steve & Jason Dexter  
James (Boomer) Markarian  
Dennis Williams  
John, Erica, Jody, Kyle, Wyatt Tulloss  
Dave & Kay Jenkins, Scott & Todd Worthington, Jenny  
Schilling, Tina Gillihan  
George A. Kraft  
David & Leslie Tilton  
Mike Meserole  
Admiral & Linda Barkwill  
Ken Beck  
Charles H. (Hank) Hiser & Charlie IV & Sarah Hiser  
Dave Yale  
Rich Estabrook  
Rich Davis  
Bob Lamb & Darlyne Ferguson  
Dr. James C. Murphy  
Lydia & Ben Hadley  
Bill, Marty, Leslie, Liz, Rachel Albershardt  
Robert H. Cory  
William, Tim, Sonny Dargusch  
Josh & William Cook and Susie Hoffman Cook  
Ernie Johanson

John & Jeffrey Abbott  
Doug, Doreen, Tonia & Stephanie Means  
Ed & Mary Hamblin  
Stuart & Alicia Klapp  
Steve, Beth, Jeff, David Ruhle  
John, Tammy, Matt, Madeline & John Gill  
John & Tricia White  
Kate & Ferd Schoedinger  
Whitney & Jody Ruhle Barnard, Anne, Carl & Jane  
Nick Gill with Katie, Caroline, Nicholby & Charlotte  
J. Read Murphy  
Mr. & Mrs. Norman F. Ruhle  
Steve & Diana Yaie  
David Fung  
Tom Pears, wife Kim Samara and Emily & Elizabeth  
Mark Schiewetz  
Sam & Osa Detrick  
Fred W. Hoster  
Bob, Scott, and Derek Barnes  
Stephan & Rob Hall  
James & "Ted" Wilson  
Morgan & Jennifer Kennedy  
Bill Doyle

# Remember The Big "R" ... REUNION

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