

# WIGWAM

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## SWIMMING

by Peter van den Honert

Swimming has been an active and popular activity this summer, helped by the beautiful weather we've been having. A near record number of boys have passed levels, and enthusiasm is high.

Lifeguard Training (LGT) is well underway, as is Basic and Emergency Water Safety (BLS). Boys who take LGT must be at least 15 years old, and pass strict water and written exams. Those that pass the class become certified lifeguards, and can guard at public beaches. It is a difficult, but worthwhile achievement! Boys who take BLS must be at least 11 years old. The class deals with personal water safety, and rescues using equipment. Water safety, for themselves and others, is constantly stressed.

The 10 mile swim is also going strong with many boys and staff members faithfully swimming laps in order to achieve their goal of swimming ten miles or more this summer.

The Swimming Department is sure that we will have beautiful weather the rest of the summer, and is looking forward to working with campers to accomplish even greater swimming achievements.

## KAWANHEE FAMILY

by Rupert Wetherhilt

I came to camp at the age of 15, fresh from England and still solid in my culture. I was swept into school at the Columbus Academy, eyes wide. From there my summers became filled with Camp Kawanhee joy and adventure. Goals I had set were wildly surpassed. Kawanhee became my camp. Then it became my job. Every year was my last. What could provoke such a high rate of return? First bell, polar bear, cold summer mornings, mountains, lakes, sandy beaches, and rocky coastlines all add to the camp experience. Camp Kawanhee has now become my family. Family is love and friendship, the two basics for happiness. Off the beaten track of Weld, Maine is family.

## BASKETBALL 1995

by Diana Belskis

The 13 and under basketball All-Stars consisted of Victor Acevedo, Will Alexander, Mike Brinkman, Nate Duncan, Sean Duncan, David Jovic, Steve Jovic, Max Pingeon, Javier Ramis, and Jamie Strawbridge. These gentlemen represented Kawanhee well in Saturday's Hoop tournament.

After a rain delay in the first match-up to Camp Androscoggin, the All-Stars came up just a bit short after trailing by 8 early in the game.

In game two, Victor Acevedo and Steve Jovic helped Kawanhee snag an early lead against Cobossee but trailed at the half by six points. The All-Stars fought back after two coast to coast lay-ups by Jamie Strawbridge but couldn't quite hang on for the win. It was a fine game and although the Kawanhee All-Stars didn't come out on top, they showed great sportsmanship.

### Basketball's "Player of the Week"

Week 1: Steve Jovic

Week 2: Max Pingeon

Week 3: Pete Kelly (Honorable mention: Trevor Griffin and Torrey Liddell)

## VOLLEYBALL AT KAWANHEE

by Alan Michalak

At Kawanhee, seven weeks  
is almost too short,  
but you'll use your time constructively  
on the volleyball court!

The sand is sparkling  
while the sun is shining.  
Positive attitudes are "in",  
no fussing and no whining!

Come out on the court  
we bump, set, spike and laugh.  
You'll learn alot and have fun  
with the enthusiastic staff.

**COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM**  
by Bernie Gehret

The main goal of the CIT program is to help master campers make the transition to counselors smoothly and effectively. The philosophy of the program is to help build confidence in prospective counselors' abilities to effectively handle the myriad responsibilities of a junior counselor. This summer, the CIT's have learned counseling techniques such as reflective listening, reframing, and will be practicing role-playing scenarios as well.

Each CIT is working in two activities this summer for two weeks at a time, in order to develop an awareness of the responsibilities of an activity counselor. In addition to working in an activity, the CIT's will be residing in a younger cabin during the final two weeks of camp in order to gain experience as a lodge counselor. While each CIT is not considered a full-fledged counselor in the lodge, the observation period has been a very important part of the program over the course of the last two decades. The CIT's this year are: Bill Burbine, Adam Cook, Gonzalo de Armas, Trevor Griffin, Philipp Kunze, Carlos Morales, Lucas Pliakis, Richard Pinkham, Stefan Wagner, Joel Brinkman, Tim Donahey, Kris Hamwi, Peter Kelly, Matthew Latowsky, Torrey Liddell, Eduardo Lucas, Tom Papa, and Ignacio Prieto.

**SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**

Sleigh Bells Ring, are you listening? In the lane, snow wasn't quite glistening, but Kawanhee certainly was in the spirit of Christmas. Thanks to the diligent efforts of Katie Schoedinger and a cast of hustling, bustling elves, Kawanhee's celebration of

Christmas in July was a resounding success. The ooh's and ahh's of the campers, and their smiling faces filled with surprise, best described the mood as we entered the dining hall for Sunday dinner on July 23rd, to find a decorated tree that reached the rafters, stockings filled with lots of goodies for everyone and brightly colored table decorations. After the meal, the Kawanhee choir treated us all to strolling Christmas carols. And of course, Christmas wouldn't be complete without an appearance from Santa Claus. Our own Herb Birch, complete with padding, white beard and appropriate red suit, entered to a standing ovation with his sack full of presents. A good time was had by all!

**\*\*\* MESSAGE TO PARENTS \*\*\***

**OHIO CAMPERS:**

The return flight for the Columbus group is as follows:  
Leave Portland, Maine Sunday, August 13, Flight 2254 at 3:15 PM  
Arrive Philadelphia at 4:45 PM  
Leave Philadelphia on Flight 1097 at 5:25 PM  
Arrive Columbus at 7:00 PM

**JERSEY CAMPERS:**

The return flight for the New Jersey group is as follows:  
Leave Portland, Maine on Sunday, August 13, Flight 3707 at 12:15 PM  
Arrive Newark at 1:55 PM

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