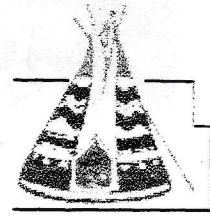


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## THE KAWANHEE EXPERIENCE

by Foster Baker of Hawk Lodge

"The Kawanhee Experience" is what I call the experience that you face in your first few weeks at Kawanhee. This experience includes making new friends, adjusting to the activities and just noticing that you're one of many Kawanheean. I'm in Hawk lodge with nine other boys. For many boys, it is challenging to get to know each other, but for me it's fun making friends from all over the place.

The second part of the Kawanhee experience is adjusting to the activities. My many favorites are archery, water skiing, baseball, swimming, range, kayaking, and basketball. From flying across the water in water skiing to the big loud bangs in range, the activities are great here at Kawanhee.

The third part of the Kawanhee experience is just noticing that you are a Kawanheean. Most people would think it's crazy having meals in a dining hall with the 170 kids or having massive bonfires on Saturday nights, but I think it's fun and amusing. This is the true experience of being a Kawanheean. A real Kawanheean would definitely agree with what I am stating in this article.

## ARCHERY 2002!

Kawanhee Archery got off to a terrific start with over 200 medals and 5 Robin Hoods being earned during the first four weeks of camp. Already, there have been many wonderful stories of triumph as campers have worked toward earning Camp Archery Association and National Archery Association medals. Campers are also working for a spot on the Archery ladder with a pizza party to be awarded to those campers at the top of the ladder.

In addition to working for medals and the ladder during the regular activity periods, 12 elite Kawanhee archers were busy practicing for the annual Caribou Invitational Tournament. This tourney was held July 8<sup>th</sup> at Camp Caribou, and the day started with a wake up call at 5:30 A.M. at camp. After an early Polar Bear dip by some of the archers, we set off for Caribou in Winslow, Maine and a hearty breakfast at McDonald's. The tournament was well organized, and our archers shot extremely well from both the 30 meter line and the 20 meter line. At the end of the day, both our 12 and under and 15 and under teams came in second place, and our ride home was capped off with an ice cream celebration. Those archers shooting for the 12 and under team included Kevin Irving, J.P. Rullan, Tommy Bolon, Graham Marvin, Evan Jones, and Chase Horine. The 15 and under team included Ben Estabrook, David Wirth, Jon Denby, Chris Engel, Max Smith-Marder, and Mario Alvarez-Sala. David Wirth had an exceptional day at 20 meters where he shot a 59 out of 60 during one end, and amassed 282 out of 300 points. Congratulations to David and to all the members of the archery team. You were awesome!

The Archery Department is again headed up by Chuck Compher and Nancy van den Honert, with great help from Chris Colohan of Wildcat Lodge. Chuck, Nancy, and Chris look forward to many more memorable moments on the Archery Range this summer.

### COLUMBUS, OHIO PARENTS PLEASE NOTE!!

#### Change of Flight Numbers and Times: For Sunday, August 11th Group

Leave Portland U.S. Air Flight 355 at 11:45 a.m.  
Arrive Philadelphia 1:28 p.m.  
Leave Philadelphia Flight 5828 at 2:25 p.m.  
Arrive Columbus 3:20 p.m.



A Kawanhee Camper takes aim in Archery

## TENNIS 2002!

So many great things happened in tennis this year that it is difficult to know exactly where to start. The one word which probably best describes the year in tennis is FUN! FUN happened partly because the weather cooperated as it usually does in Maine, and the clay courts were in fantastic shape throughout the summer. Beyond the courts and the weather, the staff and campers had FUN, because Kawanhee won several matches on July 8th at the Caribou Tennis Tournament, and the excitement and enthusiasm for tennis spread throughout the camp. At Caribou, the doubles team of James Gavin and Roberto Garcia had a thrilling, hard fought battle that went to a tie breaker in the consolation game and finished fourth overall. The fact that they played in the 13 and Under Doubles bracket, and they are 12 and 11 years old respectively, tells the coaches that the future is indeed bright for Kawanhee tennis. In 15 and Under Doubles, Scott Jaffee and Jeff Cavanaugh had a tremendous first round, down 4-0 early, but came back to 7-5 and almost won the match. In the 13 and Under Singles, it was an ALL-Kawanhee final with a very close match between Gavin Cadwallader and Luis Soltero. Soltero eventually overcame Cadwallader's tenacious ability to keep the ball in play, but all Kawanhees left feeling as though everyone was a winner. Other team members who attended the Caribou Tournament included Fernando Alvarez-Sala, Chris Bradicich, Gonzalo Canas, Andrew MacMannis, Harper Pack, Carlos Pla and Chris Vandivort.

Last year's entire Kawanhee tennis staff, Dan Osar, Doug Mitchell and Scott Irving, returned. This continuity helped make passing levels and playing games like King of the Court, Jailbreak, and Around the World a blast for all ages. Joining them for his first year at Kawanhee from Tallahassee, Florida was Jon Ostwalt, a varsity tennis player for Chiles High School. Jon proved to be a great addition to the staff and a challenge for all players with his game at Kawanhee. Two CITs,

Juan Bravo Ferrer and David Suh, were a big help this year along with a few campers who were working on Advanced Levels and a new Level 7 which involves more instructional work with the younger campers to pass the level. Two campers, in particular, who demonstrated an interest in not only passing the demanding Level 7 in tennis, but also displayed a real joy in their instruction of fellow campers were Chris Bradicich and Ramin Farhangi. At last tally, the campers were on pace to pass 200 levels for the year which would be a real credit to the staff and the campers' enthusiasm for tennis at Kawanhee.

PONG MADNESS (Kawanhee's table tennis tournament) also helped heighten the excitement for tennis. It likewise increased the point totals for the Grey and Maroon teams. Luis Soltero continued his winning ways by taking the Junior B&C title over runner-up and fellow countryman, Carlos Pla. It was an all Puerto Rico final, as well as consolation with Gabriel Casellas and Roberto Garcia finishing third and fourth. The Senior & Junior A final remains to be determined at this writing but appears it may well be a rematch between last year's champion and runner-up, Grey Captain Tony Cottone and his Assistant Captain Ramin Farhangi. Please check out the next Wigwam for final results for PONG MADNESS and the ongoing CAMP KAWANHEE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Co-Director of Tennis at Kawanhee, Scott Irving, was delighted with the level of play and was quick to note, "I genuinely felt that this was the best year we have had in tennis since I arrived in the summer of 2000. It was not only a great year because of the results at the Caribou Tennis Tournament, but also, because it was the first time I have seen real signs of improvement in players at Kawanhee over such a brief seven week period. Certainly it helps to win and get positive reinforcement of your game. More importantly, however, it is my hope that all the players find a real passion for this lifetime sport and continue to work on their game throughout the year. If they do, we will have some fantastic years ahead in Kawanhee tennis and the campers will have received a gift that will surely last them a lifetime."

## THE NATURE ROAD SHOW

The Kawanhee Nature Department was busy the first few weeks putting the "Nature back in Nature." Since all of the arts and crafts projects were moved to the new Arts Center, we are currently developing a curriculum and level system that includes some of the "old" favorites such as: tree identification; insect, mineral, butterfly, and leaf collections; and lapidary projects. The ceiling constellation chart is being rewired and should be working soon.

The Nature staff and campers have taken numerous field trips to various sites. We have been to the Maine Game Farm in Gray to observe injured and orphaned animals and birds indigenous to Maine. We went on an owl trip at Mt. Blue State Park at night to hear the ranger call to the barred owl. We were lucky to see and hear two barred owls. We have also had numerous evening star-gazing sessions with Amy Spencer. Torrey Liddell set up his telescope a few different nights to look at the stars and planets visible in the night sky.

Everyone had a great time at the llama farm in Weld. We got to pet seven llamas and trekked up to the Weld Indian fort with one llama in tow. Some campers went to a Rock and Mineral Show in Bethel, Maine. This week we are going gold panning at the lower Swift River.

The Nature Department also sponsored a speaker for Sunday evening vespers. A man came to speak from the Mt. Washington weather station. The campers thoroughly enjoyed his informative talk.

When you come to visit Kawanhee this summer, please stop by the Nature Center to see what activities we have planned for the week or just to pet our various animals.



Nature Counselor, Chris Huntington, surrounded by campers at Gray Game Park

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CAMP MOM

by Debi Brown

Many parents ask me, "What does the camp mother do?" Well, I am your child's "mom" for the seven weeks they are here. Your sons' lodge counselors are there to guide them daily. In addition, the majority of young men that attend Kawanhee need nurturing when they are away from their own parents. I provide that in many different ways. Here are some of the things I do for them.

I am available during their free time to play games or provide encouragement. If they need a hug or a pat on the back through both happy and sad times, I am there. I plan small activities for all the boys to enjoy. Some of these events are: treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, or chess games with our local chess master,

Buddy Vining. Also, I plan an event involving food once a week at my cabin in the evenings. Cookies and milk, smores, and donuts made over the open fire are some of our popular evening events that the boys enjoy. Berry picking and having sundaes up at Pine Point with Mr. and Mrs. Estabrook are other fun times for our young men.

Other duties of being a camp mom involve helping campers with homesickness, sewing on a missing button, making sure the younger campers get their showers, brush their teeth, change their clothes, and eat enough at their meals. I am available for all counselors as well, to help solve any conflicts or answer questions they may have. I attend all events that take place at Kawanhee to show my support for all campers. I especially enjoy the weekly big campfires where I get to hear all about each camper's accomplishments during that week. I cheer for them and legitimately feel pride for all of them, just as any parent would.

I have the most rewarding job in camp. I have the chance to watch and support your young men while they are here in Maine, taking on new challenges that shape them into confident, secure, well-rounded, young men. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your sons' enriching summer experiences.

## SUNDAY SERMONS

Our beautiful outdoor chapel at Council Point provides a perfect setting for Kawanhee's Sunday services. We have all enjoyed and benefited from the talented choir under the direction of Peter van den Honert and from the stimulating talks by staff members: Mike Altmaier, Scott Irving, Amy Spencer, and Pete St. John. Each speaker has emphasized how Kawanhee contributes to the all-important goal of character-building as hoped for by George and Raymond Frank, Kawanhee's founders. For example, Pete St. John's recent presentation consisted of a "wrap-up" for the Junior Maine Guide candidates the day before they departed for the rigorous testing at Swan Island under the guidance of Senior Maine Guides. Peter emphasized especially the necessity to develop responsibility and integrity!

On Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, Kawanhee experienced a "First" in Sunday talks. Never before has a camper been the speaker at our Sunday services. We were all privileged to have Graham Marvin, age 12, a third-year camper and a member of Birch Lodge, present a fine sermon emphasizing all that Kawanhee means to him. At his home in Lexington, Massachusetts, Graham lives and breathes Kawanhee on a daily basis with the constant reminders of Kawanhee ideals through his plaque, his shop projects, and his various ribbons and

awards right in his room. Thank you, Graham, for sharing your thoughts and for expressing them so well.

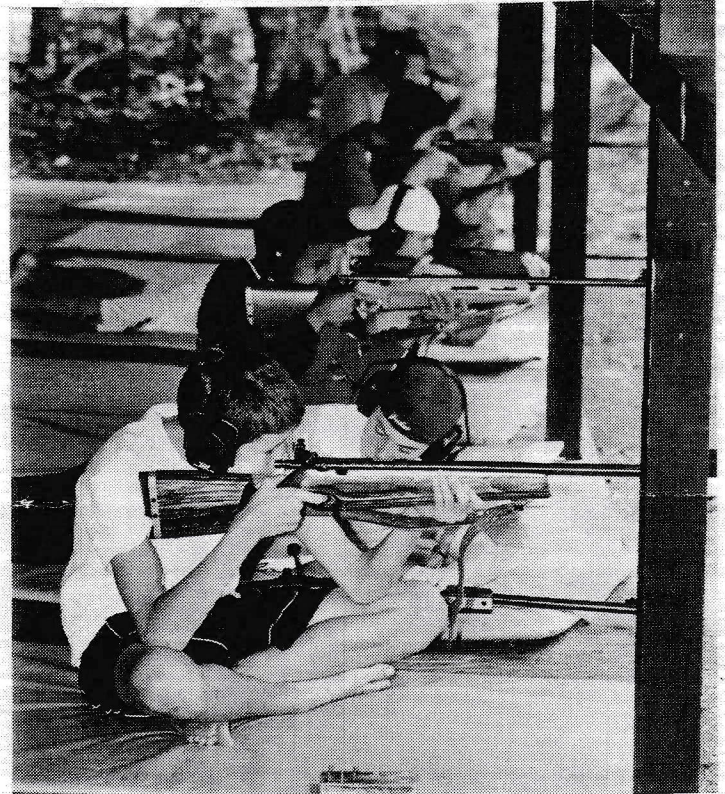
The sixth and final Sunday talk for the 2002 season will be given on August 4<sup>th</sup> and the speaker will be Walter Estabrook.

**\*\*\*\*\*AS KAWANHEE TURNS\*\*\*\*\***

A lovely church wedding for Tripping Counselor, Lincoln MacIssac and his bride, Carolyn Youcis was held in Castine, Maine with the reception following at Maine Maritime Academy on Saturday, July 27. Several Kawanhee staff members joined the festivities. More graduation news: Ramon Gaztambide plans to attend Georgetown University. Gabriel Martin will attend the University of Pennsylvania. Eduardo Saldana will be a freshman at Harvard. Another freshman at Harvard will be Dan Crane who was also inducted into Cum Laude for the Columbus Academy class of 2002 along with being a National Merit Commended Student. Dan's brother, David is presently in Loon Lodge. On June 9<sup>th</sup>, Camp Kawanhee hosted an appreciation dinner for the 2002 staff and those in the community of Weld who always help the camp in many ways to get started for the season. The Celebration Buffet was prepared and served by Chef Sean Minear and his Staff. Dr. and Mrs. Jacobs, Tenafly, NJ, visited camp while vacationing in Weld. Their son, Brian was a camper here for several seasons and now has his own orchestra in New York City. Special thanks to Will and Kelly Fleming for their beautiful letter of July 15 complimenting the Wigwam Staff. Will and Kelly live in Boca Raton, Florida, and they noticed in our July 1<sup>st</sup> Wigwam that Tony Cottone, Captain of the 2002 Greys, is also a resident of Boca Raton, and they look forward to meeting Tony when he returns home.

Peter Strachan of Tenafly, N.J. and a good friend of the Birch family visited the camp recently. Peter was a camper from the 1940 era. Congratulations to Patty Donahey!! She has been named the "Newcomer of the Year" by the ICAA (Independent College Advancement Associates). This is the first time this award has been presented, and is intended to recognize and honor work being done by college advancement professionals. Patty is a former Kawanhee staff member and her three sons - Rich, John, and Tim all attended Camp Kawanhee.

The Wigwam welcomes any news about you, your family, and Kawanhee friends!



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