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KAWANHEE ARCHERS PROVE THEMSELVES IN COMPETITION

The month of July has been a busy one for the Kawanhee Archery Department. In addition to the usual medals and Robin Hoods that have been earned, Kawanhee archers have had the opportunity to compete against other camps and individual archers from across the state.

The annual Caribou Invitational Tournament was held July 5th with seven other camps competing against Kawanhee. The competition was close as Kawanhee was narrowly edged out of first place by Camp Fernwood. Kawanhee's 12 and under team did come away with 1st place for their age division, while the 15 and under team finished in 2nd place. Overall, the Kawanhee team came in 2nd, while Tommy Bolon placed 2nd in the individual 12 and under category. Archers who participated in the Caribou Tournament included: Seth Berry, Tommy Bolon, John Durell, Tucker Emerson, Sam Johnson, Tyler St. Denis and Matt St. John in the 12 and under category. Representing Kawanhee in the 15 and under category were: Roberto Garcia, Evan Jones, Ryan Parrish, Graham Marvin, Carlos Pla, and Ben Smith.

On July 30th, Kawanhee hosted the annual Pairs Tournament with Camp Fernwood. In this tournament, each Fernwood girl is paired with a Kawanhee boy to shoot as a duo. Again, our archers shot very well. T. J. Dardet and his partner placed 1st in the 12 and under category, while Cody Austin and his partner placed 2nd. In the 15 and under division, Ben Smith and his partner

placed 1st, while Eduardo Munoz and his partner came in 2nd. Tommy Bolon scored the individual high score for his age group. Those boys who participated were: Cody Austin, Tommy Bolon, Ned Carson, T. J. Dardet, John Durell, Sam Johnson, Evan Jones, Sean Lee, Eduardo Munoz, Ryan Parrish, Tyler St. Denis, and Ben Smith.

The following day, five boys participated in the State of Maine Archery Tournament with fantastic results. Evan Jones placed 1st in his division with Ryan Parrish placing 2nd ahead of Ben Smith by a mere 2 points. Tommy Bolon placed 1st in his classification while T.J. Dardet came in 2nd. Overall, the Kawanhee team placed 1st in the state of Maine!

Chuck Compher, Nancy van den Honert, and Paige Berry are extremely proud of all these fine archers and their accomplishments! Congratulations to all!



2004 Kawanhee Champion Archers

NEW FRIENDS AT CAMP by Max Hunter, Hawk Lodge

At the beginning of camp, I did not talk to Lucas Fader in the lodge, but we saw each other and I thought that we might be friends. We did become friends at the first kickball game after all the parents left. Now we are really good buddies, and we have lots of fun together. Guess what? We found out that our parents and grandparents were best friends a long time ago, too!

NATURE ON THE MOVE

The Nature Department has been very active this summer with a myriad of new outdoor activities and field trips. We have coordinated several presentations and trips with the Mount Blue State Park program, including: an owl calling session; a live animal demonstration; and a gold panning trip. Some boys also attended a taxidermy lecture, sponsored by the Weld Historical Society, and then visited a taxidermy museum in Dixfield, Maine.

The campers have actively been catching a variety of creatures, especially frogs and snakes. Large crowds are always congregated to watch the snakes being fed. Our staff sends a special thanks to Isaac Ackers of Moose Lodge for helping to establish and to maintain our snake display.

Lapidary remains a favorite Nature activity with campers completing many lovely projects, including: money clips, key chains, letter openers, pins, and necklaces.

We encourage all of you to take a few moments each day to absorb and enjoy the beauty of Nature throughout the upcoming seasons.

COME CELEBRATE KAWANHEE 'S 85th YEAR!!

Registration and fun begins 1 p.m. Thursday, August 11, 2005 and continues through brunch on Sunday, August 14th. Watch your mailbox for more details, but in the meantime, spread the word, and send your friends' addresses and/or emails to:

B.A. Altmaier at babuckeye@yahoo.com

John Detrick at jdetric@columbus.rr.com

Patty Alexander at pattyalAlexander@yahoo.com

or at **Camp Kawanhee Attn: Reunion, 58 Kawanhee Lane, Weld, Maine 04285**. Our camp phone number is 207-585-2210. Look forward to seeing you next year!

ACHIEVING GOALS AT KAWANHEE

by Sam Friedlander, Beaver Lodge

At Camp Kawanhee, you can accomplish many things. You can get awards, levels, points, and paddle achievements. Becoming a true Kawanhean requires these things. To get these achievements, you have to try your hardest in all activities you do. Kawanhee opens the door to trying new things that you've not done before. My suggestion to you is to make goals for yourself like: completing all possible levels within your age group. Another good goal would be to do Polar Bear. This is where you get up ten mornings during the summer and jump into the cold Webb Lake. Doing this would earn you a white stripe on your paddle.

During my three years at Kawanhee, I have accomplished many things. Some of them included: getting Artist of the week; getting up on water skis; achieving my C plaque; completing the ten mile swim; and swimming the lake.

This year my plan is to get 100% Polar Bear, passing levels toward my B plaque, and getting an award for Camper of the Week in any activity. If you set and accomplish your goals during the camp season, you'll experience a summer of fun!

MONHEGAN

by Sean Lee, Falcon Lodge

On Wednesday, I went to Monhegan Island by a bus and a boat with some counselors and campers. It was windy. We had dinner at the Trailing Yew. We went to Seal Ledges to go swimming for Polar Bear and Mountain Man. The water was 55 degrees. Then we went to the campsite. We slept in tents in our sleeping bags.

On Thursday, we ate breakfast at the same place. We went deep sea fishing on a fishing boat. I caught the third biggest fish, which was 24 inches long. I caught about 50 other fish, but they were too small. Once, I caught four small fish in a row. The weather was good.

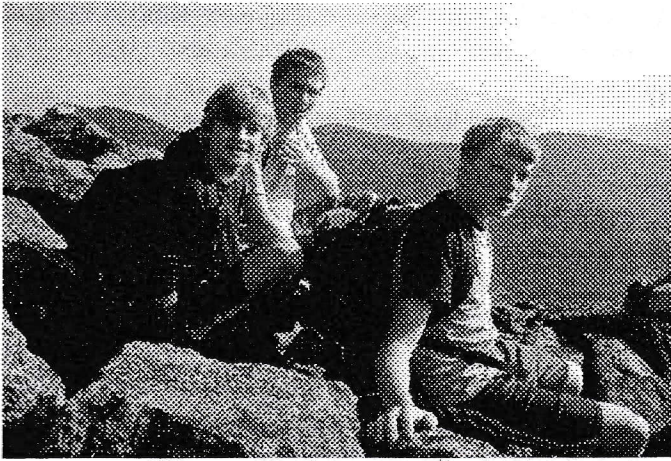
In the afternoon, after rest hour, we did watercolor painting on the shore. Then we went to the shipwreck called D.T Sheridan. It was very big. It was damaged by waves and rocks. We had pizza for dinner at the campsite. We went to town, but the shops were closed.

Around 11 p.m. while everyone was sleeping in tents, the storm came with lots of rain, thunder, and lightning. At 2:00 a.m., our counselors woke us up, and we moved our things to the nearby school and slept in there because the storm was dangerous.

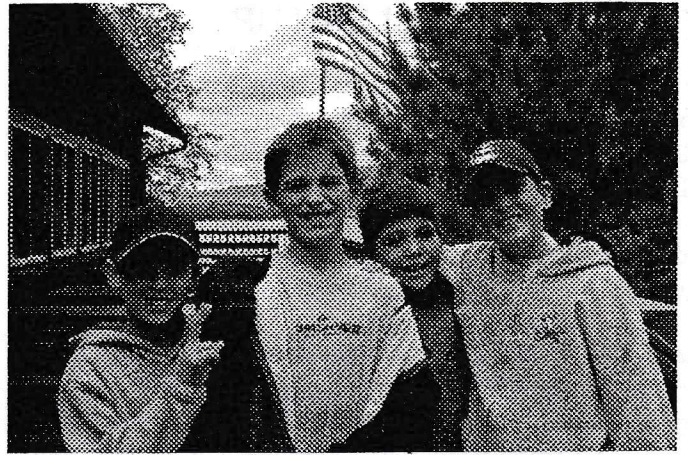
On Friday, after breakfast, we went hiking, exploring the cave, and visiting the Lighthouse Museum. We went to town with our allowance to spend on some things. Then, we returned to the boat for a ride back to the mainland. After our arrival at the port, we rode in vans back to camp. We all had a wonderful trip.

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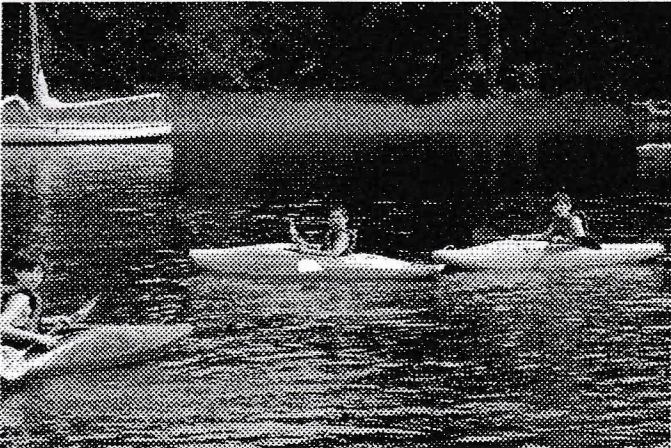
The next issue of the Wigwam will be published in September and will include full reports of the different activities, a listing of awards, and Grey-Maroon results. Also, in the September issue, there will be a list of all of the many donations.



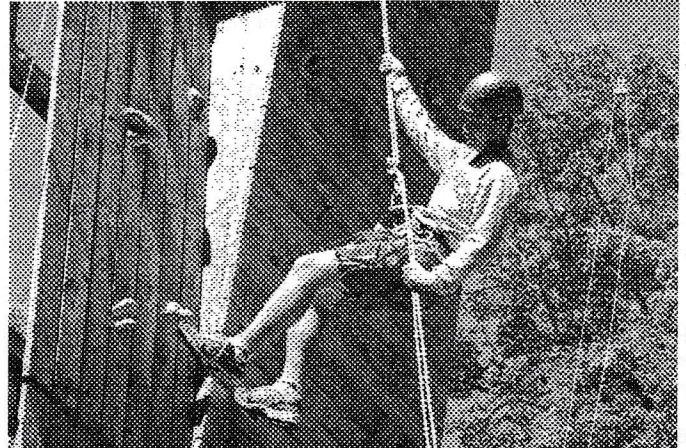
Hikers enjoying a scenic view of the White Mountains



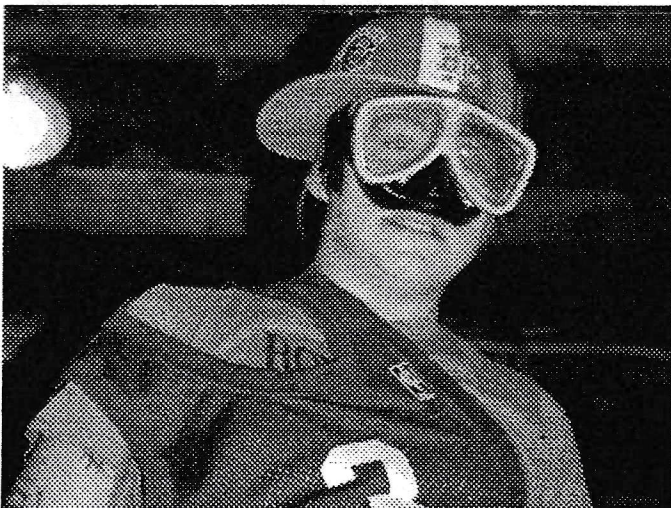
Camper camaraderie!!!!!!



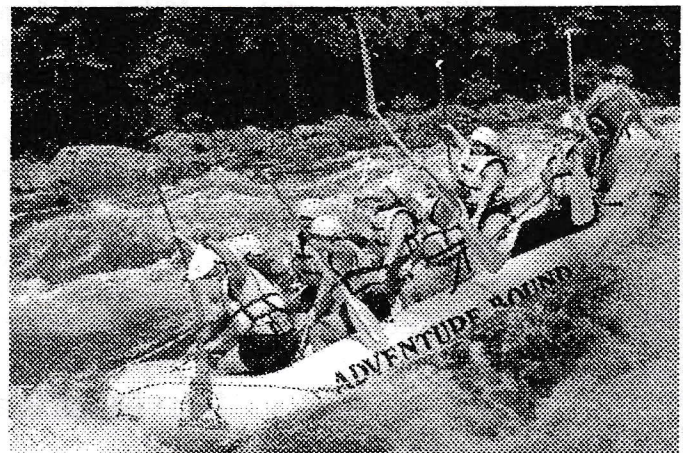
Nothing can beat a quick paddle and dip in the lake on a hot summer day



Ropes remains a very popular activity of the Kawanhee Braves



Gebby Keny strutting his evening wear during Mr. Kawanhee Night event



Whitewater rafters fighting the rapids on the Kennebec River

TUMBLEDOWN CLEAN UP

Everyone who goes to Camp Kawanhee enjoys looking across the lake at the beautiful Tumbledown Range of mountains. Generations of Kawanhees have climbed these rugged, massive peaks with the Tripping Department, and many grown-up campers return as adults to share this accomplishment with their own families. We all love Tumbledown!

Recently, the mountain has gained some protection from logging and development because of the efforts of the Tumbledown Conservancy, and more is being planned. This is great news for Kawanhee!

So many people love Tumbledown, in fact, that the impact can be hard on the mountain. Some, through careless or thoughtlessness, leave the environment worse for their having been there. So, the Kawanhee Tripping department held a volunteer Tumbledown Clean-Up climb on Monday of the 6th week of camp. Close to twenty Kawanhee tribesmen turned out for this labor of love! Thanks to each and every one of you!

We lucked out with clear skies, low humidity, and no rain in sight! This was helpful because besides the normal gear and food that you need for climbing we had to haul up garbage bags, wire brushes, paint remover, a shovel, heavy work gloves, and other gear. Our packs were full!

As it turned out there were quite a few other people on top of the mountain that day. They watched with curiosity as we picked up trash, eliminated illegal fire rings (no fires are allowed up there), and removed graffiti (this is very hard work!). When people asked us who we were and what we were doing we were able to respond with pride that we were from Camp Kawanhee!

Many of those who shared the summit with us thanked us for our efforts, and said that it was really cool to help out like that.

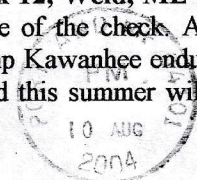
After the hard work we had done, we all enjoyed the cool waters of Crater Lake. How many places do you know that have a lake on top of a mountain? Even though we were carrying about 100 lbs. of trash, our hike down the Brook Trail was fun and free of injury!

The Tripping Department thanks each camper and counselor who donated their day and hard work to this effort. Also, thanks go to Hannaford Supermarket in Farmington for donating trash bags for our clean-up. We plan on making this an annual event, so we hope you'll join us in keeping this gem polished!



Kawanhee crew volunteers to clean up Mt. Tumbledown

The George and Raymond Frank Foundation is most grateful for the loyal, generous, and steady support of Kawanhee alumni and friends. **In the event you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution, please make your check payable and mail to: George & Raymond Frank Foundation, P.O. Box 12, Weld, ME 04285.** Gifts for Camp Kawanhee scholarships should be so designated with "Scholarship" on the memo line of the check. All other donations will be used to enhance the Camp Kawanhee facilities and program, making sure that Camp Kawanhee endures forever as a character building force. Either way, your gift will be tax deductible. All donations received this summer will be listed in the next issue of the Wigwam.



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