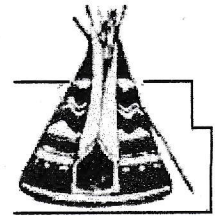


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KAWANHEE ROSTER SHAPING UP FOR '06

These guys have applied or otherwise confirmed their plans to be at camp this summer. We're receiving several new applications each week, and the pace is quickening.

Andres Berdud
Eric Berry
Nathanael Berry
Seth Berry
Jamie Bolon
Tommy Bolon
Pedro Botas
Royce Broadright
Fernan Carrasquillo Alvarez
Hugo Azpiazu
Jose Cadilla
Carlos Cadilla
Ned Carson
Ty Chandler
Phil Coons
Luis Coullaut-Valera
Enrique Corral Herrera
Pat Coyle
Eric Dardet
T.J. Dardet

Spencer Davis
Miguel Diaz
Robert DiPrima
Jack Dixon
Pedro Dorta
Morgan Doyle
Peter Erf
Ryan Erf
Jaime Escudero
Jose Fernandez
Juan Fernandez
Alex Forbes
Guille Fortuno
Seth Fowler
Sam Friedlander
Enrique Garcia-Thompson
Will Gering
John Gill
Stephen Harvell
Hunter Hollinger

Max Hunter
Sam Johnson
Gebby Keny
Aaron Lazarus
Pedro Mairata
Blaise Mariner
Cole McLelland
Spencer McLelland
Chase McReynolds
Mac McReynolds
Josh Naylor
Ben Neiswander
Alex Palmer
Andrew Peck
Luke Randall
Jose Revuelta
Alvaro Richi
Garret RichWilson
Yan Rodriguez
Dylan Rouda

Shea Rouda
Trace Rouda
Pedro Sadde
Rye Salerno
Konrad Sashin
Bobby Savini
Ferd Schoedinger
Matt St. John
Ben Standen
Carlos Tamames
TJ Velez
Brian Wajda
Forrest Weihe
Harry Wellborn
Jack Wellborn
Jimmy Whitaker
Drake Williams
Max Zambito
Ben Zambito

Winter Words from Kawanhee's New Camp Director by Pete St. John, Camp Director

To judge from the steady stream of e-mails and calls from returning campers and staff members, Kawanhee is on a lot of minds at present!

It certainly isn't difficult on a dreary winter's day to allow the work on our desks to blur and fade, and replace it with stately pines, dark green against a fierce blue sky, whitecaps curling on the lake, and the vivid sunsets, orange and purple, over Tumbledown and the Notch. And in just a second, the memories of past seasons arrive, jostling with each other: the slide into home base, the sailboat heeling over in the stiff breeze, the crackle and roar of the Saturday fire, the kayak roll, the three-step dive, the pin; the bulls-eye, the ace.

In all these memories of varied and exciting things to do, our friends are close at hand. They cheer us on, they help us out, sometimes they call us a jerk, but they're always there- we'll check on their sailboat's progress in shop, we'll watch their playoff soccer match, we'll play

countless games of ping pong and tetherball, and we'll spend hours in the lodge just talking until the trees outside have quietly faded to black.

The ten moons since last we met will have been filled with lots of other experiences, lots of other people, but once back at camp it takes about five minutes to get back into the swing of things, to take up where we left off, even to pick up the threads of a conversation we had last August, for nowhere else do we get to know people so very well as at camp.

I'm honored to have been asked to serve as Camp Director, and I'm looking forward to working alongside you all as we do all we can- as citizens, as teachers, as teammates, as alumni, as fellow Kawanhees, and as friends- to ensure that there will always be a Kawanhee.

See you soon!

Pete

KAWANHEE: THE 2006 TOUR

Camp Kawanhee has held two get-togethers recently. One was in Weston, Massachusetts on March 4th and the other one was in Darien, Connecticut on March 5th.

The Weston gathering was at the home of Rees, Jenny, Caleb and Camille Tulloss. Attending were Nathanael and Doug Berry of Stratham, New Hampshire, Andrew, Laurie and Don Peck of Lexington, Massachusetts, Pete St. John of Weld, and Mark, Jed and Alex Standen of South Freeport, Maine. Rees, a former camper and counselor, dazzled the group with his Kawanhee sailboat (circa 1973) and the woodworking projects he's taken on since (fine handmade furniture, cabinetry and a barn!). Nathanael Berry and Andrew Peck, both 13, will be at Kawanhee for the first time this summer.

On the following day, and a few hours south, a

horde of past, present and future Kawanheean were assembled at the home of Jeff and Molly Morgan. The crew included Ben Morgan, Andrew McManus and Henry Myers, all of Darien, Connecticut, Foster and Beth Baker of New Canaan, Connecticut, Chase, Parker, Mac, John and Sherry McReynolds, of Wilton, Connecticut, Harry, Jack, Philippa and David Wellborn, of Ridgefield, Connecticut, Phil, Betsy and Richard Coons, of Cos Cob, Connecticut, Sam and Tom Reynolds, of New Canaan, Connecticut, and Mark, Jed and Alex Standen. Phil Coons, age 10, will be a first-year camper at Camp Kawanhee this coming summer.

Thanks to the Tulloses and the Morgans for their hospitality and for providing a good time had by all. There will likely be other mini-reunions this spring, and we'll be in touch with any Kawanheean who live near those events.

VETERAN STAFF ON BOARD FOR '06

There are several additional staff positions to be filled for this summer, but the crew lined up for this season is chock-full of home-grown talent. The following folks are in the fold, and they've got plenty of prior Kawanhee experience as counselors and/or campers.

Senior Lodge Counselors:

Ryan Albert, Adam Aldrich, Alex Aldrich, Andrew Altmaier, Sam Carson, James Chagaris, Frank Cook, Robin Curtis, Chris Duncan, Derrick Gilbert, Reid Greimann, Tim Hanson, Gabe Martin, Alex Nering, Eduarda Saldana, Alex Sanchez, Peter Sengelmann, Brian Simpson, Drew Stafford, Alex Standen, Jed Standen, Tripp Strawbridge, Jeremy Street, David Wirth

Junior Lodge Counselors:

Mark Anderson, Spencer Branch, A. J. Carrier, Corey Connor, Ben Freidlander, A. J. Johnson, Evan Jones, Graham Marvin, Ryan Parrish, Carlos Pla, Ben Smith

Senior Staff

Pete St. John, Sean Duncan, Ed Watson, B. A. Altmaier, Rebecca Altmaier, Pete Belskis, Nan Belskis, Paige Berry, Brian Birch, Mary Birch, Kate Branch, Brian Buckett, Chuck Compher, Barb Compher, Linda Fairbanks, Sean Minear, Kris Simanek, Ted Simanek, Betty Simanek, Al Spencer, Peter van den Honert, Nancy van den Honert, Dan Webster, Sandy Winkles, Chris Yardley

KAWANHEE VETERANS RISE TO DOA CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Sean Duncan and Ed Watson, who have been named co-Directors of Activities for 2006!

Sean spent many summers at Kawanhee as a camper and counselor, most recently in 2004 as a ropes instructor and a resident of Moose Lodge. Since then he has graduated from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, with a B. A. in philosophy and a minor in politics, and worked last summer learning carpentry. This winter Sean was named head varsity lacrosse coach of Lakeside School in Seattle, alma mater of Bill Gates, and has been substitute teaching there as well. Sean is considering a career in teaching and plans to stay in the Pacific Northwest, hopefully returning to Kawanhee for the summers.

Ed has spent 17 summers at Kawanhee, beginning as an Eagle-lodger. Things have come full circle for Ed as a counselor, as he's been back in Eagle Lodge for the past several summers as senior counselor. He's also served as director of boating and last summer took on the role of director of Kawanhee's counselor-in-training program for 15 year-olds. Ed graduated from Ohio Northern University in 2005 with a major in integrated theatre and is currently a first-year teacher of eighth grade English, social studies and health in Somerset, Ohio.

These guys will no doubt bring tremendous energy and Kawanhee experience with them this summer, ensuring full and rewarding days for the entire Kawanhee crew.

Last camp season was a different experience for me, one full of growth and new perspective. Not only was I entering the season as a counselor for the first time, but also with the weight of both anticipation and apprehension at the news that all of the first year Junior Counselors were going to have the opportunity to experience an Outward Bound adventure. I was familiar with the idea of such programs from some of my friends who had gone on similar trips, and I had read about it in the packet of information that had been sent to me by Pete St. John over the summer, but the whole idea was still nervous-making. While the challenge seemed as though it would be both exciting and rewarding, the thought of ten days on a trail seemed more daunting than it did gratifying. On that first day back to camp, as I saw all of my fellow first year junior counselors for the first time in ten moons, there was one overarching question that high jacked all of our conversation: What in the world are we getting ourselves into?

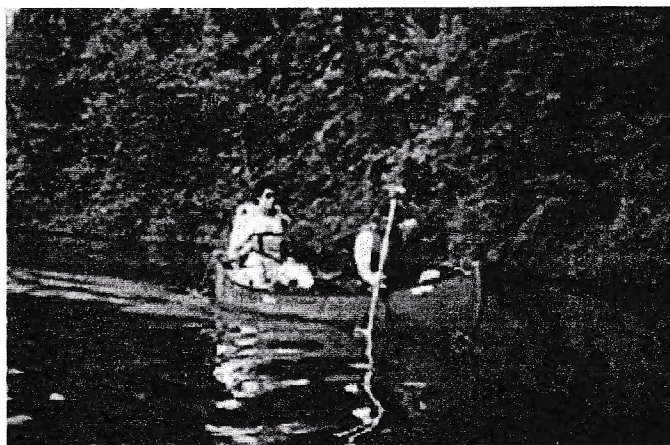
As can be imagined, the trip was faced with some initial resentment from most of us. Not only was it not optional, but it required sacrificing a sizable portion of a camp season that already seems to move way too fast. We all knew that whatever we were about to face was going to push us all out of our comfort zones and force us to challenge ourselves in all aspects, both physically and mentally. No one wanted to leave the extremely warm and safe camp grounds to go out into the cold and uncomfortable woods. It seemed that no sooner had we settled into our places in camp, finally getting to know both our kids and co-counselors, that we were being sent off all on our own with very little explanation or preparation for what we were about to face. While the trip was obviously something that the camp felt would strengthen us as a group as well as individuals, it was difficult to see as we were shipped out, how this trip would be very enjoyable. All of us could not help but be a little skeptical about whether this trip would be the best use of our time at camp.

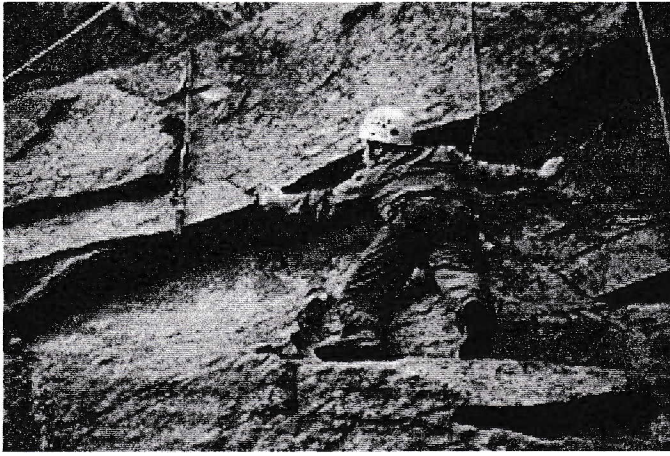
When we finally got out onto the trail, the experience shifted once again. There was no more use complaining about the injustice of being sent on this trip while the second year junior counselors got to go to Quebec. The decision had already been decided for us. We were all together, dropped in the middle of nowhere on the Appalachian Trail, and all we had were each other and the packs on our backs. We looked ahead and knew that the road would be long and challenging but there was no other choice but to get it done, and together we set off into the unknown. While it may have seemed as though the end was forever away, there was nothing left to do but to keep putting one foot in front of the other.

As advertised the trip was nothing if not challenging. It was a challenge physically, hiking upwards of eight miles a day on one of the most difficult stretches of the AT, and then paddling the entire length of Upper and Lower Richardson of the Rangeley Lakes. It was an

individual struggle as we were forced to push ourselves to keep going, through the heat, sweat, and mosquito bites, and then through the cold and the rain. It was a challenge as a group, as we all relied on each other to share the gear that we needed to carry, and to push each other to keep going through things like our two mile bushwhack or our canoe portage. We relied on each other for assurance and encouragement that we would all survive our overnight solo experiences. From the beginning to the end we were both alone as individuals to make sure that we pulled our own weight, and all together as one to make sure that each one of us made it through collectively. The challenge was placed in front of us and we achieved our goal.

The trip in itself turned out to be a once in a lifetime opportunity. I learned new things about backpacking and camping as well as about my fellow counselors. I saw amazing scenery and things that I would have never seen otherwise, and got to spend ten days with some of my closest friends. When it was over I was exhausted and ready to return to camp, but I was full of the satisfaction that I had really done something to be proud of. In remembering back on the trip and really thinking about what we accomplished in those ten days, I feel like much of the power of what I experienced was not in the trip itself, but in the reflection on all of the things that it took to make it happen. We all had to overcome our original resentment and come together to accomplish something that seemed impossible just 10 days earlier. We had to face all the challenges that the weather, the bugs, our bodies, and our guides provided for us and much of the power of the trip lay in how we emerged from it all so triumphantly. I am proud of myself for what I accomplished and even more so I am proud of all of the people with whom I experienced the trip, for we all took it like true Kawanhees and made the best of it all. I am only 18 years old but I know that I will not forget the ten days that I spent on my Outward Bound adventure, getting to know both myself and my friends in such an extraordinary circumstance. I would like to thank Camp Kawanhee for giving me yet another opportunity to learn about and understand both myself and others, as well as nature and the world around me.





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AUGUST 16th – 20th

This coming summer, Camp Kawanhee will be hosting its first-ever Family Camp. This program will run from August 16th – 20th, after the close of the regular camp season, for families, alumni, prospective campers and newcomers to participate in some of Kawanhee's activities in its extraordinary setting on Lake Webb. Activities will include swimming, archery, sailing, fishing in the Narrows, tennis, state-of-the-art ropes course, canoeing, arts and crafts, day hikes up Tumbledown, Bald Mountain or Center Hill, gold panning, basketball and softball. Families and individuals are able to stay one, two, three or all four nights at a reasonable cost, which includes sleeping accommodations, meals and programs.

Family Camp offers a wonderful opportunity for families, groups or individuals to enjoy a vacation in a beautiful setting. It is an ideal location and opportunity for a family reunion, or for a family considering Camp Kawanhee for their son.

We have begun taking registrations, and encourage you to get yours in soon. If you have any questions or wish to request registration information, please contact:

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Hope to see you this summer!

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