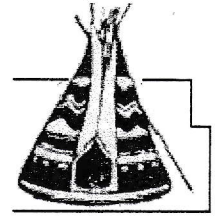


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OUR COMMUNITY by Pete St. John, Camp Director

This summer's Kawanhees hail from all over, from Seattle to Tucson, from Puerto Rico to Aurora, Maine. Several boys have joined us from overseas, and as you walk around camp, you can hear smatterings of French, German, and Spanish mixed in with the usual discussion of tetherball rules, boating, Hank Aaron League games, and archery awards.

A diverse community, and yet we have no sense of diversity at all: our place is Hawk Lodge, or Beaver Lodge, or Falcon Lodge, all part of Kawanhee. We work at our citizenship. The lodges go on swim trips together, or feast on late night pizza, or show up bright and early for Polar Bear together. When a couple of JMG knives turned up missing at the start of the summer, the owners asked for their return and got them back. When tempers flare in the lodge, the counselors are there to talk through the issues with the boys to maintain the atmosphere of mutual respect which is the central hallmark of the Kawanhee experience.

Our camp friendships are stronger and the lessons learned are more vivid the more we build on our community in this way. This week, Kawanhees will ascend Tumbledown to conduct a cleanup of the summit area (including bringing down an aluminum boat which has been abandoned up there!), and we will send a team to scrape and paint the cemetery fence on the #6 road as part of our role within the larger Weld community. As a direct result, our boys will appreciate their environment all the more!

KAWANHEE IS THE BEST!

by Pedro Mairata

This camp has a lot of things to do. When you look around it is very beautiful! There are a lot of activities to do in the lake and out of the lake. I was good in soccer when I came to camp, but now I'm getting better in archery and other activities. This camp is good in activities, food, lake, and free time.



It also has very good counselors! I don't want to go to any other camp. Kawanhee is the best!

RIFLE TOURNAMENT AT CARIBOU

Two teams, 15-and-under and 12-and-under, represented Kawanhee at Camp Caribou last week. The participants for the 12-and-under team were: Jacob Fogel, Jose Fernandez, Pedro Sadde, Carlos Tamames, and Harry Wellborn. Shooting for the 15-and-under were Spencer Davis, Alex Forbes, Gaston de Kergommeaux.

Both teams proudly came in 2nd place. The top scores for the 12-and-under was Jacob Fogel shooting 88 points out of a possible 100. For the 15-and-under, Kawanhee's top scorer was Spencer Davis with 93 points out of a possible 100. All the boys did a great job and were excellent representatives for the camp.

Baseball, an exciting activity!

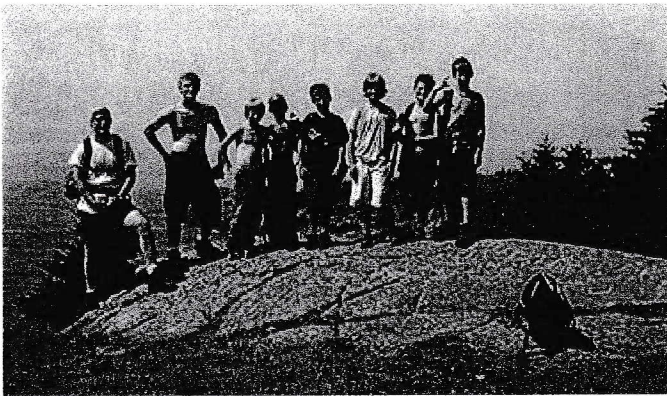
KAWANHEE TRIPS

by Forrest Weihe

I've been a camper for six weeks now, and every trip I have been on was a blast!! The first one I went on was the hike up Mount Blue. When we stopped to have a water break, I realized I had forgotten my water bottle in the van. Al Spencer was kind enough to let me drink some of his water.

The second trip I went on was the trip to Monhegan. We went geocaching, and we hiked all around the island. Also, there was a museum at the lighthouse that we went to.

The very last trip I went on was the canoe overnight. We paddled eight miles. That was a blast! Personally, the trips I've been on have made my year at camp even more fun!



Taking a break from a hike on Monhegan Island

SWIMMING REPORT

Things are going swimmingly on the beach this summer. After a rainy first week, the clouds cleared (mostly), and campers have been passing levels at a mad rate. Captains Dan Alexander and Juan de la Lastra have also been busy, getting members of their teams across the lake, and there have even been some Bass Rock swims already thanks to their efforts. There are over 40 people working on the Ten Mile Swim, and several have finished and are adding even more miles.

The Swimming staff is very strong this year, and everyone appreciates the attitude and work ethic of the campers. Great things are happening!

KAWANHEE ARCHERY

by Nancy van den Honert

It's hard to believe the camp season is over half over. We have had many "adventures" in Archery to date that the time has flown.

Our regular program continues as the campers shoot for Camp Archery Association and Junior Olympic Archery Development medals. To date, over 200 medals have been earned as well as a Junior C Robin Hood shot by Alfonso Rodriguez LeBron.

We also have participated in two tournaments to date. The first occurred July 6th at Camp Caribou where our 12-and-under team came in 2nd, our 15-and-under team came in 2nd, but our combined score earned us a 1st place overall finish! Spencer Davis, one of our 15-and-under archers was 2nd overall in his age division. Kudos to Spencer! Members of the 12-and-under team included Jamie Bolon, Miguel Diaz, Peter Erf, Alex Palmer, Dylan Rouda, and Shea Rouda. Our 15-and-under team included Spencer Davis, Gaston de Kergommeaux, Robert DiPrima, Alex Forbes, Guillermo Fortuno, and Matt St. John.

Our second tournament was the annual Kawanhee-Fernwood Pairs Tournament. In this tournament, each Kawanheean is paired with a Fernwood shooter. The pairs compete against each other. We again took two teams including Eric Berry, Royce Broadright, Peter Erf, Blaise Mariner, Alex Palmer, and Dylan Rouda in the 12-and-under category and Seth Berry, T.J. Dardet, Gaston de Kergommeaux, Robert DiPrima, Garret Rich-Wilson, and Matt St. John in the 15-and-under division. After a very close competition the winners were: Dylan Rouda and partner in 3rd, Blaise Mariner and partner in 2nd, and Peter Erf and partner in 1st in the younger division. Meanwhile, Matt St. John and partner took 3rd, Gaston de Kergommeaux and partner took 2nd and Garret Rich-Wilson and his partner took 1st in the older division. In addition to shooting well, our archers had a terrific time.

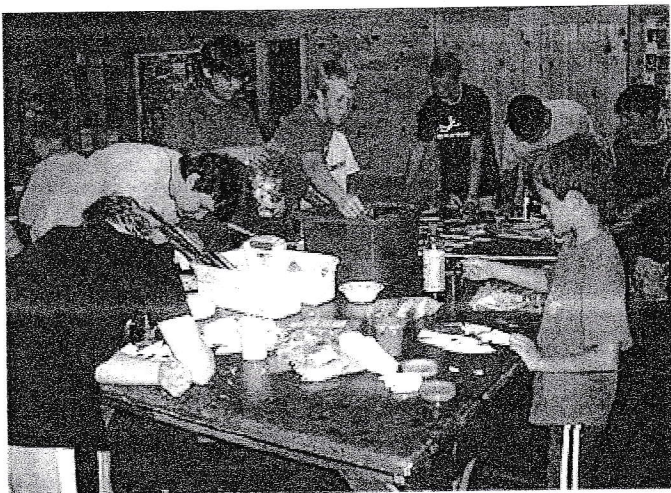
As we enter the last three weeks of camp, our focus will return to medals and Robin Hood awards. Chuck Compher, Paige Berry, and I look forward to many happy endings!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

by Kris Simanek

On Tuesday, July 18th, campers awoke to a special surprise arranged by Camp Mom, Debi Sullivan. It was Halloween in July! The Dining Hall and Rec Hall were decorated, and each lodge's table had candy and surprises for the campers. During rest hour the lodges carved watermelons, which were later lit up and put on display on the Rec Hall porch. There were some very creative and unique designs by all of the lodges. During the afternoon the Rec Hall was transformed into a mask-making and face painting gallery - where once again creative talents were exhibited. The activities did not stop there. For several days the Junior Counselors had been hard at work creating the secret Haunted "Trout". The JC's did a terrific job transforming Trout Lodge into Kawanhee's own haunted house. As the evening drew toward dusk, campers and staff lined up by the droves to tempt their fate as they meandered through the haunted maze. What these brave souls were perhaps not anticipating were the scare tactics employed by the JC's in costume hidden throughout the fog-filled maze. Screams and laughter echoed from the haunted house throughout the evening, which indicated the level of success the haunted house had. While all of this was going on, CITs told scary stories to suspecting campers in the library while some campers trick-or-treated.

It was an extremely fun-filled evening for everyone, and many thanks to all that made this day and evening possible. Special thanks goes out to the Town of Weld Recreation Program for allowing us to borrow the Halloween haunted house decorations and supplies.



WITH A BANG!

The campers the 1st four weeks of camp have shown a lot of interest and enthusiasm on the Range. The following campers have received the following NRA medals:

Pro-Markman

Danny Griffin
Andrew Peck
Drake William

Pro-Markman, Markman

Jose Colberg
Carlos Jogler
Alfonso Rodriguez Lebron
Yan Rodriguez
Christian Torchia
Thomas Velez

Pro-Markman, Markman, Markman First Class

Blaise Mariner

Pro-Markman, Markman, Markman First Class,

Sharpshooter

Nate Berry
Stephen Church

Markman

Juan Juglar
Fernando Carraquillo
Brian Wajda

Markman, Markman First Class

Enrique Garcia Thompson

Markman First Class

Fernando Carraquillo

Markman First Class, Sharpshooter

Trace Rouda

Sharpshooter

Ryan Erf
Jose Fernandez
Aaron Lazarus

Bar 1

Guillermo Fortunio

Bar 1, Bar 2

Jimmy Walker

Bar 2

Sam Johnson
Carlos Tamamas

Bar 2, Bar 3

James Bolon
Sam Freidlander
Ben Standen

Bar 4

Ned Carson
Gaston de Kergommeaux

Bar 5

Pedro Sadde

Bar 6

Spencer Davis

Bar 9

Harry Wellborn

NEXT WIGWAM ISSUE

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.

NATURE

Nature 2006 is really hopping, jumping and slithering along. Once again frog and snake catching seem to be the favorite camper activities. The Nature staff this year is comprised of: Rebecca Altmaier, Tim Walsh, and Dotty Jones-Estabrook. Many levels are being passed with the new level system, which provides five to six diverse activities at each level from which the campers must choose two or three. These specific activities allow for the campers to develop a more extensive, broad-based knowledge and appreciation of nature.

So far the Nature Department has been on several field trips, including: owl calling at Mt. Blue State Park, and a nature walk at Center Hill. A future trip is planned to the Maine Wildlife Preserve in Gray, Maine, where orphaned and injured animals and birds are kept until they can be released back into the wild.

Lapidary is up and running with many beautiful pieces of jewelry being completed. Soon many of you will be the proud owners of these marvelous pieces, which were lovingly shaped by your camper's hands. Enjoy!!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

by Alejandro Sanchez-Navarro

Thursday, August 3rd, Hawk and Beaver lodge had the pleasure of being invited to Jane and Walter Estabrooks summer cabin at Pine Point for what we call "Ice Cream at the Estabrook's". I was ecstatic when I heard the Estabrooks were bringing back the long practiced tradition of inviting two lodges in camp over for ice cream.

When my campers arrived, their eyes were sparkling at the site of ice cream, whipped cream and chocolate syrup and their ears speedily became alert to the sound of stories by Mr. and Mrs. Estabrook. The campers and I had a marvelous time getting to know the Estabrooks and flipping through old catalogs from the 1920's. The campers had an amusing time finding pictures of me eleven years ago and making fun of how small and dorky I once was.

The residence has one of the most spectacular panoramic views of Lake Webb, which always provides for absolute serenity. The age gap was no hindrance to the making of friends. The warm inviting smiles of the Estabrooks let my 11-year-old campers feel right at home.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP... AND NEVER STOP!!!

by Linda Lou Fairbanks, Shop Assistant

We are having a great season in Shop, with many "traditional" projects in the works, as well as a few new ones specially designed by the boys. As I sit at my painting area I frequently ponder the wisdom of George Frank's decision to put the shop area upstairs. When the building was first built I imagine the view must have been spectacular and one could actually see the whole Camp area as well as the lake activities. Now the beautiful pine trees have reached for the sky and our view is limited. But we are lucky to be able to still look out the windows and see the boys playing soccer or volleyball; watch the boys tie knots in the sailing department; see boys attempting their rollovers in the kayaks, watch them canoeing in the cove or swimming their laps. I suspect George Frank would consider himself lucky too.

This summer we welcomed a veteran Kawanheean of fifteen years to the Shop - Chris Yardley. He had a hankering for the shores of Lake Webb and decided to join us in Shop (much to Brian's delight I might add!) He has taken to shop like a pro and all the boys enjoy his quick wit, sense of humor, and of course his musical talents.

If you are a parent, make sure to ask your son(s) to tell you about their Shop time this summer. I can confidently say all the boys have worked hard and earned high marks for their diligence and willingness to go the extra "mile". We even had a lodge (Falcon) expand on our motto: Shop 'Til You Drop by adding "And Never Stop!"

KAWANHEE CONTRIBUTIONS

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