

## Week Two – The Sounds of FUN! – Dan Webster

I told a friend back home recently that I have the best soundtrack “piped” in through my office window – it is the sound of FUN! The kind of fun campers are having is constructive fun; they are building relationships, refining and building motor skills, and playing outside. Wait a minute; this sounds familiar, could it be....Fun With a Purpose? Yes, that’s it! The living expression of one of Kawanhee’s age-old values playing itself out in timeless tradition, as much a part of the scenery as birch trees and sunsets.



Speaking of sunsets it has been a particularly good summer for sunsets. Everyone who has spent time at Camp Kawanhee has their own collection of CK Sunset photos. It’s a picture perfect setting all right. Six miles across Lake Webb, in the natural gap between West Mountain and the Tumbledown Range the sun sets each night like a baseball falling into a glove. The Kawanhee sunset is a highlight event. Campers, counselors and staff start meandering down near the beachfront as the colors begin to change. Some run back to grab a camera, while others stick around to share some conversation and provide play-by-play commentary as the clouds and light change while the sun takes its apparent dive to the west. Some are amazed to hear that it’s actually us that are spinning “backwards” away from the sun, but these are the kinds of conversations that flow naturally when we pay attention to what’s going on around us.

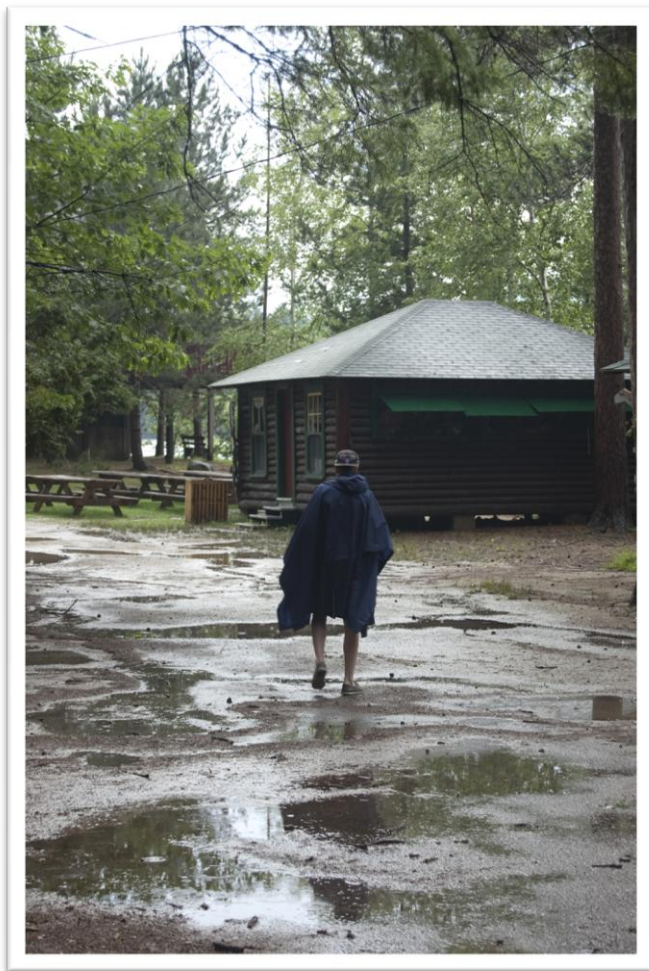




The Tripping Department wrapped up their day-hike schedule by taking the Master Campers (Badger and Crow) up the 4100' Mt Abram, always a challenging hike even for the older campers. The last day trip was with the little Eagle Lodgers. Alex, Samir, and Ben led them on an adventurous, stream-crossing scramble to Angel Falls, Maine's highest waterfall – truly a day to remember for the little Eagles! Now they are finishing their preparations for the third week trip to Monhegan Island, which has been very popular for sign-ups this year! At least 30 campers plan on making the trip to this beautiful Maine isle, 11 miles off the coast.



Meanwhile on and in the lake, over a dozen campers took advantage of a half day SCUBA excursion led by the PADI certified Maine Divers. It has been great to hear the campers excitedly tell stories of swimming under the docks and touching a small mouth bass, and even pulling out a few antique soda bottles. What a great opportunity!



One of the highlights of the week had to be the news-making storm on Wednesday. The storm hit with thunder, lightning, heavy rain, and winds that gusted to over 50 miles per hour! We were safely gathered in the Dining Hall for dinner when the power went out – huge cheers of course! The power did not get restored until lunch the next day (even bigger cheers)! That evening was magical as the storm cleared and no one even missed the electricity which is not required for tetherball, ping pong, basketball, exploring, talking with friends, and watching the sunset. The next morning all activities carried on without electricity. I am very proud of how the camp pulled together to make the most out of a challenging situation. And huge thanks and admiration goes to our kitchen staff who prepared and cleaned up three meals without power! The spirit of teamwork is strong at Camp Kawanhee!







“What most campers should do is to sign up for a Tumbledown Mountain hike. It is a pretty good way to get good views and fresh air, and once you get to the top you can say you climbed Tumbledown. Then, you can go to Crater Lake and swim to Blueberry Island. That is why you'd climb Tumbledown. “

Ricky, Beaver Lodge



# Koviashuvik Koviashuvik

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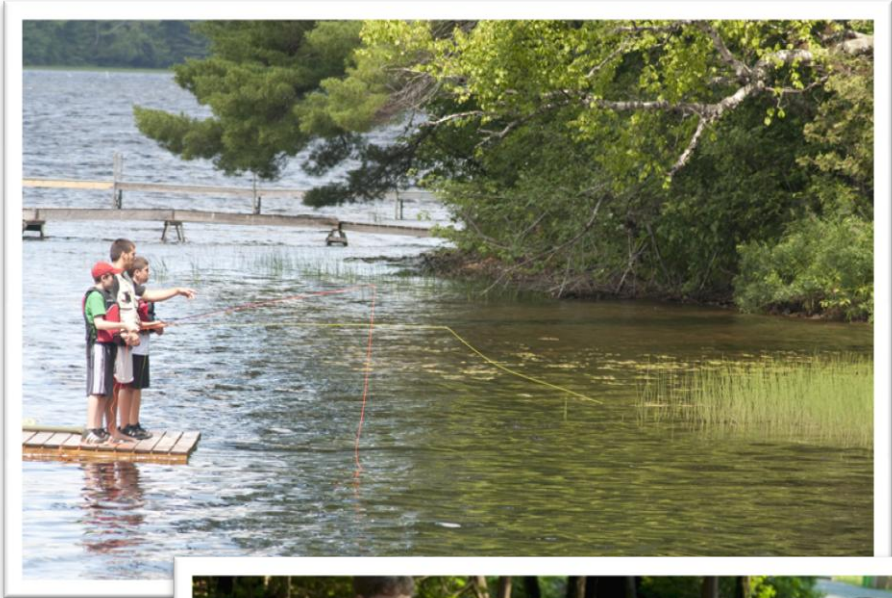
During the second week all the junior counselors went to Koviashuvik in Temple, ME to build canoe paddles. During that time, we learned much more than paddle making. Koviashuvik's leader Chris Knapp showed us his amazing lifestyle, based on how he lives off of nature's gifts only. We spent hours on shaping a piece of poplar wood into a fully functional canoe paddle. But when we weren't working on paddles we were creating meals using fires instead of stoves, swimming in a beautiful lake and learning about the amazing energy-efficient and effective ways that they decided to live. They created farmland and grew strawberries, carrots and basil to name a few crops. There were cellars made from boulders and mud that could store food for years. These lifestyles and ideas keep a stable and peaceful place that would be able to last for decades. No wonder Koviashuvik means "a place of joy in the present."











## PICTURE TRIVIA

*Name this camper from the 2003 Camp Season.*



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