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Camp Kawanhee for Boys ~ Weekly Newsletter ~ 2013 Camp Season - Week Five - Issue 30

## Sea Dog Sunday

by Dan Webster, Camp Director

“Take me out to the ball game...” goes the famous song; well how about “take the entire camp out to the ball game?” That’s been a tradition here at Camp Kawanhee for a few years now, and while it’s not exactly a surprise anymore, we keep it a little bit of a secret until game day! Yes, we loaded up almost 200 Kawanhees and headed to Hadlock Field in Portland for nine innings of Sea Dog fun!

Camp Kawanhee campers and staff are well known for their sportsmanship and ability to have a great time almost anywhere, and this past Sunday was no exception. A little rain on the bus trip down cast a few doubts, but by the time we reached the ball park it was warm, overcast (i.e. no sunburns), and no rain – game on!

First of all, we had fantastic seats, almost right in back of Home Plate on the third base side. We filled up an entire seating section reserved just for us. Counselors always make a point of leading team-building cheers and getting the kids up for dancing when the fill music comes on, but always making sure that the focus is on the game and not a distraction.

However, we did catch the attention of people in the control booths, who gave us thumbs up and thanked us repeatedly for our Sea Dog love! One man from the crowd several sections away above the dugout came over and asked us if we’d sing Happy Birthday to his seven year old son Rowen. “Of course!” we all replied. When the man returned to his seat he waved his arms and we sang a rousing Happy Birthday with a “Rowen, Rowen, Rowen” chant on the end – and the crowd cheered and applauded along with us.

To top it all off, the Sea Dogs had a great game! They achieved a 3-2 come from behind victory with a single shot homer that put them permanently in the lead. Over-





all there were 15 hits and a number of great plays including an inning-ending throw from right field that prevented a tying run from being scored. Sea Dogs games are great way to kick off the sixth week of camp!





# New Chess and Checkers Tournaments Get Underway

by Michael Altmaier

With the arrival of thirty new campers, I've started new chess and checkers tournaments at Kawanee. There were more sign ups for these two tournaments than the early season tournaments and I decided to divide both tournaments into two halves. The checkers tournament has a senior and junior division and the chess tournament has a counselor and camper division. The tournament brackets are set up and already a few matches have been completed. Antonio F. of Bear lodge has already played his way into the semi-finals of the checkers tournament. We hope to have the tournaments finished during the last week of camp, but we'll have updates next week.





# End of season Tennis tournaments Get Started

by Michael Altmaier

The end-of-the season tennis tournaments have started at Camp Kawanhee. We are having two singles tournaments and one doubles tournament. The singles tournaments have been divided into the junior and senior divisions. The junior division tourney was open to all campers in the Junior C, Junior B, and Junior A age groups that we have here at Kawanhee. The senior division includes all senior campers and junior counselors. We are also having a large doubles tournament for the entire camp.

Charlie L. (winner of the early season tournament) is the number one seed in the senior division and Jeff K. is the second seed. Jeff was not with us until this past week so he couldn't enter our early season tournament. Inigo P. of Wildcat and Ricky F. of Wildcat are both considered favorites in the junior division. After both tournaments are completed, the finalists will play a four man tournament to decide who is the best overall player in camp. The doubles tournament also promises to be a strong tournament and it will exciting to find out who is the best doubles team in camp. I will have tournament updates in the next issue of the e-Wigwam.





# Kawanhee Sailing

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by Lee Pagni - Sailing Instructor

As a newcomer to Kawanhee and the sailing department, I arrived at camp this summer with a mixture of excitement and trepidation. However, when I first looked through the sailing department during pre-camp my initial nervousness turned into downright anxiety. I was overwhelmed by the sheer number of masts, booms, sails, lines, rudders, and tillers that we needed to fit to boats. Now, 6 weeks later, looking out at our fleet in the cove and along the beach and docks of Kawanhee, my apprehension has turned to pride. The number and diversity of vessels we have to offer our campers is truly impressive. To paraphrase an old expression: "No man ever sails the same sea twice, for its not the same sea and he is not the same man." At Camp Kawanhee, a camper could certainly come for seven weeks and not sail the same boat twice. As someone who has sailed a wide range of vessels, I know that having a variety of boats is key to creating well-rounded sailors.

The current fleet consists of our large boats: the two vintage Cape Cod Knockabouts *Seahawk* and *Seagull* (undergoing restoration), the 1955 *Lightning*, the *Flying Scot*, and a Hobie Cat *Geta-way* Catamaran. We also have a number of small catboats including a Sunfish, a Minifish, several Aquafinns, Lasers and a Force 5 racing boat. In ad-





dition to this fleet, we were extremely fortunate this year to have an exciting addition- eight new Flying Junior (FJ) racing sloops generously donated by a group of alumni and supporters. These boats, originally designed as a training vessel for Olympic-class sailing, are commonly used in many collegiate sailing programs and were purchased this winter from the Moses Brown School in Rhode Island. So, in addition to offering diversity of sailing options, our campers can now take part in racing regattas using identical equipment. The Kawanhee sailing department now has the best of both worlds- diversity and consistency.

Many summer sailing programs couldn't attempt to keep so many types of boats because each one offers



the challenge of different systems, structures, and materials to maintain and repair. But it's clear to me that Camp Kawanhee cares about its sailors. They have not taken the easy road by sticking with a fleet of the same boats where parts and repairs are more homogeneous. Just like our campers, our fleet is diverse in both person-





ality and ability. When the winds arrive (or even if they don't), our sailing staff has the choice of 10 different types of boats to send our campers out in. A new sailor can try one of our four types of cat boats (single-mast/single sail). A more advanced sailor might try an FJ or one of the two types of advanced catboats. Advanced crews can take out one of our larger sloops for a sail up around Bass Rock. The catamaran works especially well because it is a tremendously fast and fun boat when there is wind, but it can also act as a mobile swim platform when the winds have died, the heat has arrived and the kids just want to cool down!

One important implication of that old saying about sailing is that with time and experience we each grow to be different people who have had a variety of experiences. With so many different sailboats to try, the Kawanhee sailing department does a phenomenal job of offering our young sailors the opportunity to grow through working with and enjoying a wide variety of sailing vessels.



Flying Junior (FJ), one of eight -  
now part of the Kawanhee Fleet.



# The Train Trip to Kawanhee

by Michael Altmaier

My article this week on a look back at Kawanhee history is to reflect back on a unique part of our past- the overnight train ride that took campers from Ohio to camp. Today, a majority of campers are brought to camp by parents. A few campers fly into Boston and Portland, but even some of those campers are escorted by parents in some cases. And it is that way at the close of camp also. A great majority of campers leave with parents right after the awards ceremony on the last Saturday of camp. A few campers fly home on Sunday.

In the 1960s, the make up of camp was different than it is today. Today, we have campers from all over the U.S. and the world. In the 1960s, half the camp was from New Jersey and half was from Ohio. It had been that way since the founding of camp in 1920. The reason was simple. The two founders of camp, R.C. and George Frank, lived in those two states and each recruited about half the camp. We had very few campers from other areas.

I was one of the Ohio boys, recruited by George Frank and Walter Estabrook on a snowy Sunday at the Estabrook household in 1964. Getting to camp was also very different in those days. The Ohio campers took an overnight train ride from Union Station in Columbus to Boston. In Boston we met the campers from New Jersey and we all took buses the rest of the way to camp. The New Jersey campers had a much more relaxed one day bus trip from New York City to Boston. When we arrived in camp, it was an exciting moment. Basically, 95 % of the campers arrived on that bus. Very few campers arrived in other ways.

The train trip was an exciting excursion for a very excitable boy from Bexley. I remember Union Station in Columbus as a large dusty train station that was largely empty. As a history buff I remember I had learned that Abraham Lincoln's



**body had passed through the station on the way to his funeral in Illinois in 1865. Looking at the largely empty station I remarked that perhaps he was the last person who had passed through the station. My parents told me to be quiet. Mr. Frank was checking campers in. I remember we had to give him a key to our foot locker, which had been shipped to camp and would be waiting for us at Kawanhee. I found out later that Mr. Frank had spent many weeks in Maine getting camp ready and then returned to Columbus to escort all of us to camp. I often wondered if he took the train back to Columbus. Mr. Frank was probably into his seventies in those days and was our chaperone in name only. The real leader of the trip was Chuck Hoffhine, a longtime counselor and boating director.**

**I remember the exciting time of going down to the platform and boarding the train. We left at about 6:00 in the evening. We basically followed the same route that my car has traveled from Columbus to Boston many times. We went through Cleveland, and then Erie, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, and then into Massachusetts and Boston. I remember we always picked up a camper in Cleveland- a friend named Bruce. One of the most memorable stops was Buffalo where they would change locomotives and we would be stuck there for a long time. It was about 2:00am as I recall. We would also stop in Rochester, Syracuse and Albany. Of course, it was a fun time with lots of talking, junk food, and having a good time. We had to sleep or try to sleep in our seats. We didn't have any cabins. Believe me, there was little sleeping going on.**





## Week Five – Top Ten

- (1) Ricky F. - Wildcat 2,540**
- (2) Luca C. - Wildcat 1,900**
- (3) Antonio F. - Bear 1,755**
- (4) Peter B. - Bear 1,430**
- (5) Inigo P. - Wildcat 1,340**

- (6) Drew C. - Coyote 1,320**
- (7) Dennis K. - Coyote 1,270**
- (8) Gonzalo C. - Deer 1,220**
- (9) Alex R. - Beaver 1,100**
- (10) Charlie L. - Loon 1,080**

**Greys (37,860)            -            Maroons (30,369)**

*“Have fun and the points will come”*





## Week Five Lodge Photos

Because camp is such a busy place, we cannot guarantee that these e-Wigwam Lodge photos will have everyone in them.

Thank you for your understanding.



EAGLE  
LODGE





FALCON LODGE



PINE TREE LODGE





HAWK LODGE



DEER LODGE





BEAVER LODGE



MOOSE LODGE





LYNX LODGE



WILDCAT LODGE



# TROUT LODGE



# COYOTE LODGE





BEAR LODGE



LOON LODGE





BADGER LODGE

CROW LODGE  
(COMING NEXT WEEK)  
SORRY



# Kawanhee Mealtime Trivia!

by Michael Altmaier

Another exciting week of mealtime trivia and we've added 30 new campers to meals, so that has added to the excitement. Here are this week's questions and answers.

1. Why did Clark Kent fail his army induction exam?
2. What was the first internal organ to be transplanted in an operation?
3. According to PGA rules a golfer has how much time to look for a lost ball?
4. What ancient sport gave us the phrase "turning point?"
5. What is the score of a forfeited baseball game?
6. What is the largest organ of the human body?
7. What team activity (done occasionally at Kawanhee) was an Olympic sport from 1900-1920 and the winner goes backwards?
8. The United States is the largest country in the world named after a person. What is the second largest country in the world named after a person?
9. What planet is closest to earth in size, density and mass?
10. What is the most money you can have (all in coins) and still not make change for a dollar?

*((Answers On Last Page))*



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## Trivia Answers:

1. He failed his eye exam by reading an eye chart in an adjoining room.
2. kidney
3. five minutes
4. chariot races
5. 9-0
6. the skin
7. tug of war
8. Saudi Arabia - after the Saud family
9. Venus
10. \$1.19

See you next week!

## Announcements:



Please check out our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Camp-Kawanhee-for-Boys/132213696858301?ref=hl>

I hope to upload week six photos on Sunday.

The password for all of the Kawanhee Photo galleries can be found in the email that sent this newsletter to you.

Please email [gibby@kawanhee.com](mailto:gibby@kawanhee.com) with any questions.

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