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Today is the first day of spring and our thoughts are quickly and longingly turning towards Camp Kawanhee '08! It has been a very busy winter with many recruiting trips and a wonderful opportunity to meet new and old friends, alumni, current campers and prospective campers. Thank you to all the families who have so generously opened their homes to host these gatherings! To date, we have more new campers than we did last summer and are on track to exceed the new camper count for any year in the past 10 years! Your referrals and support and spreading the good word about Kawanhee have definitely paid off.

The snow in camp still stands at 4 to 5 feet. Hard to believe that it will be melted in time for opening day! Wallis Tyler and Andrew Altmaier have spent many hours shoveling our roofs which have been in danger of collapsing with all of the snow build up. We have many plans for the 2008 season, including the

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We still have openings for campers for '08 but are filling quickly. If you haven't gotten your application in but are planning to attend, please send it to us as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to another great summer! Below is the list of campers for '08 to date!!!

Chase McReynolds Mac McReynolds Sean Murphy Chris Mykrantz Matt Natelli Jonathan Nichols Luis Nolla Quinn O'Neill Teagen Pado Ricardo Pla Jake Ponsky Carlos Prado Luke Randall Sam Revnolds Alfonso Rodriguez Eduardo Rodriguez Emlyn Rooks-Hughes Dylan Rouda Shea Rouda Trace Rouda Colt Salerno Rye Salerno Fernando Sanchez-Calero Mac Sashin Bobby Savini Ferd Schoedinger Chris Schwagerl

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In order for Kawanheeans to achieve The White K on their canoe paddle they must travel ³/₄ mile across frozen Lake Webb in winter and back to camp. This year 30 people gathered and made the trek. Their story is shown below:

EXCITEMENT ON BASS ROCK 2008 by Mark Sengelmann

An intrepid band of Kawanheeans led by Captain Tim Bolon, Ed Watson and Camp Kawanhee Board President John Estabrook returned to the Webb Lake Shore for the weekend of February 15 – February 17, 2008. The purpose of their return was to make the trip to Bass Rock over the frozen lake. The weather on Saturday, February 16th was 25 degrees and sunny with a light wind – a perfect day to be outdoors in Maine.

Last summer, Tim Bolon and I hatched the idea for a group of campers to travel from Columbus to Weld so the boys could experience Kawanhee in winter and have the rare 'White K' painted onto their paddles. Captain Tim Bolon and his crew (Will Ryan, Issac Ackers, Ben Zambito, Jamie Bolon, Drake Williams, AJ Johnson and Dan Alexander) made the inaugural trip leaving Port Columbus on Friday, February 15th at 8 a.m. Captain Tim rented a van and set off for Freeport for a deluxe two-hour snowshoeing lesson, lunch at the historic Jameson Tavern and a visit to the brand new LL Bean Hunting and Fishing store. There was a President's Day sale in the store where leather and fur slippers were on sale for \$10 each pair.

After shopping at LL Bean's, Captain Tim and his crew went to the Farmington Motel and Spa. Supper was at the Grainery where the group was joined by Tash Doughty, BA Altmaier, Andrew Altmaier and Matt St. John. Early to bed and early to rise for a big Saturday was what they will always remember.

It was 9 degrees when we awoke. Ed Watson, BA and Rebecca joined the group for breakfast. Local outdoorsman, Chris Yardley, Ed, Rebecca and I headed over to camp to break trail. Captain Tim and the boys rented snowshoes from former Camp Kawanhee staffer, DJ Jones. On the way to camp, we stopped by another local outdoorsman, John Bell's home to pick up Ferd and Ferdie Schoedinger and their two snowmobiles.

John Estabrook had the 5-foot iced snowbank plowed from the beginning of the camp road to the gate. When we arrived, there was 3 feet of soft snow at the gate and there were tracks of John and Sarah Estabrook heading down the camp road. We all put on our snowshoes and trekked across the basketball court and past the Nature Builidng to the center of camp. Without snowshoes, you would sink deep into the snow past your knees!

Soon Captain Bolon's crew arrived with John and Riley Bell. Rich Estabrook, his daughter, Kristen, and her friend, Anne cross-country skied into camp. Jane Standen, Mark Standen's mother arrived with Mark and Liz, Tim Johnson, Dan Alexander, Tash Doughty, Ben and BA Altmaier. Then the whole group set out across frozen Lake Webb for Bass Rock. Boys raced across the

lake toward Bass Rock. In the last 50 yards, Tash Doughty pulled ahead of Ben Altmaier after he tripped over his snowshoes and faceplanted. Tash claimed the first spot on Bass Rock. Shortly thereafter, Richard and Naomi Doughty arrived at Bass Rock on cross country skis. Twenty-one people were pictured together at Bass Rock and we think that an additional ten stragglers also made the trip to Bass Rock.

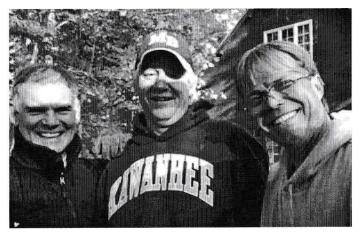


The newest white "K" Club members

After the fresh path was made by shoeshoers, Ferd and Ferdie Schoedinger were able to drive the snowmobiles over that route. Ferd and I snowmobiled around camp and took everyone who wanted to take a thrilling ride over the pressure ridges in the ice. Liz Standen and I even saw a rare river otter playing in the snow in the Narrows!!

We headed back to camp and then out to Pine Point where John and Rich turned on the heat and welcomed us into their cabin. John Bell provided much needed hot chocolate and everyone shared a late lunch. There was more camp exploring and then we returned to the camp road.

Dave and Patty Alexander invited everyone over to their new farmhouse for a homemade English chili dinner and a Euchre card tournament. The delicious English chili was made by Cheryl England of the Lake Webb House Bed & Breakfast. We were joined near the warm fireplace at Dave and Patty's cozy house by Margo Jolly and her son, Matt St. John, Ted and Betty Simanek. A good time was had by all.



"Smiling faces for a job well done."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We are trying to build Camp Kawanhee's DVD library with camper appropriate DVD's. If anyone has any DVD's they would like to donate, we would so appreciate it!

Our former camper and counselor, Michael Kunze graduated from the University of Economics, Vienna, Austria with an MBA. He is now working in London for Hill & Knowlton, an international PR firm.

CAMP KAWANHEE HONOR ROCKERS

You may have noticed last summer, the new rocking chairs on the Rec Hall porch. Those chairs were donated in honor of Kawanheeans of the past. If you would like to donate a rocker in memory of, or in honor of, a special friend or relative, please send an email to liz@kawanhee.com and we can make it happen!

The chairs are made of a recycled material that do not need paint or maintenance, and can hold up to the wear and tear of camper use. They each cost, including shipping and a plaque attached to the back of the chair, \$350. This is a tax deductible gift to the George and Raymond Frank Foundation.



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MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED THESE GATHERINGS AND TO THOSE WHO HOSTED!!!!

Enjoy viewing the photos of the Kawanhee receptions on the next two pages.



"Boy, we can't wait to drink a delicious cup of hot chocolate"

Sunday dawned cold with the temperature of 4 degrees and was clear all day. Ferd and Ferdie Schoedinger met former counselor and local outdoorsman, Billy Proctor for some snowmobile trail riding in the morning. Captain Tim's crew slept in. After breakfast they came back to Alexander's house where

they found John and Kyle Tulloss visiting with Dave and Patty. We played more cards as the outside temperature warmed. Soon it was time for sledding at Upper Center Hill.

We drove to the ranger's hut and hiked to the top where we were joined by the Doughtys including brother Amos, Patty Alexander, Matt St. John and Steve Harvell. Our sleds and toboggans slid down the wide S curves made by the snowmobiles. The curves caused some crashes and wipeouts during the racing down the hill.

When we were getting tired hiking back up the long hill to the top, the Schoedingers arrived on their snowmobiles and gladly hauled everyone back to the top over and over again. We thanked them for their treat.

Then we returned to the Alexander's farm once more where Dave and Patty had warmed-up chili and hot chocolate ready for us. We changed out of our wet clothes and were warmed by the glowing fireplace. We played cards again and renewed our Euchre tournament. The great weekend came to an end when Captain Tim Bolon once again loaded up the van with the boys and drove to the airport for their trip back to Columbus, Ohio. Future plans are already being discussed for the next winter trip to Kawanhee and possible the slopes!!

Save the weekend of May 17 & 18, 2008 as a Camp Kawanhee Spring Alumni work weekend.

Planned activities include:

Peeling logs Handrail and Guardrail Repair Reroofing the Benua Water fountain Relocation of Ruhle Lean-to 15' back from the lake Assessment of current conditions of Buildings Assessment of current conditions of Grounds Mapping out pre-camp staff To Do List|
Cutting survey lines thru thick woods for new soccer field Painting- weather permitting

Story telling, singing, camp fires, smores and general merriment in a bug free environment- post mud season.

Please RSVP to me by 5/1/08 via email: mark@alphaarchitects.com

--- Mark Sengelmann, Chairman Building and Grounds Committee

During the weekend of last October 13-15, 2007, we had a great turnout -- about 11 staff, alumni and board members. Attendees included BA Altmaier, Mark Standen, Rich Estabrook, Ferd Schoedinger, Kate Schoedinger, Liza Schoedinger, Mark Sengelmann, Tim 'Tool Time' Vrabel, Rebecca Altmaier, Ed Watson, Chris Yardley and Chief Kawanhee. After four inches of rain on Friday during a fall storm, the skies cleared and we all enjoyed one of the last warm fall days with stunning foliage. We cut a new trail to the Ruhle Leanto behind Skookamee Beach, cleaned up the trim on the drinking fountain, painted the new-old CK paint colors on the Camp Mother's Cabin (CMC), raked/scraped moss and pine needles off the CMC and Rec Hall roofs and walked and measured the site for the proposed soccer/lacrosse field behind Campcraft.



"Do you think anyone will believe I really know how to use this chainsaw?"

Madrid, Spain









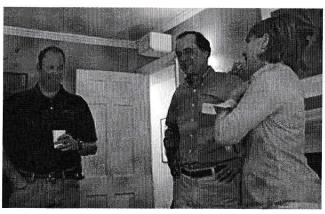


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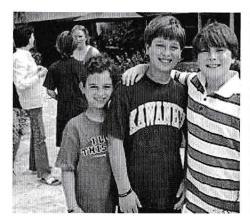




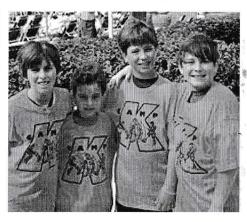




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