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## THE 2010 CAPTAINS –ANNOUNCED!

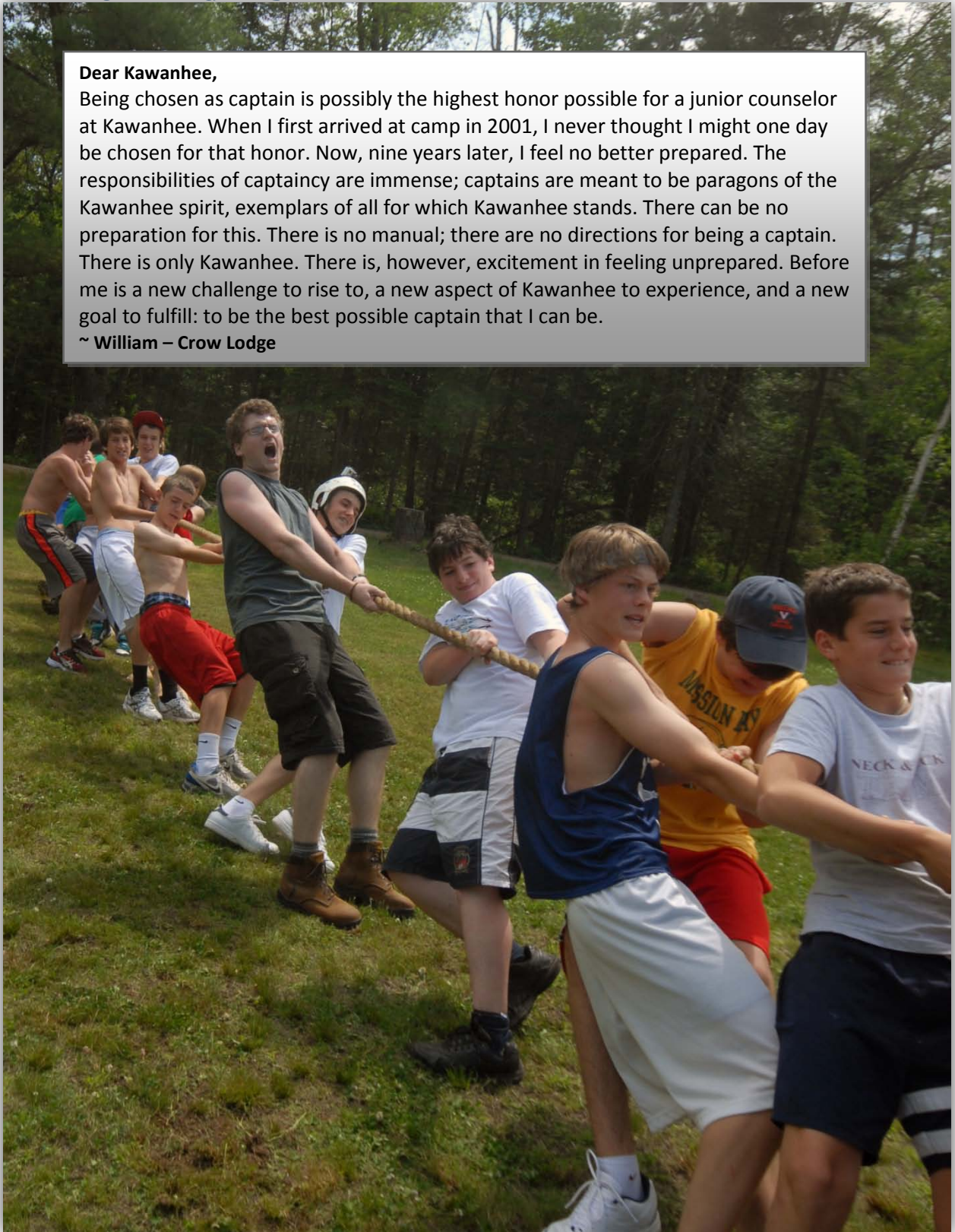
Friday marked the traditional announcement of the Grey and Maroon team captains. The dining hall was in an uproar with standing ovations as the much anticipated captains were announced. Teams were chosen and announced after rest hour. The annual start to the Grey/Maroon competition soon began with the Tug-o-War. The Grey team was victorious after two rounds. Saturday's competition was the ever popular Capture-the-Flag and campers came out with much enthusiasm to contend for their respective teams, but in the end the Maroon team was victorious. With a victory for each team, the competition is off to a great start!

## CAPTAIN OF THE GREYS!

**Dear Kawanhee,**

Being chosen as captain is possibly the highest honor possible for a junior counselor at Kawanhee. When I first arrived at camp in 2001, I never thought I might one day be chosen for that honor. Now, nine years later, I feel no better prepared. The responsibilities of captaincy are immense; captains are meant to be paragons of the Kawanhee spirit, exemplars of all for which Kawanhee stands. There can be no preparation for this. There is no manual; there are no directions for being a captain. There is only Kawanhee. There is, however, excitement in feeling unprepared. Before me is a new challenge to rise to, a new aspect of Kawanhee to experience, and a new goal to fulfill: to be the best possible captain that I can be.

~ William – Crow Lodge





## CAPTAIN OF THE MAROONS!



Dear Kawanhee,

The first thing I want to say is "thank you." Thank you for bestowing on me such great confidence; it is a great honor and I promise I will give my best.

One of my principal goals is to let the campers know how lucky they are (I am too) to be in this beautiful place, and try to show them how to take advantage of all that camps means.

Another priority I have is to make Spanish campers know that Kawanhee can be a great opportunity to discover how all the people around the world are, and to have relations with people from other cultures.

Finally, I want to establish that my principal achievement will be to make the campers have the best summer of their lives.

I just have to say thank you all again.

~ Ignacio – Pinetree Lodge

**“As the flames of the Central Fire of the Great Spirit rise toward the heavens,  
let the ideals of Kawanhee grow in your heart.”**

**–Chief Kawanhee**



At the end of the second full day of camp, all campers, staff, and privileged friends gathered at Council Point to summons Chief Kawanhee from his Happy Hunting Grounds and ask for his blessing upon our camp season. “Ohhh Kawanhee.....” echoed over the still waters of Lake Webb. As if an apparition, the Chief appeared out of the dark woods and stood before us. Moments later, sachems from the 2009 season read the message that had been buried some ten moons ago.

“Finish what you start; Take risks and be brave; Embrace the spirit of Kawanhee...” are some of the straight words that sachems uttered to fuse the '09 season with the season we are in. Chief Kawanhee thanked the young sachems, and called upon The Great Spirit to help us act well towards each other and to grow in peace and brotherhood. The Four Winds lit the fires of Truth, Cheerfulness, Brotherly Love, and Reverence. Soon after, the Central Fire sent its own shower of sparks high into the still night air.

The Coming of the Chief is one of the most sacred of the Kawanhee traditions. It starts the season off by bringing us together and pledging as one to use our time here wisely. As we go through the season campers and staff will many times have the chance to live “The Kawanhee Way”.

Revealing the identity of the Captains is another cornerstone upon which the entire summer is built. On Friday the DOAs announced that the 2010 Team Captains would be....William – JC Crow Lodge and Ignacio JC Pinetree Lodge! As I write they themselves do not know this and DOA’s Ben Connelly and Andrew Altmaier are planning (“scheming”) their means of delivering the news before they bring them to my office for the induction ceremony.

Soon teams will be selected and the kick-off activity, the Tug-of-War will commence on the athletic field. Our ninetieth season is in full stride!

**Dan Webster – Camp Director**

## The Truth Behind First Impressions: Trout Lodge

Since this is my 3rd year at camp, I've come to love it so much that my year boils down to the 45 weeks of boredom and 7 weeks of Kawanhee. But when I learned I was in Trout, I was worried as I had never been friends with the other campers in the lodge. But they welcomed me with open arms, and now I feel right at home. - **Pedro**

I came to camp this year hoping I would be in the same lodge with the same people as last year. However, I am in a new lodge with only a few of my old lodgemates, and yes, this year is still awesome! - **Drake**

At the beginning of the Kawanhee season I thought that it was not going to turn out well. I felt that because my friend Eddie was not in my lodge. It seems that I have already made lots of friends though, and I can tell this will be a great year. - **Brandon**

When I first came to Camp Kawanhee I was nervous about leaving home. But now that I'm settled in, I am happy with great friends and extraordinary counselors. I realized that you have fun at camp, but something else is living deep inside you. - **Max**

Before coming to camp I thought it was going to be a good summer, but now I'm here and it's going to be the best summer ever! - **Javier V.P**

When I first got to camp I thought it was going to be as good a summer as the past two years. However, when they told me I was in Trout that all changed. I didn't know anyone in the lodge and in activities I didn't have a buddy to go with me. But as the days passed I started to make some friend and understand what Kawanhee is. Finally I started having a great time, and I will for the rest of camp. - **Juan**

I look forward to coming to Kawanhee every year. Most days I pass in my home thinking about Kawanhee, my American friends and the next time I will be at Kawanhee! When I got here and talked with some friendly people I knew that it was going to be a really good summer! - **Jaime**

When I arrived at camp I found out I would be separated from my lodge mates from last year. At first I thought that would be a bad thing, but then I discovered I could meet new people. This former casualty to my soul turned out to be a splendid surprise! - **Conner**

*(English)* When I finished school, I thought that I would be coming to a camp isolated from America. But ever since I arrived here I have come to realize that this is not true. The people are great!

*(Spanish)* Cuando terminé el colegio, como me habían dicho, pensaba que iba a un campamen to aislado de América. Des de el comien zo vi que no era así, descubrí que el campamento no estaba tán aislado y también vi que aqui la gente es muy simpátican. - **Javier G.**





### **A Happy Return!**

Being away from Camp Kawanhee for long periods of time is difficult, especially since I have been going to Kawanhee since I was nine years old! It's the greatest feeling in the world to come back to Kawanhee to see all of my friends again. It's the same feeling I get when I come home from a long vacation and my dogs come running up to lick me face; I just feel so happy.

I would like to describe Kawanhee as a kind deep longing. It is a place that stays with you forever and is never far from your thoughts. One of the best decisions parents can make is to send their child to Kawanhee. There is an endless list of benefits and opportunities that the Kawanhee experience brings to the table, and all any of us can do is try to cash in on as many of those as we can each summer.

Being a senior counselor at Kawanhee felt a little strange at first because most of my memories and perceptions of Camp were from a camper's point of view. Then again, many of my friends are counselors too so it doesn't feel so strange after all. Sunday, when all of the campers arrived, was amazing—it's good to see so many returning campers and I look forward to meeting all of the new guys. I just hope that I can have the same positive influence on these campers as my counselors had on me. Welcome everyone, and let's all have an excellent summer.

**Tommy Bolon - Bear**

### **Pictures and more Pictures and an occasional Video!**

**The Kawanhee Photo Gallery will be updated every weekend on either Saturday or Sunday nights. In addition to photos we are planning to provide some short videos as well!**



## Back At Last!!!

The final score had just been read and the next thing I remember was being lifted high in the air and hitting the water on a cool late August day. The date was August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1970, and we had just completed the 50th anniversary season at Camp Kawanhee. Three children and many life experiences later I found myself contacting my old camper friend Mark Standen. I asked him how the camp was faring and he said quite well. In fact he was anticipating a banner year with over 75% of last year's campers returning. That's remarkable I said, especially in light of the stalled world economy where many camps were faced with lack of enrollment, that Kawanhee was continuing the tradition now in its 90th year! I explained that after working in the city I had bought a farm in

upstate New York in 1993 and raised three children. They grew up helping with the planting of the seeds in the greenhouse as well as putting in transplants in the field. When they were old enough to count they even helped run the farm stand. Now I was faced with having my two oldest leave the farm to pursue their careers. The time was right to sell the equipment and come back to the place where my happiest childhood memories were. So on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, I found myself driving down the familiar dirt road to the happy place I remembered so well. I walked to Council Point and sat on a log overlooking the lake. It so beautiful and pristine and it had not changed its appearance in 40 years. So here I am working in the shop, helping with trips and Campcraft, having made a complete circle back to the camp that keeps giving! I'll write more as the summer progresses and look forward to having my children visit so they will experience what my father ( 1931-35) and my brothers and I have experienced in our lives, How the foundational teachings of Kawanhee helped propel so many of us in life's lessons. I am grateful to all who have kept Kawanhee, Kawanhee!

**Todd N Tremble (1966-1970)**

## Mealtime Trivia!

Camp is off to a great start and it's been fun asking the boys trivia questions after meals. Here are some of the questions (and answers) from the first week!

1. A human has seven bones in the neck. How many bones are there in the neck of a giraffe?
2. The retired baseball pitcher Tommy John is famous for having his name connected to a well known arm surgery. However, Tommy John is also famous for holding a record that will probably never be broken. What is this record?
3. What is the largest organ of the human body?
4. What is the first name of the character known as Dr. "Bones" McCoy of "Star Trek"?
5. What was the first letter Vanna White ever turned on "Wheel of Fortune"?
6. Ted Turner owns 2% of this western state.
7. What name jumped 10,000 places in the Social Security list of the most popular male first names in 2008?
8. 16.5 seconds is the current world record for solving this puzzle.

(ANSWERS ON LAST PAGE)

## Kayaking Update

As the Kawanhee season pushes off, we are pleased with all the excitement on the waterfront. Kayaking has had a good first week and the kids have been out on the water doing their kayak tests. For those who don't know, the kayak test requires the kids to flip over while in their boat, remove their spray skirt, and then exit the boat, all while under water. It is encouraging to see so many brave boys fight the natural phobia of being upside down and underwater in a kayak.



This Friday we have our first roll clinic. The aim of these clinics and the department is to prepare the kids for kayaking on rivers. This summer we are attempting to run at least one river trip a week in order to increase the kids river experience and their whitewater paddling skills. Thus far we have our sights set on the Androscoggin for week two, the Sheepscot tidal waves for week three, and an overnight trip to the Penobscot for week four. These trips are for the older boys (usually 12 and up) who show an interest in kayaking and come out to learn their Eskimo role (the ability to right the boat when it flips over). These river trips will not only increase the kids kayaking skills, but they will also teach them about river features, river safety, and river signals. All of these areas of knowledge are important for any type of activity that is done on rivers including fishing, canoeing, and whitewater rafting.

Dave Ruhle joins me in the department this year after a five year hiatus from camp. Dave was one of the



few people to earn his whitewater kayak level as a camper. He has been paddling all his life and spent a post graduate year at New River Academy where he perfected a lot of his skills. Dave brings expertise and talent to the department that I am not able to give to the kids, and I hope to get him teaching those tricks and advanced maneuvers. We also owe thanks to Mark "Gibby" Gibson, Ben Connelly, and Scott Barnes. Gibby is a good paddler himself and has proposed our overnight trip to the Penobscot. Ben was a counselor in kayaking before being D.O.A, is very supportive of the

activity, helping to move us to the position we are in now. Scott Barnes every year is a huge asset to everything on water. He is an authority for any questions regarding kayaking and rivers and helps oversee the program. We hope to move forward and keep it safe and fun on the river this year.

**Ben Morgan – Kayaking Department**



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The reunion is fast approaching. Call your camp friends and spread the excitement, make the 90<sup>th</sup> reunion the biggest ever! You can register [online](#) or by mail ([PDF](#) - "[mail-in form](#)").



**CAN YOU NAME THE PEOPLE IN THIS PHOTO?  
WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE TRUCK?**

## **Mealttime Trivia Answers:**

1. A giraffe also has seven neck bones.
2. He once made 3 errors on the same play.
3. the skin
4. Leonard
5. T
6. New Mexico
7. Barack
8. Rubic's Cube



**CAN YOU NAME THE CAPTAINS  
IN THESE PHOTOS?**

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