



The Day Breaks at Kawanhee

Saturday morning, July 3rd ...picture this: On the last day of a very full second week of camp everyone enjoys a nice sleep in. The day breaks warm and still; the bell rings and we, of many lands, united by Kawanhee, salute the raising of our flag on the day before Independence Day. We file into the Dining Hall and after grace is said we feast on the best brunch ever! Sean Minear and his able crew in the kitchen and Bakery served up waffles, BLT's, tater tots, a salad bar and a sandwich bar. After all the lodges were cleaned for Inspection we were all summoned to the waterfront for the all-camp photo. Photographer Mark Gibson ("Gibby," who also brings you this e-wigwam, the website, and the weekly photographs) tells us we are going into the water for this photo. Can't wait to see if it works!

So this is all before first period. After two periods, a welcome rest hour will help prepare the campers for the all-athletics Grey – Maroon activity. There will be free time for activities of each camper's choice, dinner, and then our second campfire at Council Point.

There is so much to do at Kawanhee, so many choices, so many activities to develop skills, initiate new interests, and just to have fun. This past week there was a baseball tournament, a kayak trip, canoe trip, overnights, four days of lodge mountain hikes, an open-mic night, lodge pizza nights, and even a trip to the theatre in Farmington for Eagle and Falcon who saw Toy Story III in 3D. It's impossible to fit into a short article all that happened!

We kicked off the second week with Lodge Vespers. Earlier that day at our Chapel service Ed Watson set the tone by telling us that expressing goals for our summer gives us a path to follow, like blazes on a trail. Learning to set and share goals is an important developmental strategy for a young man, and one of our goals is to help your young man achieve and believe in himself.

Dan Webster – Camp Director

Open Mic Night at Kawanhee!

"It was all a dream I used to read word up magazine, salt and pepper heavy D up in the Limousine." So rapped Ben "B to the R-O-C-K" Connelly last Wednesday the 30th of June, at camp Kawanhee's first Open Mic night of the summer. The night featured a mix of camper and counselor performances with an ensemble of musical accompaniment. Alex (Moose) and Forrest (Badger) tickled the ivories with Forrest also giving us a performance of "Leaving on a Jet Plane," singing and playing ukulele at the same time. Justin (Lynx) tweeted a few notes on his flute, Salvador (Pine Tree) danced his "cheese" routine, and Pedro (Trout) awed the crowd with his vocals on "follow you into the Dark" to name a few performances.

It was exciting to see kids get up on a stage with the attention of an entire camp of family, peers,



mentors, and close friends focused on them as they showcased a musical or dance talent. Stage fright can be one of the most difficult things in the world to work over, as one freezes up and is unable to think or act. I like to think of myself as a fairly confident person, however even as I got up on the stage I felt the pangs of anxiety before playing a tune. For the next Open Mic night we hope that there will be more kids looking to perform, so that they can learn the important life skill of stage presence and learning how to work with the anxieties and fears that a stage setting can bring.

~ Ben Morgan



Kawanhee Tripping

The Tripping Department has gotten off to a great start in the 2010 camp season. Despite some unpredictable weather, we have managed to take just about every boy in camp up a mountain during the first two weeks of the summer. Eagle and Falcon lodges enjoyed panoramic views of the Rangeley Lakes on Rangeley Bald Mountain. We made two trips to Grafton Notch State Park, one to hike Table Rock with Pine Tree and Hawk, the other to take Coyote and Loon up Baldpate Mountain. Deer and Beaver navigated Fat Man's Misery and the Lemon Squeeze on their way up Tumbledown's Loop Trail, stopping for a quick swim out to Blueberry Island on top. We hiked with Moose and Lynx to the summit of Little Jackson before bushwacking down to Crater Lake. It was a difficult climb for boys of this age, but they were definitely up for the challenge. Wildcat and Trout braved the rain on Blueberry Mountain, as did Bear lodge on Cranberry Mountain. Finally, we took the CITs up Mount Abram and Sugarloaf. To their surprise, they were greeted with hail on the summit (yes, hail in July). All of the day hikes were incredibly successful. The kids were eager to hike and were rewarded by spectacular views of the beautiful Maine woods. It has truly been a pleasure so far.



In other Tripping news, we have revamped the Mountain Man system, which allows boys to earn points for mastering outdoor knowledge and practical skills while going on trips. Many campers have already begun working on the requirements. Wallis Tyler and his crew were kind enough to build a new Tripping storage shed, which we are in the process of organizing. The first of two trips to Monhegan Island departs on Monday, with the second one to follow on Wednesday. We feel very privileged to still be the only summer camp in the world that is allowed to

camp on the island. We have only the gracious people of Monhegan and the generations of respectful Kawanhees that came before us to thank for this special honor. As usual, the boys will spend their time on the island hiking, deep sea fishing, doing some artwork, and exploring the unique culture of the island.

White-water rafting, a trip to the White Mountains, and an overnight canoe trip on the Richardson Lakes are just a few upcoming highlights for the rest of the summer!

~Alex Standen

S.C.U.B.A. at Kawanhee



S.C.U.B.A. (self contained underwater breathing apparatus) diving was a great experience and, it is cool to say that I am now a certified S.C.U.B.A diver! I liked the part when we saw cool artifacts and big fish such as a bass. Some of the artifacts that were found were a cup and a pan that we think were from the old dining hall. The instructors were really nice and taught us a lot of neat things about S.C.U.B.A diving! I suggest that you try it if you get a chance because it is a really cool experience. I am a certified S.C.U.B.A diver now I can take what I have learned in Lake Webb and bring it to the Ocean which would be a lot of fun!

S.C.U.B.A RULES!
Cully & Quinn (Deer Lodge)



A Special Thanks to every camper and staff, who contributed to the e-wigwam!

Parents, Alumni, and Friends, if you would like to submit an article or old photograph for a future e-wigwam issue, email them to wigwam@kawanhee.com.

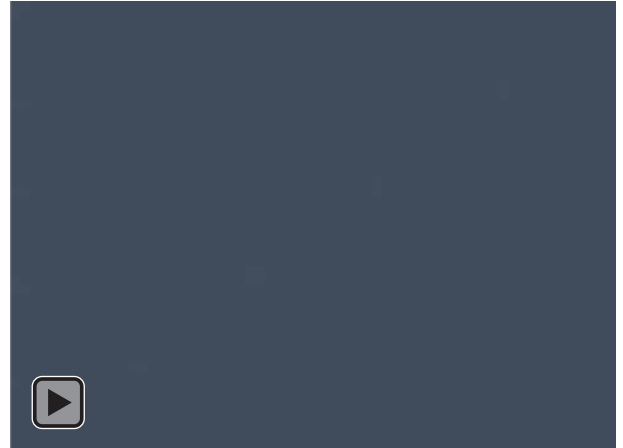
If we like the story or photograph (and we like most), we will publish it in a future newsletter.

Kawanhee Video's

Scott Barnes, Tim Johnston, and Kawanhee video veteran Graham Marvin have been creating various short videos of camp in action!

Scott is contributing the "Kawanhee HeadCam Series" and has four videos completed already! Scott has mounted two mini water-proof video cameras to kayak helmets' and boys wear them while participating in different activities. You can view these videos online by following the link on the website or by using this [link](#).

Tim and Graham are teaming up, bringing us video gems like "Turtle -v- Connelly". Follow this link to view this MUST SEE video! Link: [Video Shorts](#)



Mealtime Trivia

Yes, another week has passed of exciting mealtime trivia at Kawanhee! Here are some of the questions I asked the camp population this week.

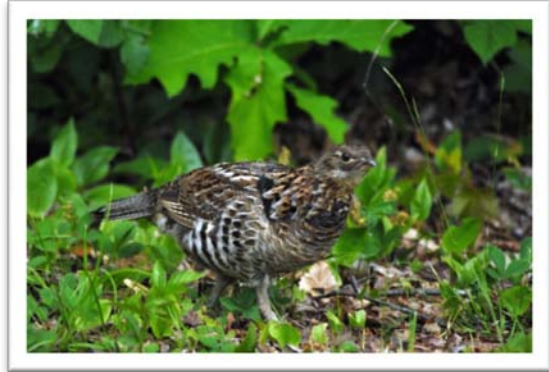
1. What candy treat was not produced during World War II because the silver was needed for the war effort?
2. How many total dots are on one die?
3. What percentage of people are left handed?
4. What professional sports league in the U.S. has the most teams?
5. What is Indiana Jones's real first name?
6. Approximately what fraction of adults have 20/20 vision?
7. Besides a Z what other letter is worth 10 points in Scrabble?
8. How many rounds of play are there in a game of Yahtzee?
9. What soft drink was founded by a man who was an albino and whose eyes appeared red and thus every can of this soda has a red spot on the can in his honor?
10. What number when spelled out for use in a scrabble game has a point value equal to the number that you spelled?

Thanks to Matt and Dioni of Beaver Lodge for replacing me on my day off and asking the camp a trivia question.

(Answers on last page)

Archery Welcomes a New Friend

Archery at Camp Kawanhee is up and running. After stringing bows, measuring and marking distances (15 – 60 meters), wood chip spreading, and many, many hours of arrow repairs the range is looking very nice. The boys have done well with our safety lectures; I have been very impressed with how much knowledge our returning campers have retained from last year. During our first week we have seen many lodges, had our safety talks and enjoyed warming up and getting our form back by shooting balloons for candy. I am proud and thankful to say I have Robert (Dewey) assisting me. He has been an outstanding archer, and I have enjoyed watching him come up through the ranks as a camper and now a counselor. Robert is not the only one to have joined me in Archery however. We have the pleasure of a new friend this year whom we have named “Polly Partridge” also known as a ruffed grouse. We believe she has a nest just behind the back stop in the archery range,



although we haven't seen it yet. She is always near by and seems to be protecting her young by trying to shoo us away. She has no fear and often causes multiple whistle blows, which in Archery means, cease fire! Polly has developed a great fondness for Robert and he is able to guide her out of harms way; she will follow right on his heels. I will leave you with our motto; In Archery we always shoot the BULL, bulls eye that is!

Paige Berry, Archery Director

Tennis at Kawanhee

Tennis is off to a great start at Kawanhee. We've had two weeks of lessons and level accomplishment. Over 50 levels were passed the first two weeks at camp! We've also had some fun with some drills and games that usually come with a soda prize. For the first time in a long time we are having a doubles tournament, which started this week. We will have a singles tournament later in the summer.

Mike Altmaier – Tennis Instructor



Being a Girl at Camp Kawanhee for Boys

Ever since I was ten years old, my week long visits to Camp Kawanhee have been filled with begging and pleading with my parents to let me come to camp the next year. The Camp Mother's Cabin (CMC) was the place where I first realized that I wanted, more than anything, to spend my summer on Lake Webb with my three brothers. Sitting on the porch with Debi and the boys made me feel right at home, the soft wind and beautiful sunset made me ache with envy for my brothers' experiences. Yet even as much as I asked and whined, my time at Kawanhee was strictly limited to shooting archery with my aunt and swimming with my uncle once a year in mid July. I never really understood why I couldn't be an exception to what I

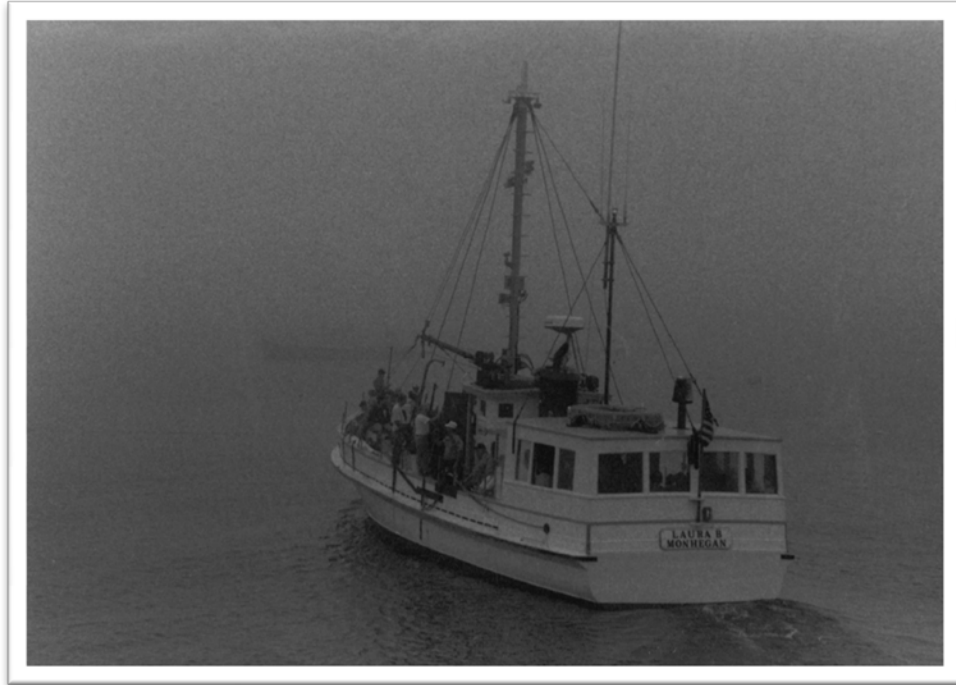
considered a silly rule. Why couldn't I be the only girl in the boys camp? It didn't matter to me. My cousins, who like me are girls, attend Camp Wohelo during their summers because their mothers went to that camp. But a girl's camp was out of the question! I had zero sisters and three brothers, so spending seven weeks in a camp surrounded by girls was the epitome of a stressful experience for me, and I longed for the day when I would be old enough to work as a kitchen girl and spend my summer with my family.



My mom had worked at Kawanhee a kitchen as girl and swimming instructor when she was 17, and thus it was my dream to work at Kawanhee as a kitchen girl, when I turned 17, but never as a swimming instructor. Two things went wrong with that dream. First of all my birthday is in the summer. Had I started working at Kawanhee when I was 17, I would have turned 18 three weeks into my first summer. That was too long of a wait for me. So instead I started this year, and as my 17th birthday approaches, I spend my time working in and out of the office rather than the kitchen.

You are definitely in the minority as a girl here at camp, but that is what makes the experience so memorable. No longer do I spend my nights gossiping, watching TV or spending endless hours on Facebook. Rather, I spend my time watching the sunset in the black rocking chairs on the rec-hall porch with my friends and laughing about the week's unfortunate and silly events. Church doesn't seem like a time consuming and boring activity that forces me to wake on Sunday mornings, but rather as a time to come together with my favorite people to sing, talk and listen. And making my bed in the morning is not a tedious and meaningless task any more but instead a way to show respect to my fellow staff members under the dining hall. A Kawanhee boy is a different type of boy. Standing up on benches in the dining hall and dancing, or trying to sing the loudest to avoid "stacking" the table has no affect on them. On the other hand, saluting the flag every morning and evening as it is raised and lowered, cleaning their area for inspection, helping the younger kids when they are sad or frustrated, and attending church and campfire does not faze them either. Respect is expected, but Kawanhee boys reach past and do more. We don't do things any old way here; we do them the Kawanhee Way!

~ Kayla



CAMP KAWANHEE 90TH REUNION UPDATE

For this reunion update we are focusing on the menu. Kawanhee Head Chef Sean Minear is busy planning meals. This will be Sean's third reunion, having been chef for both the 80th and 85th. Assisting him will be Pastry Chef Ryanne Brown and several of the current kitchen crew.

We plan to start off Friday and Saturday with 8AM breakfasts in the Dining Hall, featuring some of Ryanne's fresh baked pastries. On Sunday, there will be a light breakfast at 8AM, and then a full brunch after Sunday Service, around 11AM.

We are trying a new approach to lunch for this reunion. On Friday and Saturday, immediately after breakfast, Sean and his crew will provide a choice of items in the Dining Hall so that you can make your own lunch. The idea is that you will make your lunch and, if you are going away from camp for part of the day, take the lunch with you; or, if you are staying around camp, you can put your lunch in the camp fridge to enjoy later at your convenience. This will accommodate everyone's schedules, given the various hikes and other trips planned throughout the daytime. In addition, a selection of fruit and snacks will be left out in the Dining Hall for most of the day on Friday and Saturday.

There will be a wine and beer Social Hour before dinner each day starting on Thursday. Weather permitting, Thursday dinner will be a barbeque outside the Dining Hall. We will have dinner in the Dining Hall on Friday, and on Saturday we will be serving Surf and Turf. Surry Seafood of Dixfield will be preparing lobster and Sean will provide beef tenderloin and a vegetarian dish.

So spread the word to your Kawanhee friends and contacts. We look forward to seeing you beginning at registration on Thursday, August 12.

[Register on line](#) at the camp website, kawanhee.com (go to "alumni" and click on 90th Reunion Registration), or by mail ([PDF – "mail-in form"](#)). Save the date and join us August 12-15, 2010!



Can you name the
people in these
photos?



Mealtime Trivia Answers :

1. Hershey Kisses
2. 21
3. 7-10
4. NFL- 32
5. Henry
6. 35
7. Q
8. 13
9. 7-Up
10. Twelve

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