



## Notes from Week Three ~ By Dan Webster

It's just plain hard to keep track of all the events and activities that go on during a typical week at Kawanhee and the third week, as I look back, is no exception. The counselors and staff are 100% committed to making every day count for something for their campers. And there is always a way for campers to have fun with a purpose!

Our Junior Counselors spent the first two weeks of camp bunking in Birch Lodge and have now moved out into their respective lodges for the rest of the summer! We have a large, enthusiastic, and promising group of JC's this summer and Ed Watson has been providing training and experiences that will help them in their leadership development. Hopefully many of these guys will be the Kawanhee leaders of tomorrow.



Evenings are time for ball games, tennis matches, and many types of activities led by counselors, as well as pick-up matches of tetherball, foosball, chess, and many others. We also had some great evening and Vesper offerings in the third week: Ed Webster returned and led a presentation about some of the world's bravest explorers, and entertained many questions from awe-struck campers.



Musicians Jane and Ken Brooks

provided an evening of Americana Music ranging from old-time country to Bluegrass to Folk. Campers and staff loved the music and also harmonizing with Ken's long sustained yodels on "Mule Skinner Blues"! Most recently we held a Kawanhee Open-Mic Night, where we invite campers and staff up to the stage to share a song or story. It was a hoot as usual. Several boys played piano pieces including Kevin from Bear Lodge who performed a piece that he wrote himself. Other boys like Pedro from Loon Lodge sang songs, while Hunter and his back-up dancers from Crow performed an emotional Justin Bieber "dance number" – it went over so big that they were called back for an encore!



The third week of camp always means "Monhegan Week," and Alex Standen did a great job with the huge amount of logistical planning ahead of time that made the week on the island so successful. You should be able to read some camper accounts of their trip in this and future e-Wigwams. One of the unique aspects of Kawanhee's trip to Monhegan is that we capitalize on the beauty of and artistic heritage of the island. Scott Barnes and Andy Bourassa split the week and provided on-island art workshops for our campers while surrounded by the limitless beauty and charm of this gem of the



Maine coast. This year the weather was beautiful for our boys with warm days and very little rain. Many thanks to the Monhegan Associates and islanders who continue to allow our unique privilege to be the only people in the world allowed to camp on the island.

Basketball, Baseball and Range all travelled to other camps for tournaments, giving campers the opportunity to match the skills and

teamwork honed at Kawanhee with other campers in the state. We are proud of our Kawanhee tournament participants and staff who competed with gusto and also modeled sportsmanship and dignity. Veteran Kawanhee coach and Athletic Director Tripp Strawbridge has done a terrific job of planning and preparing our campers and staff for tournaments. Baseball's Will Ryan shared this tip: "Get Mark Standen to be your driver because he'll take you out for all the ice cream you can eat afterwards!"

## Nature on the Move

The Kawanhee Nature Department has been on the move these first three weeks with a variety of interesting and exciting trips. We went on an owl calling walk at Mr. Blue State Park across Webb Lake. The twelve campers who took part in this excursion had quite a shock when one of the three Barred Owls that had answered the ranger's recorded call suddenly swooped down to attack the "owl

recording" on the iPod. The owl had apparently become irritated at the fact that another "owl" had invaded its territory. Luckily the owl only grazed the ranger and everyone had quite an adventure.



Our second trip brought us back to Mt. Blue State Park to attend a presentation on snakes by a local collector. He brought eight or so of his own personal snakes of various sizes and lengths. The boys were excited to touch and hold all of the snakes.



This year the Nature staff has been teaching the campers about the edible plants of Maine. We walked around Kawanhee foraging for berries and edible leaves, flowers and needles. Many campers have made various teas using these edible plants. Much to their surprise the teas tasted delicious! We also journeyed to the King Organic Farm in Weld, Maine, to take a tour and watch a more detailed presentation by Mrs. Cher King about "Maine's Edible Plants."



Pam Albertson has been extremely generous with her time and knowledge as well. She had been volunteering in the Nature Department and teaching the boys which plants and which parts of that plant can be eaten and which cannot. We want to extend an enormous "Thank you" to Pam and her dedication and generosity. Pam, your time and energy are greatly appreciated.



Stay tuned for the synopsis of next week's adventures to the Swift River for gold panning and the Webb Lake Loon Center.



# Chaos on Lake Webb

By Peter, Badger & Caleb, Badger

It was Friday the eighth of July and wind howled down across Lake Webb from the Gap. Admiral Rees Tulloss, head of sailing, decided that the lake was only safe for experienced sailors, two of which included Caleb and Peter of Badger Lodge. Other experienced sailors were in the lake as well but as the wind grew stronger and whitecaps formed, even they had trouble coping with the fierce gale. Two of them had to lower their sails, and drifted for hundreds of yards before being rescued and towed to shore. (Phil of Badger Lodge and Blaise, captain of the grays and JC in Pine Tree lodge) Where the wind didn't conquer physically, it did so mentally, and Shea, captain of the maroons and JC in Loon Lodge, as well as Mac, Shea's co captain became so frightened that they gave up and headed for safety. All that remained were Peter in the Minifish and Caleb in the Pirate Aquafinn. Two conflicting stories tell the tale of the remainder of the day, one seen through Caleb's eyes and the other through Peter's.



As seen by Caleb:

Seeing that most of the other "first mates" had failed miserably, I decided to spice things up a bit. While holding the main sheet and the tiller, I worked up quite a sweat, and what better way to cool off than to go for a quick dip? I decided that instead of sitting in my boat as it sailed, I would swim alongside it as it ran freely towards the narrows. I carefully secured the main sheet and the tiller, walked to the bow of my boat, and gracefully dove into the chills of the abyss without the slightest hint of a splash. I didn't know what I would find in the treacherous



waters, but that was part of the fun, it was part of the sport. My boat was quick but of course it was no match for such a physically fit man as me. I decided that to make things a bit more challenging, I would let it get a head start. I heard the admiral call "all boats in," and I began making great progress catching my boat, closing the distance by ten feet per second. Suddenly, out of nowhere swooped the Minifish captained by the scoundrel Peter of Badger Lodge. He, thinking that I was drowning (me, of all people) hauled me up onto the deck of his boat. Peter, attempted to return me to my boat, but like the rest of the first mates, he failed miserably, and so I proved myself by swimming an even greater distance to my boat and leaving Peter behind to flounder about in irons while I quickly sailed off into the sunset. Karma got Peter as his transom broke, and he also had to be towed in.

As seen by Peter:



As I watched Phil and Blaise getting towed to safety (what miserable sailors), I began to tack back across the treacherous abyss. There was a slight breeze that afternoon, and I was having trouble coming to a conclusion as to why everybody was having such a difficult time sailing. As my thoughts rambled, I saw the Pirate Aquafin, captained by that god awful swimmer Caleb Tulloss, in the far side of the lake running freely towards the unforgiving narrows. As my keen eyes adjusted to the distance, I realized

that no one was aboard the ship. My eyes scanned the horizon and I saw poor Caleb bobbing in the wake of his boat which was pulling away from him at incredible speeds. I, being the brave soul that I am, decided to conquer the abyss one last time to save my good friend and lodge mate. Admiral Rees Tullos noticed his son struggling as well and began to sail the mighty Flying Scott. Even in such as fast boat, I still outran him and his lazy crew (Kyle of Moose Lodge). I was going to be the hero who saved Caleb, I'm ALWAYS the hero! In a matter of seconds I crossed the abyss, and looking back saw the Admiral struggle to get out of irons. As I approached my dear friend, I noticed that he was becoming limp and struggling to stay afloat. I hauled him aboard, but the poor fellow wasn't breathing! I being certified in CPR, as any good hero would be, began thirty compressions with two rescue breaths. Thankfully, as the sun set over the West Mountain Caleb began to ferociously cough water from his lungs, and I knew that I had saved him with ease. I sailed Caleb back to his ship which was beached at Skookame, half a mile from Camp Kawanhee. As I left him, I sailed off into the sunset while everyone stood on the beach cheering for what a great job I had just done. As I de-rigged my boat I saw Caleb scarcely making back to camp, but he was going to live!



## Grey/Maroon Swim Meet

There has been lots of action on the waterfront this summer as the hot, sunny weather has led to warm lake temperatures, and this weekend was no exception. The perfect weather set the stage for the culminating waterfront activity of the week – the Grey/Maroon Swim Meet.



The Maroons took an early lead by dominating in all the age brackets in the 100 Foot Sprint, but the Greys held their own by then sweeping the Senior Bass Rock Canoe Race. First place went to Colin H. and Colin G. of Badger lodge. The Maroons took first place in the Junior C, Junior B, and Junior A Medley Relays, while the Greys managed to hold onto the Senior Medley Relay. Perhaps one of the highlights of the day's events was the Canoe Tug competition. The Greys took the Junior B victory with Charlie L. and Rodolfo D. (both from Beaver Lodge) at the helm. The Junior A victory went to the Maroons with Everett T. and Max B. (both from Trout Lodge) taking control.

The final senior event was an all out battle. Junior Counselor's - Bobby S. and Miguel R. (Greys) battled it out with Junior Counselors Shea R. and Jamie B. (Maroons). After several shifts in the lead, the Maroons managed to pull out





the victory. Despite sweeping the Under-Over Canoe Relay in all age brackets, the Greys were not able to pull out enough points to topple the Maroon team's overall lead. The final event of the day was the Junior A and Senior War Canoe Race, which the Maroons claimed victory to as well. The final score for

the day's events: **Greys = 49**      **Maroons = 66**



Congratulations go out to all who participated in this spirited competition.

Aside from the weekend's swim meet, campers have been busy working on levels and learning new skills in all waterfront activities. Campers have been out swimming and boating, kayaking and skiing, and sailing and fishing in bounds. There are 18 participants taking part in the Lifeguard Training program. Basic Lifesaving has just completed its first round and will soon be starting a second wave of classes. The 10-Mile Swim chart is growing fast with lots of campers working to earn points for their team as well as the blue/white stripe on their paddles. Coming soon to the swimming department will be the Bass Rock swims where campers can earn the 'K' on their paddle as well as points for their teams. So, lots to do and lots to come on the waterfront as the summer continues to progress. Hurray for sunshine!

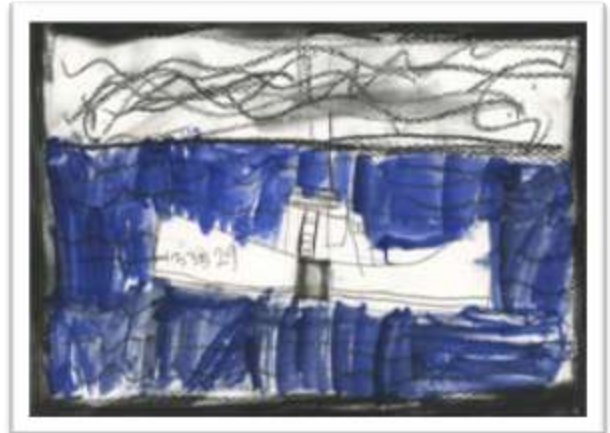


## Monhegan Paintings from the first group 2011













## Mealtime Trivia!

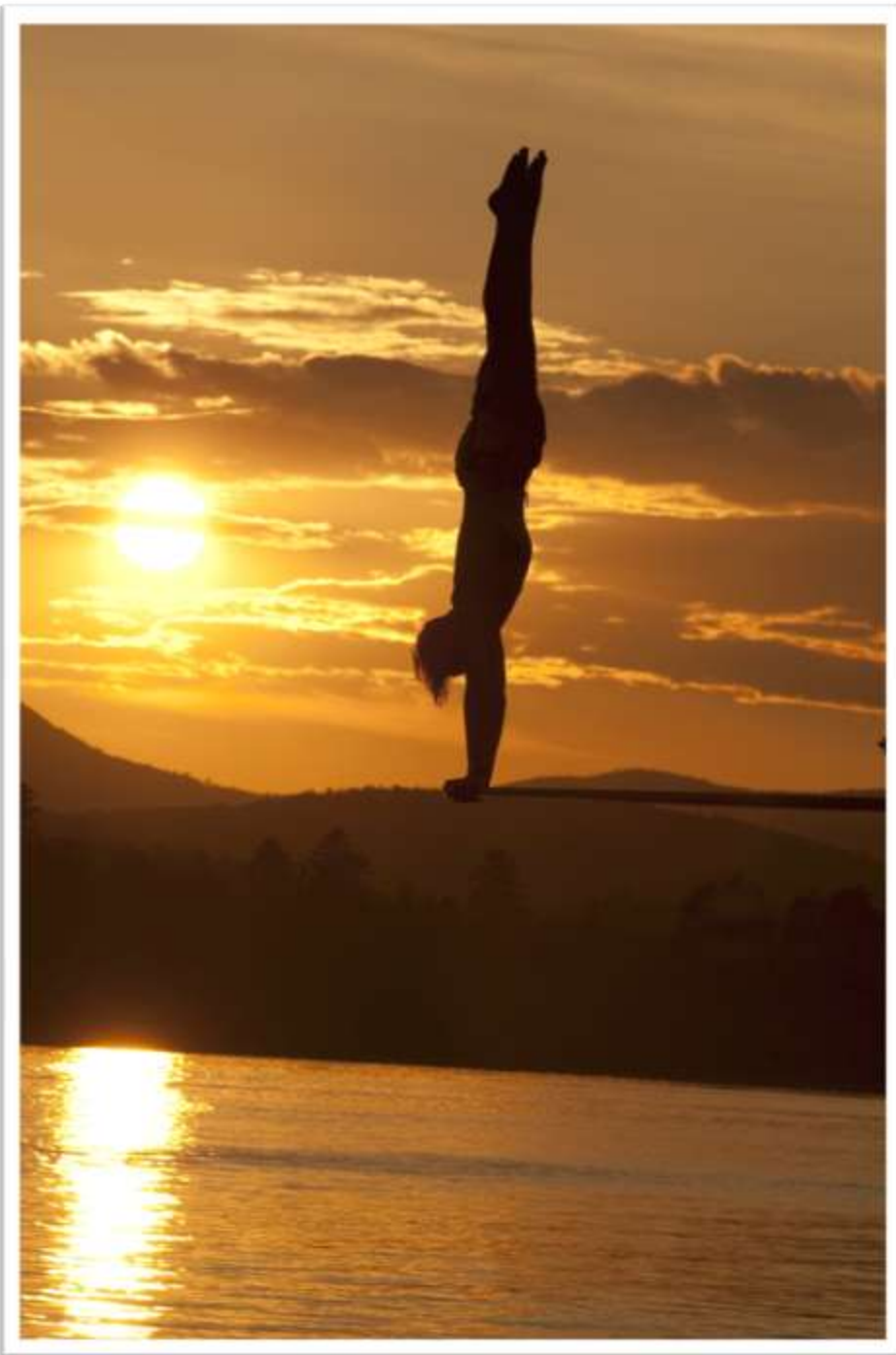
Yes, it's time for another week of mealtime trivia! Here are some of this week's questions and answers!

1. Where is your skin the thickest?
2. What was the name of the 8 line poem Sarah Hale wrote in 1830 about a girl and her pet?
3. How many white keys on a piano?
4. Of all the people who have lived on earth what percentage are alive today?
5. What does a person do about 15,000 times a day?
6. This country is made up of over 18,000 islands!
7. About 1/6th of the people in South Korea have this name!
8. What state has the lowest zip codes?
9. What color crayon is on the far left of the Crayola 8 pack of crayons?
10. What is "Non Expanding Recreational Foam" better known as?



## War Canoe Race Video – by Scott Barnes





Answers

1. The back
2. Mary had a little lamb
3. 52
4. 5 or 6 %
5. Blink
6. Indonesia
7. Kim
8. Massachusetts
9. Black
10. Nerf

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