

## Week Four Heat Wave

by: Dan Webster

*"It's like a heat-wave, burning in my heart"* goes the old Motown song. And now that we have reached and gone beyond the halfway point of the camp season, and some campers here for just four weeks have already left, Kawanhee **is** the summer heat-wave that burns in our heart.

It's not just our love for camp that's shining bright right now though; it's the unusually warm and humid days that settled in on the fourth week of camp like a warm blanket. It's hotter everywhere else in the country than it is in Maine so we have it good, and besides...we live on a lake! As you can imagine the Waterfront has been a very popular destination for campers and counselors alike! Many thanks go to our Waterfront leaders, Kris Tyler, Dan Alexander, Ben Morgan, Ryan Erf, and Reese Tulloss for keeping everyone safe while we cool off in the lake.



Ben and David from Kayaking and DOA Ben took a group of experienced kayaking campers to the very exciting Lower Kennebec River on Friday. Trips like this are not possible without

experienced and well trained staff, and topnotch gear. Boys that go on this trip are proficient boaters with their Eskimo Roll down pat and experience on other rivers. Earlier in the week Alex, Samir, and Ben led a three day canoe trip on Mooselookmeguntic Lake. Campers on this trip experience camping on a wilderness island, cooking over a fire, and carrying all the supplies they need for three days with them in a canoe. Trips like these are the living tissue of the Kawanhee phrase: Take



advantage of your environment. They require great staff, good equipment (like our new canoe trailer), and campers who have a sense of adventure!



Even in this hot weather Kawanhee athletes of all ages and abilities continue to enjoy the wonderful new soccer field, baseball field, tennis court, and basketball court! We have heard so many compliments on the new facilities by visitors over the past few weeks and it reminds us how lucky we are to have Executive Directors and a Governing Board who have the vision to see the possibilities for the future. We also do not take for granted the generosity of the

Kawanhee family who pledged financial support for this project. It's hard to believe while watching a soccer game take place that the project from start to finish was accomplished in-between the 2010 and 2011 seasons!

Junior Maine Guide (JMG) candidates were very hard at work in the fourth week. JP and John Fritz, and Tash are very talented Camp Craft leaders and challenge the 11 JMG guys with daily exercises that help them master the ways of wilderness living. All week long the boys rotated through an encampment experience at Skookamie Beach, and then more studying and preparing in the Camp Craft Department. No matter what happens during the week on the proving grounds in Rangeley, the skills and experience already gained by these boys has had an immeasurable positive impact on their lives.



As we begin the second half of the season we reflect on the accomplishments already achieved, and the support, love and generosity of our families near and far that make our journey possible.



## Maine Audubon 28<sup>th</sup> Loon Count

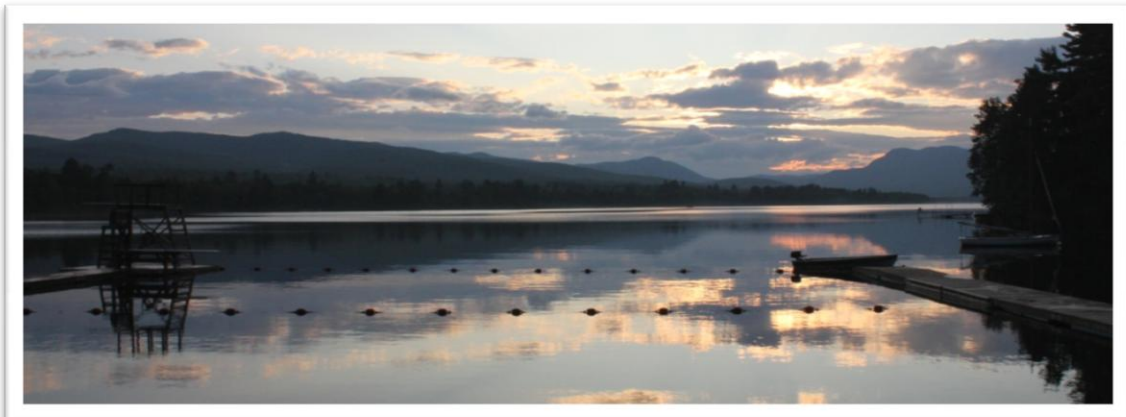


Early Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>, eight Campers participated in the annual loon count on Webb Lake. The morning was clear and calm as Javier, Jamie, Drake, Brandon, Max from Loon Lodge, Caleb and Dan from Badger Lodge and Liam from Coyote Lodge gathered on the western shores of the lake with members of the Lake Webb Association for the event. The Maine Audubon Society has sponsored the count for the last 28 years and 311 lakes in the central and southern regions of Maine have been represented. Camp Kawanhee has sent boys for the past 6 years. The boys enjoyed orange juice and muffins before boarding some of the six boats that moved into their positions for the 7AM ½ hour count. All participating lakes in Maine do the count on the same day and the same time following the same protocols. The boats troll specific sections of the lake looking for adult loons, nesting loons, chicks and



flying loons. A member of the crew notes the time and location on the lake where the loon was sighted. At 7:30 AM the count ends and the boats return to their base to compare and tabulate results. Lake Webb has been counting loons for 17 years. We have seen an annual increase in numbers from a low in the mid 1990's of 8 to a high 2 years ago of @19. The count this year found 16, a very encouraging number.

We are lucky to have these remarkable birds on our lake. As long as we can protect our lake and keep it clean and clear, hopefully we will be able to enjoy them for years to come.



# Monhegan

By: Chris of Beaver Lodge

This year some kids and counselors took a trip to Monhegan Island, which is an island on the coast of Maine.



The trip there was 5 hours. 4 hours in a car and 1 hour on a boat ride to the island. We got off the boat and hiked to a restaurant named The Trailing Yew, where we had dinner. After dinner we hiked to our campsite, where we set up our tents and later, went to bed.

The next morning, we ate breakfast, also at The Trailing Yew. We split up into three groups. Two of them went hiking, but one painted watercolor. My group went hiking to a shipwreck first, then to a grove of rocks that we climbed on. We went to an island right next to it called Manana Island. We hiked to a place with a great view of the Atlantic Ocean, and went back to Monhegan. Next we painted watercolors. I painted a picture with a boat and Manana Island in the background. After that, we had dinner and went to sleep. We were all very tired after such a



fun day.

We woke up early the next morning and went to The Trailing Yew for breakfast.

Later we went to a lighthouse and the Monhegan Museum, which is connected to the lighthouse.

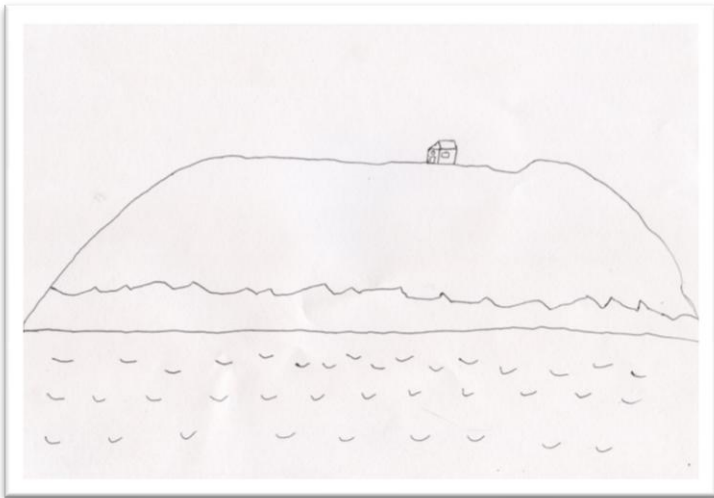
It used to be the lighthouse keeper's house. Then we split into groups and bought things at the store on the island. Then we took the long 5-hour trip home.

It was a fun trip and I think all of us had a great time there.

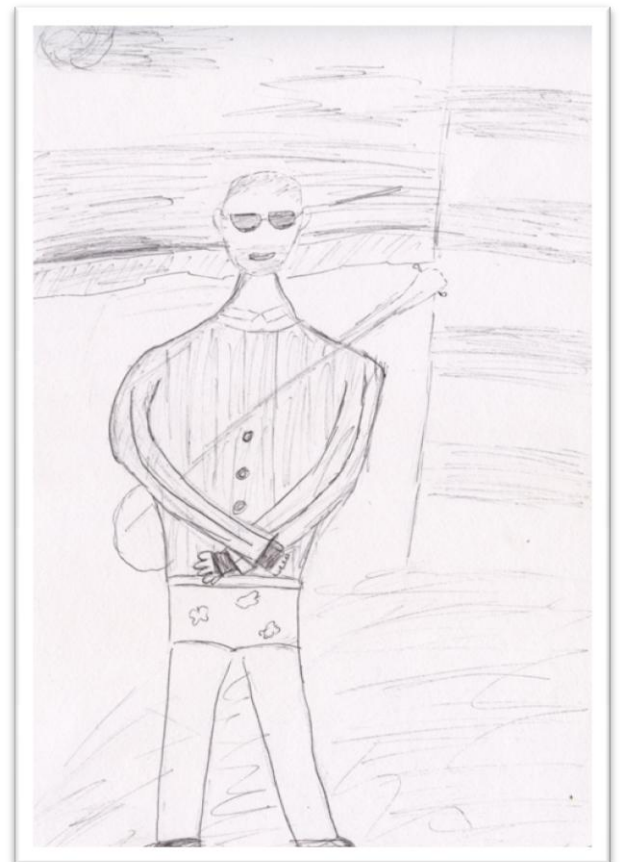
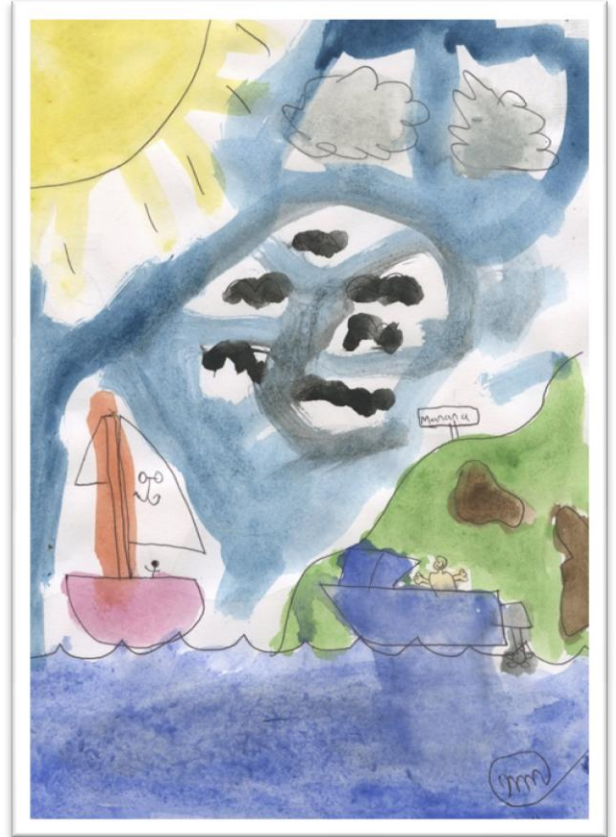




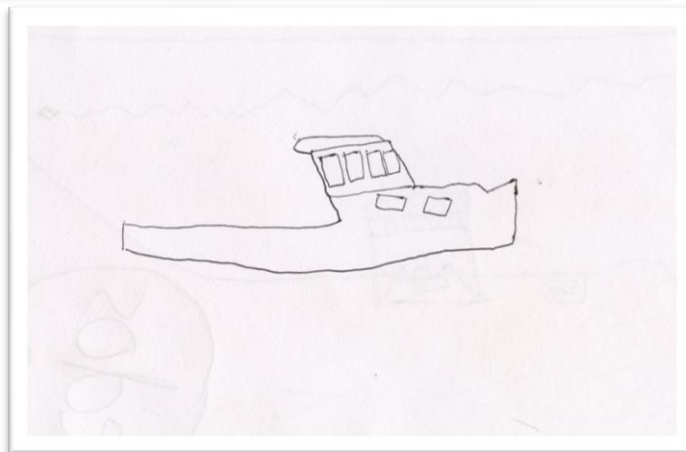
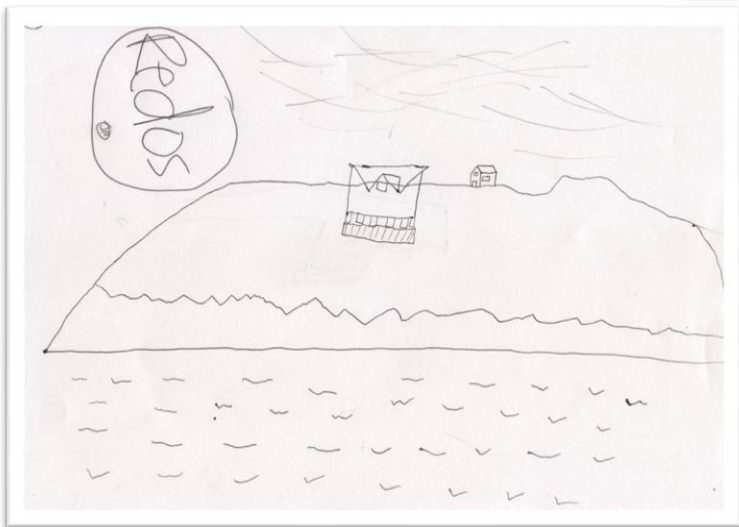












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## Mealtime Trivia!

Here are some of the questions and answers from this week of Mealtime Trivia!

1. What country has the most volcanoes?
2. How many people have walked on the moon?
3. Of all the species of creatures on the Earth, what percent are insects?
4. Who is the most portrayed historical figure in movies?
5. What planet spins the opposite direction from all the other planets?
6. What is the current record for solving the Rubik's Cube?
7. What IQ score is categorized as "unmeasurable genius" by experts?
8. How many blank tiles come in each Scrabble game?
9. The most common phobia is the fear of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What makes up 99 % of the Solar System?



## We Hear from the Captains



### Captain of Maroons:

Half way through the year and the competition is getting extremely heated! Everyday a minimum of 10 campers express to me how many points they've scored, how their contribution to the Maroons is fueling our comeback, and what they plan to do in order to pass more levels in the coming weeks. Campers and JC's (junior counselors) are intensely focused on building a strong and unified team, and in all honesty, they're making my job much

too easy. Continuing, the weather has been hot and sunny, and appropriately, the annual Grey-Maroon Swim Meet competition was held last Saturday. No brag, just fact: the Maroons won. But to be fair, each team has won two events thus far. Finally, with the camp season halfway over I am stressing for our team to finish with a bang; make this the best camp season ever, and take advantage of these last weeks. I can assure, if our team follows this path, victory is guaranteed. Go Maroons!

-Shea

### Captain of Greys:

Is the first half of the 91st season of Kawanhee really half over? It has been a blast so far, and it only can keep getting better. The short two week session came and left but every two week'er was talking about how much they want to come back to camp next year. At the end of this week the four week'ers leave and that will be hard for all of us, but we do get some fantastic three week'ers to close out the Kawanhee season. Moving on, the Grey-Maroon competition got out to a nice competitive start and both Shea and I are really excited to see everyone going out to activities, passing levels and having a great time doing it.

The other part of Grey-Maroon is the Saturday competition. The Saturday events have been: tug-of-war, capture the flag, Counselor Hunt and the most recent, swim meet. All of these have been safe, competitive and fun; like they should be. For the rest of the camp I would like to continue making sure everyone is comfortable, having a super time, and taking advantage of their environment. Thank you and go Greys!

-Blaise





*Kawanhee Campers and Staff learn the art of Moccasin Making.*





# Lobster Cookout!

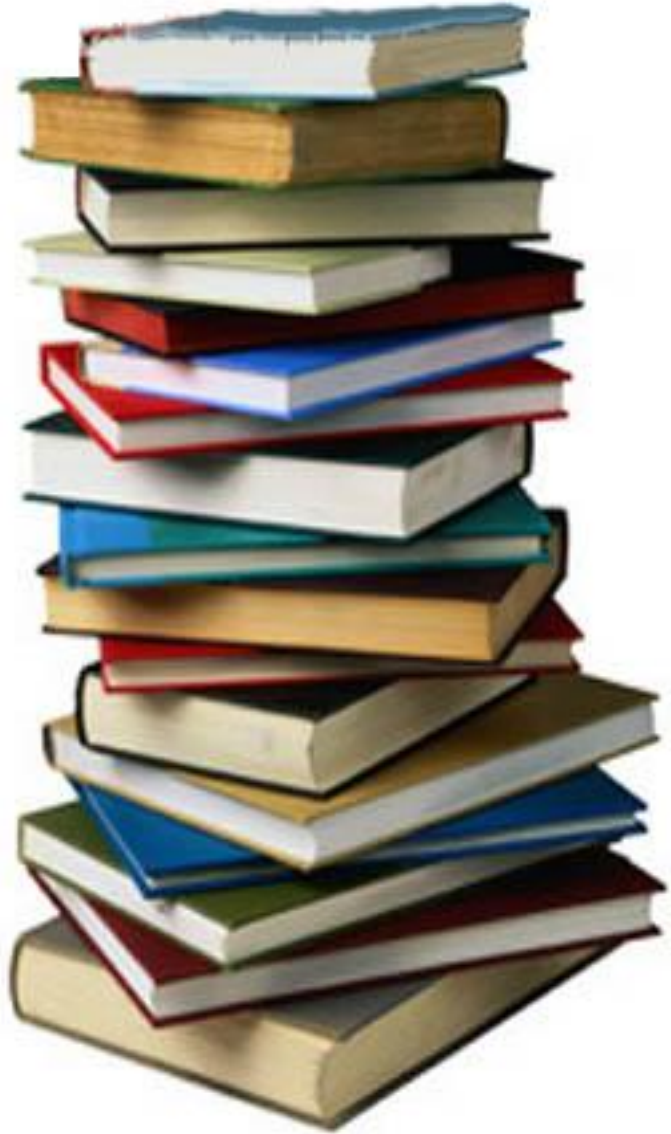




# Kawanhee Library Seeks Help

For many boys here at Camp, the quiet time spent with a book helps make their experience at Camp more enjoyable. They relish losing themselves in a good story during Rest Hour or Free Time after dinner. We have recently cleaned up our Library and are in need of new titles. I have created an Amazon Wish list. If you would be interested in purchasing some books to add to our library collection, it would be greatly appreciated. This link will take you to our Amazon Wish list: [http://www.amazon.com/wishlist/OF5JM Q839TVA/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_fa\\_ws\\_KYLCob0V F3TTC](http://www.amazon.com/wishlist/OF5JM Q839TVA/ref=cm_sw_r_fa_ws_KYLCob0V F3TTC). Our Nature Department has included several new field guides. The field guides would be very informative for Campers to use on the many field trips they take throughout the summer. We have already received some book donations from some of our Camp Kawanhee supporters. We would like to thank Mary Cunion Grove, Kimberly Hokanson and Bernie Gehret! Please look for and “like” our Camp Kawanhee link on Facebook. It is the official Facebook site for Camp and features a catalog cover from 1940 as our profile picture. Our wish list is mentioned on our Wall. Our Facebook page will be updated throughout the year and it is a good way to see what is happening at Camp!

—Tracy Webster





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Mealtime Trivia Answers:

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2. 12
3. 80
4. Napoleon
5. Venus
6. 6.65 seconds
7. 200
8. 2
9. spiders
10. The Sun

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