



What is “Camp Kawanhee”

What is “Camp Kawanhee”? Is it a sunset, a ceremony, a friendship, a championship, a mountain, a paddle? Is it a lodge, a swim, a summer, a smile, a memory?

Of course it is all of these things and many, many more. Each camper will have his own answers, his own stories, and his own memories. Every one of you reading this eWigam has a connection to camp, many of you are parents and your “Kawanhee” is your son’s summer experience, some of you are former campers, former staff, or former counselors. All are part of the Kawanhee family!

This past week I have given tours to prospective campers and their families, greeted and spoken with former campers from as far back as the early 1940’s (and heard a great story about why Chief Kawanhee no longer arrives at Council Point in a canoe), received visits from personal friends who have heard my Kawanhee stories for years, and also received former counselors who are just devastated by not being a part of camp this summer.

All of this has helped me to appreciate each day at camp all the more. Most campers live so in-the-moment in their summer paradise that I call them Zen Campers. They epitomize the philosophy in the phrase Be Here Now. And it is a joy to see them stretch out into these full summer days, surrounded by people who care about them and who are ready to teach, and coach, push them on to their next adventure.

This morning I heard a story about counselors taking master campers out to the basketball court after Taps last night to stargaze and talk. Hearing about these 15 year olds open up and talk about life under the stars made me think about how precious this summer is.

Kawanhee is many, many things to me, but in this moment I'd have to say that Kawanhee is a sunset.

Dan Webster ~ Camp Director





FROG-ZILLA

By: Robbie T.

One day I found a “Frog-zilla” in the pond. Here’s the story of how I caught him...

The first thing I noticed he was a very, very big-eyed fella. When I saw him I yelled, “What is THAT??” I wanted to catch him but I thought he was too big for my hands.

I went back to my cabin and I started thinking, “How can I catch



this frog?" I made a plan to scare him and let him move, then catch him. It worked! I felt so happy when I caught him! I showed Frog-zilla to everyone. I showed him to Spencer in Nature and he told me it was a North Western Bull Frog. Since Kawanhee has a rule, "catch and release", I let him go.

So, if you need help catching a big frog just let me know. I'm an expert with my bare hands.

The bigger they are the lazier they are.



P.S. Mom, Debi says you may want to throw my sneakers out after camp!

Back "Home on the Range"



It's been a long 10 moons but we are finally back to our home on the Range. Sandy and Mary are very happy to be heading up the rifle range once more.

We have an astounding number of boys to show up for free range at 11:00 each weekday.

Their enthusiasm has already earned some campers some medals. We already, have a Pinwheel award, earning the Memorial George Frank nickel.

Medals earned this week:

Falcon: Blake M. earning his Promarksman

Loon: Rohan D. earning his Bar One

Badger: Brandon K. earning his Marksman 1st Class

Stephen E. earning his Bar 5 & 6

Birch: Juan N. earning his Bar 5 & 6

Our Hot shot of the week goes to Juan G. from Hawk shooting 45 out of 50 in the prone position.

Last but not least Eduardo N. from Beaver shot a perfect Pinwheel.

Way to go gentlemen!





Grant M – Deer Lodge

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Wish List!

"A number of campers have expressed an interest in model rocketry, and Luke Randall has picked this up in the past as a activity for these engineering minded boys.

Tracy Webster has found a kit that includes rockets that boys get to paint and build themselves and then fire off under the supervision of Luke."

Click on the link below to view the wish list.

<http://shop.hobbylobby.com/wishlist.aspx?w=4777a04f705b4f11ac9eb2e8ea73a073>

Please check out the Kawanhee Photo Galleries by following the link on the camps homepage or bookmark this link:

<http://12moons.smugmug.com/Camp-Kawanhee/2012-Camp-Kawanhee-Photographs>

*****(Remember the password for the photo galleries is the rock in the lake where camper's swim or walk to in order to get a 'K' painted on their paddle. The password is all lower case and is one word, for example if the answer was "Oak Trees" the password would be "oaktrees")**

Look for another issue about this time next week!!!