



Second Week of Camp



This has been the week in which the rains stopped falling! Well, it's still raining but not nearly as much... I have to give heaping thanks and accolades to the counselors and staff that was able to keep camp so fun for so long with so much rain falling! Campers too deserve praise for keeping their eye on the prize and not sweating the little stuff. It's almost as though the rain just didn't matter.

The skies did dry and the temperatures rose considerably – it is summer, really summer. All activities have been up and running for days. The Tennis Courts, The Soccer Field, even the new Gaga Ball Court have all been fully functional and utilized. The good news is that we know that we can provide great, safe, fun programming in foul

weather and fair. This is Maine, after all, where the motto is, "If you don't like the weather, wait a minute."

Our Independence Day, July 4th was a joyous day filled with fun and special programming. The campers were instantly put in the mood for festiveness when they walked in the Dining Hall for Breakfast only to find that it had been decorated to the hilt with Red, White, and Blue! Bo Bucher led the Master Campers (Badger and Crow) lodge in the after-hours endeavor to transform our tables and room into the capital of July 4th merry-making.

Following a full day of dry and warm-weather activities the after Dinner all-camp freedom frenzy was Amerifest! Amerifest is a full roster of whacky and fun challenges

dreamed up by DOA's Ed Watson and JP Rullan. Lodge vs. lodge games ran the gamut from apple-bobbing to an amazing frozen t-shirt contest (the first lodge to actually squeeze into a box full of absolutely frozen shirts wins!). And what celebration of the 4th would be complete without a pie eating contest? Even though we ran out of whipped cream and had to fill some pies with yogurt!

After game night the evening snack was ice-cream (a treat and a break from the typically more nutritious fare), and while the campers were enjoying their sugary snack there was an announcement for all to make their way to the waterfront to enjoy the last of the truly beautiful sunset. What the campers didn't know was that a raft had been towed into the outskirts of the cove by Water Skiing instructor, Luke Randall. Luke then joined Maintenance Man Wallis and a couple others on the raft and sent up the first in what could only be described as a tremendous volley of high quality and beautiful fireworks! Ohhs and ahhs could be heard from the shore as the incendiary elements exploded against the sublime background of the then dimly lit Tumbledown Range.



Fireworks have long been a part of the American Independence Day celebration and also used to be lit off as part of Camp Kawanhee's tradition, but it has been decades since this tradition was last enjoyed. How fun to bring it back! Many thanks to everyone who worked to put together a special day for our camp!





Grey and Maroon Report:

Week Two —Top Ten:

Ricky - Wildcat 500

Peter - Bear 370

Bruno - Pine Tree 335

Inigo - Lynx 330.

Charles - Pine Tree 295

Harry - Trout 245

Robert - Trout 245

Luca - Wildcat 240

William - Lynx 205

Juan - Bear 175

Maroons (6,197) - Greys (7,141)

"Have fun and the points will come"

1982- The Year the Crown Prince of Spain Came to Kawanhee

by Michael Altmaier

I will always remember the summer of 1982- that was the year Crown Prince Felipe de Bourbon came to Camp Kawanhee. No one was told about the arrival of the royalty because of security reasons. Felipe also came with two cousins, Pablo de Grecia and Nikolas de Grecia, who were the sons of the exiled King of Greece. Felipe and Pablo were almost the same age and were in Bear lodge and Nikolas would spend the summer in Deer lodge which is where I lived.

The boys came a week late. I still remember the day they came. I was eating dinner and my clothes were covered in the red slate you get when working in tennis. Mrs.

Estabrook came up to my table and whispered. " the Prince is here". I had no idea what she meant , but Prince tennis racquets were very popular at the time and thought that camp might have bought me a Prince racquet. I'm still waiting! Soon, I followed Mrs. Estabrook to the dining hall porch. At the bottom of the stairs was a group of 15 or so people. Three boys in blazers and a dozen adults in sharp suits. There was also one elegant looking woman. I was slowly starting to figure out things. I was introduced to the boys and the woman who was introduced as the Queen of Spain ! Of course, I was in shock.

We walked Nickolas to Deer lodge. The whole group moved with us and I figured out that all the men were security guards. Mrs. Estabrook walked alongside me and inquired about the bed that Nikolas would have in the lodge. I explained that being the last boy to arrive, he would get the one bed that no one else wanted- a top bunk with a paper thin mattress. Mrs. Estabrook got a very sick look on her face and wanted me to give Nikolas a better bed. I will never forget what happened next. We walked into the lodge (which wasn't too neat at this time of the day) and went to the corner where the bunk was



BEAR

Back Row: Joe Myers, Peter Schuck, Pablo de Grecia, Juan Paccelli, Felipe de Borbon, Steve Martin, Kevin Humphreys, Kurt Goodman. Front Row: John Bell - Senior Counselor, Josh Cook - Senior Counselor, Andy Coward, Arthur Eldred, Chris Newborg, Alvaro Fuster.



Crown Prince Felipe de Bourbon

located. The Queen looked at the bed and I was prepared for the worst. Instead she smiled and said this would be a great area for Nikolas. She said she wanted all the boys to be treated as normal boys and not get any special treatment. I will always remember her "down to earth" personality and attitude.

So the boys began their Kawanhee summer. I remember the Queen stayed for a few days and on one night they had a lobster dinner late at night in the dining hall. The security guards stayed the whole summer. I remember the very first night that Nikolas was in my lodge I went out to take a "short fort" after all the boys were asleep. There I saw two guards walking outside my lodge. I decided to walk to the fort and not take a "short fort". I realized I probably did a lot for Spanish- U.S. relations that night by not taking a "short fort!"

I think all the boys had good summers. They never came back to camp after 1982. I have tried to follow the "career" and life of Prince Felipe since 1982. He is now married with several children. His father and mother, the King and Queen, continue to be in good health and Felipe is still the Crown Prince. He participated in the Olympics as a sailor. He is still in the news a lot as he represents the royal family at various events. Just this week, early July 2013, he was in a small article in our local Maine paper. Madrid is trying to get the 2020 Olympics and he made a great presentation to the committee that is picking the location of the 2020 Olympics. One committee member said that Madrid was considered a long shot for the Olympics, but after Felipe's presentation they have greatly increased their chances.

At the 2010 reunion I talked to Alvaro Fuster and Prince Felipe's friend. I asked Alvaro if Felipe had really enjoyed Kawanhee and Alvaro said that he did, mainly because he was treated like a normal person. I hope he did, because we enjoyed having him here !



DEER

Back Row: Steve Minus - Senior Counselor, O.J. Altmaier - Senior Counselor. **Middle Row:** Todd Bertani, Doug Mueller, Joel Jeffrey, Bruce Elliott, Bernie Gehret, Adam Di Paolo. **Front Row:** Jason Eldred, Alex Brito, Nikolas de Grecia, Gordon Scherer, Alex Iapichino.



Pablo de Grecia



Nikolas de Grecia

Hello, Mommy, Hello, Daddy!
Here's a note from Camp Kawanhee.

Your boy is fine, busy as a bee,

Taking part in each activity.

Eating well, no tummy aches,
ready to go as soon as he wakes.

Mosquito bites under control,
Won't let those insects take their toll!

Our camp nurse is Emily Lou.

She is here to answer you.

Any questions, messages you want to send
get prompt attention on this end.



A poet I am **not** but I am here to take care of your camper with experience gained from many years of working with children of all ages. Please let me know things that are important to you regarding your child's health and welfare. I very much enjoy our campers and am impressed with their "Thank you's," their concern for their friends and their cooperative spirits. We have had no serious injuries or illnesses thus far and we hope that continues.

Thank you for your cooperation in responding to our requests for health information , insurance, etc.

Emily Lou McLean, RN

Camp Nurse



RANGE

July 6, 2013
2nd Campfire

PM

Diego L. - Moose Lodge
Jeff H. - Beaver Lodge

PM & M

Alec R. - Beaver Lodge

PM M & M1C

Julian J. - Beaver Lodge

PM M M1C & SS

Christopher L. - Beaver Lodge

SS

Harry Z. - Trout Lodge

B4 5 & 6

Peter B. - Bear Lodge

B6

Edu - Beaver Lodge

B9

Rickey F. - Wildcat Lodge



Lodge of the week with 4 campers earning levels; Beaver lodge

Other accomplishments this week:

**Earning the George Frank Memorial Nickel for shooting a Pinwheel (dead center of the bulls eye)
From Pine Tree lodge: Bruno and from Lynx lodge: Will F.**

Another prestigious award earned this week was the Hot Shot award, in the prone position, shooting a 48 out of 50 possible points, goes to Colin H. in Wildcat.

Congratulations to all.

Kawanhee Mealtime Trivia

by Michael Altmaier

Another week of mealtime trivia and excitement runs wild! Finn S. of Lynx Lodge and Robert S. of Trout have both answered a few questions!

Here are some more questions :

1. Although outlawed by Major League baseball in 1920, some players could still do it legally until 1934.
2. What U.S. state has both the highest and lowest points of the 48 continental states?
3. Who was the only President of the U.S. to pass away before both of his parents?
4. What is the least used letter in the English alphabet?
5. How many players are on a water polo team?
6. What state recently overtook New York to be the second most populous state in the U.S.?
7. What is the only planet not named for a god?
8. What is the most popular name for newly born boys in the U.S.?
9. What term developed when a jockey won a horse race without using the switch or whip?
10. What is the heaviest dog breed?

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Trívía Answers

1. Throwing a spit ball. Players playing in 1920 could throw it legally until they retired. The last spit ball was thrown in 1934.
2. California- Mt. Whitney and Death Valley
3. John F. Kennedy
4. Q
5. 7
6. Texas
7. Earth
8. Jacob
9. winning "hands down"
10. St. Bernard

See you next week !

Announcements:



Please check out our Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Camp-Kawanhee-for-Boys/132213696858301?ref=hl>

I hope to upload week three photos on Sunday. The password for all of the Kawanhee Photo galleries can be found in the email that sent this newsletter to you.

Please email gibby@kawanhee.com with any questions.

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