

Monhegan Week!

By Dan Webster - Camp Director

Here comes the sun! You have probably been aware via eWigwam articles, Facebook postings, letters from your campers, or personal experience that it's been a pretty wet summer in Maine. Well the end of the 3rd week ushered in a beautiful stretch of sunny, dry, wonderful weather! Camp was still fun even during the rainy stretch, but we all were ready for some easy, breezy summer days.

A big story of the third week of camp is always the Monhegan Island Trip. The great thing about this trip is that we are the only camp in the world that can offer it to campers! The trip was established in the 1940's by Mr. Bateman ("Bates"), who had fisherman friends on the island and thought it would make a good destination for Kawanhee campers. Who would have thought that 60 years later the trip would still be going strong?



Our campers and trippers stay in tents at the high point of the island on a grassy knoll in back of the old lighthouse that the islanders call "the ball field". A campground was established there but due to fire danger and consideration for the fragile island environment the islanders banned camping starting in the 1950's. However, due to our history with and good will generated by our annual visits we are granted permission by the Monhegan Associates on a year-to-year basis. I just sat down with the president of the Associates last week and am happy to report that the future of our trip looks secure and rests on the high expectations for our campers and staff to represent themselves with integrity.

What is there to do on Monhegan? The island is rather small - a mile long, and half-a-mile wide - and

has a small village on the western side that is surrounded on three sides by forever wild forest and coastline. The beauty of the island is unparalleled. While there campers experience breathtaking hiking excursions, deep sea fishing trips, water color painting classes led by our Art Director, Andy Bourassa, some fine island dining (we are not allowed to cook at the campsite), visits to the famous island shipwreck (the steel-hulled tug called the DT Sheridan), exploration of the village via a few simple dirt roads, short boat trips across the harbor to Manana Island, tours of the island museum and lighthouse, and of course visits to the tallest sea cliffs in Maine. Even the one-hour ferry ride to and from the island is an adventure and provides the opportunity to spot seals, porpoises, interesting sea birds, and on occasion whales!

Hundreds and hundreds of Kawanhee campers have made the pilgrimage to Monhegan Island over the decades. Many including Scorekeeper BA Altmaier can even recall visiting the Manana Island hermit, Ray Phillips decades ago. Such memories last a lifetime!



Checkers Tournament Nears Finish, Chess Tournament Gets Underway

by Michael Altmaier

Our first annual Camp Kawanhee checkers tournament is nearing its conclusion. At press time we are nearing the semi-finals. Juan S. and Sean S., two counselors, are set for a huge showdown for a trip to the finals. In the other half of the bracket, Colin H. of Wildcat lodge has surprised everyone by wiping out the competition and already securing a place in the semi finals. Charles C. of Pine Tree and Drew C. of Coyote are playing for a spot in the semi finals. I'm sure we will have the final results in the next issue of the "eWigwam" and will announce the winner of the "Golden Checker".

We have also started the first annual Camp Kawanhee chess tournament. Play is nearing completion in the first round. We hope to have the tournament finished next week and will report the results in the next issue of the "eWigwam".



Tennis Tournaments Get Underway




by Michael Altmaier

Again this year we are having a group of singles tournaments in the first half of the camp season. Although any camper may enter the tournament they are designed to give campers who are not staying the entire summer a chance to win a trophy. There are three tournaments underway- 11 and under, 13 and under, and 15 and under. Peter K. of Hawk lodge is the defending champion of the 11 and under division and after a brief holiday on Monhegan Island, he is ready to defend his crown against some tough competition. In the 13 and under tournament, Inigo P. of Lynx lodge defeated the number one seed Ricky F. of Wildcat , and so that tournament is wide open. Charlie L. of Loon is the number one seed in the 15 and under tourney, but faces tough competition from Preston P., Liam W. and other players. The finals of all three tournaments should be completed this week.



Grey and Maroon Report:

Week Three — Top Ten:

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- (1) Ricky - Wildcat 1,510
 - (2) Luca - Wildcat 970
 - (3) Charlie - Loon 740
 - (4) Inigo - Lynx 615
 - (5) Diego - Deer 540
 - (6) Bruno - Pine Tree 515
 - (7) Peter - Bear 500
 - (8) Ethan - Falcon 490
 - (9) Charles - Pine Tree 455
 - (10) Harry - Trout 390
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Maroons (13,232) - Greys (18,681)

"Have fun and the points will come"



The Legend of the Duke of Zanzibar

by Michael Altmaier

One of the great legends of Camp Kawanhee is the Duke of Zanzibar. Who is the Duke of Zanzibar ? The Duke isn't really one person- it was anyone in camp who performed a prank (usually late at night). These pranks are usually called "dukes". Sometimes the pranksters would draw or write a Z on their work. A traditional "duke" is supposed to be helpful to camp and not destructive. I know in early years of camp, a person would actually dress as the Duke of Zanzibar and do things such as running through the traditional Saturday night campfire. I don't know the origination of this legend or why the name the Duke of Zanzibar was chosen. I hopefully will find out someday.

I have participated in several "dukes" . Of course, these were before I became a mature adult, which I'm expecting to happen any day now. The most memorable prank I took part in was in the 1970s. It was good evidence of a good "duke" which was helpful to camp. In the early 1970s, camp had decided to construct a real concrete basketball court. Before that we played on a clay basketball court- similar to our current tennis courts. We played on old wooden backboards and you never knew when the ball might bounce off a rock. The construction of the new court meant that the old courts would be destroyed. On the last night of camp a large group of us decided to help the process. We planned to dig up the backboards and move them to the front porch of the dining hall and tie them up and make a small basketball court on the porch. Since this work had to be done after camp with paid labor and all activities were over for the summer, we thought this would be helpful to camp.

It quickly became clear that we had quite a task in front of us. We didn't realize that the wooden poles went very deep into the ground and there was a very heavy cement doughnut around the base of the pole that was probably used to set the poles or stabilize them . Suddenly we were dealing with a 20 foot pole with a bulky backboard, complete with a metal rim, and a huge cement doughnut at the bottom! We quickly decided that we could probably carry the two poles a short distance, but probably not from the athletic field to the dining hall. So we decided to "borrow" the camp truck- the infamous "Bouncing Buggy". We managed to load the poles into the truck and made the short trip to the dining hall. We carried the

poles to the small front porch of the old dining hall and successfully tied the poles upright on each end of the porch. The porch was very small - probably ten feet wide, so the poles were not far apart.

Half the fun of doing a "duke" is getting up and seeing the camp react to your "duke". Of course, we got quite a reaction. Part of the Duke of Zanzibar code is that you have to take apart your prank and make sure camp is fully operational the next morning. So we dutifully moved the poles once again and took them to the local dump. It was a satisfying night. We had some fun, and helped camp by doing something that it would have done anyways after the season and paid to have done. And we did it for free! That is the true spirit of the Duke of Zanzibar.

Another great "duke" was done by Michael Compher, a fairly recent camper, counselor and team captain. With lumber and paint he found around camp, he created a long sign that said "May there always be a Kawanhee". On the last night of camp he and his helpers placed the sign on the roof of the dining hall. It extended the entire length of the dining hall. The next morning we all came to flag raising and saw his great handiwork!

Today, the legend of the Duke of Zanzibar still exists. Matter of fact, the Duke of Zanzibar has his own Facebook page with many friends. Although not every prank at Kawanhee has been positive those aren't really "dukes". To be a true Duke of Zanzibar prank, it has to be helpful to Kawanhee and our spirit.



A Very Early Adventure...

by Mark Gibson

Early Saturday morning a few brave campers and counselors pushed off onto Webb Lake into a thick morning fog. Using the war canoes and one kayak 19 of us set out to explore the lake's narrows in search of moose and wildlife.

Jack Fader and I planned the trip the day before, we would get up around 4:30 am and would push off at 5:00 am with anyone awake and ready to go. I live down the road from camp and drove in early and was surprised to find about 12 boys sitting at the boat house waiting for me. The morning fog was thick and the lake was calm making for a perfect morning and everyone was excited about the potential to see a moose.

We paddled our boats all the way to the lake's outlet, where the lake ends and the Webb river begins. We didn't see a moose that morning, but the



paddle was peaceful and the scenery beautiful. On the way back to camp we stopped at the old Moose Outpost campsite for a quick stretch and to walk around a bit. After we set off again we saw a pair of loons. The loons let us paddle as close as 20 feet away without them diving and moving to safer waters. I took several photos and the boys were all quiet as we observed them in their wild habitat.



When we got back to camp, still before first bell we put the boats back on the stands and agreed to meet again next week for another try.



Kawanhee Mealtime Trivia ~ Week #3

by Michael Altmaier

We had another exciting week of mealtime trivia. Alec R. of Beaver lodge has pulled away from the pack by being able to answer 5 questions this summer. Due to the candy prizes he has received he has gained 26 pounds.

Questions this week:

1. What rock music star was born Paul David Hewson?
2. What are the two letters worth the most points in Scrabble?
3. What is the most popular nickname for 4 year colleges in the U.S.?
4. Besides California what is the only other state in the U.S. with land below sea level?
5. With only 400 words what letter has the smallest section of an English dictionary?
6. What was the first country outside of the U.S. to win the Little League World Series?
7. What sport has the fastest moving ball?
8. What music star once sold 20 million records in one day?
9. What current baseball player has the most career hits? He has over 3, 300 career hits.
10. What professional sports team has retired the most numbers (21)?

((Answers On Last Page))

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Sunset Diving



Trívía Answers

1. Bono
2. Q and Z
3. Eagles - (76). Tigers is second. Bulldogs is third.
4. Louisiana
5. X
6. Mexico in 1957
7. Jai Lai
8. Elvis- the day after his death
9. Derek Jeter
10. Boston Celtics

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 four photos on Sunday.

The password for all of the Kawanhee Photo galleries can be found in the email that sent this newsletter to you.

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