

WELCOME BACK CAMPERS AND PARENTS KAWANHEE 2014!

We write this message as the sun is setting over Lake Webb and campers are preparing for bed and settling into their lodges for their first night. Counselors are checking in with campers, making sure they are comfortable, while also preparing them for the exciting weeks that lie ahead. The spirit is high as friends are reunited, new friendships are beginning, all the while there is apprehension mixed with excitement and another summer begins. The kitchen staff prepared a fabulous "Welcome to Maine" meal with lobster rolls, make your own baked potatoes, chowder, beans and hotdogs, vegetarian beet burgers, a salad bar overflowing with fresh veggies from our local organic gardener and homemade bread, ALL topped off with Maine blueberry cake for dessert! Please know we are thankful for your willingness to leave your children in our care for the next summer weeks and for all the preparation on your part in getting them to camp. We take very seriously our obligation to both you and to them in providing



the best care possible while they are with us this summer.

If you are wondering about your son, missing him and feeling like you want to connect with someone at camp to find out how he is doing, please don't hesitate to call Debi, our Camp Mom and Head of Residential Life for the younger guys, at 207-585-2777. You can also email her debi@kawanhee.com. Andy Bourassa, our Head of Residential Life for the older guys, can be reached at andy@kawanhee.com. The two of them are the most likely to know how your son is doing and the most able to effectively track down any information about them that you may want to know.

On a more sober note, ticks have become a problem in western Maine as they have throughout the eastern United States. After researching thoroughly, and consulting



with the camp's pediatrician about the best way to protect your children from tick bites and the diseases that they may transmit, we will be doing daily tick checks on every boy in camp. This means that lodge counselors will be checking every boy's skin from the thighs down and the waist up for evidence of these insects. Out of respect for their privacy, we will be encouraging boys to check their own bodies in areas "where the sun don't shine". In addition, we will be encouraging boys to use insect repellent containing up to 30% DEET and will provide boys with the use of ours if they did not bring any with them to camp or do not choose to purchase it from the camp store. The camp's pediatrician has assured us that repellent containing up to 30% DEET is both safe and effective. If you do not wish for your son to have daily tick checks or if you would prefer that we do not apply/encourage them to use insect repellent, please let us know as soon as possible. Despite our best efforts, tick bites may occur and may escape our notice. If we become aware that your son has experienced a tick bite, we will be in touch with you.

Just to remind you, please remember that we have several campers this year with peanut allergies. We do not cook with any peanut products or give the boys any prepared foods that are produced in a factory where peanut products are made. Please do not send any food in care packages that contains peanuts or candy that may be produced in a factory where there are peanut products. We have plenty of food for the boys here at camp, including opportunities for them to buy snacks at the camp store.

We look forward to what is shaping up to be a fabulous summer ahead! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns as the summer progresses. We will be attempting to get an e Wigwam to you on a weekly basis and you can log in to <http://12moons.smugmug.com/Camp-Kawanhee> to view photographs of camp and campers in action. You will find the password for all Kawanhee photo galleries in the email this newsletter was attached to.

Until next time, Liz and Mark





Co-Directors of Residential Life

Debi Sullivan (Camp Mom)

Andy Bourassa

Hello Parents,

Your boys all arrived safely and are settling into camp nicely. The weather has been amazing!

I'm very lucky to have the chance to work with Andy Bourassa this year. We will be working together to meet all the campers' needs. We will be working in tandem to support the campers on both sides of camp. Andy will be working on the Senior Side of camp, assisting counselors and campers. I will be working on the Jr. Side doing the same. You are welcome to email either one of us with questions or concerns. My email is debi@kawanhee.com and Andy's email is andy@kawanhee.com. You may also call my cabin at (207) 585-2777 to reach us. We are really enjoying getting to know your boys and as always thank you for allowing us to share their summer with them.

Happy Summer, Debi



Kawanhee alumnus becomes King of Spain

by Michael Altmaier

On June 19, 2014, Crown Prince Felipe de Borbon became King of Spain. His father, King Juan Carlos I, had abdicated a few weeks before Felipe became King. The abdication cleared the way for Felipe to become the next King of Spain.

In 1982, Felipe spent the summer at Camp Kawanhee. Last summer, I wrote an article about my memories of the day Felipe and his two cousins (the sons of the exiled King and Queen of Greece) arrived at camp. This article can be accessed by going to www.kawanhee.com and then clicking on the 2013 issues of the e-Wigwam. The article on the Crown Prince was in issue 27 that was published on July 10, 2013. It was the third issue of last sum-

mer.

While at Kawanhee, Felipe lived in Bear lodge. You can still see the place where Felipe signed his name on the wall of Bear lodge. His cousin was also in the lodge, as was his good friend, Alvaro Fuster. Alvaro was a schoolmate of Felipe and had recruited him to go to Kawanhee. Two of Alvaro's nephews will be attending Kawanhee in 2014. Felipe came to camp a week late and left a little early. The Kawanhee History Museum now has a copy of a vide-





otape that was made when Prince Felipe left camp. It is a fun tape to watch. At one point in the tape Felipe puts on his Kawanhee ball cap. I noticed he didn't wear it on the day he became King . I guess he liked the crown better.

His mother, Queen Sofia, came to Kawanhee to drop him off and pick him up. I remember her as a very elegant, polite and friendly person. Felipe had many of the same qualities. He was just a normal kid who enjoyed camp. A former counselor remembers him coming for extra help in baseball. He enjoyed most of the activities at Kawanhee. He was an excellent sailor and would go to represent Spain in the summer Olympics in sailing. I believe he might be the only Olympian in Kawanhee's history.

Felipe only spent one summer at Kawanhee. He remained Crown Prince for 32 years after his time at Kawanhee and then became King Felipe VI on June 19, 2014. Camp Kawanhee would like to congratulate Felipe on becoming King; we are proud that we were part of his boyhood.

THANK YOU WELD AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Camp Kawanhee has been fortunate to be located in the town of Weld, an outstanding and supportive community for 94 years. Weld, with its beautiful lake and mountains, makes an ideal place for Kawanhee and all the boys who have had a chance to grow here. The physical beauty of this place is only half the picture. We are truly blessed to have had the support of both the residents and businesses of the town, as well. Their kind words and support have fostered a true sense of belonging and partnership. To show our appreciation, each year before the camp season starts, Kawanhee hosts a Weld community dinner.

This year's dinner was on Friday evening just before opening weekend. We had a packed house where Kawanhee counselors and community members were able to gather and celebrate with a fine meal prepared by Sean Minear and his staff. The success of this gathering was evident to all, and we are already looking forward to next year.



Exciting Change on the Range

Yes, there is something new this year for the rifle range. We are now affiliated with the Civilian Marksmanship Program whose mission is based on safety, marksmanship skill, and strong support of youth.



Although there will be a totally different means of scoring and earning qualification levels, the range program will first and foremost emphasize gun safety, as it always has. Before a camper will be allowed to shoot, he will have to pass a written or oral safety test and demonstrate how to handle a rifle safely.

We are looking forward to implementing this new program and know the campers will enjoy their summer on the range.

The Range staff.

2014 Week One Lodge Photos





Pine Tree Lodge



Hawk Lodge





Moose Lodge



Lynx Lodge



Wildcat Lodge



Trout Lodge



Coyote Lodge



Bear Lodge





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