



2014 Grey and Maroon Captains and Co-Captains

GREYS

Alfredo F. ~ Captain

Brandon H. ~ Co-Captain

MAROONS

Juanki F. ~ Captain

Colin H. ~ Co-Captain

Hello to all Kawanhee family!

For those who don't know, my name is Andrew Bourassa and I am the new Residential Life Director for the senior side of camp. In a typical day, my responsibilities might include, but are not limited to: parent communication, support for lodge counselors, evening and vesper activity planning, camper support, regular meetings with lodges as a whole and individuals, behavior management and support, conflict resolution, etc. In addition, as a member of the leadership team, all members assist in the day to day work of general camp management.

Camp is off to a beautiful start with only one day of rain, glorious sun, and minimal bugs. We are very fortunate to be in such



an ideal setting for the character building and fun that takes place here. It is said that the typical child smiles about 40 times a day; we may exceed our quota here. All activities have been up and running with additional pickup games of beach volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, lacrosse, etc. The kids are active, taking lodge hikes, and being crea-

tive, every single day. Where else would they have such opportunities in one day?

As it has been hot and humid, we are regularly encouraging campers to drink more and remain hydrated. Every day, each camper is checked for ticks or bug bites/infections that may need to be treated by our on-staff nurse. Additionally, we



would like to remind parents that care packages CANNOT contain anything with peanuts, processed in a plant that also processes peanuts, or may contain peanuts.

We have several campers with various sensitivities to peanuts, and for the safety of all campers we cannot allow these items in camp. Any questions about specific items or the policy in general may be directed to Liz, Debi, or myself.

The first Monday of camp, June 23 rd, Kawanhee was fortunate to host The Milkweed Puppet Theatre and Nancy Tyndall. Nancy

performed an exceptional puppet show for all of camp, she held court for more than an hour. Her stories included a Grimm Fairytale and the Brier Rabbit tales. Nancy was a former puppeteer with Bread and Puppet; she came to us on an excellent referral and brought over 30 years of experience in puppeteering. Nancy is just the first in a series of performers we have scheduled for camp this season. Keep posted for more updates on performances in future articles or via Facebook and the camp website.

All campers will be completing an overnight soon, if they have not already. Lodge vespers, which includes goal setting for individuals and the lodge as a whole, started this past Sunday. Lynx lodge, for example, went zip-lining and stated their goals while standing and swimming in the Sandy River. And, as I am sure most families are aware, phone calls home will start this Sunday. Families can expect campers to call home per our schedule (lodges are



scheduled for a day of the week, to help ensure families know when to expect the call), at either 11:00 - 12:00am, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, or 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

We would also like to remind all families that the website and Facebook pages can be used to track activities as they occur in camp. The Facebook page is also regularly updated with camp photos, so all can be part of this wonderful experience and location. We hope all are having even half the fun we are here, and may the spirit of Kawanhee carry over into your hearts and minds like it does here!

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Chess and Checkers Tournaments Get Underway

by Michael Altmaier

After a short sign-up period, the first chess and checkers tournaments are underway. Several matches have already been played. Alec R. and Edu de no V. are back as defending champions from last summer and both apparently spent part of the past winter playing on the national chess and checkers professional tours. A first year camper who appears to be a good player is Yael R. He has already advanced to the semifinals of the chess tournament. Kawanhee has added another outdoor board and a lawn chess game where the pieces are larger than several campers. During the coming weeks I will update the progress of each tournament until we have a champion. Good luck players!

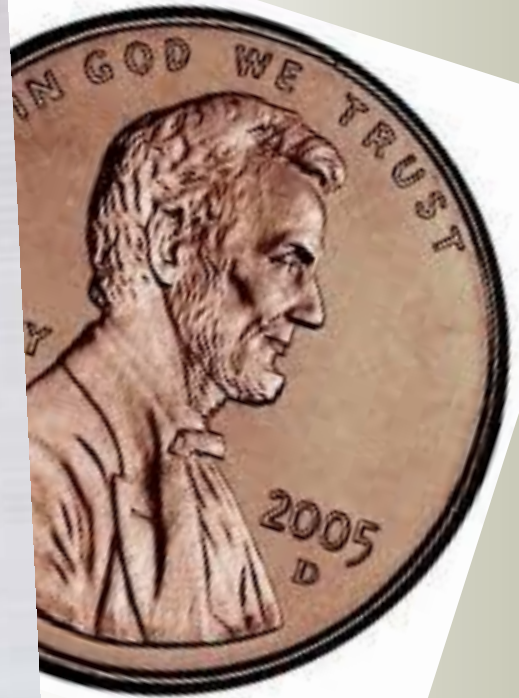
Sports Cards Collecting Activity Gets Started

by Michael Altmaier

For the third straight summer, I'm organizing a sports card collecting activity. So far, 25 campers are part of this activity. We collect football, basketball, baseball and hockey cards. Each boy is given a notebook and card protector sheets, and some cards to start their collection.

Cards are also dispersed about twice a week. The boys have fun collecting the cards and trading with their friends in the activity. A special feature is a day in which the boys may trade with me. No deal is refused, and it gives each boy a chance to get cards he would really like instead of cards he receives in his card packs. We also have special raffles to win special cards such as autographed cards or memorabilia cards. A boy received a memorabilia card of Kevin Durant- an NBA basketball star -in the recent dispersal of cards. The card included part of Kevin Durant's uniform. So we are lots of fun collecting and trading cards!





Range Tradition

Camp Kawanee has many traditions that are carried out through every season. The rifle range is no exception. George Frank use to give a boy a nickel if he shot a bullet directly through the center of the 10 on his target. This first week, we were able to continue G. Frank's tradition, in an award we call the "Pin Wheel". The target, with a memorial nickel, is placed in a frame for the deserving camper. Our first recipient is Fernando F. from Deer lodge.

All campers that have had the opportunity to take the written safety test have passed it and are now starting their qualifying rounds and beginning to work on the CMP ladder.

Our Lodge of the week, for exceptional listening skills and demonstration of rifle safety, goes to Falcon Lodge.

Until next week's Home on the Range report, have a wonderful week .

Mary and Sandy



Tennis and Ping Pong Tournaments Starting

by Michael Altmaier

Tennis and Ping Pong tournaments are getting away at Kawanhee. Both Jeff K. and Peter K., return as defending tennis champions . Other good players are also returning and there will be three age divisions for the tournament. Future editions of the e-Wigwam will report on the progress of the tournament, all the way to the championship matches.

I'm excited to be organizing a Ping Pong tournament for the first time in many years. The Ping Pong tables were resurfaced this spring and this will greatly improve the quality of the play around camp- so we are having some tournaments ! Like the tennis tournaments, the Ping Pong tournaments will be divided into age divisions. Again, stay tuned for results in coming issues of the e- Wigwam.





Our relationship with the Rock

by Michael Altmaier

It majestically juts out of the water three-quarters of a mile from the shores of Camp Kawanhee. It is much closer to Mount Blue State Park than Kawanhee, but we have always had a strong relationship with Bass Rock. I don't know much about its formation. Lake Webb is a glacial lake and perhaps Bass Rock is part of the debris that the glacial period left in Maine after the last glacier receded. I guess it is not important, the important thing is that it's there.

From the earliest days of Kawanhee, Bass Rock was used for several purposes. I'm sure they swam to and from it just as we do today. But, from an historical perspective, the most noteworthy use of Bass Rock in the 1920s and 1930s was to meet at Bass Rock for Sunday evening vespers services. Vespers was a mostly religious service held at the conclusion of the weekend. The entire camp would canoe to the rock. The canoes would straddle the rock and Kawanhee's chaplain or perhaps RC or GR Frank would run the vespers service from Bass Rock itself. Kawanhee has several great pictures of this event and one is on the wall of the museum and I use one in my "History of Kawanhee" slide show that I present to the camp population before the "Coming of the Chief" ceremony. In early camp publications, it is even referred to as "Vespers Rock". The Bass Rock vespers services disappeared as camp got bigger and bigger.

In the modern age of Kawanhee, Bass Rock is used for several purposes. Some lodges use it as a place to go for their lodge vespers services-this happens the first and last Sun-

day of camp. The major use of Bass Rock is to use it as a great swimming accomplishment for advanced swimmers. This usually happens late in the summer as an organized activity. If a boy can swim the three-quarters of a mile he earns a maroon "K" on his Kawanhee canoe paddle. Bass Rock is also used as the starting part for our annual Kawanhee Triathlon .

The most unique use of Bass Rock is to walk the three- quarters of a mile in winter. You can do this anytime the lake is frozen. Camp now organizes a walk in February. In New England , schools are off from school the week of President's Day, so the walk is scheduled the Sunday before the holiday. We all meet for dinner the night before and take the walk the next day. It's a wonderful tradition and gives us all a taste of camp in mid-winter. We've had people come from far away to take the walk. By taking the walk a Kawanheean can earn a white "K" on his paddle. Information about the winter walk usually appears on our web site shortly after the new year.

Although Bass Rock is fairly far from camp and not on camp property it has been a great part of our Kawanhee tradition!



Dining Hall Trivia

by Michael Altmaier

Well, it's another year of dining hall trivia. After every meal I ask a question to the entire camp and the lucky winner gets an edible treat.

Here are some of the questions I asked the first week of camp:

1. According to Crayola, what two colors of crayons in the classic 8 pack get used up the quickest ?
2. What is the only land mammal native to New Zealand ?
3. What university has won the most college football games ?
4. What is the oldest letter of the alphabet ?
5. What is the Maine State bird ?
6. What NBA star was all star game MVP, NBA regular season MVP and MVP of the NBA finals in 2000 ?
7. What percentage of the earth's water is fresh water ?
8. What does "karate" mean ?
9. What is the name of the dog on the Cracker Jacks box ?
10. What is the oldest football bowl game ?

(Answers on Last Page)













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Dining Hall Trivia Answers:

1. red and black
2. bat
3. Michigan
4. O
5. Black Capped Chickadee
6. Shaq
7. 3
8. empty hand
9. bingo
10. Rose Bowl

