



Forth Week - Flies By

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My name is Ed Watson and I am the Co-Activities Director for Camp Kawanhee. Most of my job, working closely with Lee, is to make sure that campers are active and happy in their activities, free time, and after dinner. Lee and I help to make sure that games are played, events are planned and prepared, and that Kawanhee is operating at full steam. I have spent twenty-five summers here at camp, I met my wife here (daughter of our own score keeper), and my two young daughters love being here as well--our dog doesn't mind it either.

When I look at the calendar in our office, it is hard to believe that the fourth week is already over--it feels like only yesterday we greeted families and embraced Kawanhee brothers on Opening Day. Looking out across the lake, it's easy to see how the time can get away from us when we are here. Levels have been passed, games have been played, fires built, medals won, stories told, challenges accepted, and personal victories achieved.

This week saw the departure of several of our Junior Counselors to the Allagash River where they spent four days and nights camping, cooking out, canoeing the river, and learning about personal growth and leadership qualities. Sunday evening we were visited by master story-teller Len Cabral. Len dazzled us with his ability to weave together words, gestures, and expressions to tell engaging and entertaining stories. Our first Katahdin hike departed this week as well. The boys prepped meals and gear and took the long drive out to



Baxter State park where they camped. Our trips leave with multiple hiking days built into the trip, but unfortunately the weather prohibited summiting. Instead, the hikers were able to explore Chimney Pond and several local spots and many will try again in the sixth week. Grey and Maroon this week saw the return of our fast paced game of Flag Rush, which is similar to capture the flag on a shortened field. The game was intense with hundreds of points scored on both sides. To supplement Flag Rush and to make sure that all of the campers were engaged, we also played rousing games of flag football, gaga ball, and water polo. That night our campers were treated to lobster, steaks, steamers, and vegetarian dishes at our annual Lobster Feed, prepared by our very own chefs. Campfire this week was bittersweet. Our Camp Craft staff, aided by campers, built a roaring fire, the music and fellowship was outstanding, and awards were dispersed by the truckload. Special time was taken to award paddles for the four week campers--twenty-eight days may not seem like a long time, but a lot of living can be packed into twenty-eight days. As we say goodbye to some of our Kawanhee brothers, we also welcome our three weekers. The days are warm, the lake is cool, and we have the tetherball court all broken in for them. I think we're ready for three more weeks of fun.



Dear Parents of New Arrivals,

July 21, 2014

The boys have all arrived safely and are attending their first activities of the summer here at Kawanhee. The weather is beautiful for the lake swim tests. Tonight we have a baseball game and a special event called "Mad Science". Please watch the website for pictures of this event. Tomorrow night I will make my delicious donuts on the fire for the boys. Life is good at Kawanhee!

I do want to remind you that the "Two Week Rule," which means no phone calls or visits, is still required for the Three Week Campers. Your son can call you at the beginning of the 3rd week of his stay at camp. We are hoping to have the boys fully engaged by the setting of Kawanhee, gaining independence and confidence.

However, you may email me or call me or Andy at the following addresses at any time for an update on how your son is doing. You may also send mail and email to your son by writing to the address also listed below. If your son is a new camper, his counselor will call you after the first week to give you an update on how your son is adjusting to camp.

If you send a package, please be sure to check the list attached. We have some fellows here who are extremely allergic to peanuts and we need to be super careful about package contents for this reason. Thank you for patience with all of these details. We will take great care of your son. Smiles, Debi (Kawanhee's Camp Mother)

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*Please put your son's name and cabin in the subject line.

*He will receive mail at either lunch or dinner. *



Alec R. wins Chess Tournament

by Michael Altmaier

For the second year in a row, Alec R. won the Camp Kawanhee checkers tournament. Alec breezed into the finals by defeating all his opponents. The other half of the tournament bracket was a surprise as Ethan H. , a very young camper, took on all opponents and made his way into the finals. In the final match, Alec edged Ethan to win the checkers tournament . There will be a second tournament in the second half of the summer, and we'll see if Alec can do it again.



Champion and Runner-up
congratulate each other
after their checkers match.



Senior ping pong
Finalists

Alvaro R. wins Senior Ping Pong Tournament

by Michael Altmaier

Alvaro R. won the Senior Ping Pong Tournament at Camp Kawanhee. Alvaro showed great skill and defeated some skilled players along the way. He met A.J. D. in the finals after A.J. defeated several top players. The Junior A and Junior B ping pong tournaments are still being contested. The Junior B finals is between Peter K. and Diego P. The Jr. A will be a contest between Edu de no V., who is in the finals, and the winner of a semi-final match between Alex. K. and Will F. We will also have new ping pong tournaments the second half of the camp season.

Peace Pole Dedicated at Kawanhee Chapel

On July 13, 2104, Camp Kawanhee dedicated a peace pole at our outdoor chapel. This is the dedication speech given by Michael Altmaier on that day.

Good morning. Today, we celebrate the dedication of the Kawanhee Peace Pole here at our chapel.

The Camp Kawanhee of today is quite different from the Kawanhee of the 1920s. In the early days of Kawanhee, we were nearly 100 % made up of Christian boys from the United States. We now have campers and counselors from all over the United States and the world. We also have campers and counselors who are believers of several different religions. We have tried to reflect this new Kawanhee in our chapel services. For many years, Kawanhee had a chaplain on staff who did all of the Sunday services here at the point. Today, we don't have a chaplain. Instead, we have different speakers every week. These speakers are young counselors and even some campers. Graham M. gave a talk at the chapel when he was 10. Now he's a senior counselor. The messages here at the chapel relate to your lives here at Kawanhee. They try to help you become a better camp citizen or show you how camp can change your life. We hope these messages will appeal to campers and counselors of all faiths. We also have a great choir made up of counselors and campers of all different backgrounds and faiths. There is great joy in the singing we do here and is an important part of our service at the chapel.



So we hope you see the peace pole as another symbol of our openness at Kawanhee and our services here at the chapel. We will not take down symbols. The Christian cross will remain, and soon we will add a Star of David and a symbol of Islam.

There is nothing more universal or worthwhile than the desire for peace in our world and in our camp. Our peace pole says "May peace prevail on earth". This phrase is written in seven other languages on the pole. We will turn the pole occasionally, so a different language can be seen by the audience.

So I hope the pole will represent the peace you feel when you come here every Sunday. I think it is the most beautiful spot in camp as you look down to the base of the chapel and then across to the mountains. I always enjoy the calmness I feel here and hope you do also. It is a place I often come by myself, just to think or look out at our beautiful environment. We have a very busy life here at Kawanhee and the peace we feel here is a nice transition from moment to moment or day to day or week to week.

So in that spirit of Kawanhee calmness and peace we dedicate this peace pole today. May you always feel peace and love here.

Mealtime Trivia

by Michael Altmaier

Another week of mealtime trivia at Kawanhee and spirit is high . Here are some of the questions of the past week:

1. What are the fewest number of coins you use to make 99 cents?
2. How many people have walked on the moon ?
3. The Guinness Book of World Records says she is TV's most frequent clapper.
4. What is the most common nickname for high school sports teams in the U.S. ?
5. Boys' sports teams at Centralia High School in Illinois are called the Orphans. What are the girls' teams nicknamed ?
6. What is the fastest growing state in the U.S. in population ?
7. What team sport is played on a field bigger than 9 football fields ?
8. What sport has the fastest moving ball ?
9. What bird flies the highest-almost seven miles high ?
10. What does the Beaufort Scale measure ?

(Answers on Next Page)



Mealtime Trivia Answers

1. 8- half dollar, quarter, two dimes. 4 pennies
2. 12
3. Vanna White
4. Eagles
5. the Annies
6. North Dakota
7. polo
8. Jai alai
9. vulture
10. wind speed



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