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A Happy 95th! by Fritz Monroe

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Fritz Monroe. I was never a camper at Kawanhee, starting as a JC with Doug Means in Wildcat in 1971 as a just-graduated high school senior. I learned of Kawanhee through my brother, Jeff, who learned of it from Richie Davis at the OSU Ernie Biggs football practice facility. I then met Jane and Walter Estabrook at their Bexley home and began a beloved decade with Kawanhee. I was a counselor in Wildcat, Birch, Hawk, and Badger. I worked on the waterfront, in tennis, started the soccer program, experimented with lacrosse, and was DOA in 1979 and 80. Unfortunately(?), Nick Gill and I were abroad during the 1977 season and weren't able to help with the kitchen fire and aftermath.



Sign of the Times: Welcome to the 95th!



B. A. Altmaier introduced special guest Betty Frank Brassington, daughter of co-founder Raymond Frank.

Returning to Kawanhee with my wife, Deb, after a 20-year absence, as my son and I had attended the 75th, was a truly incredible experience. Remembering camp from this end of life and seeing how it has grown and yet remained the same showed me the true value of camp, creating and maintaining friendships and caring relationships. What Mark and Liz Standen have been able to perpetuate is truly wonderful; the revisions to the athletic fields, the newer lodges, the rope course, the JC Training Program are all grounded in the most sincere Kawanhee beliefs of caring and very evident at Kawanhee.

Arriving at camp I was delighted with the new fields and tennis and basketball courts.

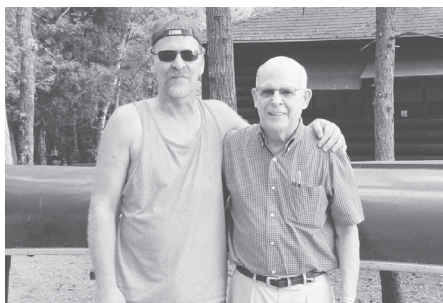
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Helpful signs for those who hadn't been back to Camp for a while!

Sixty Eight Years and Counting by Fred W. Hoster

I began my long love affair with Camp Kawanhee in 1948 at the ripe old age of nine. My father had just passed away and my mother – in order to preserve her sanity – sent me north from Columbus, Ohio to spend 8 weeks in the woods of Maine. I was scared to death as I did not know one soul up there. Shortly after my arrival, G.R. Frank appeared in my life and changed it forever. Over the years we became very close friends; the fact that he lived just north of us made it easy for me to visit him on a regular basis. On a visit to his home one Saturday I admired his extraordinary woodcarving skills.



Fred Hoster connected with Greg Fulda at the 95th Reunion. Greg's late father, John, and Fred were long-time Kawanhee friends.

Over a period of time, George taught me to carve wood and I have continued to do so for years. I always admired his tools and from time to time he would give me a tool. Later in his life during one of our visits he surprised me with a metal box which contained all of his dearly beloved woodcarving tools. Needless to say, I was blown away.

In the 68 years since my first summer at Kawanhee I have probably only missed a couple of visits to Camp and Weld. I developed some very close friendships in Weld and they now account for some of dearest friends. Camp K and Weld have always been a "safe place" for me in my heart. When life presented challenges I merely retreated mentally to Weld. It has worked wonders over the years. Camp Kawanhee and Weld have become one of the greatest blessings in my life. My prayer is that it will continue to affect kids lives as much as it affected me. ~ Fred W. Hoster, Maroon Captain 1956



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A Happy 95th! by Fritz Monroe (Continued)

The first person I ran into was B.A. Altmaier. What a delight! B.A. and I quickly reconnected as if no time had gone by. Again, the true essence of Kawanhee was apparent. Greeting familiar counselors and staff members was just as nice, but seeing how the campers had grown up was astounding! Our memories fade over time, but meeting young people “now all grown up” was truly a delight. While I was able to water ski once again, I had no idea that I’d be driven around by Fred and Katie’s children! Gatherings in the Rec Hall, sharing of the Puerto Rico expansion, and our common meals in the Dining Hall, complete with the cannon!, were very heart warming times.

The only question left to me now is who will show up for the Century Celebration!



Some alumni reminisced about the Polar Bear swim while others actually took part!



Mike and B. A. celebrate 50 years at Kawanhee. Look at all those stripes!

Reflections on the 95th Reunion by Kate Estabrook Schoedinger

I would like to tip my sombrero to the Three Amigos (John Estabrook, Bill Dargusch, and B. A. Altmaier) who spent many moons attending to the details of Camp Kawanhee’s 95th Reunion. Those days spent packing a seven-week season into four days was a smashing success. It makes me fondly remember Herb Birch speak about forty-nine magical days of fellowship on the shores of Lake Webb. More than nine decades of memories have settled onto that beautiful cove and were joyfully unpacked for the reunion by nearly two hundred attendees ranging in age from infancy to late eighties.

And I had the best job of all. It was my honor and pleasure to work the registration table with friends. Work isn’t the right word since I got to welcome eager attendees, gladly shedding their off-season duties and stepping effortlessly into their camper days. No matter how many moons had passed, former campers and their families beamed. I remembered them from my days as a camp tutor, my days as Camp

Mother, my days as a waitress at the Inn, my days as a camper at Arcadia, my days delivering catalogs with my dad, my days as a camp parent, and my days as a mom to the current water ski department. Working the registration desk was like opening a Christmas present every twenty minutes for four days. What a gift to see their joy and their rush to get around camp. So much to see and share!

Armed with a reunion t-shirt, program, and lodging details, they set off to explore camp by land and by lake. The pontoon boat was a huge hit and they could decide if their next adventure would be by canoe, paddleboard, motorboat, or a hike, a climb up a rock wall, or settling into their lodge to find their name scribed on the walls of posterity. Joyful conversations began before first bell and lingered long into the night. They took place in every nook and cranny of camp. My favorite moment, though, was watching a thunderstorm move its way from the head of the lake while decade pictures were being taken. Just as the last pictures were



John Detrick joins The Three Amigos, Bill Dargusch, John Estabrook, and B. A. Altmaier

snapped, we all hurried up the Dining Hall stairs for a magnificent lobster dinner with a thunderstorm orchestra serenading us all. What a celebration we had! And of course the weather cleared for Campfire and more reunion festivities.

Fellowship was seen, felt, and embraced by all. Maybe if I ask nicely, the Three Amigos will let me work the registration table for the 100th Reunion in August of 2020.

Weld’s Bicentennial by Sean Minear

Greetings from Weld! This year, 2016, marks two hundred years since the founding of our town. For two centuries, Weld has been the year-round home to thousands of residents and the summer home to many more thousands. All of those who spend time in Weld, whether full-time citizen or day hiker enjoying the wonder of Tumbledown, appreciate the natural beauty and the sense of community that exists here. For 95 of these 200 years, Camp Kawanhee has been an important part of this community. As Chair of the Weld Bicentennial Committee, it is my pleasure to welcome all members of the Kawanhee family, past and present, to our year-long celebration. There are close to seventy events that we have scheduled to commemorate this bicentennial. The majority of these will occur this summer. If you are a former camper or staff member and have not been back to Weld for awhile, this would certainly be the year to plan a visit.

For a full list of the activities scheduled, please visit our website: weldbicentennial.com

As is the case every year, I look forward to seeing friends return to camp in June. This year in particular, I look forward to having Kawanhee campers, staff and family members be a part of this bicentennial celebration!



Tabonuco to Kawanhee and Back Again

by Baillie Stein

This past December, for the second year in a row, I made the journey to Puerto Rico to spend ten days at Camp Tabonuco. Although I make the trek to Kawanhee each summer by car rather than airplane, the flight to Puerto Rico had a similar feeling to my car ride to Weld each summer. I was buzzing, unaware of what the days ahead held for me, but all the more excited because of that. I came back from my second stay on the 125-acre farm that is the campus for Tabonuco feeling forever grateful to everyone who helped make the Tabonuco experience possible, and also feeling closer to Kawanhee. This may seem like a paradox, feeling closer to Kawanhee through spending time in far-away Puerto Rico, but the environment created at Tabonuco is very similar to Kawanhee, and seeing my summer friends for those ten days certainly strengthened those bonds. While parallels can be drawn between the two camps (jumping from Smalls Falls certainly prepared me for a few of the river trips!), Tabonuco has so much to offer that is unique from Kawanhee. You can spend your days hacking away at banana groves; exploring the gigantic, Jurassic Park-esque farm; building the foundations for future buildings; or just soaking up the tropical weather that is such a stark contrast to that on Lake Webb. Tabonuco is a very explorative experience – during the twenty total days I've spent there, I think I've covered more ground than some of the Guaynabo crew have covered their whole lives! Because the Tabonuco program is only ten days, every single day is an adventure. If we weren't exploring the mountains, we were experiencing something brand new on the campgrounds. Overall, my two visits to Tabonuco have been incredibly transformative and unforgettable, and the camp is a true testament to the size and power of the Kawanhee community.



Kawanhee is looking for a History Museum Intern

Camp Kawanhee is offering a summer internship in the Camp Kawanhee History Museum. The position is an ideal opportunity for a college student with an interest in history and/or library and archival sciences. The History Museum Intern will divide his/her time between cataloging and organizing the collection and welcoming visitors and conducting oral history interviews. This is an 8-week position (mid-June through mid-August) and includes room and board at the Camp. The successful candidate will be an outgoing self-starter with strong organizational and writing skills. In addition, the successful candidate will enjoy the opportunity to spend the summer in a rustic lake-side, classic summer camp setting in Maine and plan to involve him/herself in the daily life of the Camp (campers range in age from 8 to 17). The History Museum Intern is required to comply with rules and regulations that govern the work of all Camp staff and will need to pass the full background check that is required for all Camp staff. The Intern will report to the Executive Director; a group of volunteers will help to direct the Intern's daily work. To learn more and/or apply, please email Tom Pears at tompears@hotmail.com. Applications should include a cover letter expressing interest, a resume, and a list of references.



Wish List for Camp Kawanhee

Please consider supporting the camp with a donated item from the wish list. If you prefer to donate cash to purchase one of the items, please let us know. All donated items are tax deductible to the extent provided by federal law.

Liz@kawanhee.com or Mark@kawanhee.com
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A GREENHOUSE that will allow us to get vegetables and herbs started early enough to supplement the camp food program and enhance our Nature program.

WEATHER STATION for Nature Department.

MINI VAN or other VEHICLE in good shape that we can use for local trips, taking campers to the doctor in Farmington, errands, etc.

NEW OR USED DESKTOP COMPUTERS

LAUNCH for Canoeing Department

WOODEN CHAIRS to accompany new wooden tables in the dining hall.

Since the completion of the beautiful hand built dining hall tables by Rees Tulloss and with the help of a generous donation by alumnus Jeff Morgan, we are in hopes of purchasing some chairs for the ends of each table. The chair we have chosen is pictured here, and for \$75.00 we can purchase one and you will be recognized on a plaque for your donation! For more information or to make a donation, send checks to Camp Kawanhee, PO Box 789, Yarmouth ME and indicate "chair donation" in the memo line.



Stay Connected!

There are many opportunities to stay connected to Kawanhee:

Join the Online Kawanhee Community

- Like CAMP KAWANHEE FOR BOYS on Facebook and visit the website (www.kawanhee.com)
- Keep us informed about where you are and what you're doing on our soon-to-debut alumni community!

Host and/or Attend Regional Events and Mini Reunions

This past winter there were three Kawanhee receptions/recruiting events:

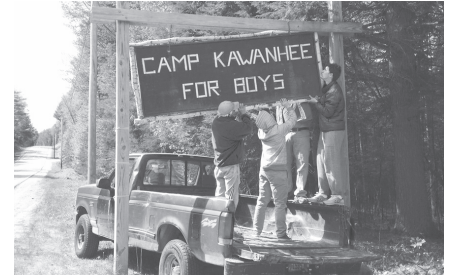
- Delray Beach, Florida (with thanks to Will Fleming & family for hosting);
- Darien, Connecticut (thank you to hosts Jon and Jed Morgan and family)
- Newton, Massachusetts (many thanks to hosts Chip Traynor and MaryAnn Volpe)

Come Back to Camp

- Join us every February for the winter hike to Bass Rock (detailed information will be posted on the website and Facebook).
- Join us every Memorial Day weekend for Kawanhee's annual work weekend to reconnect with friends and with the Camp ... and help get Kawanhee ready for another wonderful summer (detailed information will be posted on the website and Facebook).
- Save the date for the 100th Reunion: mid-August, 2020 (specific dates forthcoming).



With temperatures significantly below zero, the 2016 Bass Rock Hikers comprised a small but hearty crew.



A small group works to hang the Camp Kawanhee sign during the 2015 Work Weekend.

Make a Gift!

It is both amazing and humbling to have the opportunity to help Camp Kawanhee prepare to move into its second century of offering a classic Maine summer camp experience. Many of our alumni attended Kawanhee when it was privately owned, first by the Franks and then the Estabrooks. About 15 years ago, the Board converted Camp Kawanhee into a non-profit entity, run by the George & Raymond Frank Foundation. What does that mean? It means that now we all have the opportunity – and responsibility – for ensuring Kawanhee's continued success.

While the fees charged for boys to attend Kawanhee each summer cover a significant portion of the annual costs of operating the Camp, Kawanhee relies on annual gifts to ensure that the facilities are in good shape and that the programs remain strong. In 2015, Kawanhee put funds raised to a variety of uses, including:

- An expansion of the Ropes Course (and a commitment to further expansions in 2016 and 2017).
- A variety of capital improvements, including a guest bathroom facility (known fondly as “the Fortress”), a new kitchen floor, and a much-needed face-lift in the infirmary. A brand new dorm-style facility is under construction on the “Burma Road” (a.k.a. the kitchen entrance) for staff members who were previously housed in rooms under the dining hall. Once that facility is completed, the area under the dining hall will be renovated.
- We hired an additional nurse to cover the health and safety needs of campers and added a new van to the Camp's fleet to accommodate the many trips and airport runs.
- In addition, through Kawanhee's partnership with the Cheley Foundation, and using funds specifically earmarked for camper scholarships (or “camperships”), we were able to help make it possible for more than 20 boys to attend and enjoy camp – boys who otherwise would not have the opportunity to do so.

Financial contributions are an integral part of making it all work and we hope you will consider making a gift to Kawanhee's annual fund. If you would like to support Camp Kawanhee with a tax-deductible contribution, send your check in the enclosed envelope or, to give via credit card, go online to www.kawanhee.com and click on DONATE to make your gift.

Want to support Kawanhee every time you make a purchase? There's an app for that! Kawanhee alum Shea Rouda has developed “Drops,” a start-up that rounds up people's purchases to help them make small donations to their favorite charity. Interested? Go to <https://drops.la> for more information and to sign up.

Other Ways You Can Help *There are so many ways to give to Kawanhee to help ensure that the experience will always be there for the next generation of boys and young men.*

- Refer a camper! A successful season at Kawanhee depends on a full complement of campers. Many of our new campers come to us thanks to a referral from a Kawanhee family.
- Volunteer to host a recruiting event in your community. Kawanhee's success is enhanced when you help spread the word about the great experience the Camp offers each summer.
- Donate memorabilia to Kawanhee's History Museum. Kawanhee's legacy is perpetuated and enhanced by the shared experience of generations of boys and men. The Camp's History Museum already contains a treasure trove of photographs, documents, oral histories, and other materials. This winter, we obtained a copy of the 1932 Camp catalog via e-bay! Keep your eyes out and help us add to the Museum's collection!

Passages by Michael Altmaier and Mark Standen

During the past year we have lost some great Kawanheecans

Ben Hadley

Ben Hadley passed away in February of 2015 at the age of 85. Ben attended camp as a youth and spent most of his life in Columbus, Ohio, working in the insurance business. Ben also spent a lot of years in the Naval Reserve and was awarded several medals for his service. His son, Scott, was a great tennis player and athlete and attended camp for a few years. Later in life Ben married Lydia Detrick and thus added to his family a bunch of Kawanhee step children and grandchildren, which allowed Ben to reconnect with Kawanhee. He visited almost every summer and often attended Kawanhee events in Ohio. His great Kawanhee spirit will be missed.

John Fulda

John Fulda passed away in September of 2015 at the age of 71. John had suffered from brain tumors for a few years before his death. John was head of tripping in the 1960s. I will always remember getting to know him in during my first year at Kawanhee in 1964. I remember his St. Bernard dog that was loved by all members of the camp family. John married Linda in the 1960s and his son, Greg, attended Kawanhee for several years. It was good to see Greg at the 95th reunion this past summer. We also saw John fairly often, as he had a summer home on Webb Lake. John regularly attended the reunions and I will always remember and respect the close relationships he kept with his camp buddies such as Fred Hoster. I think that always represents one of the great gifts of Kawanhee – the friendships we keep for a lifetime.

Henry Blau

Henry died in October of 2015 at the age of 85. Henry was raised in Columbus, Ohio and after studying at Ohio State and Yale, he moved to New England where he worked as a physicist and raised a family with his wife, Jane. Henry first came to Kawanhee in 1945. He lived in Wildcat lodge that summer and from that summer came 70-year friendships with lodge-mates Dick Miller, Ed Hamblin, Bill Romey, and Dick Stillinger. Henry spent his summers at Kawanhee until 1949 and returned in the 1950s for a summer. He worked in boating and campcraft and often talked about mountain hikes with Ed Hamblin and others. One of the things Henry was very proud of was being one of the leading fundraisers for the new dining hall after our original dining hall burned down in 1977. Later in life, Henry returned to Weld and lived on Center Hill. This past summer Henry couldn't spend a lot of time in camp at



our 95th reunion, but Dick Miller and Bill Romey were able to spend a lot of time visiting Henry at Center Hill. They had their own Wildcat lodge reunion. As part of the reunion, the 1945 Wildcat lodge donated a bench to Kawanhee. It will be a great resting spot for future generations of Kawanheecans. Henry was predeceased in December, 2014, by his wife, Jane. His sons, Henry and Peter, spent several summers at Kawanhee, and daughter Janet worked Kawanhee Inn.

Liz Compher Hall

Liz passed away in Fort Worth, Texas in March of 2016 at the age of ninety. Liz served as camp nurse for several years in the 1960s when her son, Chuck, was a camper (and Captain of the Maroons in 1963). Following her marriage to Tom Hall, Liz returned to Kawanhee – Tom was head of the sailing department for that summer and Liz was camp nurse again. Liz's grandsons – Chuck, Jr., Mike, and Robert – attended Kawanhee in the 1980s and also served as captains. Even when not employed by camp she often visited and everyone enjoyed her wonderful, lively personality, and many alumni have warm memories of her.

Scott Leiper

Scott, a long-time friend and Camp Kawanhee sachem, died in NYC in March of 2016 at age 61, far from his adopted homeland of Cambodia. Scott spent 11 summers at Kawanhee, as camper and counselor, in the 1960s and '70s. Many of us remember Scott's generous spirit, his abiding faith in the goodness of others, his quiet intelligence. These were the qualities, I think, that put him on the exceptional path he travelled as an adult. After graduating from Amherst College, he spent three years traveling and working in Africa, the Middle East and South Asia. He found himself on the border of Thailand and Cambodia just as a million people were feeling the death and destruction perpetrated by the Khmer Rouge. Scott spent the next 33 years doing relief, recovery and development work for the Cambodian people. Along the way, he married a Cambodian woman who went on to become one of the country's leading politicians and they raised three daughters. In the summer of 2013, Scott returned to the U.S. to visit the people and places that had been formative for him. He spent several days in Weld, hiked Tumbledown with Kawanhee's staff during pre-camp, reminisced about counselor softball games and old friends, and later wrote an article for our alumni newsletter. Scott was an extraordinary guy called to a life of high purpose. Kawanheecans of Scott's generation are among the many who will miss him, grateful for the chance to have known him.



Kawanhee Donors. Thank you!

The success of Kawanhee is due in large part to the commitment of alumni, parents, friends, and other members of the broader Kawanhee community. Camp Kawanhee would not exist without this consistent and ongoing support, and we thank you for your partnership.

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