



The soundtrack of camp

by: Danny Packer - Camp Director

As the director at Kawanhee, I have the opportunity to watch virtually every activity and every phase of life at camp. One thing I have noticed is that every day has a rhythm which can be heard as well as seen. The quiet of the night is gradually broken as the sun line creeps across the lake toward our beach. The ringing of the 7 am bell punctuates this awakening, and the creaking of doors opening and closing as the hearty early birds pad their way to the beach for polar bear. After raising the flag, the volume of camp gradually rises as campers fuel up for the day. By the time the activities start the day is throttling into full action. The buzz of saws and sanders in the shop whine above the thumping of basketballs on the court and the pop of baseballs coming off of bats. Along the water, the steady roar of "Betty" (the ski boat) signifies the excitement of a successful ski run. Splashing, laughter, and whoops of excitement mark a successful eskimo roll for the first time, as sails snap in the wind just down the beach.

This disparate and happy set of sounds rings across the camp from Shelter Hill to The Crow's Nest, from the ropes course to the rec hall. Everywhere I walk, I can hear as well as see the joy of camp playing out.

After dinner the day gradually winds down, easing back into quiet when the 8:30 Tattoo bell signifies the return to lodges and preparation for sleep. Campers scurry to the fort to shower and brush teeth before the nine solitary dongs of the bell mark taps. Instinctively, the boys get still and quiet during this ritual, and the heavy blanket of drowsiness from a full day begins to settle over the lodges. The Nightman will note that by 11, the main sounds of camp are snoring and the light breeze ruffling the trees. He can hear the crunching of his shoes on the pine needles as he makes his final rounds and heads off to join the slumber.

Kawanhee-Earth-Day

by: Johannes - Junior Counselor

Whether it is the aromatic scent, the inspiring sway in the breeze or the overall protection of the pines, we are all influenced by the forest. Over the years, however, many trails have been created all over camp, which prevent the growth of new saplings.

To preserve the environment around Camp the Junior Counselors organized a Kawanhee-Earth-Day on Friday, July 15th. Every lodge planted a sapling near the office cabin for which they will take care throughout the rest of the summer. Campers learned about their trees, which they water daily, and got introduced to the new trail system. This is the first step of the forestry project of the JCs community service this year. We founded the JC-forestry group and plan on planting over 40 more trees around Camp. Of the trees that we planted today many will be in camp for generations to come. Campers will see their tree when coming back to camp over the course of their life. We are trying to bring awareness to the impact one can have on the environment around us. It is great to see the campers caring for the trees by staying on the trails and watering them.

Not only did the campers learn about responsibility but also us, the JCs. Thinking in the dimension of totally restructuring camp seemed unreachable. Organizing this event showed us the hard work that comes with caring for the bigger picture of camp. It has been very gratifying to see fantastic impact we can have.



Kawanhee-Earth-Day



Grey - Maroon

3rd week score

Greys: 17,692

Maroons: 14,567



Top Ten

10) Agus M. – Coyote	520
9) Jack F. – Badger	530
8) Matias S. – Coyote	585
7) Harry K. – Moose	590
6) Pablo S. – Moose	660
5) Daniel M. – Badger	760
4) Andrew G. – Pine Tree	770
3) Billy S. – Badger	895
2) Kevin C. – Loon	900
1) Manuel E. – Wildcat	1,470



~Have Fun & the Points Will Come~

The Maroon & Grey competition is off to a great start. AJ D. (Crow JC) is leading the Greys and Ryan D. (Pine Tree JC) is leading the Maroons in 2016. Ryan chose Joel M. (Moose JC) as his co-captain and AJ chose Jeff K. (Wildcat JC) as his co-captain. The Greys are off to a good lead at the end of the 3rd week. The spirit is high in both teams and as score-keeper, BA always tells the teams, "Have fun and the points will come!"





A glimpse into Kawanhee's past....1958 - the year they couldn't find the message from Chief Kawanhee!

by: Michael Altmaier

Probably our greatest tradition is the Coming and Going of the Chief. The two solemn ceremonies start and end our season. At the Going of the Chief, each lodge picks a representative or sachem and together all the sachems write a message to the campers of the following summer. This message is read at the Going of the Chief. The message is then buried near the central fire and untouched for 10 months (we say moons) until the Coming of the Chief the following summer. At the Coming of the Chief all sachems from the previous summer who have returned to camp (usually a high percentage) dig up the message and then read it to the new camp group. Built around the message are words of wisdom from our own Chief Kawanhee. The message always contains good advice to have a successful Kawanhee season.

A few days before the actual Coming of the Chief ceremony, the counselor who directs the writing of the message and also calls the Chief to come out of the woods (we call him the Chief Sachem and is usually a senior staff member) digs up the message to make sure the message has survived the winter and the message can be located in the darkness. Then the message is reburied and everything is set for the ceremony.

In 1958, there was a problem. They couldn't find the message from the campers of 1957 to the campers of 1958. After looking for it for awhile, they decided that instead of digging up the entire area around the central fire, they would go to plan B. Luckily, a copy of the message was kept in the office. They did this every year. The copy was then put into a canister and reburied. And the Coming of the Chief went smoothly that summer and no one ever knew.

We now jump the story forward to the summer of 1974, 16 years later. And you can probably guess where this is headed. In looking for the 1973 message to the 1974 campers, the 1957 message was found! It was still in good shape. The man who portrayed the Chief in those days was Ed Chace, director of Campcraft. He had portrayed the Chief in 1958 and was still doing it in 1974. But, the Chief Sachem in 1958 had been Dean Miller and he had passed away in the mid 1960's. Ed took the time to write to Dean's widow and included an explanation and included the original message that had been under the campfire ring for 16 years!



Mealtime Trivia!

by Michael Altmaier

Here are some the latest questions I asked after meals in the dining hall.

1. What color is the tongue of the Chow, the only dog breed without a pink tongue?
2. Who was the only seven dwarf who wore glasses?
3. Who was the last President to have facial hair?
4. How many Olympic medals has Michael Phelps won?
5. What musical instrument did Sherlock Holmes play?
6. Color blind people have trouble distinguishing between these two colors.
7. This word is in the Bible over 700,000 times.
8. Jamaica celebrates a national holiday on February 6th on this person's birthday.
9. What was banned from basketball games from 1967 until 1976?
10. What is the only country to play in every World Cup?

(Answers on the next page)



Two Week Free Time Tournaments finish

by Michael Altmaier

This year we had free time tournaments just for the campers who stay the first two weeks of camp. And those tournaments have been completed. In both checkers and chess Luis N. and Sebastian V. faced off in the finals. Luis won chess while Sebastian won checkers. Luis also won table tennis. In that final he beat Connor C. All winners and runner ups received nice trophies. The four week tournaments are progressing nicely and we'll have the final results in the next issue of the "Wigwam".

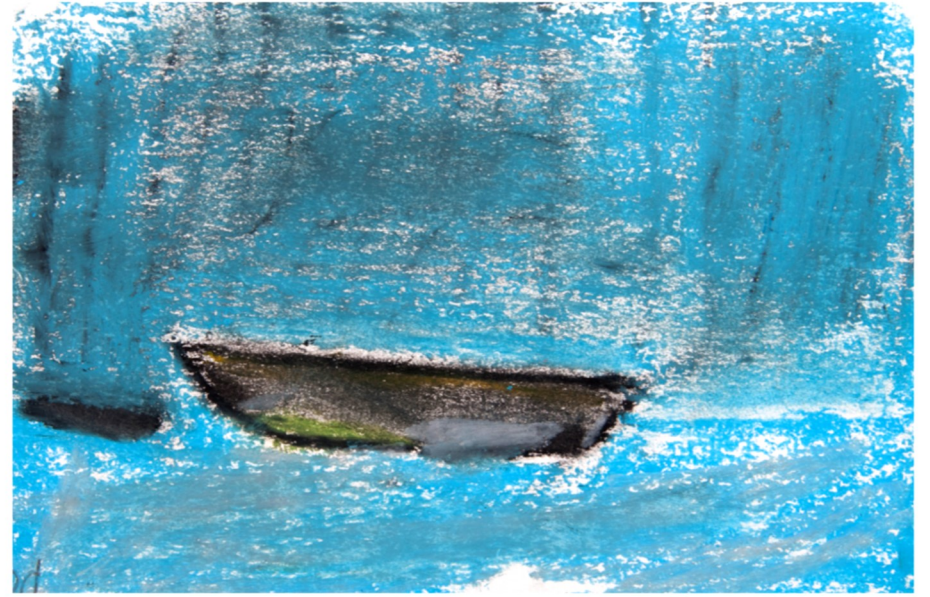


Mealtime Trivia

Answers:

1. black
2. Doc
3. William Howard Taft
4. 22
5. violin
6. red and green
7. Amen
8. Bob Marley
9. slam dunking
10. Brazil

Some of the Monhegan art created by Kawanhee campers.....



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