

## KAWANHEE ROLLING TO NINETIETH

by Mark Standen

Kawanhee's summer of 2009, its 89<sup>th</sup> consecutive season, was one to remember. Our community of about 150 campers and 40 counselors coalesced quickly, seizing the day and its opportunities for friendship, adventure and learning. Yes, at times the sun seemed scarce and the mosquitoes merciless, but these were minor distractions. People renewed old friendships and made new ones, played hard, pitched in, trimmed sails, lifted one another up, climbed mountains, gazed at stars, shot hoops, paddled canoes, kindled campfires, fielded grounders, chiseled gaff-rigged boats, ran rapids, chilled-out with lodgemates, and on and on. Above all, the 2009 crew embraced and celebrated all that Kawanhee has become over the past 89 years.

We also celebrated the lives and the legacy of Walter and Jane Estabrook. Without their steady hands at the helm for thirty years, and their selfless vision for Kawanhee's future in the care of the George and Raymond Frank Foundation, we can scarcely imagine what might have been. Liz and I were summertime neighbors to the Estabrooks for many years, and we were witness to their deep devotion to Kawanhee, day-in and day-out. Walter and Jane gave much, and inspired others to do so. They continue to inspire all of us to carry the torch and keep camp strong.

And Kawanhee is strong, thanks to its community of counselors, campers, parents, alumni and Frank Foundation directors. Camp's enrollment increased by over 25% during the two year period from 2006 to 2008, and this past year, despite dire economic news and forecasts, Kawanhee held its gains. Over the past two years, well over 100 campers experienced camp for the first time. Even as other camps abandon their full-season sessions in favor of half-season programs, Kawanhee continues to enroll most of its campers for the entire season. We continue to believe that camp is at its best when it can be experienced from start to finish.

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**KAWANHEE 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION**  
**AUGUST 12 – 15, 2010**

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## CAPTAINS' CHALLENGE UPDATE

by Steve Yale and Will Fleming

As many of you know, we're just starting the second year of a capital campaign known as the Captain's Challenge. This campaign is being run by the Grey and Maroon Captains that led their respective teams from 1938 to 2009! So far we have 40 captains working to help raise money to benefit Camp Kawanhee, and any other captains out there ... we need you too.

The campaign has two goals. The first is to track down alumni we have lost touch with, and bring them back into the Kawanhee family. The second goal is to raise the money necessary to complete some very important capital improvements, including the reconfiguring and expansion of our athletic fields. We hope to reach **BOTH** of these goals by Kawanhee's 90<sup>th</sup> Reunion in August 2010 ... but we need your help!!

As all Kawanhee alumni know, the Grey-Maroon competition is a central part of the camp experience. It fosters learning through level work, team-building, competition and a good natured rivalry that carries on for years. The Grey-Maroon rivalry is as old as Kawanhee, and the captains have a responsibility to lead, and keep the tradition going. The campaign is structured as a "competition" between the Greys and Maroons to see which team, and which decade, can raise the most money. The competition has been spirited to date, with the **MAROONS recently passing the GREYS for the lead!!**

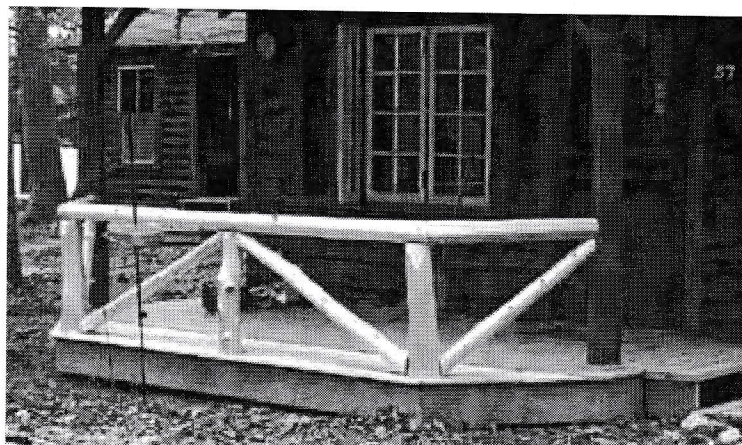
The major project we are hoping to fund through this campaign is the expansion of our athletic fields. This expansion will include a new, full-size soccer and lacrosse field, a new basketball court and a covered, multi-purpose, field house. Details of this project are still being finalized by the Board, and conceptual drawings are currently being developed. Some of the funds raised will also be used for other important projects, like leveling and updating of the Sailing building and a new roof for the Dining Hall.



## PRE-CAMP WORK LAST SPRING



Structural work in process at Shop



New railing ready to be painted on the Camp Mother's Cabin

## CONTINUING A TRADITION by Eli Yale, Beaver Lodge

It was about six in the morning when our counselor, CJ woke up all of us at Beaver Lodge. The sun hadn't even risen yet. It was chilly and nobody in the lodge knew what was going on. Both our counselors handed out white t-shirts and we put them on. In our pajamas, we put on a coat and quietly went out the door. We were told not to make any noise as we headed toward the beach. We arrived shortly at the beach and there, waiting for us were Mark and Liz Standen and the director, Danny Packer. They passed out life vests and led us toward our canoes. They said that they would explain once we got to where we were going. At this point, the sun was just rising over the horizon.

Our entire lodge climbed into the canoes and we headed out of the Kawanhee cove. A thin fog covered Lake Webb like a soft blanket. Our paddles dipped softly into the lake as we propelled forward. Once we were out of the cove, we could barely see the sun through the fog. Then at once, we realized where we were heading ... Bass

Rock. Slowly all the canoes pulled up to the rock and some kids climbed out. When the last boat arrived, we all got back in our canoes. It was completely silent, no motor boats or loud humans. In the quiet solitude, Liz explained to us why we were here. She said that many years ago there was an old tradition that the whole camp would come out to Bass Rock for church and vespers. They would have on white exactly as we did and they would say a prayer and maybe sing a song. Mark showed us a picture of what it looked like when they did it with all the canoes circled around the rock. It was very special to be chosen to continue this tradition. As we started back, we saw the sun completely in the sky now. It was as if there was a perfect hole in the fog for the sun to shine through.

We had to go now and quietly headed back to shore. As we returned to camp, the other lodges were slowly awakening for the early morning polar bear swim. Our lodge felt honored to be able to continue a tradition and we hope others can too!



Beaver Lodge paddling to  
Bass Rock for the  
Kawanhee tradition  
at dawn



# Camp Kawanhee for Boys

**KAWANHEE 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION**

**AUGUST 12 – 15, 2010**

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (Mailing address) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

The registration fee is:

- \$185 for those 13 years of age and older;
- \$50 for those 7 to 12 years of age; and
- FREE for those 6 years of age and younger.

This fee includes:

- Cost of kitchen help and counselor staff;
- All meals (dinner on Thursday; breakfast/lunch/dinner on both Friday and Saturday, to include lobster dinner Saturday; and brunch on Sunday);
- Lodging at camp, to include sleeping in the cabin of your choice (first come, first choice); tenting on camp grounds / Skookamee; or RV parking.
- Evening beer and wine reception Friday and Saturday.
- Participation in all activities (except golf); and
- Monogrammed reunion shirt for those 13 years of age and older.

Names of attendees:

NAME	MEN'S SHIRT SIZE (13 and older)	FEE
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TOTAL FEE (Tax included): \_\_\_\_\_

# Camp Kawanhee for Boys

Please include the fee with your registration. Payments can be made via personal check, or online via credit card at [www.kawanhee.com](http://www.kawanhee.com) if you chose to register online. Please make checks payable to The Frank Foundation. Those paying by check should mail this form along with the payment to:

The Frank Foundation  
P.O. Box 789  
Yarmouth, ME 04096

To help us arrange accommodations, please check here if you plan to stay off site (at a nearby private home, motel, or inn). This is for our general planning purposes only and checking here does not obligate you to stay off site. \_\_\_\_\_ ☐

Lodging on site at camp will be assigned on a first come first choice basis at the time of check in which begins at 8AM on Thursday August 12.

## Questions?

If you have any questions about this form or the reunion, please contact either:

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We appreciate your participation in the reunion. First bell for check-in at camp is Thursday, August 12, at 8am. Thursday is an open day with no scheduled activities; check-in at any time.

Note: The State of Maine requires a seven percent meals and lodging tax to be collected. This tax is included in your registration fee. The registration fees are intended to approximately cover the cost of the reunion. Any amount left over after paying expenses will go to The George and Raymond Frank Foundation, the nonprofit organization under which Camp Kawanhee operates, to enhance the experience of future campers.



## Beaver Lodgers gather at dawn at Bass Rock



Dear Kawanhee Alumni:

The spring of this year saw the passing of two people who were so dear to so many of us: **Jane and Walter Estabrook**. These two loving and much-loved people were the Kawanhee spirit embodied; each of them was, and will always be, an example of a life well and fully lived, with love, kindness, compassion and integrity.

Kawanhee simply would not exist today but for the wise leadership Jane and Walter provided for thirty years. All of us, braves past and present, are indebted to them, as much as we are indebted to the Frank brothers for their vision and courage in bringing Kawanhee into being long ago. A number of us were privileged --blessed is the better word -- to have known Walter and Jane, to have worked with them, to have visited with them at Pine Point, to have shared with them a love and enthusiasm for Kawanhee and its people --for camp, and for what camp stands for; for what camp can do for a boy. Jane and Walter touched so many lives; they exerted such a positive and wide-ranging influence on so many boys and young men. Aside from a thriving summer camp that remains true to its core values and traditions, Jane and Walter's legacy will always be these relationships they had with us. We were privileged to know them, and we are better for having known them.

We would like to extend an invitation to all of you who knew Jane and Walter to share, for posterity, your thoughts and feelings regarding these two extraordinary people. We would like to put together a booklet containing your words as a tribute to them --something lasting, that each of us can have and keep and resort to. This collection -- this compilation--of your thoughts and impressions, of your stories of Walt and Jane, will be bound and made available by the end of next summer's season. Our aim is to have them ready to distribute at the 2010 reunion in August, and they'll be available, certainly, after that time. Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to share your thoughts on what Walter and Jane have meant in your life.

Submissions for this booklet should be held to 1,000 words, for considerations of space (one page, single-spaced in 12 font is nearly 500). The deadline for submission is March 31, 2010; this gives us time to organize the pieces, and get them to a printer in plenty of time. No submission is too small; please share with us your fifty or one hundred words. It's not the length that matters.

All submissions should be sent to me, John Bell, via email. I will serve as editor, and will proof your work, but will otherwise change nothing. The address given in the directory is not quite accurate; my actual email is: [jbrbell@tdstelme.net](mailto:jbrbell@tdstelme.net). Please feel free to contact me at this address with any questions.

Thank you; I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

John G. Bell



## Flyfishing Trip 2009

On Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, the Kawanhee group had a flyfishing outing in Upper Dam in the Rangeley region. Everyone had a wonderful time trying to catch fish with flies of all types. Some of us stood knee deep in the strong currents. A few fish came to hand. Many thanks to John Bell who organized the trip.



## NIGHT SAIL by Caleb Tulloss, Bear Lodge

Late in 2008, my dad had another one of his crazy ideas: he was going to work in the Kawanhee Sailing Department in 2009. At first my family and I laughed at the idea; he would never have time to go to camp for eight weeks. However, somehow this crazy idea turned into a reality. And, actually, there is a history of Tullosses working in Sailing at camp. My grandfather, Rees Edgar Tulloss, was the head of the department back in the 1940s, along with Dick Miller (Blaise Mariner's grandfather). In the early '80s, my dad also led the department. Then, in 2009, he decided to come back and spend the summer teaching sailing at Kawanhee once again.

Halfway through camp, my dad ran into Kawanhee alum and Board Member Butch O'Neill. Their conversation turned to sailing, and Butch told my dad something interesting. When he was in Moose lodge back in the 40's, he had my grandfather as a counselor, and on one night when there was a full moon and a strong wind, my grandfather took his campers night sailing. When my dad told me this story, I thought it sounded very cool. In the middle of the last week of camp, my dad visited Bear, Loon, and Trout to inform the First Mate candidates (Blaise Mariner, Bobby Savini, Phil Coons, Peter Erf, and me) that the next night we'd be going sailing. We were all very excited.

That night after it got dark, the five of us rushed down to the Sailing Department, where my dad was waiting at the dock with the *Flying Scot*. One by one, we climbed aboard. At that point there was no wind, so we had to paddle out of the cove. Once we got out there, though, the wind picked up, we hoisted the mainsail, and dove into the cooler full of chips, salsa, guacamole,

lemonade, and peanut butter cookies that my mom had prepared. We sailed out towards Dee-Dee reef, even though we weren't sure exactly where it was. We had all brought flashlights and by shining them out in the general direction, we could see the reflection of the buoy, so we steered away once we got close.

Sailing at night was very cool. When we looked back over camp, we could see the full moon, which we hardly ever saw during camp due to the fact that Bear, Loon, and Trout are all in the middle of the woods. There was no one else on the lake and our voices echoed across the water. We headed north over near Center Reef. The wind slowed and the crew became restless. I joked with Phil Coons that there was a giant bug on his head, and he freaked out, shaking his hair violently. His glasses flew into the lake! "My glasses!" he shouted and he quickly reached over the side of the boat to grab them, but it was too late. We circled around a few times, but glasses don't float. My dad thought that this would be a good point for us to turn around and go back to camp. On the way, the wind died down more, and we mostly drifted. This led to more crew restlessness, and we started goofing off more and more. By the time we got to the dock, my dad was so fed up with our antics that he told us we could go back to our lodges and he would de-rig the boat himself.

Even though there wasn't much wind that night and our "sail" wasn't really much more than a drift around the lake, it was still exciting, and the night was one of the most memorable events of my 2009 season. Now it is fall and I am thinking about the things I'm looking forward to in Kawanhee 2010. One of them is more night sailing.

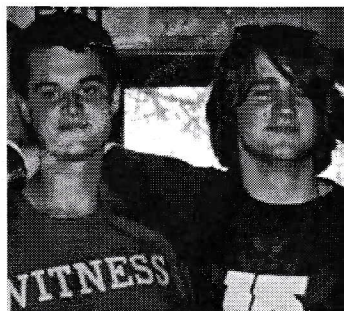
## GREYS WIN BIG FOR THE SEASON 2009 !!

The 2009 Grey and Maroon teams ended their fun-filled season with the final score announced at the Ceremony on August 8th. The Greys led by Captain Will Ryan and Co-Captain Victor Martinez Simancas won by over 5,000 points. The Maroons led by Captain Luke Randall and Co-Captain Will Gering were losers on the scoreboard, but were winners along with the Greys in so many other ways. Both teams had so much fun, learned a lot, and will always remember their Kawanhee experience. As a custom, winning captain, Will Ryan, was thrown in the lake. Many thanks for both captains and their teams for the all exciting activities they competed against each other. The final score and the top ten high scorers are shown below:

**Greys 52,232      Maroons 46,565**

### Top Ten High Scorers:

1. Blaise Mariner, 3,295 – Maroon
2. Eli Yale, 1,980 – Maroon
3. Jaime Lasso de la Vega, 1,845 – Grey
4. Peter Erf, 1,680 – Maroon
5. Caleb Tulloss, 1,630 – Grey
6. Ted Kim, 1,610 – Maroon
7. Juanki Fernandez, 1,555 – Maroon
8. Drew Cronin, 1,515 – Grey
9. Liam Wrean, 1,480 – Grey
10. Bobby Savini, 1460 – Grey

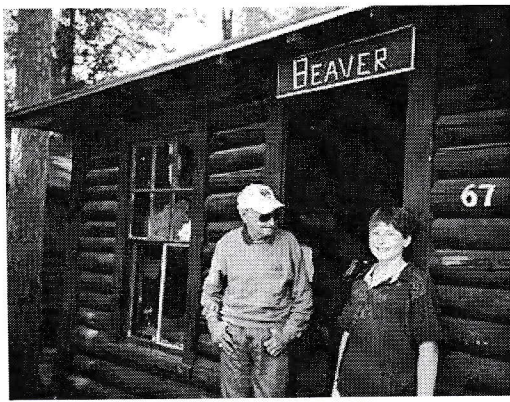


Left: Will Ryan, Grey Captain  
Right: Luke Randall, Maroon Captain



William Brutscher Award  
High Point Winner  
Blaise Mariner





## AN ALUMNUS FROM 1930's VISITED KAWANHEE

Charles Fall came back to Kawanhee in the summer of 2008. He remembered even after his stroke that he was a 13-year old camper in Beaver Lodge probably in 1936. He always said that Camp Kawanhee changed his life. Charles passed away at the age of 86 on February 25, 2009.

In the picture shown at left, Charles stood in front of Beaver Lodge talking with camper, Ferd Schoedinger, during his visit in the summer of 2008.



The George and Raymond Frank Foundation had many recruiting events in the last few years.  
Thanks to all who have hosted.



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