### THE KAWANHEE



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### THE WHITE MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCE

by Conor Morris, Trout Lodge

This year was the second year in a row that I have participated in the White Mountain trip that the Tripping Staff offered here at Camp. I have been on almost all of the trips provided each summer and I have never had an experience quite like the one I had on the 2005 White Mountain trip.

This year the trip was four days and three nights. The first day we set up camp. This included: unpacking food, pitching tents, and setting up a large tarp that covered the cooking and eating area. The next day we did a short hike to a 200-foot waterfall called Arethusa Falls. It is the tallest waterfall in New Hampshire. On the third day, we had planned the big hike. In order to complete the hike, we needed to wake up at 3:30 a.m. and we were on the trail before 5:00 a.m. The hike consisted of 13 miles over some of the hardest terrain in the White Mountains, including the peaks of Mt. Washington and Mt. Monroe. The next day we slept in, then checked out some swimming holes, and went back to Camp Kawanhee.

I have never had an experience quite like I did on the 2005 White Mountain trip. I think a lot came from just being away from camp for a couple of days. The new environment was different and exciting. Maybe it was the wildlife we saw: a moose on the side of the road, and a bear in our campgrounds. But for me, the greatest part was the feeling of accomplishment after hiking up Mt. Washington, the highest peak in New England, and knowing that I did something that so many other people will never have the chance to do. I had just finished the day of the thirteen-mile hike that started at 4:45 a.m. Looking back at that, I was so proud. I believe that everyone at Camp Kawanhee should have the chance to feel the experience gained on the White Mountain trip.

### NATURE ON THE MOVE

The Kawanhee Nature Department has been extremely busy since the camp season has commenced. Many levels have been passed and numerous lapidary projects have been or are being completed. The boys have been catching toads, frogs, tadpoles, salamanders, turtles, and snakes and then releasing them after one day of observations. Ponding is a popular nature activity where the boys explore and discover what types of animals, organisms, and fauna are living in the waters around Kawanhee. The campers are also working on a full-scale model of camp that is a continuation activity from last summer.

We are planning several field trips within the next two weeks. We will visit a taxidermy museum in Dixfield, Maine; will go owl calling at Mt. Blue State Park, and will visit the Maine State Animal Farm at Gray, Maine.

### MY TRIP TO MONHEGAN ISLAND

by Spencer Branch, Badger Lodge

Up until this year, I have never wanted to leave camp for long enough to experience something like Monhegan. Before I even embarked on the journey, I was skeptical; however, I was excited to spend some time with long time friends, Johnny Sengelmann and Dan Alexander. As soon as I stepped off the boat, I knew this trip would be spectacular. The programs that we did were well planned and could even keep the young children occupied. There were activities for everyone to enjoy. There was deep-sea fishing for those who enjoy fishing or viewing the entire coastline of Monhegan. There was also hiking. Even though Monhegan is only one mile in diameter, there are giant cliffs, rocky shores and shipwrecks that can be explored. For those who like more relaxing activities, there was watercolor painting. The Monhegan experience was great. My only regret is that I didn't go to Monhegan sooner!

## KAWANHEE ARCHERS AIM TO BE NUMBER ONE!

The Camp Kawanhee Archery team participated in the annual Caribou Archery Tournament July 8, along with five other camps. Although we had previously won this tournament 5 times, we had not won the tournament outright since 2000.

The day was overcast which was actually great for shooting, and as we made our breakfast stop at McDonald's, spirits were high.

Shooting began at 30 meters at 10 a.m., and concluded before lunch with Kawanhee archers in the lead. After lunch, our team continued to lead the way at 20 meters. Final results showed Kawanhee being Champions in 12 and under and 15 and under, and Robert DiPrima being Champion in his age division. Overall, Kawanhee won the tournament in convincing style!

Shooting for the 12 and under team were Eric Berry, Robert DiPrima, Ryan St. Denis, Tyler St. Denis, Matt St. John, and Jimmy Whitaker. The 15 and under team was comprised of: Bo Bucher, Evan Jones, Graham Marvin, Ryan Parrish, Ben Smith, and Chris Smith.

Chuck, Nancy and Paige are extremely pleased and proud of these campers and their accomplishment at Caribou, and we look forward to the Fernwood Pairs Tourney and the Maine State Tournament.

### WHAT'S COOKING AT CAMPCRAFT?

by James Chagaris "The T-ster"

The summer has been going well at Campcraft. There are six JMG candidates currently on Swan Island being tested on their skills and knowledge of the outdoors. They shall return Friday afternoon of the sixth week of camp, and we won't find out who passed until the Awards ceremony. Whether they pass or fail, we have confidence that they learned a lot during these six weeks at camp, and have grown from their experiences.

The extension on the campcraft building has definitely helped a lot in keeping things clean and organized in the campcraft area. I've spent the week thinking about ideas to make campcraft even more enjoyable for the campers, while still teaching everything that we currently teach them. I'm going to fit in more cooking as a reward for learning, since that's what the campers love to do the most at campcraft.



## WHEN SMOKE GETS IN OUR EYES... WE STILL HIT OUR RANGE TARGETS

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Ben Neiswander

Bar 4
Erik Graff

## REFLECTIONS OF A FIRST YEAR CAMPER by Alex Devine, Falcon Lodge

I like camp because there are a lot of things to do. The counselors are awesome. Mark Nelson is too. I love ropes and many other things. My cabin is big. I have friends. The lake is refreshing in the morning. I love Camp Kawanhee.

### **NEXT WIGWAM ISSUE**

The next issue of the Wigwam will be published in September and will include full reports of the different activities, a listing of awards, and Grey-Maroon results.

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Tremolo. Echoing, responding, Shrieking. A pair? Two? More... Still water, Close sky. An amphitheater Of mountains Surrounding. Stillness now, Quiet. Secrets are kept Among the damp firs. Fire flickers, Dying light Fades to cool white Ash.

The loons have spoken. Their wailing Opens sleepy eyes Pulled from dreams. What do their tales tell? The journey of solid bones... Salty winter water... Spring, clear, blue Icy, cold lakes. The miracle; An egg. Or aching agony -A raccoon's plunder. Boat's wake. Their ancient voices Rule these nights. These Lakes. Still wild enough.

Editor's note: Dan wrote this poem one night in his tent on an island in Mooselookmeguntic Lake.

### **KAWANHEE'S 85th REUNION**

The reunion is one week away. Registration will begin at noon on Thursday, August 11, 2005. The reunion will continue through the closing on Sunday, August 14, 2005 after brunch. We are expecting a lot of people to attend. We look forward to seeing you. For any questions or more information, please contact:

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### Message from Chief Kawanhee -- ATTENTION 2005 CAMPERS

As of March 11, 2005, Kawanhee's 2005 enrollment reached 105 boys (listed below). Many thanks to you campers and your parents for your 2005 applications and for your deposit checks. If you wish to sign up, please mail an application to Mark Nelson as soon as possible. See you all on June 19 for another great summer at Camp Kawanhee.

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### 2005 CAMPER ENROLLMENT (as of March 11)

Ignacio Abascal

Ian Ackers

Isaac Ackers

Sam Addison

Rvan Albert

Mario Alverez-Sala

Foster Baker

Carl Barnard

Eric Berry

Seth Berry

Carlos Blanco Redondo

Jamie Bolon

Tommy Bolon

Paul Bonasera

Spencer Branch

Royce Broadright

Gavin Cadwallader

Gonzalo Canas

AJ Carrier

**Ned Carson** 

Sam Carson

Corey Connor

**Duncan Constable** 

Jacobo Corchado

Enrique Corral Herrera

Will Dargusch

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Jose Enrique Cruz

Jamie Escudero

Jack Fader

Lucas Fader

Jose Fernandez

Alex Forbes

Guillermo Fortuno

Seth Fowler

Ben Friedlander

Sam Friedlander

Michael Fulis

Gonzalo Carnelo Hernandez

Will Gerina

John Gill

Reid Greimann

Steve Harvell

Zach Hershberger

Gregor Hoffman

Hunter Hollinger

Max Hunter

Jose Joglar

AJ Johnson

Sam Johnson

Evan Jones

Cory Keny

Aaron Lazarus

Mike Letarte

Steve Letarte

Fernando Llama

Rafael Macia

Graham Marvin Chase McReynolds

Parker McReynolds

Conor Morris

Luke Morris

Josh Naylor

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Harry Wellborn

Jimmy Whitaker

David Wirth

Ben Zambito

Max Zambito

### THREE MOONS TO GO!!! by Mark Nelson, Managing Director

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, I understand that Kawanhee still has three feet of snow on the ground, but the great news is that we are just over three moons away from the start of the 2005 season! Even with this blanket of snow, and frigid temperatures, work continues in preparation of everyone's arrival on June 19th, including some minor interior renovation projects that are presently taking place in the Infirmary and Abbott Lodge.

Perhaps, even more thrilling, are the projects that will be completed by your arrival. These will include the construction of a new JMG Outpost Training Shelter in the woods located behind Skookamee Beach, which is being made possible by the generosity of Mrs. Muriel Ruhle. Talented Architect and Kawanhee Alumnus, Mark Sengelmann has deftly designed our construction plans in keeping with the rustic charm of this pristine location, while at the same time enhancing the practical usage capabilities for our JMG candidates during their training program. We are also looking to renovate the Campcraft building, and this will include revamping and expanding the back gear storage room, as well as replacing the roof, which will include an overhang for dry fire wood storage. A brand new 90 horsepower Evinrude outboard engine has been purchased and installed on our ski boat, and we are looking forward to launching shortly after the ice leaves the lake!

With all these events in the works, it does help emphasize how close we are to opening day, and now is the time to ponder your personal goals that you wish to achieve during your summer along the shores of Webb Lake. Take some time for personal reflection right now, and decide on how you will best take advantage of the amazing opportunity that awaits you at Camp Kawanhee this summer!

### LOBSTER CLUB RETURNS TO THE KAWANHEE INN!

After a short hiatus at the Boiler Room Restaurant in Wilton, and more importantly a successful and delicious return to the Kawanhee Inn last July, I am pleased to once again announce that the Lobster Club Dinner will be held at the Inn this summer! We'd love nothing more than to invite anyone who brings a friend or relative to camp. If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about the Camp Kawanhee mission and experience, please call or email Mark Nelson with the appropriate information, and he will be glad to contact these families directly, and mail off our current catalog and video. Mark may be reached at 317.398.6268, or via email at Lizmark5@aol.com. Any boy who successfully enrolls will allow his Kawanhee friend the opportunity to enjoy this dinner party, and this will also include their designed Lobster Club T-shirt on us!

### **UPDATE ON SKOOKAMEE**

The campaign to buy and preserve the Skookamee Beach shorefront is well underway! As the Frank faces a remarkable once-in-a-lifetime Foundation opportunity to secure this land, camp's alumni, parents, staff and friends are working together to ensure that future Kawanheeans will enjoy the memories so many of us cherish. The overnights at Skookamee, sleeping under the stars, the remote beauty of the narrows, watching for the wildlife which inhabits that area, and working toward certification as a Junior Maine Guide are all treasured aspects of life at camp which take place on this important All Kawanheeans are invited and ribbon of land. encouraged to join the effort to preserve these opportunities for future campers. As the lake becomes ever more popular, Kawanhee's pristine setting will be more precious and today's protection of Kawanhee's environment will seem even wiser. The foresight of today's generous donors will benefit Kawanhee forever.

When the Skookamee campaign was launched, three remarkable donations had just been received. Jean Myers donated over \$50,000 in memory of her husband Hal, a former camper, counselor and camp minister, whose connections to Kawanhee spanned the decades from the 1920s to the 1980s. At about the same time, Butch O'Neill, a camp alum from the 1940s and a parent of camp alums from the 1970s, donated a building he owned in Weld which generated almost \$60,000. Then, as the Skookamee

land purchase seemed more possible, Muriel Ruhle donated \$15,000 to secure the land and build a JMG outpost in memory of her son Tom, a camper and counselor from the 1960s. Since that time, support for the Skookamee land fund has continued to arrive from Kawanheeans of all ages who have seen the value of the Kawanhee experience throughout the years.

Including the lead gifts, a goal was set last fall to raise \$275,000 by the reunion in August of 2005. To date, \$165,000 has been donated and an additional \$12,700 has been pledged, leaving \$97,300 yet to raise. This is a great start, but a good bit of distance remains before the goal can be reached.

If you have intended to join this effort, the invitation is still open! If you have already made a donation and would like to add to it, again, the need still exists. As always, your gift to the Frank Foundation will be tax deductible. To make a donation, please make your check payable to and mail to:

### George and Raymond Frank Foundation Box 12

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Be sure to mark "Skookamee" on the memo line of your check. If you prefer to make a gift of securities, please send us a note with your phone number or email address so we can help to facilitate your donation.

Together, we can reach the goal!

### MAINTENANCE by Mark Gibson, Staff

The off-season at Kawanhee gives us time to fix and improve the camp's many facilities. Much of this work happens in the spring when the snow and ice are gone. However, this year we have started early. First, in the infirmary we have started a renovation project to improve the inside living space. By removing a wall in the living room, we will create a much more usable space that has better natural light and comfortable space for beds if the need arises. Abbott Lodge is the second project that is also under way. In this project we are putting up better sound proofing and finishing some walls with matched pine and insulation. The Belskis and Nelson families will have an improved summer home to come to this season.

With winter comes SNOW! and we have had a lot of it this year. In the Portland area of Maine, we have already received over 80 inches of snow, and another foot

ALUMNI SPRING CLEAN-UP & BARBECUE

May 28-30, 2005 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Kick-off the season with a friendly gathering at Camp Kawanhee to help clean up the grounds and prepare for the summer season. Be prepared to work hard, then relax and play by the lakeside.

The Saturday night barbecue is on us!

For the above off-season event, a \$75 per person (or per family) contribution to the Skookamee Fund will be greatly appreciated.

For information on the above activity, or to register for the event, please contact Kris Simanek or Mark Gibson at 207.585.2122 or <a href="mailto:ksimanek@kawanhee.com">ksimanek@kawanhee.com</a>, or <a href="mailto:gibby@kawanhee.com">gibby@kawanhee.com</a>

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I received my copy of the September '04 Wigwam Issue and have been reading it front to back. I'll take a moment to congratulate all of those responsible for an excellent job photography, layout, and full information. I thought Kawanhee had a good one back in the 30's for the five years I was there. But of course there has been great change in know-how and sophistication. Most evident to me in the camp itself is the increased number of lodges and also, the number of activities. In fact the whole operation is so professionally visible, I find myself rather longing for the relative informality of "the old days." We built and slept on the Crawlark, the houseboat featured in the catalog for some years after its demise. And our rides into Dixfield to get the mail And playing poker in the infirmary. Ah well, you can't have it all ways. Congratulations on your fine work.

-- Harris E. Adriance, Kawanhee Alumnus

of it is due this week. Most of us living in Maine love snow, myself included, but too much snow on rooftops will cause them to cave in, forcing us to shovel them clear. This past week, with the help of the Home Town Handyman, we cleared 15 rooftops in camp, including the Dining Hall, Rec. Hall, the Infirmary, Nature, Campcraft, several lodges, and the Fort. On some of these buildings, we found up to 4 feet of snow!

Every year we fix, improve, and build new to maintain our wonderful camp. With all these changes happening in camp, the spirit of KAWANHEE never changes and lives with us everyday. I'll see everyone in just 3 Moons! ..... Kawanhee will be ready.....

## KAWANHEE'S 85<sup>th</sup> REUNION SAVE THE DATE AND SPREAD THE WORD

Registration will begin at noon on Thursday, August 11, 2005 and go on until closing on Sunday, August 14, 2005 after brunch. Let your friends know about this huge event and have them send their addresses and/or emails to us. We will send them a packet of information.

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There will be many exciting activities going on during the Reunion event. We look forward to seeing you in August of 2005!

Brian Birch is heading up shop and will remind you not to cut on the line. Nan will do lodge inspections at 9:00 a.m. - win two in a row and your cabin gets candy bars.



### WINTER NEWS FROM WELD by Kris Simanek, staff

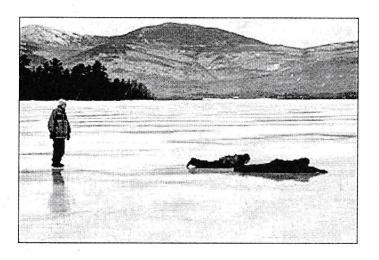
It has been a wild winter in Weld. January brought extreme cold with negative temperatures. February brought more of the same, and then snow. Now, March is bringing even more snow as we brace for 3 major storms expected to hit us this week.

A few Kawanhee folks rang in the New Year by what is becoming an annual sledding party on Center Hill. Mark Gibson, Kris and Kara Simanek, Aaron Krouse, and Scott Barnes tried to hang on to their sleds for the thrilling ride down the Center Hill Lookout Road.

We were fortunate to have a lull in the negative temps during Martin Luther King weekend in January. On Saturday we had a small gathering for a pick-up hockey game at the Mt. Blue State Park rink. On Sunday we had a nice gathering of Kawanheeans that set out to walk to Bass Rock. There were 18 Bass Rock Walkers in all and they

included: Bo Bucher and his father, Pete St. John, Matt St. John, Seth, Eric, and Paige Berry, A.J. Carrier, Mike Letarte, Tash, Amos, and Richard Doughty, Chris Smith, Rachel Roberts, Jesse Scott, B.A. Altmaier, Mark Gibson, and Kris Simanek. Guest appearances were also made by Stephen Harvell and Steve Letarte and their parents. The evening was enjoyed by a delicious lasagna dinner hosted by the St. Johns.

Although Camp is still blanketed in snow of great depths, spring will be upon us soon and shortly, thereafter, the hustle and bustle of a thrilling summer season at Kawanhee will begin. Hope for sun and warm temperatures soon – there are many layers of ice that need to be melted before the waters of Webb Lake will be warmed for Lake Swims!





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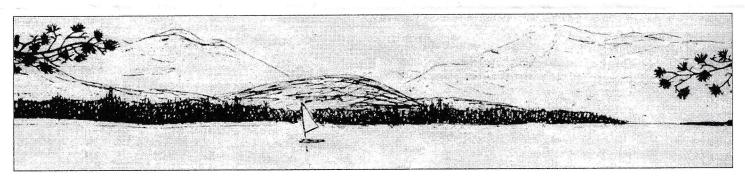
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### **OBITUARY**

Longtime Kawanhee camper and counselor Joe Shepard passed away in the early morning hours of February 22, 2005, surrounded by his family and loved ones. Joe will be deeply missed by all of his many Kawanhee friends. We send our condolences to his wife, Mary Ann and his children. Many years ago, the Shepard family established the Shepard Award, and, at the end of each season, the cup for this award is presented to that camper who has made the greatest improvement in Swimming.

Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, will be an extra special day for all Columbus, Ohio area campers and staff. There will be a **"minireunion"** at the home of the Estabrooks. Mark and Elizabeth Nelson, along with Walter and Jane Estabrook, expect 50 to 60 campers, parents, and staff to join in this "Fun-Food-Friends" day. Also, prospective campers and their parents have been invited to catch the feel of the Kawanhee spirit at 450 S. Harding Road from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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