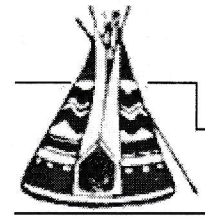


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**CAMP PARENTS OF '09 CAMPERS:** ALL CAMPER INFORMATION FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE [www.kawanhee.com](http://www.kawanhee.com).

Go to Camp Information and you will find them there. There will NOT be a separate mailing of these forms. Some of them are due, beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for helping us save on postage and paper this year!

## ***Kawanhee Affiliates with John Austin Cheley Foundation***

In October the Frank Foundation received the word it was hoping for: The Board of Directors of the John Austin Cheley Foundation offered Kawanhee one of its coveted endorsements as an associate camp. Kawanhee is one of only six Cheley Foundation associate camps nationwide, and the only such camp east of the Rocky Mountains. All Cheley Foundation associate camps have in common a mountain setting and the primacy of mountain experiences to their camp programs.

According to its mission statement, the Cheley Foundation, founded in 1989 to honor the memory of John Austin (Jack) Cheley and help fulfill his dream of making a camping experience available to deserving youth who could not otherwise afford it, exists "[t]o secure the benefits of summer mountain camp experience for children whose family resources are not adequate to cover the costs." From its multi-million dollar endowment, the Cheley Foundation has awarded hundreds of camperships to children from 31 states. Beginning in the summer of 2010, Kawanhee will receive its first campers sponsored by Cheley Foundation grants.

According to Andrew Livingston, president of the Cheley Foundation's board of directors, "The John Austin Cheley Foundation is thrilled that Camp Kawanhee will become one of our associate camps. Having high core values, excellent facilities and serving young men for over 85 years will be a natural fit. Additionally, the opportunity to send individuals awarded camperships to an entirely different part of the country allows the John Austin Cheley Foundation to expand its reach."

A representative of the Cheley Foundation visited Kawanhee in August to meet our directors, counselors and campers and to survey the camp and its programs. Both before the visit and since, the two Foundations have exchanged numerous phone conversations and other information. In the coming weeks, Kawanhee's website ([www.kawanhee.com](http://www.kawanhee.com)) and the Cheley Foundation's ([www.cheleyfoundation.org](http://www.cheleyfoundation.org)) will feature reciprocal links. Kawanhee will coordinate with and support the Cheley Foundation's fundraising initiatives so that deserving kids can be enriched by mountain camp experiences. Liz Standen, Co-Executive Director of the Frank Foundation, said, "We so appreciate this opportunity and Big John Detrick's role in bringing it forward. We're hoping that alumni will help us in identifying boys who might benefit from a Cheley Foundation campership. This affiliation will help with our goal of enhancing the camp community with greater diversity."

As for Kawanhee's own financial aid program, it will continue, supplementing the Cheley Foundation camperships awarded to Kawanhee campers. The Cheley Foundation's endorsement is great news for Kawanhee and for deserving campers who need financial help.



Although the baseball field is blanketed by a couple of feet of snow and Bass Rock rises from a vast sheet of ice, Kawanhee's 2009 season draws closer. The increasingly brighter days of March and the thawing and swollen streams remind us of all there is to do to make camp ready by June 21<sup>st</sup>. Fortunately, preparations for this summer are in high gear and are going well.

The economy has been worrisome and for many reasons. Yet we are cautiously optimistic about enrollment for this summer. Veteran Kawanhee families and a healthy number of first-time campers have responded resoundingly, and we're encouraged by the number of guys signed-up so far. All signs point to a spirited and fun-filled season ahead. We are grateful to all the campers and parents who recognize the value of the Kawanhee experience.

We're pleased to announce that Danny Packer will be back with us for his second season as our camp director. Although Danny is relatively new to Kawanhee, he has taken quickly to his role and to his appreciation for camp and its people. During the off-

season, Danny's in Albuquerque and we're in Maine, so our communications are by phone and e-mail. Still, even from a couple of thousand miles away, we sense his excitement and his commitment to excellence as the summer approaches.

And as the summer approaches, there's a punch list of projects to finish. The Fort is undergoing a major make-over. We know that this may disappoint some people who take comfort in the familiar, but we felt it was time to repaint the place, replace the sinks, the surrounding counters and the shower stalls and address a septic system problem. We're also tackling a major upgrade to the water system to insure uninterrupted water flow throughout camp's facilities. The Shop building will sit squarely on the ground this summer, with some new sheathing and a fresh coat of paint.

As far as the camp activities go, there's an expanded fishing program in the works and a reworked leadership training program for 16 and 17 year-olds. We're also checking out a couple of new trips. We're looking forward to seeing everyone in just three months!

### **LIST OF CAMPERS ON BOARD FOR '09 (as of March 20, 2009)**

Juan Albors	Brian Donegan	Aaron Lazarus	James Sashin
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Riley Bell	Antonio Fernandez	Sean Murphy	Dean Sobel
Jose Benitez	Juan Fernandez	Chris Mykrantz	Carlos Tamames
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Jack Dixon	Ignacio Lasso de la Vega	Shea Rouda	
Mike Dixon	Jaime Lasso de la Vega	Rye Salerno	

### **Message from Chief Kawanhee -- ATTENTION 2009 CAMPERS**

Many thanks to you, campers, and your parents for your 2009 applications and for your deposit checks. If you wish to sign up, please mail the completed forms as soon as possible to Camp Kawanhee, PO Box 789, Yarmouth ME 04096 or fax them to: 207-846-7731. See you all on June 21 for another great summer at Kawanhee.

# JANE AND WALTER ESTABROOK UPDATE

by Kate Estabrook Schoedinger

On behalf of the entire Estabrook family, we would like to thank our other Kawanhee family for their continued support, prayers, cards, chocolates, flowers, positive thoughts and well wishes for our parents. We are happy to report that Mom and Dad have been reunited and settled into a new routine following Mom's January 12, 2009 stroke. Mom was hospitalized and in rehab, with Dad right by her side, until February 18<sup>th</sup> when they moved to The Hill House. They now reside together in a cozy apartment which hosts their beloved picture wall, his sturdy armchair that he can tilt and her gliding rocking chair, and his Kawanhee desk. We chose the Hill House so that Mom could get the care she needs and they could live together. Mom is wheelchair-bound, but attends PT daily to regain her strength. Her speech is not impaired, but is limited in that speaking fatigues her. She winks, smiles and delights in being with Dad. She goes to the Dining Hall for breakfast and Dad sleeps in to have oatmeal delivered to the room. They eat lunch and dinner together in the Dining Hall and nurses report that both have a hearty appetite. Mom and Dad remark how wonderful (wonderfully ample) the ice cream is, a Hill House specialty. Dad enjoys his exercise walking the halls in the evening for 15 minutes. They both participate in the Hill House activities during the day and Dad reads cards aloud to Mom every afternoon. Their love for one another is unmatched and a lesson to all of us. They are so very grateful to their Kawanhee Family. Walter and Jane Estabrook can be reached at: The Hill House, 166 Whiskeag Road, Bath, Maine 04530

Thank you, again, for having them in your prayers.

Fondly,

John, Rich, Jim, Kate and their families

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KAWANHEE PARAPHERNALIA TO BE PURCHASED ONLINE: [www.kawanhee.com](http://www.kawanhee.com)

**In order for Kawanhees to achieve The White K on their canoe paddle, they must walk  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile across frozen Lake Webb in winter and back to camp. The boys, Jack and Mike Dixon, Ted Kasper and David Worth, along with parents Ed Kasper, Jody and John Dixon, hiked to Bass Rock.**

## THE TRIBULATIONS OF WINTER IN WELD, MAINE

by Mike Dixon

The first person in my family that came to Kawanhee was Nathan Webb (aka Nate). The reason that Nathan came is because my mom and all of her sisters went to a summer camp. My mom's oldest sister had a girl and then a boy, but she didn't know where to send Nathan. So the people at the camp told her to go look at two camps and one was Kawanhee. She liked Kawanhee a lot so Nathan went there and almost all of the male cousins on my mom's side of the family have gone to Kawanhee.

When we got into the northern parts of New England, we started to notice that there was a lot of snow and ice - a lot more at least than we get in Maryland. For all the time that I have lived in my new house (about 3 years), it has only snowed enough for it to stick and to play in; so you would understand our shock. We got to our Maine house and it was plowed in to the detached garage, but we had like twenty feet that we would not have been able to get through if our cousins and aunt and uncle had not shoveled it out.

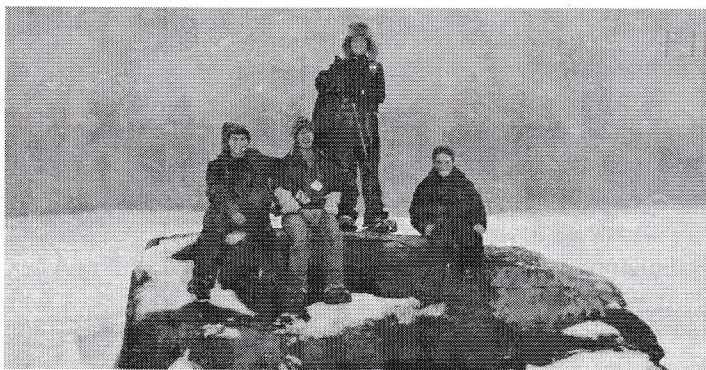
The morning that we were going out to Bass Rock, we were very excited because my dad was feeling

better. He had been sick for the rest of the trip and had not been able to enjoy the snow. We drove almost two hours to Weld to Sean Minear's house because my cousin David is good friends with him so he slept over the night. They ended up going to bed at about five in the morning so David was very tired. We actually woke them up at ten when we got there. We drove out to camp from Sean's house and when we got to camp it was all plowed out to our surprise so we parked the car at the gate and we hiked into camp. The road was plowed out to the wood shop. We went in between Deer Lodge and the Sailing house and walked out onto the ice. We were surprised at how strong the ice was so we ended up walking out to Bass Rock and it was very tiring.

Once we got to the rock, it looked like the ice was not strong, but we did get on to the rock and took a picture. The picture as shown on the next page is of us on the rock and David is saying "Why did I sit on this rock? Now my bottom is wet and I am very cold!"

We hiked back and we had a lot of fun and I would recommend it to anyone.





Jack Dixon, David Wirth, Ted Kasper, Mike Dixon  
sitting atop the Bass Rock!!



Ted Kasper, Jack Dixon, Mike Dixon smile at the  
thought of a white K on their paddles

## MY BASS ROCK EXPERIENCE by Jack Dixon

My first year at Kawanhee was when I was ten in '05. Ever since then, I've become very attached to this place. I was in the area because my Mom, Dad, brother, our dog, Anthony and I were spending Christmas with my Mom's extended family. We were going to meet up with my cousin David. He also went to Kawanhee and had one of the most decorated paddles in camp. But he didn't have a white K so he wanted to come along. I've talked about walking out to Bass Rock since the winter after my first season at camp. We made our trip to camp with the Kaspers. Their only son, Ted has turned into my adopted brother. When we got there, the cars were parked near the edge of camp and we walked in. By the time our "troop" got out to the frozen lake, the fog was so bad I couldn't see the forest on the other side.

So we started across. The farther we got in, the deeper the snow got. We played an interesting game on the way there. You tried to see how long the thin layer of ice on top of the snow could hold you. My record

was three steps. Whenever you were lucky enough to get lifted up, you got a light sensation. You no longer had to break your foot through the ice, pull it out of the snow and break through the ice again. After a while I smartened up and just walked behind my dad in his footprints.

When we got to the rock, I thought it was very anti-climatic. We got there, waited a couple minutes, threw some ice for our dog to chase, took some pictures and started walking back. Afterwards, we got back to camp. Mrs. Kasper decided that Ted and I had too much energy (I disagreed completely) and we should find our cabins. That was fun. I got to go through my cabin and see what it looked like without anybody there. I left my mark for the umpteenth time on the lodge and we all went home.

All and all I had a great time, got to see my cousin and got my years worth of exercise. I thoroughly enjoyed it and I can't wait until the next camp season.

## KAWANHEE CONTRIBUTIONS

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