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Chief Pledges 44th Kawanhee Brotherhood

The opening of Camp Kawanhee's 44th season was marked with the reverence of tradition and the inspiration of promises to keep. Both the Eastern and the Western buses, Mr. R. C. Frank's New York contingent and Mr. G. R. Frank's Ohio group, arrived before dinner, and camp was once again swarming with activity. After the evening meal it was evident that the enrollment was certainly the largest as the cooks boasted 209 mouths fed, 140 of which were hungry campers.

On Wednesday evening R. C. Frank retold the tales of the history of the Webb Lake Valley and the legend of the Indian chief whose memory stands in name and principle. Ed Chase, fulfilling the role of Chief Kawanhee, paid his annual visit at the first campfire by extending his blessing and pledging the entire camp into a brotherhood. The returning sachems assembled, headed by Dean Miller and Forrest Dexter, and read the letter found below. Upon command from the chief, two of the counselors, dressed in feathers and breachcloths, performed a fire dance and lit the great central fire. Chief Kawanhee then used one of the torches to inscribe the sacred "K" on the heart, mind, and soul of each camper.

The overriding hopes and standards of the ceremony are best expressed by the message left to the '64 council ring by campers from the previous season:

"We have had a lot of fun, have worked hard, and have learned a lot. From our experiences we would wish you for the next season these things:

Have lots of fun, enjoy your activities, try new things, participate in many kinds of activities.

Play fair, finish your levels and plaques, do well in whatever you try, fight hard for your teams, enjoy camping and keep our forests green.

Make new friends, respect your counselors and each other, help younger campers, be kind to animals, help keep Kawanhee traditions and make 1964 the best season of all."

Returning sachems:

S. Leiper, D. Reed, P. Volk, D. Cox, R. Kahn, D. Alexander, R. Estabrook, M. Reed, S. Ruhle, and chief sachem, Forrest Dexter, Jr.

Dargusch and Lawrence Lead Teams

Amid the gleeful squeals of campers, Pop announced the Maroon and Grey captains of the '64 season. Bill Lawrence and Sonny Dargusch strutted proudly to the front of the dining hall where Pop led the annual gambling to determine which color each would captain. Dargusch won the coin toss and selected Grey. The camp was divided Sunday afternoon and cheers resounded from the Rec Hall and the Woodcraft cabin.

Both captains are veterans of Kawanhee. Sonny has seen six seasons; whereas Billy has seen only six moons. The latter has shown prowess in baseball and tennis at Kawanhee. Sonny, also an athlete, has coached winning Little

League teams including last year's pennant victors, the Black Giants. He hails from Bexley, Ohio where he is a junior in high school. Bill attends Friends School in Wilmington, Delaware and is also a junior.

After meeting with their squads, the captains issued statements for the press. The Grey captain, surrounded by enthusiastic supporters shouted, "It's going to be a good year this summer and I hope the big Grey team can pull it out." A more reserved Lawrence stated, "I hope the experience the boys attain from team competition will make better sportsmen and I hope the Maroons will taste the fruits of victory."

Veteran Counselors

This year there is a large corps of veteran counselors contrasted by an unusually large group of new counselors as Kawanhee opens for the 44th season. Most of the experience lies with the older men in camp, while the first year counselors bring in new skills and talents.

The men with the most experience are, of course, the Frank brothers. As the camp opens they can and often do look back on past years. The traditions and ideals on which Kawanhee was founded are firmly set. The record attendance at Kawanhee shows not only the good reputation of Kawanhee, but also the hard work of the Franks in recruiting campers. George and Raymond Frank remain active in the supervision of every detail in camp, and are just as familiar with the boys as they were in 1921 when they hopefully opened camp with two cabins and twenty-two campers.

The director of activities, John "Pop" Nowold, completes the camp's executive triumvirate. He spent seven seasons from 1943 to 1955 serving in such assorted activities as Archery, Athletics, Fishing and the camp store. During the school months he is a coach and Director of Athletics at Mohawk Junior High, Columbus, Ohio.

Clarence Bateman returns for his 32nd year as director of trips. His occupational longevity is no mystery to any one familiar with him. Thanks to his infectious enthusiasm and constant attention to detail, the program of trips has grown steadily until it includes, wilderness camping, gold panning, mineral hunts, surf bathing, deep sea fishing and mountain trips. Bates is an industrial arts teacher at West High School in Columbus, Ohio. Bates arrived at Camp Kawanhee on June 21 with his wife to take his usual important share in preparing the camp.

The Reverend Ross Miller, who first appeared on the Webb Lake Shores in 1925, has over the years woven his influence so deeply into the fabric of "K" life that his present functions are inadequately defined by the titles of Personnel Counselor and Director of Religious Activities. Dean's stories from around the campfire live vividly in the minds of the campers. Since his retirement from Alma College, Alma, Mich. in 1958, Mrs. Miller returned with him and will serve as tutor.

Roy Nickerson returns for his 20th season as director of Riflery. In the previous years he has also served on the water front and boating department. Nick takes charge of the patriotic duties, here at Kawanhee. He is a retired teacher as director of Athletics at Leonia High School. He has done a considerable amount of officiating at football, baseball, soccer and track events in New Jersey.

Forrest Dexter returns to camp for his 12th season, and, as usual, is staying at the Inn Beach with his family. The nature department which he heads is well equipped for lapidary work, featuring a full set of turning wheels; an astronomy section, with the faithful 3-inch reflector telescope and a stellarium. Dex is a professor of physics and geology at Union Junior College. He also serves as guidance counselor for science students.

The boating department is once again headed by John Willis. John has just graduated from Exeter Academy and will be a freshman at Cornell where he has plans to major in psychology. He is a hard working member of the staff and last year he used his talents on the varsity cross country team and track. The Pine Tree is lucky to have him as their senior counselor.

The short-stuff Falcons really have to look up to their counselors. This year Kenny Love, a 6' 3" high jumper will be at Ohio University as a freshman in September. He is head of water skiing and has been working hard this past week. The motor for the skiing boat should be out of the repair shop soon.

The Campcraft Department presently enjoys the able supervision of Edward K. Chase. The Junior Maine Guide program, which has been prominently featured in recent years, and the teaching of woodsmen's skills, from knots to cooking, thus comes under his overall supervision. Due to Ed's 11 month job as Superintendent of schools in Bridgeton, New Jersey, he will be here for only half of the camp season. While he is here, Ed will lead mountain trips, for his knowledge of the great Presidential Range, Mount Tumbledown, and Mt. Katahdin.

Tim Hirsch, senior counselor in Birch Lodge, recently graduated from Columbus Academy. Tim and his beard will be going to Southern Methodist University in the fall. This brilliant football, swimming, and track star is the only member of the swimming department never seen in a bathing suit. Most of the time Tim is found in the counselors' room where he insists he is editing "The Wigwam." He completes a decade of experiences at Kawanhee this summer.

Kind, sympathetic, and loving should be the counselor for the youngest boys, the Eagles. Tim Pears was picked this year to mother the Iglets. He has just graduated from Shadyside Academy where he lettered in cross-country; next

fall he will attend Princeton. Tim is the assistant sailing master.

Tom Saunders, the camp publicity hound, got his picture in *Sports Illustrated* as Ohio State Wrestling Champion at 154 pounds. Tom will be moving from Upper Arlington High School to the University of Michigan and will continue wrestling. Between wrestling seasons he coaches wrestling here and is mother image to the Moose Lodge. He will turn his literary talents toward his position as editor of "The Wigwam."

John Fulda decided to bring his fraternity puppy — a St. Bernard, called Ox. John assists Bates on trips and works at odd jobs all around the camp. He will be a junior at Ohio State University and is majoring in radio-television.

Dave Roth, trying to avoid the Internal Revenue men who want his Kawanhee salary, is leaving the Mount Hermon School for Cornell University. He lives far to the south in West Englewood and will continue to star in lacrosse and skiing if someone hides his cigarettes. Leading bird watching trips and editing "The Wigwam" are supposed to keep him busy.

Ben Bennett and Herb Birch once again team up to run the shop. Both are teachers. Ben has taught industrial arts but now serves as a math teacher at Crestview Junior High School in Columbus, Ohio. Herb teaches industrial arts at Tenafly Junior High School in New Jersey. Both of them live at Skunk Ridge and are active in that fine organization which includes the Polar Bear Club and the Lonely Hammer Club.

Bob Angerer, better known as Little Bear, begins his third summer as Head of Archery. Bear is an outstanding student at Ohio State University where he will be a junior. He splits his time between the Pole lodge and the Kawanhee Inn.

Dave Bittenbender at a young age has taken over the big responsibility and honor of the Head of the Sailing Department. Dave hails from Cleveland, Ohio, but has chosen the state of Maine for college and will attend Bowdoin.

Del Tracy is Head of the Athletic Department for another season. Del and his family drove up from Columbus where he is a teacher at Linden-McKinley High School. Del is in charge of the Little League games and also subs for Pop Nowold.

New Counselors Strengthen Kawanhee Staff

The senior counselor staff is reinforced by two factions, both of them new to their positions and to the camp. The first group, four strong, come from Springfield College; the other four come from assorted campuses.

The head of the swimming department this year is Martin Truax. Next fall Martin will return to Denison University's swim team as a distance swimmer. A junior, Martin will major in Public Speaking and Business. He comes from Berwick, Pennsylvania, to live in the Bear lodge this summer.

Jim Schweier is this year's senior counselor of the Crow's Nest. He hails from Cleveland and in the "off season" teaches industrial arts at a Bedford, Ohio, high school. I saw him in shop.

It's a giant; it's a folksinger; it's Rick Beauchesne! Faster than a speeding Harley; more powerful than a Hofstra guard; able to leap tall Eagles at a single bound. Disguised as a mild-mannered English major at Springfield College in winter, and as a clear-eyed umpire in the summer, this amiable athletic counselor proves himself a valuable asset to this year's staff.

THE WIGWAM

This newsletter is published weekly during the months of July and August for a total of eight issues. It has two main objectives: to furnish each camper with a record of his activities and accomplishments throughout the summer; and to supply families and friends with a comprehensive account of what happens in Camp Kawanhee. The staff centers around a try-editorship.

R. C. FRANK

Camp Directors

G. R. FRANK

TOM SAUNDERS

DAVID ROTH

TIM HIRSCH

Chief Editor

Managing Editor

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Tennis, tall and cool liquids, tranquility — Al Duncan. From Springfield College, a sophomore major in Physical Education. Star on freshman tennis team. Great counselor, loves kids, is popular, of fine caliber. Native of Chappaqua, New York. Resides in Wild Cat this summer.

Marty Seefer is the third member of our staff from Springfield College. He will be a busy man this summer. With his little league team, his Indian Lore, and diving classes, and his leadership in Campcraft, Marty will have to make time to be with his Lynx lodge.

The last member of the Springfield contingent is Jim Freed. He will be a sophomore next fall majoring in Physical Education. Jim was a guard on the freshman football team. His summer duties include being senior counselor in Panther lodge and assistant waterfront director.

Colby College sends us Jeff Currier this summer. Tall, dark, and handsome, with tennis racket in hand, Jeff is eating at the Badger table. He is an Economics Major as well as a member of the freshman tennis and soccer teams at the Waterville campus. He is a native of Walpole, Massachusetts.

Fred Heer joins the Swimming department with Miami University swim team credentials. He will be working with the Hawks this summer. Fred is a Business major in his second semester of his junior year. He resides in Columbus.

These I Know And Love

This week the Eagles and Falcons, the youngest boys in camp, only seven and eight years old tell some of the little things that they like best about Kawanhee. I find their sensations most interesting.

I like to ride on my counselor's back and play with the big dog . . . to fish before breakfast . . . I like to climb trees and sit in the top branches so the wind blows past me . . . The bird songs . . . brownies and cake from the kitchen . . . a perfect bullseye . . . I like the chief and the short guy who dropped the torch . . . the coldness of the water on a hot afternoon . . . the songs at the campfire and the sound of the crickets at night.

T. S.

Lodge List, July 1964

EAGLE LODGE: Counselor — Tim Peary; Jr. Counselor — John Seaker; Campers — R. Coons, S. Hinds, G. Jolly, J. Naylon, T. Williams, K. Wolcott, C. Zapata.

FALCON LODGE: Counselor — Ken Love; Jr. Counselor — Fred Bull; Campers — C. Coll, C. Cookman, F. Erickson, D. Smith, C. Wolcott, C. Wight, M. Zapata.

PANTHER LODGE: Counselor — Jim Frend; Jr. Counselor — Bill Neidig; Campers — D. Allan, J. Barnes, C. Burton, H. Hiser, G. Bishop, R. Connery, J. Richardson, C. Watson, S. Wilkinson.

POLE LODGE: Counselor — Bob Angerer; Jr. Counselor — John Redick; Campers — P. Bennett, C. Bowen, D. Egge, R. Coons, R. Fisher, P. Frederick, D. Heer, S. Leiper, J. Nolan.

PINE TREE LODGE: Counselor — John Willis; Jr. Counselor — Sonny Dargusch; Campers — C. Ban, J. Harding, E. Hershan, T. Kutter, E. Litwak, R. Stowe, L. Valk, F. Volk, B. McEwen.

HAWK LODGE: Counselor — Fred Heer; Jr. Counselor — Chuck Compher; Campers — M. Blaine, L. Coll, M. Crane, T. Dargusch, A. Kauffman, C. Gordon, F. Schweitzer, D. Reed, D. Romig, M. Scanden.

BIRCH LODGE: Counselor — Tim Hirsch; Jr. Counselor — Laird Smith; Campers — J. Bou, S. Connery, J. Carrick, W. Johnson, D. Kaplan, P. Langer, D. McBride, H. Richardson, A. Wright.

BEAVER LODGE: Counselor — Dave Roth; Jr. Counselor — Al Brenholts; Campers — B. Albertshardt, D. Alexander, D. Bonnie, B. Brinkerhoff, S. Brubaker, M. Foss, D. Lancione, J. McCrocklin, T. Ruhle, A. Williams.

MOOSE LODGE: Counselor — Tom Saunders; Jr. Counselor — Herb Lorentzen; Campers — J. Van Arsdale, B. Alford, J. Cumberland, R. Gest, R. Kahn, T. Grehl, B. Grosh, J. Lattimer, J. Proctor, S. Tracy.

LYNX LODGE: Counselor — Marty Seefer; Jr. Counselor — Bob Barnes; Campers — B. Andre, B. Dargusch, R. Estabrook, J. Gardner, D. Gest, Win Watson, L. Licht, H. Schmidt, T. Watt, R. Zeigler.

WILD CAT: Counselor — Allan Duncan; Jr. Counselor — Tom Smith; Campers — A. Doyle, C. Ford, R. Hertz, R. Jolly, T. Newbill, D. Otto, S. Pace, J. Pettingill, M. Reed.

BEAR LODGE: Counselor — Martin Truax; Jr. Counselor — Bill Lawrence; Campers — J. Bacon, D. Barnes, T. Borghi, M. Bou, P. Green, C. Bittenbender, B. Cox, B. Leiper, M. Meserole, R. Neary, T. Steenland.

CROW'S NEST: Counselor — Jim Schwei; Jr. Counselor — Dick Bittenbender; Campers — M. Altmalen, M. Habtod, J. Hively, P. Moss, J. Myers, P. Nielson, D. Palmer, S. Ruhle, D. Saunders.

BADGER LODGE: Counselor — Jeff Currier; Jr. Counselor — Wes Langer; Campers — B. Birch, B. Doyle, J. Estabrook, N. Lancione, J. Smith.

Kawanhee Kolliseum Boasts Four Teams

The first day of activities in Camp Kawanhee resembled spring training as veteran Little Leaguers and rookies demonstrated their skills in front of an experienced team of managers and coaches. Every interested boy between the ages of nine and twelve was divided into four squads, each of which is confident of capturing the pennant.

Anxious to become familiar with the talents which he had procured, the coaches quickly held practice sessions. The basic fundamentals of pitching, fielding, batting, sliding, and stealing were reviewed, but more important the task of learning teamwork was realized.

The season opens officially in the second week of camp with three games scheduled for each following week. Each of the contests are played under the official Little League rules. The umpires consist of Senior Counselors, acting as head umpires behind the plate, and Junior Counselors, acting as base umpires (two per game).

The Little League teams are:

Green Goliaths:

Manager: Bill Lawrence

Players: D. Allan, D. Bonnie, C. Brady, S. Brubaker, B. Grosh, D. Kahn, A. Kaufman, D. Lancione, G. Lattimer, M. Pantelich, J. Proctor, D. Reed, D. Romig, Mark Scanden, C. Wolcott.

Red Phils:

Manager: Laird Smith

Players: B. Albertshardt, J. Barnes, S. Connery, D. Cox, T. Dargusch, B. Hayward, S. Leiper, B. Litvak, J. Richardson, Mike Scanden, C. Stewart-Gordon, S. Tracy, M. Ward, G. Wilkinson, R. Ziegler.

Blue Colt 45's:

Manager: Marty Seefer

Players: D. Alexander, P. Bennett, B. Brinkerhoff, C. Button, R. Coons, M. Crane, J. Cumberland, B. Dargusch, D. Epps, J. Fischer, T. Grehl, T. Heer, T. Ruhle, S. Wilkinson, J. McCrocklin.

Black Gaints:

Manager: Sonny Dargusch

Players: G. Bishop, J. Bou, P. Frederick, M. Foss, J. Harding, D. Kaplan, B. Hershan, B. Lancione, J. Nolan, S. Paterson, D. Stowe, G. Valk, C. Watson, C. Wight, A. Williams.

D. R.

The Dean's Prayer

Each Sunday, Dean Miller composes a prayer appropriate to his sermon and has some one read it during the service. The Dean spoke about the necessity of hard work, perseverance, and sportsmanship in the Christian tradition. This past Sunday Dave Roth read the following prayer:

"Our God and Father, who art always beside us, to keep us safe, and to guide us straight!

We bow humbly before thee because Thou art God, and we have nothing of which to be proud. Forgive us for the deeds we have done — even things we knew were wrong; and the selfish things that should have been courteous, and kind, and helpful. Clean out thoughts which put us to shame.

Make out of us, O God, clean-cut men, for we really know we are most a man when we are living at our highest best. Help us to mature into all we are capable of becoming.

Make us Superior — and not ashamed of it. Develop us into Champions for thee! Hold us upright for another round for things that are true, and honorable, and just, and pure, and kindly, and unselfish! True to the Red, the White, and the Blue.

Please God, make us men; able to stand up against the blows that beat us down — make us men, unashamed.

Give us victory in Christ, as our Master.
Amen."

First Swimming Meet

On Saturday, July 4, the first water meet of the season was staged so that the newly chosen captains could scout for potential point winners in action. Set up in lodge competition were eight events for a total of twenty races.

Individual high point winners were: Mike Crane 45, Andy Doyle 39, Richard Stowe 33, Bob Lancione 30, Chuck Bittenbender 30, Richard Coons 30, Frank Erickson 30. Lodge champions were the Bears with 77 points, followed by Hawk 64, Pole Cat 63, Deer and Falcon 49, and Wild Cat with 44 points.

Summary of Events:

Eagle-Falcon Balloon Race 1) Frank Erickson F, 2) Charles Cookman F, 3) Charles Wight F.

Panther-Pole Cat 100 ft. Breast Stroke 1) Rich Coons PC, 2) Dick Heer PC, 3) Scott Patterson PC.

Pine Tree-Hawk 100 ft. Breast Stroke 1) Mike Crane H, 2) Richard Stowe PT, 3) Doug Reed H.

Deer-Birch 100 ft. Breast Stroke 1) Gary Lattimer D, 2) Scott Connery B, 3) Peter Albertsen D.

Beaver-Moose 300 ft. Free Style 1) Bob Lancione M, 2) Scott Brubaker B, 3) Dave Alexander B.

Lynx-Wildcat 300 ft. Free Style 1) Andy Doyle W, 2) Jim Gardner L, 3) Ted Watt.

Bear-Crow 300 ft. Free Style 1) Phil Green B, 2) Bob Neary B, 3) Dan Saunders C.

Eagle-Falcon Pajama Race 1) Frank Erickson F, 2) Tim Williams E, 3) Craig Walcott F.

Panther-Pine Tree 100 ft. Back Stroke 1) Richard Stowe PT, 2) Terry Kidder PT, 3) John Connery P.

Hawk-Birch 100 ft. Back Stroke 1) Mike Crane H, 2) Tim Dargusch H, 3) Mike Blaine H.

Pole Cat-Deer 100 ft. Back Stroke 1) Richard Coons PC, 2) Gary Lattimer D, 3) Scott Patterson PC.

Beaver-Lynx 200 Back Stroke 1) Tom Ruhle B, 2) Win Watson L, 3) Jim Gardner L.

Wildcat-Crow 200 ft. Back Stroke 1) Andy Doyle WC, 2) Phil Moss C, 3) Tom Newbill WC.

Moose-Bear 200 ft. Back Stroke 1) Chuck Bittenbender B, 2) Phil Green B, 3) Bob Neary B.

Polecat-Hawk 200 ft. Free Style 1) Mike Crane H, 2) Scott Patterson PC, 3) Richard Fisher PC.

Pine Tree-Deer 200 ft. Free Style 1) Charles Brady D, 2) Richard Stowe PT, 3) David Cox D.

Panther-Birch 200 ft. Free Style 1) Scott Connery B, 2) John Carrick B, 3) David Allen P.

Moose-Wildcat 200 ft. Breast Stroke 1) Bob Lancione M, 2) Andy Doyle WC, 3) John Van Arsdale M.

Bear-Lynx 200 ft. Breast Stroke 1) Chuck Bittenbender B, 2) Miguel Bou B, 3) Ted Watt L.

Crow-Beaver 200 ft. Breast Stroke 1) Mark Halstead C, 2) Dale Bonnie B, 3) David Lancione B.

Bullroar

The Nature Department is now better equipped to teach about the birds and the . . . trees.

Riding is once more a camp activity. Horses proved to be too expensive so we now have an ox.

Speaking of Ox, John Fulda is planning to teach him to carry brandy for general purposes. Tim Hirsch and Ken Love are assisting.

John Willis is now doing his training with a pipe in his mouth.

The Swimming Department should be more buddy-buddy, they say. As you can plainly see, we can't afford to lose any counselors.