THE KAWANHEE

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## CAMPERS & STAFF PAY TRIBUTE TO CHIEF POLAR BEAR

In recognition of Mr. Herb Birch's 50 years of dedicated service to Camp Kawanhee, all campers and all staff members congregated en masse at 7:00 A. M. on Wednesday, June 29, opening day for the Polar Bear Club, to honor their leader. Each person dove or jumped from the Polar Bear dock into the invigorating waters of beautiful Lake Webb. It was exciting for everyone to join in the fellowship, and to participate when Mr. Birch led us all in singing "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning". For many years, the Polar Bear Club has been, and continues to be, a symbol of the spirit of Camp Kawanhee.

Walter Estabrook

## DATE SET FOR THE 75TH REUNION IN 1995

John Detrick, aka "Big John", Chairman of Kawanhee's 75th Reunion, has announced the dates for this exciting occasion. It will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday August 18, 19, and 20 in 1995. Please mark your calendars one year in advance and save these important dates to be at Kawanhee!

## ARCHERY

Archery has gotten off to a quick start this season with a total of 143 Camp Archery Association medals earned in the first ten days of camp. In addition to Camp Archery Association medals, Kawanheans may shoot for Junior Olympic Archery Division awards this season which begin at the 15 meter line with the Olympic Qualified Archer award and proceed to the 60 meter line with the Olympic Archer award. Campers who have qualified to do so are allowed to shoot for Junior C, Junior B, Junior A, and Senior Robin Hood awards. New this season, however, is a "Super" Robin Hood award to be shot from the 40, 50, and 60 meter lines for those archers who have completed their Senior Robin Hood.

July 5th, the Kawanhee Archery department hosted a practice tournament with Camp Caribou in which Darren Belskis, Matt Berg, Brad Comfort, Gonzalo deArmas, Kris Hamwi, Robbie Hayward, Jake Kaplan, Torrey Liddell, Inigo Oyarzabal, Luis Roca, Jaime Rubio, Sam Tillett, and Ed Watson participated. A total of 4757 points were scored by Kawanhee and Caribou archers with Caribou edging out Kawanhee by only 75 points. High point winners for Kawanhee were Jake Kaplan for the 12 and under team and Inigo Oyarzabal for the 15 and under team.

Our next inter-camp competition is the Caribou invitational tournament which will be held later in July. This team consisting of Darren Belskis, Matt Berg, Gonzalo de Armas, Tim Johnston, Jacob Jones, Jake Kaplin, Torrey Liddell, Lorenzo Marcelli-Flori,Inigo Oyarzabal, Chris Proctor, Jaime Rubio, Sam Tillett, and Ed Watson is busily practicing from 20 and 30 meters for the big day.

There will again be a Grey-Maroon tournament as well as an all-camp tournament later in the season, and the Kawanhee archery ladder continues to motivate campers to shoot their best.

Chuck Compher and Nancy van den Honert return as co-directors of Archery with very able assistance from Senior Counselor, Rupert Wetherilt, and 2nd-year Junior Counselor, Carlos Canas. All agree that enthusiasm has been high these first few days of camp as everyone strives to shoot for the "perfect 10".

## PREP WORK

Kawanhee was bustling with activity at least a week before the first group of campers arrived Saturday evening. The five docks and swimming platform were put in the water, and the rowboats, sailboats, canoes and kayaks were taken out of winter storage and placed on the beach. Cabins received new electrical outlets and lights before being cleaned and prepared for the summer occupants. Sand and mulch were laid

on major pedestrian thoroughfares. Mark Nelson, Kris Simanek, Mark Gibson, D.J. Cram and maintenance director Tom Wojcik headed the fort (lavatory/shower housing complex) beautification project, which demanded extensive repainting and rescreening. Mark Nelson even had to plumb some pipe when a leak coming from the fort developed. Also painted were the new porch on the camp mother's cabin and the office, including a creative design in maroon and grey on B.A. Altmaier's floor. B.A. is the official scorekeeper of the rival teams of those colors.

James MacLeod, Scott Worthington and Todd Worthington drove to New Hampshire in the infamous "Bouncing Buggy" to obtain clay for our fabulous tennis courts. Concierge Barb Compher and her assistants, Anne Wilder and Connie Morgan, kept track of each camper's pre-camp and post-camp itinerary. New cook, Chris Adams, and the rest of Zetta Wojcik's kitchen crew stocked the shelves and refrigerators with healthy foods while Nan Belskis stocked the camp store. Nancy Rini and Lucy Ramsay shelved medicinal ointments and elixirs in the infirmary, and used nursing savvy to prevent illness. Also, in the name of good health, and safety CPR/First Aid course was given Friday. Almost all staff members took the CPR/First Aid course conducted by Red Cross Instructors.

A few of these necessary preparations might seem like rigmarole to some, but it makes for a safe, enjoyable season -- the nearly 2:1 camper/staff ratio should guarantee that. The staff is very enthusiastic about the promise of a prosperous, exciting summer.

## THE MOUNTAIN

It was the fourth of July and we were hiking Bald Mountain. It was a long hike- a mile and a half, to be exact. It was very sunny and finally we got to the top. The view was beautiful. Then we ate lunch. Except for a little problem with ants, it was ok. When we headed back, we were all very tired and didn't want to go the whole way down. It was very hard and slick. I think we had three falls, but nothing serious. Finally we started recognizing places we had been, and remembering that we were not too far from the bottom. At last we came to the bus. I felt like I couldn't walk two more steps. Sitting down was a relief to us all. Then we headed back. It was a great day.

Dan Marshall, Falcon Lodge

## SUNDAY SERVICE

A sure sign of settling into camp is joining together for the first Sunday Service. Counselors share inspiring messages each week, and Mike Altmaier notoriously takes the first sermon. Mike's backdrop of a birch cross, Lake Webb, and Tumbledown Mountain add to the serenity. Mike spoke of the Kawanhee Family that fills our hearts long beyond seven weeks. Tradition binds our extended family. Mike emphasized dedication, environment, love, and spirituality. Tug of War, Capture the Flag, earning
levels, making friends, enjoying campfires, savoring sunsets, and cheering the Chef will all remind us of Mike's moving message.

## A TYPICAL DAY AT KAWANHEE

Three bells in the morning - 7:OOAM, 7:30AM, & 7:40AM. Flag raising after the third bell. Upon entering the dining hall, all campers and staff wash hands and report to their tables for grace and beginning of meal. Announcements are given after every meal. After breakfast, it is time to clean lodges for inspection. Floors should be swept, beds made shelves and other areas cleaned, and outside of the lodge cleaned up. Each lodge should be cleaned by the 9:OOAM activity bell.

Morning Activities

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| 9-10AM | First Period |
| 10-11AM | Second Period |
| 11-12:15PM | Free Time |
| 12:15-1:00PM | Lunch |
| 1:00-2:00PM | Rest hour. All campers should be in their cabin for an hour of quiet time. |

Afternoon Activities

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| 2:00-3:00PM | Third Period |
| 3:00-4:00PM | Fourth Period |
| 4:00-5:15PM | Free Time |
| 5:15PM | Evening meal |
| 6:15PM | Free Time/Evening activities |
| 8:30PM | Tattoo - Bell rings. Time to get ready for bed. |
| 9:15PM | Taps |

Weekend

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| Saturday Morning - | the same as a weekday. |
| Saturday afternoon - | a Maroon-Grey activity replaces afternoon activties. |
| 8:15AM | Sunday Breakfast is later |
| 10:00AM | Church |
| 11:00AM | Counselor Meeting |
| Sunday afternoon - | we have certain activities, trips to a water canyon and trips to town. |

Sunday evening meal is usually a cook out.

Sunday evening - we have Vespers, an interesting program in the Rec Hall about 7:45PM, with the whole camp gathered for an activity.

## TENNIS FUN

Tomorrow is a great day for Kawanhee Tennis. Early in the morning we will be climbing into the camp vans and travelling to Camp Wekeela to do battle in our first tennis tournament this year. The team is a strong one with the return of many top-spinning campers from last year's team. There are some new faces as well. The Leitner bro's, Peter Cartei, Matthieu Chabanis, Peter Kelly, Billy Burbine, Marc Van Den Brock, David Sentis, Brad Comfort, Gonzalo de Caralt, Mitch Mitchell, and David Girard are some of the players on the team. The team has played some exciting matches already this year. Kurtis Coursen had a close match with Adam Studebaker (a cousin of the famous Rob Studebaker a.k.a. Tennis pro). A new addition to the ladder this year is the 16 years and older and wiser division. Mike Altmaier is ready to accept any challengers who dare to test his tennis guile. Yours truly challenged Peter Cartei and wore down his young legs in a hard fought match. Win or lose tomorrow and in the future, we are going to have a lot of competitive fun.

## CARIBOU TOURNAMENT

The 15 and under All-Stars Basketball Team represented Kawanhee well at the Camp Caribou tournament which was held at Lawrence High School. Jim Mullen was the only returning veteran. Other team members included Trevor Griffin, Billy Burbine, Marco Fontana, Inigo Oyarzabal, Todd Fichter, Pete Kelly, Torrey Liddell, and Shawn Maxwell. It was a great effort from the Kawanhee hoopsters who came up just a bit short in the single elimination tournament to Camp Winnebago by a score of 27 to 24. Pete Kelly led the way scoring 15 points and Todd Fichter added four more points.

## TRIPPING REPORT

"Variety" and "Challenging" are words that describe the first two weeks of tripping this year at Kawanhee. Starting the season was a trip up Tumbledown, offering a choice for the boys to climb up the Brook Trail or the more challenging Loop Trail. The very next trip was a Kawanhee first: Crocker Mountain, nestled in the mountainous Carrabasset Valley region. Crocker is a challenging 8 mile traverse on the Appalachian Trail, as well as, Sugarloaf and Bigelow Mountains. Also visible is the famous Crocker Cirque, one of the most striking examples of Maine's glacial past.

The Tripping Department led 8 mountain bikers on an all day trip at the foot of Mt. Abraham. We rode on logging roads up and down hills and through mud holes to an exciting two mile descent at the end. We hope to do a couple more mountain bike trips this year. Noting the number of mountain bikes around camp, they promise to be popular, but spaces will be limited to under 10, so keep your ears open during the 4th and 6th weeks.

Falcon, Panther and Pinetree stormed up Bald Mountain near Rangely in the 2nd week and also learned the teamwork necessary to paddle Kawanhee's own grey and maroon war canoes across and around the waters of Lake Webb.

The CITs, including all of their counselors, spent a night on Tumbledown and enjoyed the serenity of being the only souls (along with their bodies) on the mountain. Early risers saw moose feed and beavers swim in Crater Lake.

Deer and Birch Lodges spent a day in Grafton Notch State Park (the Yosemite of Maine, as I call it) taking in the alpine views from Table Rock and the cool, clear waters of the glacially scoured Screw Auger Falls.

Another addition to the schedule was a day spent teaching two groups of eight boys Wilderness Survival skills including: making survival shelters, solar stills and makeing your own survival kit. Another session will be offered in the 4th or 6th week.

Another level has been added to the Mountain Man Club, which is Mountain Man II - for present MM's who want to add to their skills and bring home 250 points to their team.

It's been a vigorous and enjoyable season, and now we look forward to Monhegan Island (3rd week) and climbing Katahdin (5th week). Keep on tripping!

Dan Webster

## THE NATURE DEPARTMENT

On Sunday, July 10, the Nature Department, aided by the expertise of Scott Lindsay, a Mount Blue State Park Ranger, went on an expedition searching for gold. Ten campers in all, made the journey to the Swift River in search for some excitement, fun, and hopefully a bit of gold. With expert tutelage of Ranger Scott, each boy learned how to correctly pan for gold, and how to distinguish it from its similar looking, but less valuable counterparts, Pyrite (Fool's Gold) and Mica. In addition, the boys learned about some of the properties and usages for gold in the world today.

In the end, Scott Hamilton of Panther Lodge was the lone member of the group to find the elusive gold. His three tiny pieces were all that was discovered all afternoon. It was a most exciting and educational trip for all who participated. The trip will be repeated later in the summer. Next week, the Nature Department will be venturing to Angel Falls with Ranger Scott to study the various fungi in the area, as well as, enjoying the beautiful sites. We are also planning a night hike on Thursday to view the myriad of nocturnal wildlife that inhabits the woods. A couple of stargazing sessions are also scheduled for upcoming weeks.

## WORLD CUP ACTION COMES TO KAWANHEE

The World Cup, soccer's most prestigous tournament, has come to America bringing with it a renewed energy and enthusiasm to Camp Kawanhee. Every spectacular match has been watched under the careful scrutiny of the camp and has led to fabulous and friendly rivalries between countries. Perhaps the greatest rivalry occured during the quarter period match between Spain and Italy. The Spanish campers had watched their young team struggle through the first round but easily beat Switzerland in the round of 16. The few dedicated Italian campers had seen their talented star Roberto Baggio carry their team past Nigeria in an overtime thriller by scoring two goals. On July 9, at Foxboro Stadium, the two teams collided in a clash of power that led to the exciting ending of a last minute goal by the superstar Baggio. Each country played a noble, hard fought game from which no fan left disappointed.

This soccer excitement has been carried over into the Kawanhee World Cup League. These leagues are divided into two divisions, one for 13 years and under and two for 14 years and over. The junior counselors in the department have taken the responsibility for being the captains of the senior league and the coaches for the juniors. These five counselors, Diego Campo, Jim Papa, Jacobo Calderon, Pablo Hernandez, and Matheu Chabinis, have shown tremendous dedication and provided excellent inspiration to the soccer program here at Kawanhee. They spend hours working on levels with campers, coaching teams and refereeing games. Their work is greatly appreciated by the tri-directors, Nate Kay, Todd Worthington, and Chris Bitterauf, and to them we give a special thanks. With the World Cup action beginning to climax, the action here at Kawanhee should grow stronger within the leagues and with the levels. It should make for an exciting 5 more weeks in the World Cup here at Kawanhee!

Chris Bitterauf, Co-Director of Soccer

## KAWANHEE LITTLE LEAGUE WRAP UP

Three big Kawanhee Little League games have been played at Frank Memorial Field since the opening of camp. The game summaries are as follows:

Game #1 6/30/94

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| Chocolate Milkmen | 8 |
| Black Hole | 3 |

The game remained scoreless until the third inning when the CMM scored 2 runs. Black Hole scored three in the fourth, but the CMM scored 6 more times to win 8-3. The story of the day was Chris Berg's 12 strikeout, no-hit pitching performance for the CMM.

Game #2 7/4/94

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| Red Scare | 7 |
| Black Hole | 4 |

The Red Scare scored three times in the first inning and never looked back as they cruised to a 7-4 victory. Darren Belskis drove in two runs while Josh Purcell drove in two and scored twice for the winners. Jamie Strawbridge picked up the victory on the hill.

Game #3 7/6/94

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| Chocolate Milkmen | 6 |
| Red Scare | 5 |

After scoring five runs in the first inning, it appeared the Red Scare would mop up the Chocolate Milkmen. Timely hitting and pitching kept the CMM in the game. The winning runs were scored off the bat of pinch hitter and game hero, Jorge Marcial. Chris Berg picked up another win on the mound for the CMM.

Here are the Kawanhee Little League standings after 3 games:

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| Chocolate Milkmen | 2-0 |
| Red Scare | 1-1 |
| Black Hole | 0-2 |

## HANK AARON LEAGUE

by Russ Jessen

Kawanhee's softball league, the H.A.L. (Hank Aaron League), started out with style on June 27 when The Adam's Family hosted the Looniticks. The game began slowly, but in the fourth inning the Ticks pulled ahead scoring 4 runs. They then scored 3 more in the

seventh and beat the Family by a total of 7 - 4. For the winners Jacobo Calderon scored twice and had 2 RBIs, and for the Family Ted Slee went 2 for 3 with a run and 3 RBIs.

Our second game of the season was played on the 5th of July with The Rage hosting the Looniticks. This was one of the highest scoring softball games in recent HAL history with a total of 27 runs scored by both teams. The game was tied at 13 when regulation time finished at the bottom of the seventh. We went into extra innings, and at the top of the tenth inning Peter Kelly drove in Todd Fichter to score what would be the winning run for the Looniticks.

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| STANDINGS: | Looniticks | 2 - 0 |
| | Rage | 0 - 1 |
| | Adam's Family | 0 - 1 |

## THE COMING OF THE CHIEF

On Thursday,June 30, the annual ceremony to start the camp season, the Coming of the Chief, was held at Kawanhee.

As usual the ceremony kicked off in the rec hall as darkness descended on Kawanhee.In the rec hall, Herb Birch gave his interesting talk on the history of Kawanhee and the Weld area.

At the conclusion of Herb's talk all campers and staff proceeded to the council ring at council point.All campers and staff quietly assembled to the steady beat of an Indian drum. After everyone was situated ,the Chief appeared after being called three times by Chief sachem,Herb Birch.At this point,the ceremony really began.

First,the Chief asked that the message from the campers of 1993 be read to the campers of 1994.After the message was dug up, all returning sachems (representatives from each lodge, as elected by their lodgemates) gathered near the central fire and read the message. As usual,the message was filled with good advice for a successful summer at Camp Kawanhee in 1994.

Next, the Chief made a great speech on giving of yourself for Kawanhee. It is only through this giving that each member of the Kawanhee tribe can expect to get the most out of the Kawanhee experience. As a symbol of this "giving", each camper, staff member and guest threw a small stick on the fire. By throwing in the stick, all of us promised to give all we have to make Kawanhee a rewarding experience in 1994.

## THE RANGE IS DEDICATED

On Sunday, July 10, the Camp Kawanhee Rifle Range was officially dedicated to Bruce K. Birch, longtime Range Director, who died this past winter.

Herb Birch led the participants through a moving ceremony which included offerings by several Kawanheans. Jane Standen, whose father Nick Nickerson was Range director for many years, gave a brief history of Bruce's years at Kawanhee as a camper, counselor and Range Director.

Next, Tom Steenland, Bruce's longtime Range associate, gave a new rifle to Camp Kawanhee in memory of Bruce. Although Tom could not attend the dedication, a letter from Tom was read by Walter Estabrook at the dedication ceremony. It was after the reading of the letter that the rifle was presented to Camp Kawanhee.

After the presentation of the rifle, the Estabrook family presented the plaque that will be placed on the Range building from now on. The plaque reads "Camp Kawanhee Rifle Range Dedicated to Bruce K. Birch, Kawanhee Brave-37 years".

After the presentation of the plaque, many in attendence shared their memories and thoughts about Bruce. Later, Amy Spencer read a touching and original prayer about Bruce and at the conclusion of the ceremony the Range cannon was shot off by Bruce's brother, Brian, in memory of a truly great Kawanhee citizen.

## POLAR BEAR

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***CAMP KAWANHEE FOUNDATION***

For those Kawanhee Friends who wish to participate, the Camp Kawanhee Foundation provides scholarships for carefully selected boys regardless of race, color, or creed so that these boys can be enrolled at Kawanhee. The Camp's Board of Directors recognizes that the Foundation has been a positive advancement, and will continue to prove to be a strengthening force for Camp Kawanhee, not only financially, but by bringing to our Camp qualified boys of high moral character who are worthy of such an honor and who will contribute positively by their own attitude and participation. Any person, company, or organization wishing to donate to this IRS approved tax deductible Foundation, please make check payable to and mail to:

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