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# GREAT AND BUSY LAST WEEK ENDS A FUN CAMP SEASON!

## THE FINAL WEEK AT KAWANHEE

As always, the final week at Kawanhee is the most exciting. All during the week championships and tournaments were completed. Champions were chosen in soccer, baseball, softball, tennis, basketball and wrestling as activity leaders scurried around trying to get campers to complete their competitions.

On Thursday, it was time for the annual skit night as a large crowd assembled in the Rec Hall. Almost all lodges had acts and it was a fun night. Hawk Lodge entertained with an original, creative song and Birch Lodge won most creative with the rendition of the "Mad Scientist." Lynx Lodge was very innovative with their own video and, of course, the lovely Bass Rocketts were on hand to dance their way into your heart. The CITs did a great take-off on the weekly counselor meeting and they won the award for best skit. It was a great night of fun.

On Friday evening it was time for the "Going of the Chief" ceremony. At this solemn ceremony Chief Kawanhee again appears and a message is read that was prepared for the campers of 1989. Each lodge elected a representative or sachem to prepare the message. After the message was read the Chief spoke about things we will all take from Kawanhee—friends, great experiences, love of nature and memories to last forever.

On Saturday morning the last Maroon-Grey competition was held in the form of a Tug-of-War. The Maroons easily won in three tugs.

As Saturday noon approached it was time for the Banquet, a delicious meal of chicken. After the Banquet the annual awards ceremony was held. All activities handed out their important awards and as the end of the ceremony neared, everyone knew it was time for the final Maroon-Grey score.

First the captains were introduced and then the fifteen top scores were introduced. This year Billy Koplitz was top scorer with 1,740 points and thus he won the Brutscher trophy signifying that achievement.

Finally, BA Altmaier took charge as he announced the final score. Little by little numbers were put on the board and finally the final number was in place—the Maroons had won! They scored 48,104 points while the Greys scored 45,228. As is custom, winning captain Jeff Stroman was thrown in the lake. Look on other pages of this Wigwam for results of all awards and pictures of the awards ceremony.

On Sunday it was time to do some final packing and everybody was on their way home. It was a great year and it's only ten months until 1989!



Billy Koplitz proudly holds the Brutscher Trophy that goes to the High Point winner

#### HIGH POINTS WINNERS

1	BILLY KOPLITZ	1,740
2	RICHARD LEWIS	1,425
3	ZAYD HAMMAM	1,390
4	NICK ELLIS	1,340
5	MIKE COMPHER	1,325
6	CARLOS DELVALLE	1,305
7	FREDERIC PAPOCCHIA	1,250
8	TONY SOTO	1,160
9	DAVID LASH	1,140
10	ORIOL VILA	1,130
11	SCOTT HAIRSTON	1,100
12	RUSSELL JESSEN	1,095
13	RYAN BARNES	1,035
14	GABRIEL GEHRET	1,030
15	JASON RICART	990

# FINAL MAROON-GREY SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

On the final two Saturdays of the camp season there were some exciting Maroon-Grey team competitions.

On July 30, it was time for the Obstacle Course. All competitors started in the middle of camp and then they ran through a row of tires. From there they went to the high jump pit and then to the baseball field for a trip around the bases. After running back into camp, all runners had to traverse a line of canoes across the swimming area. Next, it was to the over and under benches and then the Green Beret rope climb. Finally all competitors went through the deadly mud pit and then to the finish line. All runners were timed and after the mud had washed off the Greys did much better and won the competition. Even Grey captain Greg Mullen won the battle of the captains as he edged Jeff Stroman.

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During the 1988 season, Kawanhee campers once again proved the truth in the archery motto-"if you aim at nothing, you will hit it." During a season which resulted in 493 medals, 11 Jr. B Robin Hoods, 2 Jr. A Robin Hoods and 2 Senior Robin Hoods being earned there were moments of tremendous pride as well as frustration. Through it all, Kawanhee's campers never gave up and many succeeded in reaching or exceeding their goals. Two campers, new to Kawanhee this summer, deserve special mention: Rupert Wetherilt for having earned 12 of a possible 15 medals and Nick Ellis for having earned all 15 medals and the Senior Robin Hood trophy. Another determined camper, Jose Raga, spent seven weeks working on the Bowman Sharpshooter medal and finally earned it and the Archer pin on the last day of archery.

Two tournaments were held this season. July 24th was the day of the Grey-Maroon tournament where at the end of the Jr. C, Jr. B, Jr. A and Senior rounds the score was tied. The outcome was then in the hands of the team captains, Jeff Stroman and Greg Mullen, who shot 30 arrows apiece. Although Jeff took an early lead, Greg caught him and won the round and, thus, the tournament for the Greys.



Proud Jr. B & Jr. A Robin Hoods!

The all-camp tournament which was held the follwoing week resulted in the following winners:

Jr. C at 15 yards	Ben Pleasure
Jr. C at 20 yards	P. J. Donahue
Jr. B at 15 yards	Jeff Hill
Jr. B at 20 yards	Dain Cooke
Jr. B at 30 yards	Trey Griley
Jr. A at 15 yards	Dan Collins
Jr. A at 20 yards	Tom Muther
Jr. A at 30 yards	John Donahey
Jr. A at 40 yards	Raphael Bouet
Sr. at 20 yards	Pedro Muntaner
Sr. at 30 yards	Tommy Greene
Sr. at 40 yards	Andy Graham

During the season many boys qualified to shoot for Robin Hood trophies. To earn this special award, camper must shoot 30 arrows at each of the three yard lines for a total of 500 points. Since the three rounds must be shot in one session, this award not only tests the shooting ability, but also the endurance of the archer. Fifteen boys earned this coveted trophy:

Jr. B: Michael Compher, Trevor Cooke, Carlos DelValle, Trey Griley, Russ Jessen, Steve Johnson, Rudy Kauffman, J. D. Novak, Don Rader, Jason Ricart and Pete Walter.

Jr. A: Raphael Bouet, Bill Koplitz.

Sr.: Nick Ellis and Richard Lewis.

Chuck and I were ably assisted in Archery by Shyam Rajadhyaksha our Junior Counselor and by Andy Brown and Todd Hall our counselors-in-training. We thank them for their hard work and service to the department!

This has been a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing everyone back at Kawanhee in 10 moons!



Nick Ellis and Rich Lewis, our two Senior Robin Hoods

## KAWANHEE THEN AND NOW BY Ben Hoffhine

For this issue of the Wigwam, I interviewed John Bell and Michael "OJ" Altmaier, our Directors of Activities at Camp Kawanhee. John has been a camper and counselor at camp for 15 years, while OJ is finishing his 23rd season at camp. Their answers to the following interview questions are listed below.

"Were there any different activities then than there are now?"

John: "No track, but now there is kayaking, soccer and volleyball."

OJ: "No track, but now we have kayaking and windsurfing."

"Did you have to stack and if so did you have stack signs?"

John and OJ: "Yes, we had to stack but we didn't have stack signs."

"What was the funniest thing you remember?"

John: "The fourth of July, Tom Taylor dressed up in his 1776 army uniform and woke everybody up and told them the British were coming."

OJ: "When someone moved the swimming area (with the docks) to Sunday Beach."

"What person do you remember the most and why?"

John: "Nicky Gill, because he was a neat guy,"

OJ: "Al Duncan because he taught me to play tennis."

"How many campers were there in camp?"

John: "125-130."

OJ: "120."

"What was the food like?"

John and OJ: "Great!"



Watching the Shop's sailboat regatta

# HANK AARON SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

by Tim Anderson

Game One-"Dirty Laundrymen vs. Durham Bulls"

The Dirty Lanudrymen won 14-7 with Tony Soto going one-forthree and scoring twice; Daisuke Koh going three-for-three and scoring three times and Robert Compher and Joe Highman both adding important hits. Jon Tracy led the Durham Bulls with a twofor-three night.

### Game Two-"The World Series Begins"

In game one of the Hank Aaron World Series the Grappling Sea Anenomes beat the Dirty Laundrymen 21 to 10. Jamie Miller led the way going two-for-four and scoring three times. Matt Burgermaster and Chris Huntington also had great games.

The Dirty Laundrymen were led by Joe Highman who went three-for-three and Andy Brown who was also perfect from the plate.

#### Game Three-"The World Series Concludes"

Grappling Sea finished up the World Series by defeating the Dirty Laundrymen 14–5. Craig LaRoche played very well in the field, but it was a total team effort to win it all. Chris Huntington hit two homeruns and Jim Drew and Matt Burgermaster both played well. The Dirty Laundrymen were led by Robert Compher who went three-for-three.

#### KLL PLAYOFFS

by Bernie Gehret

Well sportsfans, it has been a banner year in baseball once again. White Fire, led by Darren Lutz and Russ Jessen, won the right to an automatic bid in Kawanhee's World Series by finishing in first place for the season. It's been a tremendously competitive year in the KLL and congratulations to everyone who participated.

#### Game One-Quarterfinals-"Flamingos Jam on the Jazzy"

The Pink Flamingos commanded a 9-4 win behind the stellar three-hit pitching from Zayd Hammam. For the losers, J. D. Novak smashed a triple and Carlos "Rookie" Torres hit a ground-rule double on the basketball courts that might have gone for more. David Lash had two hits to back up Pink's eight hit attack.

#### Game Two-Semifinals-"Red Nips Pink in a Thriller"

In a game called by some "the best ever," the Red Raiders somehow managed to come back from a 10-5 margin in the last inning to win the second play off game and earn the right to face White Fire in the finals. After 5½ innings, the score was 10-5 in favor of the Flamingos and things seemed well in hand for Andy Zechiel and Company. But Mike Compher led off the last inning with a single to left and the hits just kept on coming. When the dust cleared, Sam "Pervis" Ellis was standing on second with a gamewinning double. Red then advanced to the KLL World Series.

# Game One of the KLL World Series—"White Fire Burns the Red Men"

Red's victory over Pink in the previous game was short lived as White Fire, behind consistent pitching from Russ Jessen pummeled Red, 11-4. The score into the bottom of the fourth was deadlocked at four. Then in the bottom of the inning, the explosion wreaked havoc on the raiders. Or, should I say, the Red Fire Fighters. Three walks coupled with a base hit and a double by Trey Griley gave White four runs in the inning. White cruised the rest of the way to win easily.

# Game Two-"Raiders Squelch the Fire"

In the second game of the World Series, Red surprised the White with another thrilling 8-7 victory. The game was tied 7-7 at the end of regulation and it took eight innings to decide a winner. A double by newly-found superstar Steve Johnson won the game for the Raiders. Only one game remained in the series—finally the climax of the season.



Darin Lutz helps pitch the "White Fire" to the Little League Title

#### Game Three—"White Fire Scorches Red Raiders"

The first few innings of game three had the makings of another pitchers duel. But superb pitching by playoff MVP Russ Jessen silenced the Raider bats. White Fire exploded for five runs in the sixth inning and the KLL title was theirs.



Mike Compher strokes a double in the Little League World Series



Winning the final tug of war



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Mosquito Soccer League Finals

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	Jr. A Sr.	Eduardo Saldana Nick Ellis	Carter Bean Andy Brown	Fred Papocchia Rich Donahey Jim Garland
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