



## TO THE PARENTS OF KAWANHEE'S 1991 CAMPERS

Every parent (and camper) wants to know who is responsible for guiding and directing the various activities and daily lives of the boys at camp, and we are happy to list the Staff and Counselor Assignments for 1991. As is the case for several previous summers, Camp Kawanhee is still **NUMBER ONE** over all New England ACA (American Camping Association) camps in repeat factor of Staff. We show below the names and number of years each has been at Camp Kawanhee.

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| <b>ARCHERY</b>     | — Chuck Compher, Sr., 6th season; Nancy van den Honert, 18th season.                                                                                          |
| <b>BASEBALL</b>    | — <i>Little League, Softball</i> — Pete Belskis, 18th season; Jack Mondell, 3rd season.                                                                       |
| <b>CAMPCRAFT</b>   | — Jamie Miller, 5th season; Danny Collins, 4th season; Mike Compher, 6th season; John Donahey, 8th season; Bob Hart, 5th season; Ben Hoffhine, 8th season.    |
| <b>KAYAKING</b>    | — Mark Gibson, 9th season; Jeff Baumann, 7th season.                                                                                                          |
| <b>NATURE</b>      | — Betty Altfater, 1st season; Jon Tracy, 7th season; Dotty Jones-Estabrook, 8th season (Lapidary).                                                            |
| <b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b> | — Bill Koplitz, 6th season.                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>RIFLERY</b>     | — Bruce Birch, 27th season; Mary Birch, 14th season.                                                                                                          |
| <b>SAILING</b>     | — Derek Barnes, 10th season; Billy Koplitz, 6th season.                                                                                                       |
| <b>SOCCER</b>      | — Shawn Flaherty, 6th season; Todd Worthington, 6th season; Chris Simanek, 5th season.<br>(Pete Belskis, Athletic Director, will oversee the Soccer program.) |
| <b>SWIMMING</b>    | — Peter van den Honert, 18th season; Chris Simanek, 5th season; Carey Stevenson, 1st season; Jennifer Levesque, 1st season.                                   |
| <b>SHOP</b>        | — Herb Birch, 47th season; Brian Birch, 28th season; Rik Papa, 2nd season.                                                                                    |
| <b>TENNIS</b>      | — Tom Boyer, 2nd season; Ignacio Gonzalez, 5th season; Kathy Mondell, 3rd season.                                                                             |
| <b>TRIPPING</b>    | — Dan Webster, 5th season; Al Spencer, 3rd season.                                                                                                            |
| <b>VOLLEYBALL</b>  | — Diana Yale, 3rd season.                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>WATERSKIING</b> | — Paul Bramlett, 3rd season; Chuck Compher, Jr., 8th season; Chris Huntington, 9th season. Tommy Greene, 8th season; Rob Studebaker, 7th season.              |
| <b>WRESTLING</b>   | — Dan Keating, 5th season; Andy Brown, 9th season.                                                                                                            |

We are happy to announce that Mark Nelson will be working as Co-Director of Activities along with O.J. Altmaier; Mark is in his 7th season at Camp Kawanhee, and O.J. is in his 26th! John Bell is unable to be at camp full time, but will be available weekends to lead fishing trips, and to teach fly tying. Barb Compher will again head up our office staff, and will be assisted by Peg Koplitz and Jane Boyer who will also organize our library and games. Peg and Jane will share driving duties as well. Dotty Jones-Estabrook, along with Amy Spencer, will be Camp Tutors. B.A. Altmaier will be our Scorekeeper for his 10th season straight in that important task. Our Nurse again will be Lucy Ramsay, R.N. and when Lucy is out of camp, Donna Towle, R.N. along with Dr. Nancy Rini will fill in for Lucy. Mike Lalley, our popular Chef, will again be with us, and most of his same kitchen and dining room crew are returning. Tom Wojcik will serve again as Maintenance Director, and will be ably assisted by R. A. Perez. Tom and Jane Boyer will once again be living in the Camp Mother's cabin where many evenings there will be the popular marshmallow roasts and "s'mores" parties by the campfire. Veteran Nan Belskis, assisted by her daughter Diana, will be storekeeper, chief lodge inspector, and manager of the boys' accounts. Amber Ramsay, daughter of Nurse Lucy Ramsay, will be assisting with Baseball and Softball, and helping in the camp laundry with Chris Simanek, Jennifer Lesques and Carey Stevenson. *Average number of years at Camp Kawanhee for all staff is between 8 and 9. You just can't beat experience!!*



#### MESSAGE TO THE PARENTS OF KAWANHEE'S 1991 CAMPERS

As the Sunday sun rose June 23rd over beautiful Lake Webb, Maintenance Director Tom Wojcik and his crew completed the final preparations for the arrival of the campers. The pre-camp training program for all staff was now finished, and counselors were prepared to extend a hearty welcome to the boys. Camp buses and vans departed for the Portland Airport, and throughout all that Sunday campers arrived by plane, bus, or car. The weather cooperated to the fullest by scheduling a sunny and clear day. The 1991 Season was off to a rousing start with a 144 eager campers. You, as parents, will be receiving additional copies of our Wigwam to inform you further about the progress of your sons. This first issue includes brief accounts of several activities along with your boy's lodge assignment, and lists the campers and the counselors in his group. The Kawanhee Spirit is evident among all--leaders and campers!

#### The Kawanhee Office

The camp office is a busy place. This year the office is staffed by Barbara Compher, Peggy Koplitz, and Jane Boyer. It is open from 8:30 AM to 8:30 P.M. Aside from answering the phone, other office duties include arranging transportation, typing team and lodge lists, running the copy machine, over-seeing the rec hall equipment, handing out supplies, and being available to answer camper questions. All three secretaries are happy to help you when you call Camp Kawanhee. Note: Phone calls from parents with emergencies are received at any hour day or night.

#### Wrestling

The first week in Wrestling has been filled with enthusiasm. Boys want to learn the techniques of going head-to-head with some of their friends. However, this first week consists mostly of learning proper stretching techniques. A fun warmup is a new game called European Tetherball. The wrestling room is usually packed during free periods.

#### Library

The library at Kawanhee is a quiet place available to boys on their free time. Now that the campers have settled into a daily routine, they may choose to read a book, write a letter, play a game of chess or talk with friends in the library.

#### Range

"Home on the Range" began this year with a big bang. During the first two periods that the boys attend range they are introduced or reviewed in these areas: range procedure, proper shooting techniques, information on the operation of rifles and ammunition, and most importantly, SAFETY. All boys, no matter how young or old, are presented with these areas before any boy is allowed to put his hands on a rifle. Loon lodge was the first to complete the rifle lectures and began shooting. We will be firing approximately 25,000 rounds of ammunition this summer. We're looking forward to many awards being earned through the NRA at Camp Kawanhee.

#### Nature

Nature is in full swing with some campers already completing levels. On flower walks we have seen eight flowers in bloom--one, the sundew is an insect-eating plant. At least 15 bull frogs are in the tiny pond near the baseball field. Spittle bugs are

spitting on the hairy stems of the hawk weed. The baby vireo bird sadly died, but the wounded garter snake seems to be on the mend. It may have been hit by a rock. When you throw a rock in the woods, you don't know on whom it may land. Think about it. All creatures great and small--the good Lord loves them all.

#### Athletic Try-outs Open Camp's 71st Year

It was baseball try-outs as usual the first day of camp which saw over 50 Little Leaguers participate in the annual event. All players were put through a complete work-out of baseball skills under the watchful eye of their soon to be coaches. Pitchers and catchers were given an additional work-out before the try-outs ended. Pete Belskis and Jack Mondell then grouped the top fifteen players into three teams of five players each to help balance the teams. Finally the coaches met collectively with the Commissioner of the League and had the annual draft of all remaining players, everyone in camp was selected on a team. We hope all the campers will take the opportunity to experience the thrill and benefits from participating as a member of a particular team. The following is a list of this years team names and coaches: Black Crows--Jon Tracy, Amber Ramsay, and Bernie Gehret; Blues Traveler--Alex Nachman, Gregg Mullen, and Jeff Stroman; Red Hot Chili Peppers--Ben Hoffhine, Robert Compher, and Tony Soto.

#### Swimming

On Monday, the first full day of camp, all campers are given swimming tests in order to gauge their ability. Most of the campers do the Lake Swim, a quarter mile swim across to the opposite shore. For those who are unable to complete that, there is the Cove Swim, which is approximately 125 yards across the mouth of the camp cove. There is also the Dock Swim, a 100 foot swim between the docks of the swimming area. Campers must pass the appropriate test before they are allowed to take boats out into the lake, the cove, or swim in the deep water of the swimming area. Each lodge is also given instruction in the use of the safety equipment, and practices non-swimming rescues and rescue breathing. In subsequent activity periods, campers are given regular instruction two or three times per week. During the course of the summer, in addition to regular instruction and lifesaving courses, campers may participate in the Ten Mile Swim, in which they swim quarter mile segments until they reach ten miles. Their progress is noted on a large chart near the center of camp.

#### Archery

Archery, headed by Chuck Compher, is off to another strong start this summer beginning on Tuesday, June 25th, when each lodge was instructed in safety rules, scoring, shooting technique, tournaments, Robin Hood awards, and medals. When lodges come out to the archery range the second time, each camper begins shooting. Returning campers begin working where they left off the previous summer while new campers begin working on the three medals which may be earned from the 15-yard line, he is eligible to begin working on the five bowman medals at the 20-yard line, the three medals from the 40-yard line, and the American Archer pin from the 50-yard line. All medals earned during the course of a week will given out during the Saturday evening campfire. In addition to the medals earned, campers may qualify to shoot for the Junior C, Junior B, Junior A, or Senior Hood trophies which are presented during the awards ceremony at the close of camp. During the season, Kawanhee archers will be participating in the all-camp archery tournament, the Maroon-Grey archery competition and an inter-camp tournament with Camp Fernwood. Chuck Compher is being assisted in Archery by Nancy van den Honert and Pedro Canas, and everyone in the in the department has remarked that all the campers have been enthusiastic, willing to try their hardest, and very cooperative. We are looking forward to a record-breaking season in Archery!

#### Tutoring

This season 18 campers are taking advantage of the tutoring program offered at Camp Kawanhee. Some boys are getting an academic boost in subjects they find difficult. Others are pursuing courses to enable them to excel in the coming school year. The majority of boys being tutored, however, are international campers who have requested an extra dose of English to help them participate fully in camp activities and/or to continue language instruction begun in their home countries.

### Kitchen

**Mike Lally** returns for his second year at Kawanhee to be our great cook. Mike teaches at the Pingry School in New Jersey where he is head of the Physical Education Department. Mike is also trainer for the athletic teams at Pingry.

**Jennifer Scucci** a two year veteran returns to Kawanhee to be Camp Baker. Already many great desserts have been served and almost daily the baker is called out by the chants of the campers. Jennifer is studying physical therapy at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine. In her free time Jennifer enjoys dancing, swimming, skiing, tennis, and playing miniature golf. Jennifer was also proud to be one the Dean's list the past year at school.

**Celeste Mosher** also comes back for a second year to help out in the kitchen. Celeste attends Mount Blue High School in Farmington, Maine and she enjoys drama, art, swimming, kayaking and canoeing.

**Zoe Comparetto** comes back for her second year to be Assistant Baker in the kitchen. Zoe is studying nursing at the Kettering College of Medical Arts in Kettering, Ohio. Zoe likes swimming, hiking, camping and sunbathing.

**Steve Prince** a two year veteran of the Kawanhee kitchen staff comes back again. Steve attends Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire and enjoys playing the guitar.

**Odessa Deffenbaugh** comes to Kawanhee for her first year to work in the kitchen. Odessa plans to live in Bolivia for eight months and then she will attend Bradeis University in Massachussetts. Odessa enjoys hiking, theatre and travel.

**Margot Sealy**, also a first time employee at Kawanhee, is another member of the kitchen staff. Margot will attend Bates College in Lewiston, Maine this fall where she will be a pre-med major. Margot plays the flute, clarinet, saxophone and guitar. She has already agreed to play all of these instruments at the camp show in August. She also enjoys running, skiing and swimming.

**Hilary Wojcik**, a Mount Blue High School senior is working in the kitchen this year. Hilary is a part time model with the Portland Maine Models group. Hilary plans to go to school in Boston to major in business and her career goal is to become a professional model.

**Chris Dyke** comes to Kawanhee for his first year to help in the kitchen and when he is not doing that he is mowing the camp property. Chris goes to Dirigo High School in Dixfield, Maine where he is on the wrestling team. Chris enjoys biking and soccer.

### Laundry

**Brenda Turner** heads up the laundry operation for Kawanhee. Brenda is a first time employee and she is a recent graduate of Bob Jones University in South Carolina with a degree in financial management. Brenda will be getting married after camp and will live in Coatsville, Pennsylvania.

**Liz Compher Hall**, a former nurse at Camp Kawanhee will be joining us for the last few weeks to help out in the laundry. Liz is the mother of Chuck Compher, Sr. and the grandmother of three Compher kids, Chuck Jr., Robert, and Michael. Liz resides in Chicago (when not travelling) with her husband.

Can you unscramble the names of these Kawanhee activities?

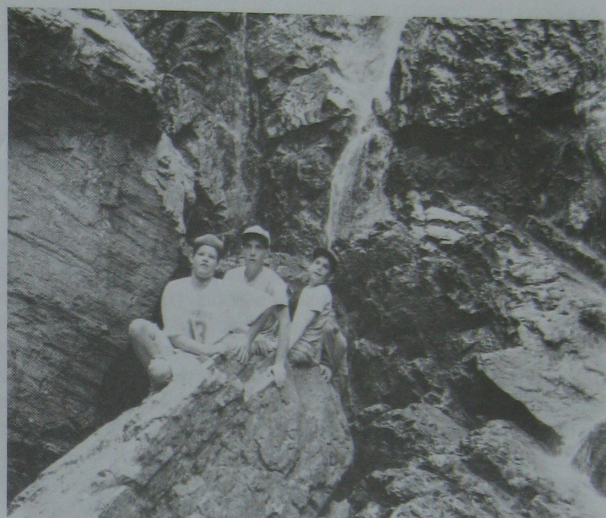
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### Secretaries

**Barbara Compher**, an eight year veteran of Kawanhee, helps direct the camp secretarial staff again this season. Barbara is a music teacher in Fort Worth, Texas. She enjoys walking and reading in her spare time and is happy to spend the summer months in the Maine mountains.

**Jane Boyer** returns to Kawanhee for her second season to help in the office and assist in several other areas of camp life. Beside the office, Jane will help out in soccer, library, be a camp driver, and also serve as official camp mother. When not at Kawanhee Jane teaches nursery school and coaches soccer.

**Peggy Koplits**, a seven year Kawanhee veteran comes back to help in the office and with camp driving. Peggy is a kindergarten teacher in Florida and the proud mother of three boys.



A trip to Coos Canyon.

### Nurse

**Lucy Ramsey**, a four year veteran of Kawanhee, returns to be camp nurse. Lucy is a homemaker and part time RN in day surgery and recovery room in Naples, Florida. She enjoys racquetball, the beach and summers in Maine.

**Nancy Rini** will join us for a few weeks this year to help out in the infirmary. Nancy has her doctorate in nursing and she has taught at Ohio State University. Nancy lives with her family in Columbus, Ohio.

### Physical Plant

**Tom Wojcik**, a veteran of ten years comes back to oversee the physical plant of Kawanhee. Tom is an administrator of environmental services for five nursing homes from Scarborough to Farmington, Maine. Tom is also owner of Hill Pond Associates Construction Company. Tom is originally from Michigan and is the proud father of three children, all of whom have Kawanhee connections.

**Zetta Wojcik** is also a ten year veteran of Kawanhee and she is in charge of many different things at Kawanhee. Zetta plants and provides the flowers for the infirmary, dining hall, Estabrook cabin, and Herb Birch's cabin. Zetta also assists Tom in getting camp ready and running each season. Zetta is also responsible for hiring the kitchen crew. At home Zetta manages Hills Pond Associates Construction Company.

**R. A. Perez** helps out with the Kawanhee physical plant whenever possible. R. A. lives in Weld and works at the G. H. Bass Shoe Company in Wilton, Maine.

**Robert Hiscock** is in charge of the fort and refuse pick up. Robert is a retired person who lives in Florida in the winter and we all appreciate the great job Robert does!



A boy and a dog - a common scene at Kawanhee!

### \*\*\*AS KAWANHEE TURNS\*\*\*

The week of July 4th brought many guests to Kawanhee. It was exciting to have THREE generations of Neidigs: Pete Neidig from Maine and Pennsylvania, his son, Bill Neidig, from California, and his grandson, Richard Lewis, from Texas! The Jack Abbotts held a reunion of their immediate family at the Kawanhee Inn and were able to spend some time at the camp. The senior Abbotts were joined by Mr. and Mrs. John Abbott and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Abbott, Jr. and their children. Because of their generous Memorial gift to their son, Charles, the Abbott Lodge was built for married counselors with young children. John J. Cunningham paid Kawanhee a visit after not seeing camp for 20 years—He had a wonderful time seeing people that he had been in camp with and enjoyed taking the tour of the camp. Mr. and Mrs. William Dargusch and family from Columbus, Ohio are also renewing their ties with Kawanhee—even went to Monhegan Island! Mr. and Mrs. Edward "Duke" Lutz were here visiting their grandson, Darin. That is another THREE generation family. Duke, Tom, and Darin. Isn't that great! Wedding Bells for Sarah Frank Smith and Richard Edward Bernard. Sarah is the granddaughter of Raymond and Frannie Frank and the daughter of Betty Frank Smith Grassington. Kawanhee sends best wishes to the Bernards. Invitations have been sent for the wedding of Marcy Patrick and Jamie Robinson to take place in Dixfield, Maine in August. Several of Jamie's friends from Kawanhee will be members of the wedding party. And speaking of wedding—Hal and Jean Myers celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a party hosted by their daughters, Judy Hoffhine and family and Marty Albershardt and family. Ben Hoffhine, Kawanhee

'91, is a grandson of Hal and Jean and son of Judy and Chuck Hoffhine. Chuck was a camper and counselor here. They are another three generation family! Kawanhee babies are: Jane Louise born to Jody (Ruhle) and Whitney Barnard of West Boylston, MA and Kyle McCreery Tillos to Erica and John Tulloss of Aurora, ME. Congratulations! Ohio Supreme Court Justice Herb Brown's first novel has been published—*Presumption of Guilt*. It is in hardback and soon to be in paperback. Herb was a camper and counselor at Kawanhee and his son, Andy, Kawanhee '91, has followed in his footsteps and is now a counselor here. A note from Terry and Kim Berrigan announces that Terry has been named the Ohio Chapter Coordinator for the Rails to Trails Conservancy. This is a comparatively new program in several states. Jim Garland is a new graduate of The Columbus Academy, Columbus, OH. Our best to you, Jim. Remember to send your news and also any change of address!!

### Camp Kawanhee Foundation

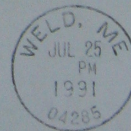
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### Obituary

We were sorry to learn of the death of Cleveland C. Cory, 5756 SW Riverpoint Lane, Portland OR 97201. He died March 12 of Parkinson's Disease and was in very poor health for long time. He always had a soft spot in his heart for Kawanhee. His family connection with Kawanhee was long and strong. Our sympathy to Mrs. Cory.

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