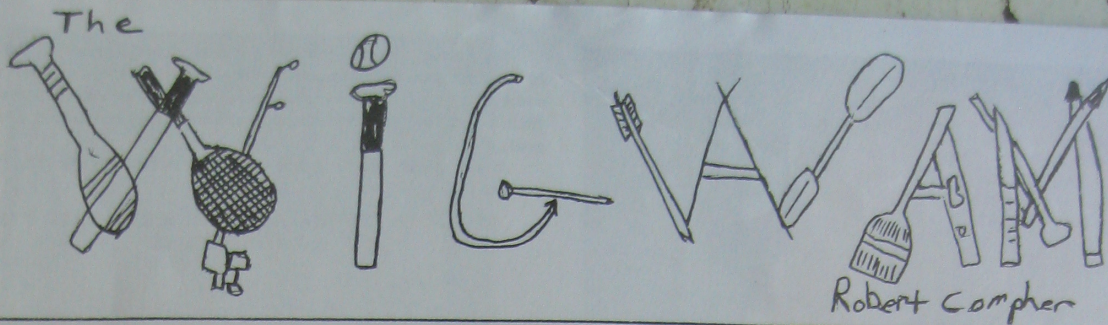




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KAWANHEE '86 ENROLLMENT ZOOMS

THE WORD IS OUT! Camp Kawanhee, Weld, Maine is the place where wise and loving parents enroll their sons for 7 weeks of "FUN WITH A PURPOSE". Sunday, June 22, marked the opening day for Kawanhee's 66th Season, and Chief Kawanhee happily welcomed 145 eager campers--the best enrollment in the past 10 summers. Mr. Herb Birch, Assistant Director, arrived early afternoon with 35 boys from New Jersey area, and 48 boys from Ohio followed in the late afternoon; that same evening a group of 10 boys from Madrid, Spain arrived. All day long parents from New England, and other areas too, drove in with their sons. One group of 15 boys, due to extended school schedules in New Jersey because of an abundance of "snow days" arrived in camp Wednesday, 3 days after opening day. During the several days prior to opening day, Staff Training Sessions were conducted; this is a mandatory procedure because Camp Kawanhee belongs to ACA (American Camping Ass'n) and to MYCA (Maine Youth Camping Ass'n), and we observe faithfully the high standard of safety, sanitation, and program planning required by ACA and MYCA. On Friday and Saturday, prior to Sunday's opening, two instructors from the Auburn, Maine Red Cross conducted CPR and First Aid Classes. 26 Kawanhee Staff Members are now certified, or re-certified, in CPR and First Aid. John Estabrook, M.D., assisted by our Registered Nurses, Liz Hall and Chris Stahl, processed staff members through physical exams--this too is a requirement of ACA; campers, of course, must have had their physical exams before arriving at camp. Another ACA



MR. & MRS. ESTABROOK WELCOME A BUS LOAD OF NEW ARRIVALS TO CAMP KAWANHEE.

regulation is that as the boys arrive, they must be head checked for lice; happily, nurse Liz Hall reported that all boys checked out OK. As the sun disappeared in the west behind Tumbledown Mountain, the campers plus 52 staff members settled into their lodges for the first night with excited anticipation for a happy, fun-filled, and productive summer.

MAROON-GREY CAPTAINS CHOSEN



THE 1986 CAPTAINS; CHUCK COMPHER JR., CAPTAIN OF THE MAROONS AND FRANK "FLY" MACPEAK, CAPTAIN OF THE GREYS.

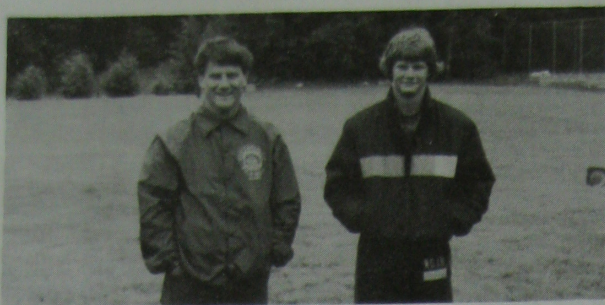
On Wednesday, June 25, Chuck Compher, Jr. and Frank "fly" MacPeak were chosen as captains of the Maroon and Grey teams. Every camper is chosen on one of the two teams and they gain points in the summer-long competition by earning achievement levels in any of Kawanhee's fifteen activities. They can also earn team points by helping their team win special events such as the tug of war, swim meet or field day. The team score is announced each week with the final score coming at the final banquet. The team competition encourages competitiveness and also increases a desire to accomplish goals while at the same time reinforcing good traits such as fair play and good sportsmanship.

At dinner on June 25 as Chuck Compher and Fly MacPeak were chosen, the campers waited in anticipation for the coin toss. Fly won the toss and chose to be the Grey Captain. Chuck, of course, became captain of the Maroons. Immediately, after the selection of the teams, the tug of war was held which the Greys won in three straight pulls.

When Chuck Compher, Jr. was selected as captain it set Kawanhee history. It was the first time at Kawanhee that a father and son have become team captains. Chuck Compher, Sr., currently Kawanhee's archery instructor, was captain of the Maroons in 1963 and, of course, now his son, Chuck Jr., follows as captain of the Maroons twenty-three years later!



HERB BIRCH, KAWANHEE VETERAN OF 42 YEARS STOPS AT "HIS" SIGN THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP.



KAWANHEE HISTORY! CHUCK COMPHER SR., CAPTAIN OF THE MAROONS IN 1963, AND CHUCK COMPHER JR., CAPTAIN OF THE MAROONS IN 1986!



MAROON-GREY COMPETITION STARTS WITH THE TUG OF WAR WON BY THE GREYS.

THE FIRST WEEK AT KAWANHEE

The first week at Kawanhee was, as always, a busy, busy week. After the boys arrived Sunday, the week started on Monday with Little League and Hank Aaron League tryouts. Little League is for boys 12 and under, while Hank Aaron is a softball league for older boys. Boys who were not trying out for baseball were busy swimming the lake. Swimming the lake is important because it is a requirement for most of the water-front activities at Camp.

On Tuesday the boys completed the safety lectures of Camp. Here the boys learned about the rules and regulations of the various activities of Camp. On Monday and Tuesday the first movie of the camp season, *Godzilla*, was shown in the rec hall in the evening. Many boys enjoyed the movie, several commenting that the main character looked a lot like their counselor!

On Wednesday the activity periods started. The boys have four activity periods a day, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Here the boys learned about the rotation that will take each lodge around to each of the fifteen activities of camp. They will visit each activity many times during the year. On Wednesday evening the Little League season started with The Red Barons registering an 8-3 victory. Mr. Estabrook again did the honors by throwing out the first ball of the season. Campers and counselors noticed that Mr. E had some additional zip on the ball, probably because Mr. and Mrs. Estabrook were to celebrate thirty-nine years of beautiful marriage the next day.

On Thursday the activities continued, and Crow and Badger lodges got the tripping season off the ground by climbing Little Jackson Mountain near Camp. On Friday, activities continued, and in the evening it was time for the Coming of the Chief ceremony. At the ceremony the Chief initiated the "braves" of Kawanhee into the Tribe of Kawanhee, and each camper pledged to the Chief that they would try to give themselves to Kawanhee. Each camper does this by symbolically throwing a stick into the huge fire.

On Saturday there were activities in the morning and the first Maroon-Grey competition in the afternoon. This time it was a field day. On Saturday evening it was time for the first Kawanhee campfire of the season. At the campfire, songs were sung, then each activity leader talked about the week's accomplishments and the evening concluded with the reading of the "log", a compiling of the week's more humorous events. Then "BA" Altmaier, camp scorekeeper, read the first week's Maroon-Grey score.

On Sunday, it was time for the first chapel service of the season. In the afternoon the boys could walk to town for a few goodies or enjoy some free time. In the evening each lodge held private vespers. Here, each lodge went to a private area around camp and talked about their goals of the season.

It was a busy, exciting week, and it was fun to think there were six more to follow!

PRE-CAMP: THE KAWANHEE BLACKFLY NIGHTMARE, AND OTHER TALES.

By: John Bell

A veritable hive of activity might describe the scene at Camp Kawanhee during what will be fondly remembered as "Pre-Camp, '86". Saddled with a slew of herculean tasks, and having a limited time frame within which to work, the dauntless, pre-camp crew, consisting of Chris Yardley, Andy Shahan, and myself, rolled in on Memorial Day weekend, set up our headquarters, and took charge.

Embodiments of that spartan pre-camp work ethic, the crew's day began early, sometime even at 9 or 10 a.m. The weather was generally good, though Kawanhee often seemed enveloped by a dense and dark fog that made breathing uncomfortable; we soon realized that these were only blackflies, enjoying one of their finest springs in memory. Nothing seemed to work in preventing blackfly bites except staying indoors, which we, driven as we were, could never resort to. Andy Shahan, after a particularly savage assault by blackflies at the athletic field one day, had the back of his neck dubbed "the pimento loaf" at the end of the day; he no doubt still bears the scars -- emotional and physical -- inflicted by these minute harbingers of horror.

Tom Wojcik had been busy building new docks over the winter, and Kawanhee now has in place brand new swimming, boating and sailing docks.

The paint sprayer saw some action this spring, as the fort, the rec hall, Hawk and Deer Lodges, the C.M.C., and the Pine Point Cabin all received a new coat of stain. We even imported a trim painting specialist all the way from Switzerland to apply a fresh coat of green to window and door trim.

Almost no nook or cranny in camp eluded the eagle eyes of the pre-camp cosmetic squad, and Council Pt. was no exception. That hallowed bit of ground where we greet Chief Kawanhee at the beginning of each season received alot of attention, in the form of a major 8-hour brush burning, in which the remnants of decades of council fires were removed for the perimeter; 20 new benches, made from a couple of Kawanhee "stately pines" that had been sickly, were also installed around the campfire. The Chief, we hope, will approve of this "sprucing up".

Birch Lodge, or "the warehouse", was the big pre-camp project this spring. A pair of carpenters succeeded in erecting the new Lodge in just 12 days. Birch is a welcome and handsome addition to Kawanhee's cabins. It has room for sixteen campers and 4 counselors, setting a new record for occupancy at camp, though Jamie Robinson's "low rider" car may give it some competition on days off.

Pre-camp was a memorable era, with free time spent on the lake, watching the moose, loons, osprey and beaver. The fish were somewhat more elusive than in years past, but a fair amount were still caught. I'll be back again next spring.



LITTLE LEAGUE TRY-OUTS THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP.

INTRODUCING THE ACTIVITY STAFF

THE DIRECTOR OF ACTIVITIES: **Chris Yardley** returns to Kawanhee for his thirteenth year and his second as Director of Activities. Chris has a Masters Degree in Counseling and loves music, surfing, traveling and Kawanhee.

John Bell is also serving as a Director of Activities. This is John's twelfth year at Kawanhee and his first as Activity Director. John is a graduate of the University of Southern Maine and is an aspiring English teacher. His interests include canoeing, hiking, guitar and harmonica.

ARCHERY: **Chuck Compber, Sr.** returns for his ninth summer at Kawanhee to direct archery. At home in Fort Worth, Texas, Chuck is a Junior High Band Director, High School Jazz band director and professional musician. Chuck won the esteemed Robin Hood award in 1961.

Julie Cooke comes to Kawanhee for her first year to help direct Archery. Julie is a retired English teacher and has acted in community theatre, owned a small craft business, has been a cub scout den mother and substitute preschool teacher. The past winter Julie studied archery from two competitive archers in Columbus, Ohio. Julie also enjoys showing her Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier in dog shows.

BASEBALL: **Pete Belskis** comes to Kawanhee for his fourteenth year to direct Baseball and Athletics. Pete is a physical education and health teacher in Ashland, Maine, where he is also the varsity soccer coach.

Andrew Shahan is assistant baseball and athletic director. This is Andy's eighth year at Kawanhee. Andy just finished his second year at Boston University but he will be taking a year off to live and work in Burlington, Vermont.

Bernie Gehret returns to Kawanhee for his fifth year to help direct baseball. Bernie goes to high school in Waterville, Maine, where he is on the varsity cross country, basketball and baseball teams.

BASKETBALL: **Paul Rotolo**, a student at Ohio State comes to Kawanhee in his first year to help direct basketball. At Grandview High School in Columbus, Paul was captain of the basketball and baseball teams.

Chris "Pearl" Meehan also comes to Kawanhee in his first year to help direct basketball. Chris is attending Southern Oregon State where he was co-captain of basketball in his last year of basketball eligibility. In high school, Chris was all-state in basketball and at Southern Oregon he is also co-director of intramurals.

Scott Worthington is a junior at The Columbus Academy. He plays football, basketball, and baseball. Scott is an honor student and loves to snow ski. This is Scott's third year at Kawanhee.

BOATING: **Andy Coward** comes to Kawanhee for his fifth year to help direct boating. Andy is going to Blair Academy Prep School before attending college. Andy plays soccer and track at school and loves boating.

Jamie Robinson is at Kawanhee for his sixth year but his first in boating. Jamie attends the University of Maine where he majors in Sports Medicine.

Jim Osborn is helping in boating. He attends Nottingham High School and he wrestles, plays baseball, swims and loves all sports. He also plays in the high school band.

James Bell returns to Kawanhee for his third year. Jim will give a helping hand in boating. Jim is currently a senior at the Peddle School in Hightstown, New Jersey. After graduation he plans to attend the Air Force Academy.

CAMP-CRAFT: **Mark Nelson** comes to Kawanhee for his first year to direct Campcraft. Mark attends Ohio State where he majors in Education. Mark has taught camping skills and survival which makes him very well-qualified.

Frank "Fly" MacPeak returns to Kawanhee for his ninth year to help in Campcraft. Fly is a Junior in high school where he is a track star. Fly is proud to say he is a Junior Maine Guide.

KAYAKING: **Mark Zollitsch** comes to Kawanhee for his first year to direct the Kayaking program. Mark is a sophomore at the University of Maine. Mark has won many awards in his life including many for kayaking. He has paddled for over twelve years and has won over 150 awards. He has been the Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont State Whitewater Champion for the last four years. He has been on the national flatwater team for three years and he is a member of the 1986

Nation Olympic Festival team in Houston.

Mike Jones is helping in Kayaking and sailing. He attends Maranacook High School in Maine where he has been on the honor roll for four years. He also enjoys waterskiing and windsurfing.

Mark Gibson a veteran camper returns to also help in Kayaking.

NATURE: **Peggy Kopltz** returns to Kawanhee for her third year to direct Nature. Peggy is a teacher in Sarasota, Florida.

Dotty Jones Estabrook returns to Kawanhee for her second year to assist in Nature and also head up Kawanhee's tutoring program. Dotty is a high school teacher in Columbus, Ohio.

Greg Stroman comes back to Kawanhee for his second year to help in nature. In September, Greg will start classes at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania.

Jeanne Dexter is employed at Kawanhee for her first year but her connections with Kawanhee go back many years. Her father, Forrest Dexter was head of the Nature Department for many years. Jeanne teaches at The Washington Montessori School in Washington, Connecticut where she teaches 4th and 5th grade math and she heads the Art Department.

RANGE: **Bruce Birch** start his thirty-first year at Kawanhee. He again directs the Range where he has worked for twenty-two years. This past year Bruce was a physical education aide in Brooksville, Florida and he also has a video taping production service.

Mary Birch starts her tenth year at Kawanhee but her first on the Range with husband Bruce. She is starting her 14th year in teaching special education in Brooksville, Florida.

Kevin Murphy returns for his second year at Kawanhee to help in Range. Kevin is a high school student from Wycoff, New Jersey and lists sports and music as his major interests.

SAILING: **Don Dillon** comes back for his second year to co-direct sailing. Don is a graduate of Southern Oregon State where he participated in the Equestrian Club and Sailing Club.

Tom Hall makes Kawanhee his home for his first summer. Tom is a retired CPA and a sailor with vast experience. He has taken many courses in seamanship and navigation.

SOCCER: **Morgan Kennedy** heads soccer in this, his fifth year at Kawanhee. Morgan attends the College of the Holy Cross where he played goalie on the varsity soccer team.

Michael Sparks helps out in soccer in this, his third year at Kawanhee. Mike attends the Cincinnati Country Day School where he has two years of varsity soccer experience.

SHOP: **Herb Birch** comes back to Kawanhee for a record forty-second season. Herb also heads a clan that has put in a total of 149 years at Camp. Unbelievable! Herb co-heads the shop at Camp. He is a retired Industrial Arts teacher and is proud to say that he has sixty-five years in scouting.

Brian Birch starts his twenty-seventh year at Camp. Brian is a retired Industrial Arts teacher and at present is self-employed at his home in Florida.

Jim Parker returns for his second year to assist in the shop. Jim is a 1986 graduate of the University of Southern Maine where he majored in Political Science and Communication. Jim was honored to receive the Presidential Fellowship at USM for the '86-87 year. Jim also works at the Bar Mills Woodworks Co. which is a company that specializes in fine woodworking in Maine.

SWIMMING: **Pete van den Honert** returns to Kawanhee for his twelfth year to help direct swimming. Pete is the choral director at Kansas Wesleyan in Salina, Kansas.

Polly van den Honert, Pete's sister, comes to Kawanhee for her seventh year to help direct swimming. Polly lives in Boston where she is a film producer for a commercial production company. Polly will also be helping with the star-watching at camp.

Brian Gibson helps out in swimming as he starts his fourth year at Kawanhee. Brian will be a senior in high school where he has been on the swim team for two years.

Owen Feeney also helps out in swimming in this, his third year at Kawanhee. He attends Don Bosco High School and is on the ski racing team and spirit group.

AS KAWANHEE TURNS!! By Jane Estabrook

NOTE: Please send all notes of interest to the Wigwam, Camp Kawanhee, Weld, ME 04285, so that we can keep the Kawanhee family informed of all your activities.

Ricardo Fuster, Madrid, Spain, graduated this June from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Congratulations, Ricky!

Juan Fuster, Madrid, Spain, completed his first year at Duke University, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Baker III announce the birth of Lorenzo Philip Baker IV on April 8, 1986. Papa Lorenzo is Admissions Director, Gould Academy, Bethel, Maine. We welcome Lorenzo IV--a future camper at Kawanhee.

Gregory Eric Fulda was married to Tammie Jean Berry on Saturday, May 10, at the North Deering Congregational Church, Portland, Maine. Greg is in the U.S. Navy. Kawanhee send best wishes to Tammie and Greg.

John Gordon Bell III graduated from the University of Maine in June with a B.A. Degree in English. Congratulations John!

Wiley Carter Messick was married to Carol Dianne Hembre on Saturday, May 17, at the First Baptist Church in Richardson, Texas. Kawanhee sends best wishes to Carol and Carter.

Mike (O.J.) Altmaier, popular Kawanhee Counselor, took his Tennis Team of Bath, Maine to the Maine State Tennis Finals.

Jim Estabrook has accepted a position with the State of Ohio as a classroom teacher for severe behavior handicapped hearing impaired children at St. Vincent School, Columbus, Ohio. Jim and his wife, Dorothy Jones Estabrook, have purchased a home in Columbus, Ohio. Jim's job is year-round, so we miss him as a staff member at Kawanhee this summer. Doty is in charge of tutoring at Kawanhee again this summer. Thank you, Doty!

Bill Koplitz was able to give us a few days early in the season as a professional photographer, but now finds it necessary to return to his busy photography studio in Florida. We miss you, Bill and will be glad when you return the first of August.

William (Bill) Doyle is an attorney in New Orleans, Louisiana, and resides in Kenner, Louisiana.

Richard C. Davis, Jr. is stationed at the Army Air Base in Fairbanks, Alaska, as a Colonel in the Dentistry Corp.

The Tulloss Family--our sincere condolences to John, Reese, and Sarah Tulloss upon the death of their mother, Janet Reindel Tulloss.

Mr. and Mrs. David Alexander announce the birth of David Rees Alexander born April 17, 1986, weighing 8 lbs. 11 oz. Will, aged 2½, was glad to see his brother. Two future Kawanhee campers.

Sam Detrick is now Lieutenant stationed in Germany, flying F-15's. Sam graduated from the Air Force Academy and Laughlin Air Base in Texas and was second in his class. The Kawanhee family is very proud of you, Sam!

Charles (Pete) Neidig who was in Camp in the 1930's and the 1940's was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Penn State University for his contributions in the field of market research and for achieving renown in the art of investment banking. Pete's grandson, Richard Lewis, is a new camper in '86 assigned to Beaver Lodge.

Find the Scheduled Activities at Kawanhee

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ANNOUNCEMENT

As announced last year, Camp Kawanhee received word from the Internal Revenue Service that our request to form a foundation had been accepted. Consequently, we are now eligible to receive tax deductible donations which will be used to provide scholarships for boys regardless of race, color, or creed so that these boys can be enrolled at Camp Kawanhee for future seasons. The camp's Board of Directors believes that this is a very positive advancement, and will prove to be a strengthening force for Kawanhee, not only financially, but by bringing to our camp carefully selected boys who are worthy of such an honor and who will contribute positively by their own attitude and character. Any person, company, or organization wishing to donate, please make check to:

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