



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 ion 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.

Tripping

The 1991 Tripping Department looks forward to an excellent summer, full of canoeing, hiking, climbing, swimming, and exploring. Our staff this year is made up of solid veterans; Dan Webster is back for his fifth season as Director, Al Spencer is returning for his 3rd year, Mike Brown is logging his second year at Kawanhee, and we are pleased to have Steve Yale back after several years away from camp. During the first two weeks of camp we take lodges, two at a time, on mountain hikes, and river trips. On our first trip of the season Hawk and Pinetree Lodges climbed Bald Mountain near Rangely. Even though it was a very hot day campers were cooled by breezes from nearby Mooselookmaguntic Lake. On the second trip, Wildcat and Lynx lodges climbed Tumbledown Mountain and took turns climbing through the Lemon Squeeze, and up through the massive Chimney of Fat Man's Misery. We spent the rest of the afternoon enjoying the view from the top, eating a nutritious meal, and swimming across the cool waters of Chimney Pond to Blueberry Island. All the lodges of Kawanhee can look forward to similar trips in the following days.

Shop

Our camp shop is the most outstanding camp shop in the state of Maine! We have heard this from many of the American Camping Association Directors who visit us and inspect us every three years. Our 1991 Season began with safety lectures and tool demonstrations for all lodges. Once the lectures were completed, each camper selected a project of his choice and is now working diligently on it. This summer there are four adults working in the shop, three full time and one part time, making for an excellent camper to instructor ratio. Shop schedules two lodges every period for the four periods each day and starting the second week of camp a "free shop" period is added for boys who want and need extra time to complete their projects. All indications point toward an enthusiastic and enjoyable summer in the shop.

Maroon and Grey Scoring in Camp

As you may know, campers are divided into two teams--Maroon and Grey. Points can be earned for almost everything in camp. A level system is set up and there are four divisions by age: C, B, A, and Senior. C is the beginning level and Senior is the highest level of achievement. There are 10 activities under this system and they are Nature, Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Campcraft, Shop, Sailing, Boating, Swimming, and Wrestling. All new campers will be starting levels according to which lodge they are in and each lodge is put into a division. All other campers start at the level that they last completed in previous seasons. There are three levels in each division and for every first level the boys earn 15 points. For every second level they earn 35 points and for every third level they earn 50 points. Several activities, including Volleyball, Skiing, Tennis, and Kayaking have a level system that is for all ages. Rifle Range and Archery receive points for the medals that the boys earn. We encourage the boys to pass levels and earn points, but the primary emphasis is "Fun With a Purpose".

From the Kitchen

It's bountiful, pleasurable, and nutritious; that's the food served at Kawanhee! The campers will not go hungry and there will be no need to send care packages. The kitchen aspires to please the palates of the campers and tries to cook foods that young men like. There is a salad and fruit bar with plenty of fresh vegetables and fruits. The menus are made up from the various food groups approved by the federal government, and there is plenty of milk along with fruit juices available to quench the boys' thirst. Our head chef Michael Lalley and his staff consider it a pleasure to serve the campers, and to provide the needed energy to adjust to the full range of activities at Camp Kawanhee. The boys look forward to their meals with excitement!

Camp Store

The Camp store opened on Monday, June 24 with a selection of various items of interest for the campers and staff. Although store hours for the campers are only from 6 to 7 in the evenings, the store keeps busy throughout the day with handling mail and it is the receiving point for many supplies. Boys can purchase toilet articles, fishing

equipment, sweatshirts, T-shirts, along with fruit, popcorn, and a limited supply of candy. Nan Belskis has managed the store for many years, and she is also responsible for making lodge inspections and maintaining the boys' incidental accounts.

Nurse Lucy

The nurses's duties the first week of camp are multiple and start by checking all the medical forms for allergies and daily medications. Also, we must have a health record form with medical authorization for each camper. Special needs such as homesickness are given extra attention and discussed with individual counselors and directors. American Camping Association requires that each camper must have his head checked for lice. The first week has been busy and fun-filled!

Interest in Tennis Climbs with Tennis Ladders!

Kawanhee tennis, headed by Tom Boyer and assisted by Alex Fuster, Ignacio Gonzalez, and Kathy Mondell got off to a quick start this year. Tennis ladders for the "16 and Under", "13 and Under", and "11 and Under", have been heavily participated in by many boys. Campers may challenge two spaces above their current ranking, and they have been busy playing matches to help them "climb the ladders". Each day changes are posted and new challenges made. Later in the season the top challengers will participate in the inter-camp tennis tournaments.

1991 Lodge List

EAGLES: Tommy Greene, SC, Danny Collins, JC, Todd Altfater, David Girard, Timmy Kobold, Hector Pons, Russell Twiss, Edward Watson. FALCON: Todd Worthington, SC, Tom Muther, JC, Andres Compos, Chick Conley, Timothy Cook, Scott Gammon, Pedro Pons, Tommy Sealy, Joe Thornhill. PANTHER: Jon Tracy, SC, Pedro Canas, JC, Brian Altfater, Gonzalo de Armas, Timmy DeVoe, Eduardo Lucas, Jordi Mir, Carlos Morales, Jaimie Rubio. PINETREE: Andy Brown, SC, Jason Roth, JC, Antolin Alvarez, Ryan Barrett, Billy Burbine, Jorge Cabrera, Timmy Donahey, Peter Kelly, Raul Marcial, Tom Papa. HAWK: Dan Keating, SC, Alex Nachman, SC, Darren Belskis, Greg Boyer, Adam Cook, David Greig, De'Leon Johnson, Yogi Mochizuki, Sergio Olazabal, Chase Rosenberg, Chris Unick. DEER: Jeff Stroman, SC, John Donahey, JC, Bob Hart, JC., Luke Conley, Chris Dixon, Pedro Duque, Adrian Edelmann, Jaime Fonalledas, Torrey Liddell, Victor Lim, John Mulcahy, Jim Mullen, Nacho Prieto. BIRCH: Gregg Mullen, SC, Billy Kopplitz, JC, Rik Papa, JC, Luis Benitez, P.J. Donahue, Julian Hohl, Robbie Hunter, David Johnson, Michael Kobold, Philip Lieberkuhn, Edouard Monnot, Borja Oyarzabal, William Thornhill, Eric West, Adam White. BEAVER: Bernie Gehret, SC, Ben Hoffhine, JC, Benny Abe, Ben Findley, Luke Kopplitz, Shawn Maxwell, Andrew Nozik, Inigo Oyarzabal, Gonzalo Rainer, Ted Slee, Jason Tackett. MOOSE: Mark Gibson, SC, Ignacio Gonzalez, JC, Jeff Boyer, Diego Campo, Peter Cartei, Henri De Dreuzy, Carey Flaherty, Brendan Flynn, Jose Gomez, Clint Mondell. LYNX: Paul Bramlett, SC, Brendan O'Neill, SC, Robert Compher, JC, Nick Aiello, Ted DeVoe, Daniel Diaz, Simon Doolittle, Brian Huntington, Luis Mestre, Enrique Pons, Adam Ramsay. WILDCAT: Derek Barnes, SC, Shawn Flaherty, SC, Matthieu Chabanis, Gonzague de La Tournelle, Chris Greenberg, Youn Kim, Christopher Lemole, Oscar Mestre, Jim Papa, Jay Wright. BEAR: Jeff Baumann, SC, Chris Huntington, JC, Eric Thomason, Jorge Campos, Pablo Fernandez-Pena, Darin Lutz, Matthew McCracken, Chihiro Mochizuki, Manuel Perez, Marcos Rainer, Andrew Stone. LOON: Jamie Miller, SC, Mark Nelson, SC, Tony Soto, JC, Florian Aichinger, Tomas Baleztena, Jacobo Calderon, Carlos Canas, James Dillon, Gabe Gehret, Patrick Hohl, Ryan Nanri, Benjamin Stone. BADGER: Erik Muther, SC, Rob Studebaker, SC, Michael Compher, Trevor Cooke, Jake Dethman, David Frothingham, Chad Hollenbaugh, John Kopplitz, Steve Lenard, Jose Martin, David Price, Michel Diaz. CROW: Chris Meehan, SC, Alex Fuster, JC, Christian Edelmann, Trey Griley, Russell Jessen, Steve Johnson, P.J. Marti, Alan Michalak, Mark Osborn, Joe Rini, Armando Rivera, Charles Vagnone.

1991 Directors of Activities

The responsibility for organizing, planning, and motivating both staff and campers rests upon the broad shoulders of two veteran counselors. O.J. Altmaier, in his 25th season at Camp Kawanhee, and Mark Nelson in his 6th season combine their many talents and expertise to provide strong guidance and leadership for the happiness and well-being for every one!