



WELCOME.....AND WELCOME BACK!

Sunday, June 21 marked the opening of Camp Kawanhee's 72nd Season, and throughout the day campers arrived in groups or individually with parents. The welcome mat included a delicious buffet prepared by Head Chef Mike Lalley and his crew. The enrollment of 151 boys made for a new record, and the group was enthusiastically greeted by a staff of over 50 leaders who had just completed several days of intensive pre-camp staff training including CPR and First Aid. Veteran campers along with staff guided the new boys to their lodges and helped to make them feel "at home". Days number two and three included safety lectures and swim tests along with tryouts for various sports. By day number four each camper had been selected as a Maroon by Captain Rik Papa, or as a Grey by Captain Mike Compher. Everyone, including staff plus new and old campers, was amazed at how quickly we all seemed to adjust to Kawanhee life on the beautiful shores of Lake Webb.

MY FIRST GLIMPSE OF KAWANHEE by Matt Rothman, First-Year Camper

Camp Kawanhee enhances our perspective of the wilderness. We experience the whispering of the pines, the morning fog which smothers the vast depths of Lake Webb. We witness the flowers in bloom and the trees springing back to life after the long blistering cold winter. We feel the strong winds coming down the narrows. We might catch a glimpse of a duck with her eight tiny newborn ducklings on a morning swim in the lake. The wonder of nature is the essence of Camp Kawanhee.

THE KAWANHEE OFFICE

Our camp office is the "hub of the wheel". For '92 Head Secretary Barb Compher begins her 9th season, and she is very ably assisted by another veteran, Peggy Koplitz, and by Teresa Stubbs who is a new member of our staff this year. The office is open from 8:30 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. In addition to answering the telephone, other office duties include arranging transportation, running the copy machine, overseeing the Rec Hall equipment, handing out supplies, and being available to answer camper questions and needs. Whenever you who are parents telephone camp, the three secretaries are happy to assist you. The best time to phone campers is 11:15 to 12:00 noon or 4:15 to 5:15 P.M. Emergency calls are received anytime day or night.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball is already off to an exciting season with many new campers passing their First and Second Levels! Two 15 and under teams competed on July 2 at Camp Caribou. The "3 on 3" tournament starts this week and will offer campers a chance to test their skills and teamwork. No doubt, Volleyball is a fast growing sport at Kawanhee, with its emphasis on teamwork and cooperation. Volleyball offers campers a safe and supportive environment where everyone can plan strategy and be a winner.

SHOP

Shop is now in full gear, every camper is working on a project of his choice and we find nearly every camper is very cooperative, enthusiastic and doing unusually good work. There are lots of new shop project offerings and a few campers are creating their own projects. One motto of Shop is "Finish What You Start". Shop is open daily at eleven for extra work regardless of reason. If a project is not completed in 1992 it does not leave camp. There are four Shop leaders--Brian Birch, Herbert Birch, Wayne Schontz, and Jackie Hanlon. All are very experienced in the field of Shop.

BASEBALL

Baseball at Kawanhee consists of two main categories. KLL (Kawanhee Little League) is for boys aged 12 and under and already there have been several exciting games. The Blue Stooges coached by Dan Collins, Mike Compher, and Clint Mondell came from behind in the last inning to defeat the Flaming Pink Disco Bunnies. Efren Palmer's hitting combined with Brad Fichter's pitching provided the winning combination. A second KLL game involved the Stooges against the Purple People Eaters. In spite of Ryan's Barrett's 15 strike-outs and two hits, the People Eaters won a victory with superb play from Billy Burbine, Todd Fichter, and Darren Belskis. The second category of Baseball at Kawanhee is the HAL (Hank Aaron Softball League). In the opener the Raging Rain coached by Charles Vagnone, Clint Mondell, and Mike Compher won over the Disco Fever Beavers managed by Russ Jessen, Steve Johnson, and Mark Osborn. In a second HAL game the Beavers were defeated by the Snapping Turtles coached by Darin Lutz, Matt Brandenburg, and Adam Ramsay. Simon Doolittle went 2 for 4 and winning pitcher Lutz hit 3 for 5. For the losers Steve Johnson also hit 2 for 4. Excitement in both KLL and HAL has already reached a high pitch!

ARCHERY

The Archery Department is headed by Chuck Compher, Sr., a 16-season veteran of Camp Kawanhee. For his first visit to Archery, each camper learns or reviews the department's safety rules. We follow Camp Archery Association scoring, shooting technique, tournaments, medals, and special awards. 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. In addition to the three 15-yard line medals, a camper may earn 5 medals from the 20-yard line, three medals from the 30-yard line, three medals from the 40-yard line, and one medal from the 50-yard line. All medals earned during the course of a week are given out during the Saturday evening Campfire. In addition to medals, campers may qualify to shoot for Junior C, Junior B, Junior A, or Senior Robinhood trophies which are presented during the Awards Ceremony at the close of camp. Throughout the season, Kawanhee archers participate in several inter and intra-camp tournaments. The first was July 2 with Camp Caribou and campers 12 and under representing Kawanhee were Gonzalo DeArmas, Darren Belskis, Adam Cook, Tim DeVoe, Paul Jacobs, Torrey Liddell, and Eduardo Lucas. The campers 13 and older included Carlos Canas, P.J. Donahue, David Frothingham, Steve Johnson, Inigo Oyarzabal, David Price, and Jose Raga. Director Chuck and Assistant Director Nancy van den Honert have plenty of talented assistants in Archery this season including Rupert Wetherilt, Pedro Canas, David Frothingham, and David Price. With such a strong crew individualized instruction can be made available for all campers.

SWIMMING

On opening day all campers are given swimming tests in order to gauge their ability. Most of the campers do the Lake Swim, a 1/4 mile swim across to the opposite shore. For those unable to complete that, there is the Cove Swim, which is approximately 100 yards across the mouth of the camp cove. There is also a Dock Swim, a 100 foot swim between the docks in the swimming area. Campers must pass the appropriate test before they are allowed to swim in the deep end of the swimming area, or take boats out into the lake or cove. Each lodge is also given instruction in the use of the safety equipment, and each camper practices non-swimming rescues using the equipment. In subsequent activity periods campers are given regular swimming instruction. During the course of the summer, in addition to regular instruction and life saving 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 in the center of camp. Another popular swimming activity is the Bass Rock Swim, in which campers who want to, and who meet all the prerequisites, swim the 3/4 of a mile to Bass Rock.

NATURE

The Maine woods are teeming with wildlife this season! We've seen moose, beaver, red fox, porcupine, deer, grouse. Campers have learned to identify the sun-dew (a carnivorous plant) and the lady slipper (an endangered wild flower). One boy, Nicolas Blond, even found a 4 point antler in the woods! Everyone seems to have a spirit of conservation--campers have rescued a toad, a wounded garter snake, and a hummingbird that was trapped in the dining hall. We're sure to have more wildlife sightings as the summer goes along.

BOATING AND CANOEING

This ever popular department is fortunate to have two experienced Co-Directors, Gregg Mullen and Jeff Stroman. They are ably assisted by Mark Osborn, J.C. A surprise for '92 includes a Master Level which follows the third Senior Level. Come on out and meet the challenge.

RANGE

Prior to shooting the rifles all campers are instructed on proper shooting techniques, and most importantly on SAFETY. This summer the boys will be firing approximately 25,000 rounds of ammunition and we know that about 100 campers will earn many of the awards offered through the NRA (National Rifle Association).

KAYAKING

This year the Kayaking department is headed by Mark Gibson, Jeff Baumann, Rik Papa, and Jake Dethman. Included in the fleet of twelve are three kayaks designed to accommodate younger campers who are just learning. The more experienced kayakers will test their skills on several rivers including the Androscogin, the Dead River, and the Penobscot. With the addition of these new trips boys who are qualified will be able to test their ability, and experience the true meaning of whitewater kayaking.

BASKETBALL

Kawanhee Hoops action is fantastic! The summer got off to a roaring start as teams were picked and ready to play by the third day of camp. The Senior Division had to be expanded to 4 teams due to the incredible enthusiasm of all participants. There has also been a great turnout for the Junior League which consists of three teams: Ohio State, Michigan, and Indiana. New features in basketball will include a one-on-one and free throw tournament in addition to custom made "Kawanhee hoops" shirts for the players of the week. It's going to be a great summer on the courts!

WRESTLING

The first two weeks of camp have been great! With the addition of the new shoe rack, the boys are on the mats stretching and preparing for lessons quickly and making more time for individual challenges. The boys are enthusiastic about learning wrestling and are gaining self confidence. Wrestle-offs for the Grey and Maroon tournament are being paired. The staff is headed by Dan Keating, Andy Brown, Tim Horton, and Steve Lenard. We look forward to another exciting and fulfilling summer in the Wrestling department.

WATER SKIING

Manly, and We Like It that Way

Water Skiing has started off with a bang this year. Our goal is to add more people to the brotherhood of skiers. We already have a good start with two Eagle lodgers up on skis, and one of those already slaloms. We also have some older guys who have tried to ski many times in the past without much luck, but this year they have had success their first couple of tries. It looks to be a great year for the hardest working department in camp...Water Skiing!

TENNIS

Hello, my name is James MacLeod and I'm the new tennis director from California. I have some wonderful help from the veteran Kawanhee tennis players Scott Worthington and Michael Compher. Our program began slowly due to the first big rain storm in months during the first week of camp. The second week has brought sunshine, smiles and some good quality tennis matches. About 50 campers have signed up for the tennis ladder in hopes of making the traveling team. On July 12 and 13 we take our top six intrepid and skilled players from each age group to Camp Caribou. Maine tennis will never be same.

NOTE: Three activities (Campcraft, Sailing, & Soccer) will be highlighted in your next issue of the Wigwam.

1992 LODGE LIST

Note: S.C. indicates Senior Counselor and J.C. indicates Junior Counselor

EAGLE: Rupert Wetherilt S.C., Michel Diaz J.C., Pedro Jaime Marti J.C., Todd Altfater, Ricardo Amtmann, Eduardo Natanowicz, Hector Pons, Brendan Rabon, Enrique Reyes. **FALCON:** Erik Muther S.C., Chad Hollenbaugh J.C., Mark Osborn J.C., Jim Barnes, Bradley Comfort, Juan Pablo Dosal, David Girard, Robbie Hayward, Marko Rendic, Tom Riermaier, Alex Stieglitz. **PANTHER:** Tim Horton S.C., Pedro Canas, J.C., Steve Johnson J.C., Chick Conley, Joel Feid, Tim Muench, Joel Nelson, Nick Rinker, Luis Roca, Tom Sealy, Edward Watson. **PINETREE:** Scott Worthington S.C., Mike Compheer, J.C., David Price, J.C., Gerardo Carreras, Alex Mathews, Brian Osar, Efrén Palmer, Josh Purcell, Bart Ray, Russell Twiss, Jeff Walton. **HAWK:** Dan Keating S.C., Randy Prior S.C., Rik Papa J.C., Richard Bode, Tim Cook, Tim DeVoe, Brad Fichter, Carlos Gonzalez, Luis Gonzalez, Jorge Marcial, Jordi Mir, Pedro Pons, Brian Schreyer. **DEER:** Jeff Stroman S.C., Dan Collins S.C., Alan Michalak J.C., Brian Altfater, Ryan Barrett, Bill Burbine, Albert Calice, Fernando Dosal, Juan Dosal, Leonard Fiahlo, Jason Kokernak, Iñaki Lecumberri, Mario Padilla, Yannis Stratakis. **BIRCH:** James MacLeod S.C., Todd Worthington S.C., David Frothingham J.C., Steve Lenard J.C., Gonzalo De Armas, Darren Belskis, Nicolas Blond, Adam Cook, Kristopher Hamwi, Paul Jacobs, DeLeon Johnson, Peter Kelly, Eduardo Lucas, Tom Papa, Lucas Pliakis, Chris Unick. **BEAVER:** Jamie Sanford S.C., Tony Soto S.C., Russell Jessen J.C., Julien Ferriera, Todd Fichter, Alex Greene, David Johnson, Torrey Liddell, Carlos Morales, Borja Oyarzabal, Nacho Prieto, Jaime Rubio. **MOOSE:** Mark Gibson S.C., Scott Barnes S.C., Jake Dethman J.C., C.J. Clarke, Luke Conley, Chris Dixon, Trevor Griffin, Timothy Johnston, Raul Marcial, Shawn Maxwell, Jim Mullen, Inigo Oyarzabal. **LYNX:** Paul Bramlett S.C., Andy Brown S.C., Darin Lutz J.C., P.J. Donahue, Luke Koplitz, Nate Lawton, Stewart McPhee, Edouard Monnot, Andrew Nozik, David Sengelmann, Ted Slee, Eric West. **WILDCAT:** Derek Barnes S.C., Tom Greene S.C., John Koplitz J.C., Peter Cartei, Yoon-Sang Chung, Henri De Dreuzy, Ben Findley, Carey Flaherty, Jose Raga, Matthew Rothman, Jason Tackett. **BEAR:** Chris Huntington S.C., Jeff Baumann S.C., Robert Compheer J.C., Nick Aiello, Luis Mestre, Diego Campo, Matthieu Chabanis, Simon Doolittle, John Hazelrigg, Robbie Hunter, Enrique Pons, Gustavo Stieglitz. **LOON:** Mark Nelson S.C., Jamie Miller S.C., Chuck Vagnone J.C., Matt Brandenburg, Ben Caron, Jose Gomez, Julien Hohl, Brian Huntington, Sebastian Kneiper-Knorr, Clint Mondell, Adam Ramsay, Todd Studebaker. **BADGER:** Chuck Compheer S.C., Brian Gibson S.C., Rob Studebaker S.C., Jacobo Calderon, Carlos Canas, Ted DeVoe, Brendan Flynn, Eric Thomason, Gabe Gehret, Andy Stone. **CROW:** Bernie Gehret S.C., Gregg Mullen S.C., Ramon Almendro, Jorge Campos, Daniel Diaz, Patrick Hohl, Chris Lemole, Jim Papa, Chris Greenberg, Ben Stone.

SENIOR COUNSELOR 1992 STAFF LIST

ARCHERY: Chuck Compheer, Sr. 7th season; Nancy van den Honert, 19th season; Rupert Wetherilt, 4th season
BASEBALL: Little League and Softball: Pete Belskis, 19th season; Jack Mondell, 4th season.
BASKETBALL: Bernie Gehret, 10th season; Chuck Compheer, Jr., 8th season
CAMPCRAFT: Jamie Miller, 6th season; Jamie Sanford, 7th season; Danny Collins, 5th season;
FISHING: Herb Birch, 48th season; Steve Yale, 15th season
KAYAKING: Mark Gibson, 10th season; Jeff Baumann, 8th season
MUSIC: Peter van den Honert, 19th season
NATURE & LAPIDARY: Betty Altfater, 2nd season; Dotty Jones-Estabrook, 8th season; Brian Gibson, 9th season; Amy Spencer, 4th season
PHOTOGRAPHY: Bill Koplitz, 7th season
RIFLERY: Bruce Birch, 28th season; Mary Birch, 15th season; Randy Prior, 4th season
SAILING: Erik Muther, 4th season; Derek Barnes, 11th season; Scott Barnes, 10th season
SHOP: Herb Birch, 48th season; Brian Birch, 29th season; Rev. Wayne Schontz, 2nd season; Jackie Hanlon, 3rd season
SOCCER: Todd Worthington, 7th season; Tony Soto, 7th season
SWIMMING: Peter van den Honert, 19th season; Kris Simanek, 6th season; Carey Stevenson, 2nd season
TENNIS: James MacLeod, 1st season, Scott Worthington, 5th season; Kathy Mondell, 4th season
TRIPS: Dan Webster, 6th season; Al Spencer, 4th season, Chris Stahl, R.N., 2nd season
VOLLEYBALL: Diana Yale, 4th season; Amber Ramsay, 2nd season
WATERSKIING: Paul Bramlett, 4th season; Rob Studebaker, 8th season; Chris Huntington, 10th season; Tommy Greene, 9th season
WEIGHTLIFTING: Jack Mondell, 4th season
WRESTLING: Dan Keating, 6th season; Andy Brown, 10th season; Tim Horton, 6th season

Other key positions include Mark Nelson and Mike (O.J.) Altmaier as Directors of Activities and Steve Yale as Assistant Camp Director; B.A. Altmaier will be the Scorekeeper for the 11th season; Lucy Ramsay, R.N., 4th season; Donna Towle, R.N. as Lucy's relief nurse; Mike Lalley is again our Head Chef with Ginny Scucci as Head Baker. The other members of our popular kitchen crew, hired and organized by Zetta Wojcik, are Jenny Wojcik, Hilary Wojcik, Josh Wojcik, Chris Dyke, Celeste Mosher, Odessa Deffenbaugh, Erin and Adrienne Thompson; Tom Wojcik, 9th season, Maintenance Director; Nan Belskis, 19th season, Storekeeper, Chief Lodge Inspector, and Manager of Boys' Accounts; Lynette Riermaier, Jane Stahl, and Liz Compheer Hall take care of our Laundry.