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MESSAGE TO KAWANHEE'S 1993 PARENTS FROM WALTER ESTABROOK

'93 is the year! Yes, it's the summer when ACA (American Camping Association) sends two specially trained representatives to spend a full day evaluating Camp Kawanhee. ACA sets very high standards for its affiliated camps. Our previous inspection was in 1990, and we scored among the top three percent in the nation. We will be inspected for general safety, waterfront supervision, food handling, drinking water quality, trips out of camp, program, first aid and medical facilities, maturity level of staff, and many other important criteria. We are confident that Camp Kawanhee will again earn high marks.

As in previous seasons, Camp Kawanhee is extremely fortunate to have such an impressive repeat factor of staff---over 90% of our 1992 leaders will be returning for the '93 season. Even though they are seasoned veterans of Kawanhee, all of our leaders will be undergoing an intensive 5 day Staff Training Session right before camp opens. Then on the Saturday before opening day, Staff will be tested in First Aid and CPR. The BIG DAY is Sunday, June 27 and we're hoping that you boys who have not yet signed up will add your names to the list of campers below who are enrolled for '93 through the first week in March:

Nick Aiello, Christopher D. Berg, Matthew L. Berg, Richard Bode, Christopher Boyd, William Burbine, Jacobo Calderon, Diego Campo, Carlos Canas, Jon Casto, Bradley Comfort, Ted DeVoe, Tim DeVoe, Adam Cook, Timothy Cook, Jake Dethman, Tim Donahey, P.J. Donahue, Diego Dosal, Nacho Dosal, Fernando Dosal, Juan Pablo Dosal, Adrian Edelmann, Brad Fichter, Todd Fichter, Ben Findley, Brendan Flynn, Gabe Gehret, Gabe George, Carlos Gonzalez, Luis Gonzales, Chris Greenberg, Trevor Griffin, Franz Hartung, Travis Hatley, Robert Hayward, Chad Hollenbaugh, Robbie Hunter, Russell Jensen, De'Leon Johnson, Timothy Johnston, Jacob Jones, Jacob Kaplan, Sebastian Keiper-Knorr, Peter Kelly, Jason Kokernak, Luke Koplitz, Chris Lemole, Robbie LeVeen,

Torrey Liddell, Alex Mathews, Shawn Maxwell, Stuart McPhee, Alan Michalak, Edouard Monnot, Jim Mullen, Manuel Muñoz, Andrew Nozik, Brian Osar, Mark Osborn, Borja Oyarzabal, Inigo Oyarzabal, Jim Papa, Tom Papa, Lucas Pliakis, David Price, Josh Purcell, Tom Riermaier, Armando Rivera, Luis Roca, Matt Rothman, Jaime Rubio, Brian Schreyer, Ted Slee, Andy Stone, Ben Stone, Yannis Stratakis, John Tarzy, Eric Thomason, Sam Tillett, Chris Unick, Javier Velásquez, Jeronimo Velásquez, Eric West.

HELLO FROM MR. POLAR BEAR!

Greetings from Mr. Polar Bear! With spring just around the corner I can hardly wait for camp to open to welcome new campers and renew my wonderful relationships with former campers and staff. I believe Kawanhee is what keeps me going with all the exciting things that happen daily and the joys of being with the campers and staff I love.

I'm looking forward to another great season greeting my fellow Polar Bears each morning and the great fellowship with the early risers. I have completed carving the Polar Bears for the honored recipients to be awarded at the close of the camp season.

The Shop Staff are the same people as last year and are ready to welcome you for another interesting and enjoyable summer creating projects which make you proud and lots of new projects to challenge you.

I'm counting the days for camp to open and share the many joyous days at Kawanhee and to have Chief Kawanhee greet you at the Coming of the Chief with his blessing and the many challenges that Kawanhee has to offer resulting in a happy and healthy summer.

Your Friend,

Herb Birch

GREETINGS FROM COLUMBUS FROM O.J.

This year I'm spending the winter in Columbus after teaching in Maine for thirteen years. It's been an interesting winter and I can tell you the winters are much milder in Ohio! I imagine Kawanhee is deep in snow right now and the wind is whistling across the lake but it won't be long before the sun gets warmer and the snow melts and the lake turns from ice to water. Summer is on the way! I hope you'll be at camp just as I will be. If your application isn't in the mail yet, get busy! Mark Nelson and I get together every few weeks and have already planned some special events for this summer. So **THINK KAWANHEE '93**. See you soon!

A HEARTY WELCOME FROM MARK NELSON

I trust that this Winter Wigwam finds everyone in good health and spirits, and waiting with great anticipation for the character building challenges and rewards that are always provided with a summer at Kawanhee. It is never too early to start thinking about what goals you will strive to attain during the upcoming camp season. Be it an activity oriented achievement or making a change to better your own self--rise to the challenge and get psyched about Kawanhee 1993! I look forward to the quick passing of four months until we shall all be gathered on the shores of Lake Webb for what will undoubtedly be a fantastic season!

OBITUARY

Kawanhee's devoted and loyal friend Forrest Dexter died December 29, 1992 at the Sandy River Nursing Care Center in Farmington, Maine. Forrest was a retired professor of Geology from the University of Maine at Farmington after having served for many years as a professor at Union College in New Jersey. His vast knowledge of geology and nature, and his wonderful talent in sharing this information unselfishly with campers and counselors made Forrest loved and respected by all during his many summers as head of the Nature Department at Camp Kawanhee. His enthusiastic and contagious spirit spread into the lives of all who knew him, and several campers chose geology as their life's work because of the interest planted by Forrest in challenging boys to work with rocks and minerals. For those of you who wish to contribute in Forrest Dexter's memory, his family has suggested that contributions may be made to the Camp Kawanhee Foundation, Box 120, Weld, ME 04285.

MY SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCES

JOE RINI

Note: The Columbus Academy requires each Junior student to prepare and present a speech to the entire school. The following is a summary of Joe's talk.,

Joe begins by telling of the decision he made to attend Camp Kawanhee and the positive impact that the experience made on his life. Initially, there were the anxieties that go with traveling to a new area, being away seven weeks, and meeting new people. Today some of these same people are now his best friends, and he often enjoys the mental image of Kawanhee as one of the most beautiful places he has ever seen. Joe describes the activities and the challenges that he faced, particularly in the J.M.G. (Junior Maine Guide) program. This difficult and demanding course was described by Joe very humorously and with vivid detail. At the end of five days of testing (both written and physical) administered by Senior Maine Guides at Swan Island, Maine, Joe earned the coveted award. He explained that the J.M.G. challenges along with his total camp experience gave him a solid foundation in learning to live with, work with, and get along with other people. Also, he got to know himself better, and gain a maturity that he would not otherwise have achieved.

NEW HAMPSHIRE IS READY FOR KAWANHEE '93...RIGHT NOW!!

KATE SCHOEDINGER

I had the pleasure of interviewing, in person and on the phone, 7 New Hampshire campers. We all want these next few moons to pass quickly! Come on June!

Ryan Barrett, Jason Kokernak, and Billy Burbine want to report that they're awesome and tackling the ski slopes of New England with vigor. Ryan wants to continue his Shop sailboat and Jason is looking forward to finishing his paddle. All three, as reigning 1992 Champions are ready to take on any Volleyball Challengers. In my opinion, I think they're ready for Camp Arcadia as well!

Stuart McPhee is also primed for those terrific after dinner Volleyball games. Stuart is already excited for his new lodge, seeing old friends, and making new friends. He is geared up to earn more range levels with his new 22 rifle, train for the big Bass Rock Swim, and concentrate on Campcraft. Stuart is even thinking about going for JMG!

Since learning about range safety, Jeff Walton is the proud owner of a BB gun. The thrills offered by Coos Canyon and Small Falls are still fresh in Jeff's memories. He loves those Sunday afternoon outings. Jeff loves the fact that there are plenty of activities at Kawanhee and always something to like. He hopes that his friends are on the same team this summer. Jeff has mastered Spanish this year and is ready to practice at camp. He sends a big hello to Scott Worthington and wants Mr. Birch to know that he admires his carved Polar Bear all the time!

Ben Caron, a freshman this year, is also enjoying the good memories of Kawanhee. He hopes to do more hiking and skiing and feels a bit homesick for camp. (We know the feeling!) Ben says he'd love to see Kawanhee this winter all buried in the snow. Ben wants to earn money to buy a car, so he isn't sure if he'll be back, but he knows he'll visit.

And finally, moving from central NH to the coast, PJ Donahue, reports that he has finished Freshman Basketball at Oyster River and is looking forward to tons of BB this summer. PJ already knows his two other goals for the summer are to earn Expert in Riflery, he has only 9 targets left; and to master Archery now LEFT handed! He hopes to participated in lots of tournaments.

Signing off from NH, we all say, "See you in 4 Moons !

WINTER TIME ON LAKE WEBB BY HERB BIRCH

As I sit here writing I'm reflecting on what takes place during the cold months of winter in and about Lake Webb. The winter temperature around the lake on several days has been 15-20 degrees below zero. This of course makes the ice on the lake about 1/2 or more feet thick which results in much activity on the lake. The ice skaters love the area just out from the dining hall and the cove. Lots of cars have exciting experiences speeding up and down the lake. Of course the ice fishermen enjoy the fun of cutting holes in the ice and taking in their winter catch. The view of Tumbledown and other mountains at the head of the lake, covered with deep snow is awe inspiring. One just stands speechless looking at the snow covered beautiful mountains at this season of the year. Did you know we have a very active Snowmobile Club in Weld? They are called "The Snowmobile Cats". This organized group takes lots of weekend trips. One of the favorites is the back trail road to Coos Canyon. Yes, some years they even go to the top of Tumbledown. What an exciting experience.

I think back 40 or 50 years ago when the ice on the lake was our cooling supply for preservation of food at camp and the Kawanhee Inn during the summer. Of course there was no electric refrigeration then. Our camp caretaker who lived in Weld would be out on the lake in the cove when the ice was very thick sawing the ice into big cubes and hauling it to the icehouse which was only about 30 feet from my Polar Bear cabin. During the summer this ice was delivered to the Kawanhee Inn and the camp kitchen and put in "iceboxes" as they were called to keep the food from spoiling.

Back in those days we had no electricity in the cabins and we used kerosene oil burning lanterns to light the cabins. What changes in the past 50 years at Kawanhee. One winter back some 40 years ago we had 259 inches of snow. I believe that was an all time record. WOW!!

AS KAWANHEE TURNS

Chris and Jane Stahl are the proud parents of Rebekkah Simone born in October weighing in at 8#--congratulations to the parents! Ben Neiswander has already made a name for himself in the Cleveland Heights, Ohio household of Kirk and Lori Neiswander. Ben was born on May 7 and is planning a summer vacation on Lake Webb. Joe Rini has been judged the Most Valuable Runner on the '92 Cross Country Team at the Columbus Academy. Joe says "we had a very strong team this year which was composed mostly of juniors. Next year's team will be senior dominated, and I think we'll have a very good chance to advance to the State meet." A postcard from Henry (Butch) O'Neill from Anguilla in the British West Indies saying the beach is like Kawanhee! Butch announces that Shane is engaged. Wedding invitations have been received from Oscar Shamamian. The wedding will take place in New York City. Darin Lutz really celebrated his birthday on August 31 by getting his driver's license and completing his solo flight on that day--his father, his uncle, and his grandfather also soloed when they were 16! Nick and Kathie Gill hosted a Kawanhee Reunion in Washington at their home and their guests were: Bill Albershardt, Lars and Noelle Jensen, Will Fleming, Diane Smith and D.L. Long, John Gill, and Nick's friend Blair. A wonderful time with plenty of camp stories made a great evening. Bill and Ed (Zub) Fleming along with their father Dr. Bill Fleming just returned from winter Kawanhee with skiing and snowmobiling. They visited with Mark and Liz Standen, Mark and Julie Sengelmann, B.A. and Anita Altmaier, and the Jamie Robinsons. A beautiful family

Christmas picture from Jack and Kay Carrodi with their 14 children was received. A busy but very happy household. The Estabrook family hosted the annual Christmas counselor party--lots of Kawanhee stories and visiting.

Remember to send your news and any change of address!

THE CAMP KAWANHEE FOUNDATION

For those Kawanhee friends who wish to participate, the Camp Kawanhee Foundation provides scholarships for carefully selected boys regardless of race, color, or creed so that these boys can be enrolled at Camp Kawanhee. The Camp's Board of Directors recognizes that the Foundation has been a positive advancement, and will continue to prove to be a strengthening force for Camp Kawanhee, not only financially, but by bringing to our camp qualified boys of high moral character who are worthy of such an honor and who will contribute positively by their own attitude and participation. Any person, company, or organization wishing to donate to this IRS approved tax deductible Foundation, please make check to and mail to:

The Camp Kawanhee Foundation, RR1, Box 120,
Weld, Maine 04285-9722

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assets of the Foundation, the earnings of which are used solely and entirely to provide scholarships. No portion of your gift will be used for Foundation administrative or overhead costs.

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