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'93 STARTS WITH SPIRIT

Camper and staff enthusiasm proved to be the predominant trait as Kawanhee opened with another full enrollment for the '93 season. Sunday, June 27 was a beautiful sunny day for 145 eager young men to arrive on the shores of Lake Webb. Old friendships were instantly renewed, and the new campers were given a hearty welcome in their respective lodge groups (SEE LODGE LIST INSERT). Less than 24 hours after arriving, campers were completing lake and cove swims, and trying out for various athletic teams. Then on Tuesday, another gorgeous day, Chief Kawanhee instructed and motivated all the Kawanhee Braves at the evening campfire ceremony. The Chief's message and Mr. Birch's instructions were listened to attentively by the more than 200 persons at the Council Ring, and the spellbinding performance set the quality and tempo for the '93 Season.

'93 CAPTAINS

Great excitement when the Captains of the Maroon Team and the Gray Team are announced! It is a real honor to be selected as a Captain and Assistant Captain of the Kawanhee Teams. The Captains are chosen by a committee for their leadership qualities, enthusiasm, character, maturity, and genuine interest in applying themselves to everything that Kawanhee can do for boys. The two Captains chosen were Russ Jessen of Tenafly, NJ and Alan Michalak of Jermyn, PA. The Assistant Captains chosen were Jacobo Calderon of Madrid, Spain with Russ and Ted DeVoe of Woodbury, CT. with Alan. The toss of a coin determines which is the Maroon Team and which is the Gray Team. Russ and Jacobo represent the Maroon Team. Alan and Ted represent the Gray Team. Every boy in camp is then selected to be on one or the other team and the fun begins with a Tug of War on the Athletic Field. Each camper receives points by participating in each activity in camp and careful check is made on this by B.A. Altmaier and his crew. The final score is announced at the conclusion of the Awards ceremony.

ACTIVITIES IN ACTION

ARCHERY: Archery has a new look this season with the purchase of four new bows complete with sights and 9 dozen new arrows. Additionally, pin sights have been added to all our old bows so that every camper will have the chance to practice using sights.

Another change in Archery this year has to do with the distances involved in shooting for medals and Robin Hood awards. Since we are involved in several inter-camp tournaments where the competitors shoot from meters instead of yards, we made the decision to do all our shooting from meters. To compensate for the longer distances, we have switched to tournament scoring which results in higher scores. Hopefully, these changes along with the new bows and sights will ultimately result in even better Kawanhee archers.

We have already begun tournament shooting with a Grey-Maroon competition Saturday, July 3rd. The winners in a very close competition were: Jr. B: Mario Padilla, Jr. A: Lucas Pliakis, and Sr.: Peter Carpei. Archers will be competing in an all-camp archery tournament. We look forward to the annual Camp Caribou invitational tournament. This will be our second annual bi-aim-a-thon with Camp Caribou involving range as well as archery. There will be also a pairs tournament with Camp Fernwood.

The first week of camp saw our first ever Sr. Robin Hood from the new Meter lines: Jacobo Calderon. Jacobo's combined score from the 30, 40, and 50 meter lines was an impressive 592. Congratulations, Jacobo!

Archery this year is being ably staffed by Chuck Compher Sr. who returns for his 10th season in Archery, Nancy van den Honert, Carlos Canas, and David Price. We welcome you to come visit Archery whenever you are in camp, and remember, "Archers always go for the gold". -Nancy van den Honert.

BASEBALL: The 1993 Kawanhee Baseball season started with both KLL (Kawanhee Little League) and HAL (Hank Arron Softball League) tryouts and the drafting of 3 teams in both leagues. The KLL opener featured the Black Storms vs. the Orange Juicers.

A 4 to 2 win for the Storms was helped by Rich Bode's outstanding pitching and Brad Fichter's 2 for 3 performance at the plate. The second KLL game was the Aqua Avengers against the Orange Juicers. Alex Mathews was the winning pitcher for the Juicers who won 3 to 1. The HAL opened with an exciting game between the Pee-Wee Pals losing to the Bubblicious 13 to 11. For the winners Chris Berg went 2 for 3 with 2 runs and 3 RBI's and Adam Ramsay was 3 for 4 with 2 RBI's. That's it from the Plate. -Russ Jessen.

SENIOR LEAGUE BASKETBALL: The opening game of the season featured the Boston Celtics versus the Phoenix Suns. The Suns prevailed in this low-scoring battle 27-25, using 14 points and 8 rebounds from Clint Mondell. Also for the Suns now 1-0, Shawn Maxwell tossed in 9.

For the 0-1 Celtics, Max Haering led with nine points, while Brendan Flynn grabbed 9 boards and tallied 8 points.

In Kawanhee Hoops second game of the week the Orlando Magic edged out the Chicago Bulls 46-42. Armando Rivera led the Magic with 13 points and five assists. Carlos Canas converted for 10.

The Bulls who are looking to avenge their first loss had three scoring in double figures. Jacobo Calderon nailed 16 while Chris Lemole added 11. P.J. Marti connected for 10, and Simon Doolittle grabbed 11 boards. -Diana Belskis

BOATING & FISHING REPORT: Boating and fishing are off to a great start for '93 with the past week seeing plenty of good weather and enthusiasm!

We spend the first couple of weeks of Boating working with campers on their canoe and rowboat tests. These are proficiency tests that when passed, qualify campers to take a boat out at free time. The canoe and rowboat tests include the cove or lake swim, along with various strokes and safety knowledge. All campers receive careful instruction until they attain the basic level of canoeing or rowing skills that enable them to pass.

Further along in the season, we'll work with campers on more advanced canoeing with such things as windy weather technique portaging, and canoe trip planning included.

Pine and Hawk Lodge got out fishing one morning last week and caught over a dozen fish. The fishing department plans to get two trips out per week after bass, pickerel, and perch, and will also be conducting a weekly meeting of boys interested in flyfishing. Kawanhee's Flyfishing "School" will culminate in a trip to a Rangeley area salmon river. -John Bell

CAMPCRAFT: This season the Campcraft Department is adding some new activities to our existing level

system. In addition to axemanship, cooking, shelter building, map and compass work and firebuilding, the boys will also be doing environmental projects, learning outdoor games, preparing gourmet meals over a fire and building a teepee. We are all very lucky to be spending a summer in the Maine woods. All the campers will learn how to live in the woods, and also to preserve and protect our natural environment.

-Steve Yale

INFIRMARY: The Kawanhee Infirmary is open and off to a great start with 145 healthy campers. Medical screening has been completed on all campers and staff. I am still waiting for a few parental medical authorization forms to complete the A.C.A. guidelines. The weather has been perfect; it should be a healthy summer. -Lucy Ramsay, R.N.

KAYAKING: During the first week of camp, fifty-eight campers passed their kayaking safety test. To pass this test each boy must learn how to paddle in a straight line, and how to escape from a capsized kayak. By the end of the summer many learn how to right an overturned kayak with an eskimo roll.

The department is currently scouting local rivers to teach more advanced skills to those who have learned the eskimo roll. A small section of the Androscoggin River in Errol, New Hampshire can be run by most beginners, and is only a short drive from camp. The Magalloway River in the Rangeley Lakes Region has been added to our list of rivers for campers. Older, more confident paddlers, will be excited by the possibility of a trip to the Penobscot River, below Seboomick Lake. This section boasts as many moose as exciting Class III rapids. -Scott Barnes

LAUNDRY: Kristy Riny from Wilton, Maine and Becky Dimick also from Wilton will be working in the laundry this summer. They are very happy to be taking care of your sons' laundry this summer.

KAWANHEE LIBRARY: What can campers do on a rainy day at Kawanhee? One option is to come to the library. Warmed by a cozy fire, the campers read books or current magazines. They play games involving skill or luck. They can plop into a bean bag chair or a pile of pillows to chat. They can also put together jigsaw puzzles. The library is open everyday rain or shine as a good place to relax. -Amy Spencer

NATURE: The season has started with many wild life sightings right here in camp. At the beginning of the week, several boys watched a young moose as it swam right out of camp to the other side of the lake. Porcupines have been seen in the fringes of the forest along the camps edges.

From their nests in the narrows, osprey and a Great Blue Heron have been seen overhead. The Nature Department's hope is to be a reminder to the boys to take a little time out from their busy schedule and notice what's going on around them in the natural world. To emphasize this, we've improved their activity levels and now much more of their learning will be in the field.

-Brian Gibson

RANGE: Range is off with a big bang. The official opening of range was traditionally begun with the sound of the "Starting Canon".

All campers have been through a lecture series including:

1. Range Procedure
2. The Five Things that make you a good shooter, and most importantly the
3. Safety Rules, for on and off the Rifle Range.

The boys will all be working towards medals and certificates issued by the National Rifle Association (NRA).

We are looking forward to a skillful, fun, and safe shooting summer. -Mary Birch

SKIING: We had an awesome start to skiing 93. The weather was HOT and the water was warm and flat. We also have an excellent staff working in skiing: Rob Studebaker, Jeff Bauman, and Carlos Fuhrmeister. There were many new two skiers and some new slalom skiers. Level work begins this week and with the weather continuing to be excellent and the slalom course in place, the ski dock has been overflowing.

-Ferd Schoedinger

SOCCKER: Constant action and teamwork make soccer one of Kawanhee's most thrilling activities. The coaches, Nathan Kay, Stro, Max Haering, Jim Papa, and Jorge Campos provide a great deal of enthusiasm and encouragement to all the campers. As coaches we work with each boy individually to improve skills and strengthen confidence.... "You must get involved to have an impact. No one is impressed with the won-lost record of the referee."

-Jeff Stroman

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 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 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 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.

-Peter van den Honert

TENNIS: The sun is high overhead, perched in the sky, looking down and enjoying its vantage point of Kawanhee tennis. Sweat is dripping off all the young players' heads as they move back and forth, up and back, as their coaches bark orders as well as encouraging them. After lessons are over, challenge matches are played in the hopes of being selected for the Kawanhee tennis team. The tennis team will play two tournaments this year, and by the looks of the talent and sportsmanship, we should represent Camp K. very well. Even for those players who don't make the tennis team, the ladder provides them with an opportunity for good competition and fellowship. The staff on the tennis courts includes veteran teachers, Kathy Mondell, Mike Compher, Chris Lemole and myself, James MacLeod. We have new help from clay court specialist "Iggy" Gonzalez. The tennis staff would like to give you their best regards and remember: Tennis is a sport of a lifetime!

-James L. MacLeod

TRIPPING: Tripping is off to a record season so far this year. Before the Monhegan Island trip all of the lodges will have been on a mountain trip and over half of the camp on a river canoe trip. We had an exciting overnight on Tumbledown Mt. with 26 C.I.T. campers. Two Moose and three beaver were seen on Crater Lake early in the morning during that trip. Dan Webster, Al Spencer, and Mark Gibson are working together as a great team. Rob Compher fortunately was able to help out the tripping staff for all of the mountain trips before he had to report to the Coast Guard Academy.

-Al Spencer

WRESTLING: The 1993 wrestling season is off to a fabulous start. Returning to direct this years grapplers is Dan Keating. Andy Brown and Tim Horton are assisting in the instruction and conditioning. The boys are enthusiastic, and even the first time wrestlers are

attending with positive and aggressive attitudes. There are many returning finalists and champions from last season, and the Maroon/Grey meet promises to be filled with excitement. Since all of the boys have grown over the winter, it is interesting to see how the weight classes have changed.

The boys are already beginning to pass levels, and some have been sharing what they learned from wrestling at home during the winter months. All in all, the atmosphere in the Kawanhee wrestling room is hard-working, fun filled, and surrounded with competitive spirit! -Dan Keating

AS KAWANHEE TURNS

An update on the Colescott family: Steve--married with a 2 1/2 year old named Chelsea and lives in San Diego, CA.; Doug--married Rhona Wiseman in England on Jan. 30; Greg married and lives at Dana Point, CA and owns his own business. Parents of the boys, Joan and Dave Colescott, are both in real estate and live in Albuquerque, NM. Joan was a former nurse at Kawanhee. Oscar Shamamian was married in New York City in April with several Kawanhee folk in attendance: Keith and Louisa Erf, Mark and Julie Sengelmann, and Ferd and Kate Schoedinger. Graduation announcements were received from Chuck Compher completing his Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education from Texas Christian University and his brother Robert (Rob) graduating from Halton High School in Fort Worth. Rob has chosen the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT and will be one of 280 appointees who will be members of the class of 1997. His basic indoctrination into the service, called "Swab Summer" begins July 7. Everyone from Camp Kawanhee wishes you well, Rob! Chestnut Hill Local freshman Chris Greenberg was honored by his coach and received a 3 ft. trophy for the most improved rower. The trophy will stand front and center in CHA's trophy case. Diana Belskis graduated from Ashland Community High School and will enter University of Maine, Ashland, ME. She won many honors all through school including Leadership Awards, State Champion Basketball and Soccer Teams, All Star in Softball and Basketball, Who's Who Award and Who's Who Award in Sports in '93! Ryan Erf has a new baby sister, Kayla Mary, born July 5 and the proud parents are Keith and Louisa Erf. Both parents were formerly on the staff at Camp Kawanhee. Visitors at camp during the late fall and winter were Scott Barnes, Norwood, NJ; John Tulloss, Aurora, ME; Reese Tulloss, Weston, MA; Bud Miller, Madison, CT; Scott Cannery, Darien, CT; Stanley Cornwall, Bristol, RI; Rod and Kate Alexander, Cincinnati, OH; John Fulda, Cumberland, ME and John Redick, Webster, MA.

Recent visitors were Butch O'Neill and family from Columbus, OH and California; and Jock Duncan with his wife and sons with their families: John, Mike, and Tim. John Duncan has son, Sean, in Pinetree Lodge this year. Gary Pryor and his friends from New York visited camp; and John Abbott from Silver Spring, Md. was here. John Abbott has his son Jeffrey in Panther. Josh Wojcik and David Chamberlain are at Lake Placid Olympic Training Center for a week of dry land cross-country ski training for the State of Maine Nordic Team.

Remember to send your news and any changes of address!

WANTED: CATALOGS!

There has been an ongoing effort to collect a catalog for each year of the existence of Camp Kawanhee. Through the gifts from the many Kawanhee families the years from 1920 to 1993 we have all but 8 catalogs. The years that are needed are as follows: 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1928, 1929, 1931, and 1932. We would appreciate borrowing these specific catalogs to duplicate and we will return the originals to their owners. It is a goal of the camp to have the copies bound and on display as well as having the series put on microfilm. In this way everyone can enjoy them and those who wish could order a copy of the year or years that they were campers or counselors. Thank you for helping the camp collect this important memorabilia. If you have any information on these years, please notify Wigwam, Camp Kawanhee, Rt 1, Box 120, Weld, ME 04285.

MORE THOUGHTS OF THE EARLY 1930'S ELWYN L. BLOODGOOD

Do you know that we would get into the ice house in August, and scrape snow off the stored blocks of ice, and proceed to have a first class snowball fight in front of the Crow's Nest and the Shop? The "Fort" had chemical toilets in 1929. Cleaning oil lantern globes was a morning chore before inspection. Baths were done at "Sunday Beach" which was the beach on the other side of camp reached by a path from the campfire. Approved costume for the walk was a towel and a bar of Ivory soap. I often think of the days at Kawanhee, and the credo I learned there stays with me--"ALWAYS FINISH WHAT YOU START".

Note: Mr. Bloodgood was a camper at Kawanhee from 1929 to 1934.

OBITUARY

Nitsa Harding has written that her mother, Jane Weld (Mrs. William Weld) died in April, 1991.

Camp Kawanhee July 2, 1993 Lodge List

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Henri de Dreuzy
Brian Huntington
Paul Latowsky
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Todd Studebaker
Jose Gomez

She writes that an era is over--her father, Bill Weld, was such a fan of Camp Kawanhee as well as camper and counselor in the '20's but that from the Wigwam she knows that "Oh Kawanhee, I hear you!" is thriving. The Kawanhee family sends sympathy to Nitsa Harding. She may be contacted at the following address: % N. Good, R.R. #4, Box 517, Clinton, NY 13323.

IN MEMORY

A few close friends gathered at Council Point to honor the memory of three departed former staff members of years past. Forrest Dexter, Jr., Clarence Bateman, and John Noll had served Kawanhee faithfully for many years. The beautiful services were arranged and conducted by Herb Birch.

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 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 payable to and mail to:

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Recent contributions to the Camp Kawanhee Foundation were given by the following:

Frank and Marjorie Stewart (in memory of Forrest P. Dexter), Ben Bennett (in memory of Forrest P. Dexter), Norman Ruhle, Richard and Doris Dale (in memory of Edgar Dale), Leigh and Kathleen S. Shuman (in memory of Forrest P. Dexter), Lt. Eric and Lisa Jensen, John and Helen Vorys, Robert L. Prior, Douglas and Myriam Morales, Camp Kawanhee (in memory of Forrest P. Dexter, Jr.), and Mark and Juliette Sengelmänn (In memory of Dr. Bud Sengelmänn).

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