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COMING OF THE CHIEF

On Tuesday, June 29, the majestic ceremony of the Coming of the Chief was again held to officially start camp. As usual Herb Birch started the evening by giving a presentation in the Rec Hall on the history of Kawanhee and the Weld area.

After assembling at the Council Point, Herb called three times for the Chief to appear. Finally Chief Kawanhee ascended from the woods and the ceremony began. First, the Chief instructed the sachems from last year to read the message from the campers of 1992 to the campers of 1993. As usual, the message was full of good advice for a successful Kawanhee season.

Soon thereafter, the great central fire was lit and the Chief continued his message. Chief Kawanhee talked of taking care of Kawanhee's environment and giving something to Kawanhee over the next seven weeks. At this point, the Chief asked for the campers and staff to throw a stick in the fire. This symbolized the sacrifice each of us has to make Kawanhee an even better place for the summer of 1993. After a few closing words, the Chief left and hopefully his words will last a summer and a lifetime.

-Mike Altmaier

MR.KAWANHEE

Live from Weld, Maine...it's Mr. Kawanhee Night!! Correspondents from ABC, NBC, and CBS flocked to the Rec Hall in search of the perfect Mr. Kawanhee. Each lodge presented a camper to compete in three events: the Bathing Suit Competition, the Talent Show Division, and a Question Session. Contestants entered were Joey Clarke from Falcon, Hector Pons from Panther, Nate Duncan from Pinetree, Robbie LeVeon from Hawk, Brian Jacobs from Deer, Tim Donahey from Coyote, Pedro Pons from Birch, Billy Burbine from Beaver, Peter Kelly from Moose, Asis Columina from Lynx, Shawn Maxwell from Wildcat, Mike Leitner from Bear, Enrique Pons from

Loon, Jose Gomez from Crow, and via Satellite from JMG testing grounds on Swan Island, Travis Hatley representing Badger Lodge. Six lovely former Miss Americas flew to Weld to judge the competition. Two ping pong tables served as a fabulous runway to dancers, jugglers, guitar players, a saxophone player, an escape artist, a monkey impersonator, and even an evangelist. The judges agonizingly tallied the scores. Third Runner Up was Mike Leitner. Second Runner Up was Shawn Maxwell. First Runner Up was Pedro Pons. Pedro will be on hand to fulfill the duties of the Mr. Kawanhee Title if our Champion is unable. The crown and banner went to Beaver Lodge's own Billy Burbine! Mr. Kawanhee's illustrious prizes include a Gift Certificate to the Weld General Store and ice cream sundaes for his lodge. Kudos to our 1993 Mr. Kawanhee Bill Burbine! See him in your hometown this year!

-Kate Schoedinger

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, July 25th was special here at Kawanhee even if we didn't have the snow. Campers and counselors were surprised at the noon roast turkey meal by a Christmas in July celebration. Santa Claus traded in his sleigh for a motor boat to bring the boys candy and presents. Santa was feeling silly on his off duty tour and presented our Mike Altmaier with a pie...in the face! Santa's elves were busy Sunday morning trimming a 25 ft. tree in the center of the dining hall, hanging lights, hanging pine bough and red ribbon, and setting tables with place mats and individually wrapped candy packages. Elves wrapped presents for each lodge, and gave delicious fudge to everyone. Christmas music filled the air as our fabulous Kawanhee Choir caroled the dining hall. It was great to share the Christmas Spirit with our Kawanhee Family in July. Surely in December, the memory will brighten our day. Remember only 180 shopping days left!

-Kate Schoedinger

MONHEGAN

The Island of Monhegan is very good. The first day we rode in a van to Port Clyde where we took a ship to Monhegan. First we went to our tents then we went to eat at the Trailing Yew. And I ate chicken!

On the second day first I went to breakfast and then we went to climb the cliffs. We saw a whale and a dead seal and dolphins. I saw the remains of a ship.

Then we went to fish in the ocean and I caught 2 sharks and 2 fish. Then we saw seals.

On the third day we went to make tie-dye T-Shirts. Then we went to a museum and then we went to a ship and then we went to camp. I like Monhegan very much and I want to go again some time.

-Enrique Reyes Retano

ANOTHER RECOLLECTION of the 30's

Following the publication of the last "Wigwam", we received a letter from Harris Adriance who also offered some recollections of the 1930's similar to Elwyn Bloodgood's thoughts in the first issue.

Mr. Adriance said the following: "I attended Kawanhee from 1930-35 and had the bunk next to Bill Bloodgood (Elwyn's younger brother) my first year in the Polecat Lodge. Every year was great, especially the last when we were Master Campers."

"Andy Crawford, Bob Larkin, Jim Milligan and I were allowed to build a houseboat in shop. The hull was like a barge, decked over with a cabin containing four folding bunks. There was a deck on the bow and a place on the stern to install one of the camp outboards. We had a wheel mounted in the front of the cabin."

"When The Crawlark was completed and waterproof, we were allowed to sleep on board for many nights, moored out on the lake. At breakfast one morning we were summoned to the head table and advised that our language was offensive to the wives who lived on Pine Point. Of course, we'd forgotten how sound carries across water at night."

I'm not at all sure the Frank Brothers were totally delighted with our project but for many years, a picture of us aboard The Crawlark was featured in the Camp Catalog as example of camper ingenuity. I've lost track of the other crew members but I know Andy shares with me great memories of this contribution to Kawanhee's Navy."

-Mike Altmaier

KAWANHEE ALL-STARS AT MANITOU

In the first game at Manitou we played Caribou for the right to go to the finals. The final score was 15 - 3. Darren Belskis pitched the first 5 innings, striking out 12 of the 15 batters he faced. Alex Matthews pitched the last inning striking out 2 of the 3 batters he faced. Offensively, Alex Matthews went 3 - 4 with 2 HR, 13B, 1 2B and 3 RBIs. Also Brad Fichter went 4 - 4 with 2 1B, 2 3B and 3 RBIs.

In the second game we were not as lucky. We lost to Camp Manitou 7 to 1 for the championship. Alex Matthews pitched for Kawanhee having 5 strikeouts in the losing effort. At the plate Matthews went 1 - 2 with a double and the only RBI of the game. -P.J. Marti

ARCHERY

What a busy two weeks we have had in Archery! Since the last issue of the Wigwam, Kawanhee archers have competed in two inter-camp tournaments with three more tournaments to come. Wednesday, July 14th, was the annual Caribou Invitational tournament to which we took two teams. Both the 12 and under team and the 15 and under team came in second place in the 8-team competition, and although Caribou continues to outscore Kawanhee, the overall margin was less than three hundred points this year. Friday, July 16th, Caribou brought another team of 8 archers over to compete at Kawanhee. The results were the same, but the margin was less than 50 points. Members of the archery team were: Gonzalo De Armas, Adam Barnes, Ryan Barrett, Darren Belskis, Albert Calice, Peter Cartei, Tim DeVoe, P.J. Donahue, Ignacio Dosal, Brad Fichter, Inigo Oyarzabal, Matt Rothman, Brian Schreyer, and Lucas Pliakis.

Everyone is excited about the new Archery ladder and "600 Club". Ladder categories include: age 10 and under from 15 meters, age 12 and under from 20 and 30 meters, and age 16 and under from 20, 30, 40, and 50 meters. As of today, leaders are: 10 and under from 15 meters-Antony Papantoniou, 12 and under from 20 meters-Darren Belskis, 12 and under from 30 meters-Brad Fichter, 16 and under from 20 meters-P.J. Donahue, 16 and under from 30 meters-P.J. Donahue, 16 and under from 40 meters-P.J. Donahue, and 16 and under from 50 meters-P.J. Donahue.

To become a member of the "600 club", an archer must earn a Robin Hood score of 600 or better. To date, members of this exclusive club are Adam

Barnes, Peter Cartei, Brad Fichter, and Brian Schreyer. A plaque which has been signed by each club member will be placed in the dining hall in recognition of this important achievement.

The Archery department looks forward to a pairs tournament with Camp Fernwood, the second annual bi-aim-a-thon with Caribou, the all-camp Archery tournament, and the Maine State Outdoor Archery Association tournament in the next two weeks. So, come visit us in Archery when you are at Kawanhee, and remember, "Archers go for the gold!"
-Nancy van den Honert

ACC - BASKETBALL

As we've reached the halfway point of camp, the ACC Basketball action has been fantastic. Every team has played hard and well. The kids understanding of how to play good team basketball has contributed to the success of the league. At the halfway point the standings are as follows:

1. UNC 2-0
2. Georgia Tech. 1-1
3. Duke 0-2

The start leaders are:

1. Jason Kokernak 20
2. Dick Bode 10
3. Darren Belskis 6.5

Rebounds:

1. Kokernak 14
2. T. Griffin 7
3. C.J. Clarke 3 T. Liddell 3 Dick Bode 3

-Brendan Flynn

JUNIOR MAINE GUIDE

This year Kawanhee is again sending a group of boys to Swan Island to be tested at the Junior Maine Guide Camp. Three returning second year candidates are Brian Huntington, Jim Papa and Gabe Gehret, and three new ones are Kevin Bonasera, Travis Hatley, and Todd Studebaker. All are pursuing Kawanhee's most prestigious award (500 points). The six of them have been working hard several hours a day since the beginning of camp in preparation for the evaluation by the Maine Guides. They will be thoroughly tested in a total of 21 separate areas based on their knowledge and skills in outdoor living. Some of these tests include axemanship, cooking, map making, First Aid, canoeing, weather and stars, fire construction, knowledge of about thirty Maine trees, and knowledge of fishing, fire, and wilderness regulations. Because of

the depth of the skills and experience required of the candidates, few pass the tests their first year. However, all of them have been working hard, and each one will perform well. The tests will last five days, and the results will be awarded at the end of camp.

The JMG program was begun in 1947, and Kawanhee has sent boys to be evaluated since 1955. The program is run jointly by the State of Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Maine Youth Camping Association.

-Bob Hart

KAWANHEE LITTLE LEAGUE

We had two recent exciting games in Kawanhee Little League. On July 19th, the Orange Juicers took on the undefeated Black Storm in a close 5-3 game. The Black Storm won the game and the winning pitcher was Rich Bode who also went two for three with a triple and a homer driving in three runs.

The second game on Wednesday was one of those big Kawanhee blow outs that had the Aqua Avengers smash the Juicers 14-5. For the Aqua Avengers, Darren Belskis had four RBI's and for the losers, Matt Berg went two for two with a double, triple,, and two RBI's. After four weeks, Kawanhee Little League, the standings are:

Black Storm	3-0
Aqua Avengers	1-2
Orange Slicers	1-3

-Russ Jessen

HANK AARON LEAGUE

We had two exciting encounters during the fourth week of camp in the Hank Aaron League. The first game featured Pee Wee's Pals against Bubblicious. The final score was seven to three in favor of the Pals. Nick Aiello went 2-2; 2 runs, and one Homerun and 5 runs batted in for the winners. For Bubblicious, Chris Berg, the pitcher went 3-4 with 2 RBI's.

The second game had a close battle between the Nature Boys and Pee Wee's Pals, but the Nature Boys came through with a game winning Homerun by Matt Rothman, who was 2-3 with 2 runs and 2 RBI's. The winning pitcher was Simon Doolittle and Nick Aiello pitched for Pee Wee's Pals with 2 RBI's and a run. Brian Huntington went 3-3 with 2 runs.

-P.J. Marti

TENNIS

The Kawanhee tennis tournament season started out with a bang. Thanks to the beautiful weather we've been blessed with this season and the new ball machine the Estabrooks so generously donated, there has been plenty of time to practice. The Wekeela Tennis Invitational was our first challenge of the year. The standard of competition at this tournament was very high and the tennis enjoyable to watch. The Camp K. team returned with championship trophies in the boys 14 singles and doubles and a 3rd place finish as a team. Next, we traveled to Maine Teen Camp with some of the older players and squared off with these worthy opponents. Again we came up just a little short, losing 5 to 4, but a good competitive time was had by all. Tomorrow, we're off to Manitou with some of the younger players to play in a six camp tournament. I'll let you know how we did in the next Wigwam.

The tennis team is made up of some wonderful young men: Peter Cartei, Matt Rothman, Mike Compher, Chris Lemole, Matt Chabanis, Mike and Martin Leitner, P.J. Beauchamp, Adrien Edelman, Luis and Carlos Gonzalez, Pedro Pons, Nacho Dosal.

THE MONHEGAN TRIP

During the third week of camp over 40 campers along with the trip staff, (Dan Webster, Al Spencer, and Mark Gibson), plus Jack Mondell, Scott Barnes, Kate Schoedinger, Rob Studebaker, and Max Haering enjoyed a fantastic experience.

In my 7 years of taking campers to Monhegan, this year's weather was the best! Each day was hot and sunny allowing us to revel in the glories of summer on the island. Deep sea fishing, hiking, and climbing on the rocks, visiting the shipwreck, investigating tide pools, and eating wild strawberries on Manana Island were among the activities that kept us all busy and happy. The water is always cold on swim beach, but because of the hot weather, several guys were able to pass a level on the way to being a Kawanhee Mountain Man by swimming into the cove all the way to a half submerged lobster holding trap.

Seeing Humpback and Minke whales off the cliffs was certainly a highlight this year. Pizza in the ballfield, and the delicious dinners and breakfasts at the Trailing Yew were also excellent.

The trippers and all the campers who were there wish to thank all those who made this trip possible this year.

-Dan Webster

GRAY-MAROON WRESTLING MEET

The 1993 Gray/Maroon Wrestling dual meet was certainly the loudest that the wrestling staff can remember. The wrestling room was booming with shouts of encouragement and foot stomping fun. "Campo", "Campo", "Campo", was shouted by most everyone when Diego Campo surprised the Gray Team Captain Alan Michalak by stepping on to the mat to represent the Maroon's 140 pound weight class. Russ Jessen, Captain of the Maroon's had Diego waiting in the next room for the strategy. When it was shown that Diego had indeed weighed in at exactly 140, Alan had no choice but to put his star wrestler on the mat to meet him. Ted Devoe, who wrestled for his school in Woodbury, Connecticut snickered when he heard the chants. Both boys were confident. Devoe came out to an early lead and stayed ahead by putting Diego on his back three times in the first period. In the second period, however, the match became more even when Campo caught Devoe on his back for three points. It wasn't enough and even through all the chanting Devoe won the match with a smile on his face 14 to 5.

Since the Grays had no boys under sixty pounds, they had to forfeit 6 points to Ricardo Amtmann at the first and lowest weight class.

At 70 pounds, Enrique Reyes made short work of Francisco DeAlba, who was still the best boy for the Maroons.

At 80 pounds, Nacho Dosal, came away with a 6 to 2 victory for the Maroons against Brad Fichter.

At 90 pounds, 13 year old, Alex Green, who was last year's all camp tournament winner, defeated first time grappler and wrestler of the week, Anthony Papantoniou: 14 to 5.

The 100 pound weight class was perhaps one of the fastest moving matches. Adrian Edelmann and Tom Papa battled back and forth to make the match tied 3 to 3 with 30 seconds to go in the 3 minute contest. Papa then proceeded to use a double leg takedown and slap on a nearside cradle to get the pin for 6 points for the Grays.

Brian Huntington handled Sebastian Keiper-Knorr 10-2 at 110 pounds.

Ryan Barrett from Beaver Lodge wrestled against first year Junior Counselor Chris Lemole, but Lemole had the strength and experience advantage to come out on top, 5-2 at 120 pounds.

At 130, Peter Kelly pinned Jason Kokernak for the Maroon's final points of the meet.

At 150, Jim Mullen squeaked out a 10-8 overtime victory over Chris Berg after being down 5-0 after the first period.

At 160, Clint Mondell was psyched and powered up to go against Robbie Hunter. Mondell got the pin in 36 seconds although Hunter was ahead 2-0 at the time.

For the Heavy Weight Match, Nick Aiello caught Brendan Flynn on his back and held him there for the whole first period. However, Flynn managed to keep from getting pinned. Brendan battled back to put Nick on his back twice in the second period, but Aiello held on for the 7-6 win.

The Grays outpointed the Maroons 34 to 19.
-Dan Keating

CAMP KAWANHEE IN THE EYES OF A ROOKIE

The first time I ever heard of Kawanhee, I was pouring water at Mr. Estabrook's table in my father's restaurant, when he asked me, "Want to go to camp in Maine?", just kidding around. Naturally, I said sure, and my father followed him out to his car to pick up a catalog.

After reading the catalog, I was very interested, and tried to tell my dad about all Kawanhee had to offer. He looked further into it and soon was talking to Mr. Estabrook. We received the VCR tape to watch, and then we finally decided that **KAWANHEE** was right for me.

Although I was very interested about Kawanhee, I was scared to not know what the entire experience would be like. The plane ride over was neat because I talked to people previously at Kawanhee, and they told me all the unassuring things aren't very unassuring at all, and that camp was something to really look forward to.

Camp has been all I've expected and more. I've learned to ski, and sail, which I can't do in Ohio, because there are no lakes, and the rivers are small. I have a lot to tell my friends, and I think they'll really envy me and want to come with me next year. Camp is an experience of a lifetime!

-Kurtis Coursen

AS KAWANHEE TURNS

In 1967 Douglas Slocum of Westerville, Ohio had one more winning target to go to get his Sharpshooter Medal. When he visited camp Bruce Birch, Director of Range, suggested that Douglas try for his medal. July 15, 1993 he not only got his medal but was the first one to enroll his son for the 1994 season! Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Benedict of Norwalk, CT visited camp and wished to be put on the mailing list. Mr. Benedict's last year was 1934 and he mentioned some of his friends-- Streeter Bass, Sid Sweet, and Bernar McFadden as being in camp at that time. The Bexley News of Columbus, OH had a great article on the Hoffhine twins. Ben was here at Kawanhee for many years--his father is Chuck

Hoffhine and his grandfather is Hal Myers and they spent several years here also. Ben and his twin Emily were both very active in Bexley High School athletics and other activities at the school. Ben plans to attend Syracuse University and Emily will be at Connecticut College. 1993 Falcon camper Jon Casto got quite a surprise letter from his grandmother this summer. She included a letter that Jon's father, Don, had written to her when he was a camper in Falcon Lodge in 1955! Incidentally the postage on the letter was a 6 cent airmail stamp!

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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