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FAREWELL TO CHIEF KAWANHEE

On Friday night of the final week of the camp, The Going of the Chief Ceremony was held. First, everyone assembled in the Rec. Hall for the traditional end of the season slide shows. There were two separate, but equally exciting, slide shows. The first was the much anticipated tripping slide show. Dan showed his usual display of cinematic genius and beauty. Following was the annual all camp slide show. Both were enjoyed by campers, staff, and parents.

After the slide show everyone moved on to Council Point for the ceremony of The Going of the Chief. Head Sachem Herb Birch started by calling Chief Kawanhee who comes from the lake through the wood to Council Point. The Chief addresses the campers on the experiences of that past summer before calling the sachems from each lodge to read their message of important guidelines that is meant for the campers of 1996 so that they may have a safe and fulfilled summer. The message is then buried beside the campfire so that after the snows and rains of the following months the campers of 1996 may read and follow it.

All present were asked to join hands as Chief Kawanhee spoke further of the values learned at camp during the two moons. He then asked all present to remember the friendships, increased love of nature, better skills, and the fun of being at camp as well as much more. He encouraged all Kawanhee braves to take these positive advancements, and apply them in their homes, schools, and lives. The Chief then extended his blessing upon the group, and

strode silently into the shadowy depths of the forest. All present knew that they had had a remarkable summer at a remarkable place.

THE FEW, THE PROUD, THE KAWANHEE SACHEMS

The Sachems play a key role in the life of Camp Kawanhee. The sachems are an elite group of Kawanhee campers chosen by lodge counselors and campers to help form the guidelines that all campers should follow. Each group of sachems will meet twice throughout the year. The first meeting is at The Going of the Chief and the second is The Coming of the Chief that following year. In preparation for the first meeting the sachems have a meeting where they decide on a list of guidelines that the campers should follow. Ideas such as "Be a good sport whether winning or losing," "Be honest with yourself," "Follow the Golden Rule," "Respect the environment," and "Follow the directions of your leaders" are expressed. These are read during The Going of the Chief and buried under the ground for use of the campers of the coming year. When the new camp season has started the list is unearthed during The Coming of the Chief. The sachems from the previous year then come up to read them. The sachems of 1995 were:

Falcon Lodge: Jose Marcial
Panther Lodge: Joe Barrows
Pine Tree Lodge: Scott Hamilton
Hawk Lodge: Forbes Rigsby
Deer Lodge: Spencer Aldrich
Birch Lodge: Jim Wallingford

Beaver Lodge: Ben Porter
 Moose Lodge: David Slocum
 Lynx Lodge: Danny Kim
 Wildcat Lodge: Johannes Werhahn
 Bear Lodge: Brad Comfort
 Loon Lodge: Adam Studebaker
 Badger Lodge: Carlos Morales
 Crow Lodge: Tim Donahey
 Head Sachem: Herb Birch

HIGH POINT WINNERS OVER 1200

1. Spencer Aldrich (G)	1,765
2. Jeffrey Abbott (G)	1,745
3. Johannes Werhahn (M)	1,685
4. Bradley Comfort (G)	1,680
5. Kurtis Coursen (G)	1,515
6. Cornelius Reinartz (M)	1,510
7. Will Alexander (M)	1,500
8. Jose Marcial (M)	1,495
9. Adam Cook (G)	1,490
10. Diego Garregues (G)	1,485
11. Jeronimo Velasquez (G)	1,450
12. Nate Duncan (G)	1,425
13. Efrem Palmer (G)	1,425
14. Forbes Rigsby (G)	1,395
15. Enrique Amerigo (M)	1,380
16. David Slocum (G)	1,380
17. Daniel Alvarez (M)	1,365
18. Jon Casto (M)	1,345
19. Alejandro Acevedo (M)	1,330
20. Michael Brinkman (G)	1,315
21. Fernando Martos (M)	1,310
22. Sam Tillet (M)	1,280
23. Jorge Marcial (M)	1,240
24. Scott Hamilton (M)	1,215
25. Hadrian Engel (G)	1,215
26. David Sentis (G)	1,205

Congratulations to these boys for their hard work and dedication to their teams! They deserve a lot of credit for perseverance and persistence to achieve in their activities along with the display of good sportsmanship!

FINISHED ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS

Finishing a Kawanhee plaque means completing the three levels in each of the fifteen activities in a camper's age bracket. These divisions are Junior C, Junior B, Junior A, and Senior. Junior C includes Falcon and Panther Lodges. Junior B includes Pinetree, Hawk, Deer, and Birch Lodges. Junior A includes Beaver, Moose, Lynx, and Wildcat Lodges. Senior includes Bear, Loon, Crow, and Badger Lodges. Usually a Kawanhee camper takes several summers to complete a plaque. 12 boys have completed their plaques this summer:

C Division

Jeffrey Abbott
 Adam Barnes
 Jon Casto
 Bradley Comfort
 Ross Hamilton
 Scott Hamilton
 Ian Lawson

B Division

Spencer Aldrich (Finished 1 yr.)
 Nate Duncan
 Josh Purcell
 David Slocum

Senior Division

Tom Papa (Only a few campers have finished this division in the last 20 years)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION—1995

Gardner Lattimer Award

Greatest Physical Improvement:

Nathan Webb

Benua Athletic Improvement:

David Slocum

Russell A. Bennett Award for Greatest Improvement in Junior C Swimming:

Fernando Martos

Shepard Trophy

Greatest Improvement in Swimming:

Joe Barrows

Herb Birch Award

Most Spirited Lodge:
 Deer Lodge
 William Brutscher Award
 High Point Winner:
 Spencer Aldrich
 C.A. Crane Award
 Most Helpful Camper:
 Tim Donahey
 Clarence Bateman Award
 Tripper of the Year:
 Jake Kaplan
 1 Year Polar Bear Award for Perfect Attendance:
 Andy Burbine
 Boater of the Year:
 Geraldo Carreras

ARCHERY

Archery ended an outstanding season with a record total of 564 medals and 39 Robin Hoods being shot. There were many exciting moments such as when Tom Barrows finally earned the first medal on 30 after numerous tries and when Darren Belskis earned his Olympic Robin Hood after missing by one point on his first attempt.

In addition to the daily archery lessons where campers are able to shoot for medals, Kawanhee archers participate in several tournaments. One highlight of the competitive season included the pairs tournament with Camp Fernwood where 12 Kawanhee archers were paired with 12 Fernwood girls to shoot in pairs. Winning archers in the 15 - under division were: 1st Place - Darren Belskis, 2nd Place - Kurt Coursen, and 3rd Place - David Sentis. In the 12 - under division, Nate Duncan placed 1st, Jeronimo Velasquez placed 2nd, and Sean Duncan placed 3rd. Other members of the team which went to Fernwood were Tom Meaney, Forbes Rigsby, David Slocum, Jamie Strawbridge, Sam Tillett, and Jim Wallingford.

The following week, 10 Kawanhee archers travelled to Camp Caribou for the State Outdoor Archery Championships. Results were very good for Kawanhee archers as Jeronimo Velasquez placed 3rd in the state of Maine in his age division while Sean Duncan placed 4th in the state in his age group.

Overall, the Kawanhee team which included Darren Belskis, Kurt Coursen, Nate Duncan, Sean Duncan, Jake Kaplan, Forbes Rigsby, Jaime Rubio, Christian Sieber, Sam Tillett, and Jeronimo Velasquez placed 3rd in the state of Maine. Good shooting boys!!

Our final competition of the season was a bi-aim-a-thon held at Kawanhee with Camp Caribou. Bi-aim-a-thon competition includes both range and archery, with the senior team shooting 30 arrows from 30 meters and 6 targets from the prone position in range and the junior team shooting 30 arrows from 20 meters and 6 targets from the prone position in range. The outcome was an exciting 209 point win for the Kawanhee teams over Caribou. Both the junior team of Nate Duncan, Jeronimo Velasquez, and Scott Hamilton, and the senior team of Jaime Rubio, Kurt Coursen, and Darren Belskis outscored Caribou in range and archery. What a great way to celebrate 75 years of archery and range.

We also had exciting competition for positions on the archery ladder in the various age and meter categories. Final winners of the archery ladder were: Fernando Martos in the 10 - under age group from 15 meters with a 242, Nate Duncan in the 12 - under age group from 20 and 30 meters with scores of 273 and 255, Darren Belskis in the 16 - under category from 20 meters with a 288, Jaime Rubio and Kurt Coursen in the 16 - under category from 30 meters with a score of 261, Kurt Coursen in the 16 - under age group from 40 meters with a score of 240, and Indigo Oyarzabal in the 16 - under category from 50 meters with a score of 238.

Earning medals, winning competitions, and shooting for the ladder are all exciting components of Archery, but we hope that we have also instilled a love for a unique sport which most often pits an individual against himself. The thrill of shooting a personal best, no matter what the level of achievement can't be topped.

The Archery ladder generated a lot of excitement this summer with Fernando leading the 10 - under at 15 meters. Other ladder champions were Nate Duncan from 20 and 30 meters in the 12 - under division and, Darren Belskis from 20 meters with a score of 288 in the 16 - under division, Kurt Coursen

from 30 and 40 meters in the 16 - under division, and Indigo Oyarzabal from 50 meters in the 16 - under division.

Chuck Compher, Nancy van den Honert, Carlos Canas, Jaime Rubio, and our C.I.T., Diego Garregues hope that each Kawanhee camper had fun in Archery in addition to earning points this summer, and we look forward to seeing you in 10 moons!

Nancy van den Honert

BASEBALL

League Award Winners

Hank Aaron League:

Batting Champ (Season)	Bill Burbine
Batting Champ (Play-offs)	Carlos Morales
MVP (Season)	Peter Kelly
MVP (Play-offs)	Adam Ramsay

Kawanhee Little League:

Batting Champ (Season)	Nate Duncan
Batting Champ (Play-offs)	David Slocum
MVP (Season)	Jamie Strawbridge
MVP (Play-offs)	John Kelly

Special Award Winners

The Golden Glove	Gabrial Acosta
Best Sportsmanship	Johannes Werhahn

BASKETBALL

Jr. Division

MVP Season: Will Alexander
MVP Playoffs: Jaime Strawbridge

Sr. Division

MVP Season: Pete Kelly & Torrey Liddell
MVP Playoffs: Adam "Kool" Studebaker

CAMPCRAFT

Junior Maine Guide

Adam Cook

NATURE

All summer, boys have been wandering around camp learning to identify trees and flowers (with particular interest generated by strawberries, blueberries, and blackberries!) We've housed a variety of critters, including frogs, toads, snakes, mice and a rabbit. Current residents are a white rat and several baby catfish. (They look like tadpoles that need a shave.)

Highlights of the season in Nature have included a night hike at Mt. Blue State Park, a trip to the animal farm at Gray (where injured animals are cared for), and an astronomy "lecture and look" by Jim Perkins of Philadelphia. (We saw the moons of Jupiter!)

Lapidary projects continue to be popular. Look for great gifts when your kids get home!

Cambell Scarlett Award: Jose Gonzalez
Special Interest in Nature: Jose Marcial
Best Nature Art Project: Jake Kaplan

LAPIDARY

Best Lapidary Project: Enrique Amerigo
Special Mention: Jim Wallingford, Adam Muther, Adam Studebaker, Dominic Abbott

RANGE

Jr. A Special Mention: Sam Tillet
Senior Special Mention: Brian Osar
Staff Special Mention: Amy Spencer

SHOP

Honorable Mention Shop Awards

Jr. C Scott Hamilton
John Kelly
Jose Marcial
Dan Marshall
Fernando Martos
Chris Sieber
Jr. B Dominic Abbott

Alejondro Acevedo
 Spencer Aldrich
 Guillermo Maradona
 Adam Muther
 Forbes Rigsby
 Nathan Webb
 Jr. A Jose Gonzalez
 Chad Guthrie
 Danny Kim
 Brian Osar
 Efrem Palmer
 David Slocum
 Jaime Strawbridge
 Johannes Werhahn
 Sen. Kurt Coursen
 Matt Latowsky
 Tom Papa
 Alberto Ventoso

WRESTLING

65

Most Improved: Collin Tice, John Kelly
 Runner-Up: Jose Marcial
 Champion: Juan Velasquez

75

Most Improved: Danial Osar
 Runner-Up: Ricardo Amtmann
 Champion: Jeronimo Velasquez

85

Most Improved: Spencer Aldrich, Danial Alvarez
 Runner-Up: Danial Alvarez
 Champion: Jaime Lastra

95

Most Improved: Will Alexander
 Runner-Up: Mike Brinkman
 Champion: Jamie Strawbridge

105

Most Improved: Adam Bowman, Brian Osar
 Runner-Up: Chris Haverick
 Champion: Brad Fichter

110

Most Improved: Gaby Acosta
 Runner-Up: Gnacio Prieto
 Champion: Jorge Marcial

115

Most Improved: Danny Kim, Alex Acevedo
 Runner-Up: Alejandro Acevedo
 Champion: Efrem Palmer

125

Most Improved: Marc Van Den Broeck
 Runner-Up: Kurtis Coursen
 Champion: Tim Devoe

135

Most Improved: Chad Guthrie
 Runner-Up: Lucas Pliakis
 Champion: Stefan Wagner

140

Most Improved: David Slocum
 Runner-Up: Kris Hamwi
 Champion: Carlos Morales

150

Most Improved: Adam Barnes, Guillermo Maradora
 Runner-Up: Torrey Liddel
 Champion: Bill Burbine

160

Most Improved: Johannes Werhahn
 Runner-Up: Gonzalo Dearmas
 Champion: Josh Purcell

Heavy Weight

Most Improved: Victor Acevedo, Nate Webb
 Runner-Up: Victor Acevado
 Champion: Trevor Griffin

*** 75th REUNION REPORT ***

Five days after camp was over in August, Chief Kawanhee happily welcomed 275 Kawanhee Alumni and their families who returned to help celebrate Kawanhee's 75th Anniversary. Most activities were open for the action-packed 3-day program. Special events included Maroon-Grey War Canoe Race, and a lobster dinner.

The superb weather, the excellent food, plus the fun and fellowship made a perfect combination for a highly successful occasion. New friendships were made, old ones renewed, tall tales were told, and everyone agreed, "Let's do this again. The sooner the better!"

VOLLEYBALL AT KAWANHEE

At Kawanhee, seven weeks
is almost too short,
but you'll use your time constructively
on the volleyball court!

The sand is sparkling
while the sun is shining.
Positive attitudes are "in",
no fussing and no whining!

Out on the court
we bump, set, spike and laugh.
You'll learn a lot and have fun
with the enthusiastic staff.

At volleyball and Kawanhee
stinging and tiredness will set in,
but you'll walk with knowledge and spirit
and sing with PMA in the end.

A.M

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM

The main goal of the CIT program is to help master campers make the transition to counselors smoothly and effectively. The philosophy of the program is to help build confidence in prospective counselors' abilities to effectively handle the myriad responsibilities of a junior counselor. This summer, the CIT's have learned counseling techniques such as reflective listening, reframing, and will be practising role-playing scenarios as well.

Each CIT is working in two activities this summer for two weeks at a time, in order to develop an awareness of the responsibilities of an activity counselor. In addition to working in an activity, the CIT's will be residing in a younger cabin during the final two weeks of camp in order to gain experience as a lodge counselor. While each CIT is not considered a full-fledged counselor in the lodge, the observation period has been a very important part of the program over the course of the last two decades. The CIT's this

year are: Bill Burbine, Adam Cook, Gonzalo de Armas, Trevor Griffin, Philipp Kunze, Carlos Morales, Lucas Pliakis, Richard Pinkham, Stefan Wagner, Joel Brinkman, Tim Donahey, Kris Hamwi, Peter Kelly, Matthew Latowsky, Torrey Liddell, Eduardo Lucas, Tom Papa, and Ignacio Prieto.

Bernie Gehret

POLAR BEAR

"One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go!" are familiar to all around camp at the first bell as members of the Polar Bear Club prepare to jump into Lake Webb for a refreshing morning dip. "Head Bear", Mr. Herb Birch leads the club in a rousing rendition of "Oh What a Beautiful Morning" before the group shouts "up and at 'em" to awaken anyone still in bed.

Polar Bear Club is a great way to awaken and greet friends in the morning, and this season was exceptional as 77 individuals became Polar Bears by attending 10 morning dips over the course of the season. Deer Lodge earned bragging rights for the most mornings out by a lodge (23), and the entire Crow Lodge was out a 12 mornings. Three campers, Andy Burbine, Jose Gonzalez, and David Slocum, came out all 44 mornings to earn a Polar Bear award hand carved by Mr. Birch.

Even though the official Polar Bear season ended Wednesday, August 9th, many members made a surprise visit to Mr. Birch's cabin to awaken him for one last dip on the final morning in camp. Our greeting included the crowing of the official rooster, Mr. Brian Birch.

We all look forward to next June's first dip!
See you there!

Nancy van den Honert

THE JOURNEY HOME

As is true with all things in life, there is always a beginning and an end. This is a maxim of simplicity that guides each of us through our various

adventures in life, and one that offers continuity and reason when we must come to terms with the "end" of a phase in our life, or of life itself.

On June 13th, I embarked upon a journey that would begin atop the awe inspiring peak of Mt. Katahdin, and would come to a close in Northern Georgia. However, I never considered the possibility that my body would fail me, and that I would in turn be forced to make a difficult decision to end my trek. In fact, I would end it 1,600 miles short of my pre-determined goal.

When my left knee began to boycott my endeavor, I had traversed 1,000 miles through lush valleys, over magnificent mountains, and witnessed the inherent beauty of the rising and setting sun, with the wax and wane of its scarlet elegance. I did not want my journey to come to a close, for there was yet so much to see and touch, to appreciate and behold with the silent companionship of the forest. My final decision was born of reluctant wisdom, but I still believe that it was the best decision I could have made.

I tip my hat and offer a hardy "congratulations" to those who have withstood the entire 2,165 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Nonetheless, in reflection I now realize that to hike the full length of the A.T. was and is a goal established by the dreams of others, rather than from within myself.

Rather, I was on a journey of my own design, an adventure that could not be limited by the boundaries and pre-designed footpath that compose the A.T. My experience was a pilgrimage from within, an exploration of who I am, as much as it was an adventure through rugged and splendorous terrain. More or less, the A.T. was merely a vehicle for such travel, and the 1,600 miles yet untraveled, or the 1,000 miles explored could never rival the infinite distance and boundless space of the journey that took place within me. This was the greatest of all adventures, and one that will continue for years to come.

Rich Donahey

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Sleigh Bells Ring, are you listening? In the lane, snow wasn't quite glistening, but Kawanhee certainly was in the spirit of Christmas. Thanks to the diligent efforts of Katie Schoedinger and a cast of hustling, bustling elves, Kawanhee's celebration of Christmas in July was a resounding success. The ooh's and ahh's of the campers, and their smiling faces filled with surprise, best described the mood as we entered the dining hall for Sunday dinner on July 23rd, to find a decorated tree that reached the rafters, stockings filled with lots of goodies for everyone and brightly coloured table decorations. After the meal, the Kawanhee choir treated us all to strolling Christmas carols. And of course, Christmas wouldn't be complete without an appearance from Santa Claus. Our own Herb Birch, complete with padding, white beard and appropriate red suit, entered to a standing ovation with his sack full of presents. A good time was had by all!

WHAT KAWANHEE MEANS TO ME

Some people come to Kawanhee for fresh air, some for baseball, and still others for a chance to see raw, untouched nature. I come back for all these reasons and more. I come for friendly competition, fun activities, friends that last a lifetime, and limitless memories. I wish everyone knew about Kawanhee. I also wish everyone understood what a privilege it is to come here. May there always be a Kawanhee.

Ed Watson

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