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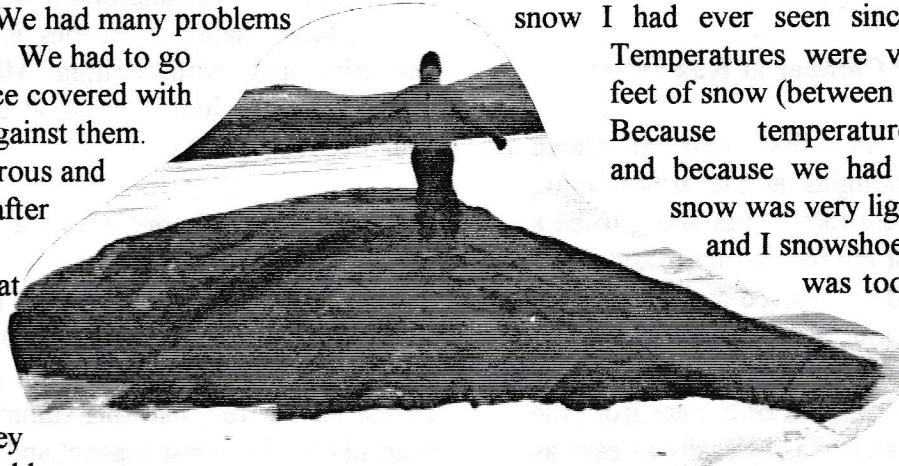
Exciting Winter Walk to Bass Rock

Two weeks ago my family and I went on our trip to Bass Rock. We had many problems with our expedition. We had to go through snow and ice covered with fallen trees strung against them. The ice was treacherous and about to crack and after all that troublesome travel we noticed that we had forgotten our camera. So we traveled back to the nearest store and they didn't have a disposable camera, but we didn't give up. We went to three other stores and on the third stop at a store we found the last disposable camera. We hiked to Bass Rock with the greatest care and took the pictures just before dark, finally. After that adventure we traveled home for some nice hot chocolate.

I'm looking forward to coming back next year!

Hadrian Engle
Deer Lodge

Bill and Andy Burbine will also receive a white K on their paddle for walking to Bass Rock. The Burbine family drove from Bedford, NH to take the walk.



Camp Kawanhee in Winter

December brought the largest amount of snow I had ever seen since moving to Maine! Temperatures were very cold and several feet of snow (between four and five feet) fell. Because temperatures remained cold, and because we had very little wind, the snow was very light, though deep. Tom and I snowshoed into camp... It was too deep for our regular cross country skiing. We observed animal tracks: rabbits, deer, and even moose had been to visit.

There were trees that had blown down in the November winds, one onto the Range roof, though there wasn't any real damage. When we talked, we felt we should whisper as not to disturb the silence... much like the feeling one has in church.

We trekked around the whole camp and marveled at the contrast between camp in the winter and camp in summer. We could touch the top of the totem pole while standing on our snow shoes. Snow was up to the windows on the dining hall deck, and up to the windows on the kitchen side! It was piled 3-feet high on most roofs, definitely in need of shoveling before the warming weather brought the forecasted rain! We could enter the cabin if we stepped down into the door; we couldn't see the steps at all. We didn't dare walk out to Bass Rock, the ice hadn't had time to freeze solid since the ice came. We put that trip off until a different visit.

We had our January and February thaws which brought rain and freezing temperatures once again. Temperatures stayed low long enough to finally deep freeze the lake so that there are a few fishing shacks on the lake, and we could walk out to Bass Rock, or wait until the next snowfall and ski out! We saw tracks belonging to snowmobiles along the camp road and down the boat ramp leading to the shacks. But the quiet is still complete, no sounds of the laughter and banter that camp brings in the summer... only the echoes in my mind.

Zetta Wojcik

Being a First Year Camper at Kawanhee

Last year was my first year at Camp Kawanhee. My first thoughts at the airport upon coming to Kawanhee were that it was going to be a summer with only one of my friends there, and that I would be homesick the day I arrived and first ate the food. But, as you all know, this was not and is not the case for any new camper. I was welcomed by the staff as soon as I stepped out of the car from the airport. Making new friends was basically as easy as stepping into our cabin and saying "Hey" to whoever was around.

I only needed one day of camp, and I made at least 10 new friends. For all you first time campers out there, the hardest part of coming to Kawanhee is remembering all the names of the new friends that you will meet. Kawanhee is not only about making new friends, but it's about learning to get along with people, and bettering yourself. I learned quickly how to act at Kawanhee (which is proper around the staff, but anything goes around your friends.) By the second week of camp, I thought of Kawanhee as a second home. Trust me, you will too.

Adam Bowman
Loon Lodge

St. Patrick's Day Reunion in Maine

Bernie Gehret, Russel "Ron" Jesson, and I recently had the pleasure of enjoying the beauty of Kawanhee in March. Camp was still blanketed by a foot of hard-packed snow, which made getting around a little more challenging, but still manageable.

Besides all the activities in camp, we were able to climb Bald Mt. And enjoy a tremendous view from up top of our Tumbledown Range, Webb Lake, and because of an amazingly clear day, a glimpse of Mt. Washington in New Hampshire.

Many happy memories were rekindled with the trip, and with visiting Mike Altmaier, the Wojaks, Dot & Jerry Nering, at the general store, a great trip was had by all.

Wanted: Photos from the 1995 Season

We would like everyone to send one photo from your personal collection so that it may be added to a new collage that will be displayed in the dining hall or rec. hall this summer. Please review your photos from last season, and select one that has special meaning to you that you would wish to donate for this new Kawanhee tribute. Your support in supplying the photos is greatly appreciated. Please mail your pictures to Mark Nelson, 3151 Mountview Rd.; Columbus, Ohio 43221, before May 15.

GET READY FOR FUN!

New items on the board for this summer include Karoke Night, (Mike Altmaier will dazzle us with his uncanny Elvis impression) pillow fight jousting, and the return of flag rush. Please pass along any new ideas that you have that you wish us to include this season. I look forward to the quick passing of the next few months, so that we once again can be gathered together for what will undoubtedly be another terrific summer. Why not

spread the gift of Kawanhee – bring a friend from home.

Mark Nelson
Program Director

Sea Kayaking in Casco Bay

Because of Maine's intricate, convoluted coastline, a wide variety of ocean environments are available for study, relaxation and travel. As you may know, Maine has over 2,500 islands and approximately 3,000 miles of coastline with three distinct ecosystems. Our focus will be on these island ecosystems in a new trip offered this summer: Sea Kayaking in Casco Bay.

Sea kayaks are 17- to 22-foot long stable boats, able to carry enough gear and food for extended tours from island to island. These quiet, graceful boats will allow us the perfect opportunity to experience and observe the natural rhythms of sea life among Maine's island getaways.

Starting from Peaks Island, we'll paddle out through protected passages to undeveloped island retreats. We may sense the intensity of our presence near a gull rookery, or paddle quietly past seals languishing on ledges. Ospreys may screech at our passage, while porpoises slip between sea and sky.

The 200 islands within Casco Bay offer rich geological and human history. We may have a chance to visit Admiral Perry's island hideout on Eagle Island.

This 3-day trip will be professionally guided by the Maine Island Kayak Company. This will be open to boys 12 years of age and older, who have developed advanced kayaking skills.

Al Spencer
Tripping Department

Kayak Report

This Fall, I was sad (as always) to see another season at Camp Kawanhee end. It meant the end of my fun summer, the end of my paddling

season. Fortunately, nature provided the East Coast with much needed rain, and the rivers swelled. My kayaking season would not end as soon as I thought!

With two new "Dagger Transition" kayaks, Ted Devoe and I embarked on weekly adventures to major rivers in Connecticut. Dexter Devoe drove up from Waterville with his wife Tanya, and daughter Amber, to surf and play in the Tarrifville Gorge with us. We met with four-time canoe champ, Mark Clarke, at his shop to find out river conditions before meeting many of the local "river rats" for a day of paddling. By November, when Housatonic swelled to 6 ½ feet, Ted and I had met several boaters who were new to the river, and helped guide them down. We were able to extend our summer until the beginning of December.

On one of these weekends we traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, for the whitewater kayaking National Championships. Ted and I met paddlers from all over the country, including the few who will represent our country in this Summer's Olympic Games. The extremely competitive, yet very friendly, nature of all the top boaters reminded me of the many wonderful people at Kawanhee. When it looked as though I would not be able to compete using Ted's race boat (because of our bib order) a kind stranger graciously offered help. Wayne Dickert let me borrow a boat from Nantahala Outdoor Center. He did so in the spirit of kayaking and, I think, in the spirit of Kawanhee.

I am looking forward to a new kayak season as the snow melts, and I once again exchange my snowboard for my kayak. I am also very excited about returning to Kawanhee for another terrific season. Hopefully, I will see all of the eager kayakers from last summer, as well as many new. Mark Nelson asked me to buy two new kayaks for this season: "Dagger Outbursts." The Outbursts are stable boats, suitable for beginners. In addition, more advanced paddlers will be able to maneuver better than ever in these quick-turning hulls. (They also come with great graphics!) I am very excited about these two new boats.

I'll see everyone in June!

Scott Barnes

Kayak Department

Dr. Purcell's Gift to Shop

One of Dr. Purcell's hobbies was working with woodworking tools and equipment.

When visiting our shop this past summer he was greatly impressed by our many offerings and expressed himself about the satisfaction and joys the campers receive by their accomplishments.

He decided his home workshop tools, most of which are new, could serve the Kawanhees greatly therefore he shipped it to camp.

The gift included a brand new wood turning lathe, assorted planes, wood carving tools, and files to go with them, reciprocal saw, orbital jig saw, and other choice miscellaneous tools.

These tools will gratefully enhance our shop program and are gratefully received by our long-term shop leaders.

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Purcell's son, Josh, has been a camper with us for a few seasons and has grown considerably as a result of camp philosophy and many other offerings; congratulations Josh, see you in '96.

Herb Birch

Co-Shop Director

OOOHHHHhhhhhh, KAAAWAANHEEE

I HERE YOU, I AM COMING:

*****Report From Chief Kawanhee to
Campers*****

The CHIEF reports that there are many new braves signed up for 1996 plus a great number of braves from last summer. If your parents have forgotten to send in your application, please remind them to **GET MOVING!!**

BATTER UP!

KLL World Series

*Play-off #2 vs #3

Brown Sox	4
Green Mountains	3

The second-place Brown Sox were matched against the third-place Green Mountains in this single elimination playoff game.

The Brown Sox jumped out to a 3-1 lead after the first inning on RBI doubles by Nate Duncan and Jake Kaplan. The Green Mountains scored two more unearned runs but came up short as the Brown Sox pulled out a close 4-3 victory to advance to the World Series.

*World Series Game 1

Pink Blue Jays	5
Brown Sox	4

The opening game of the World Series pitted both teams' ace pitchers: Jamie Strawbridge and Nate Duncan. The Brown Sox were never able to defeat Strawbridge during the regular season.

The game stayed close throughout all six innings. In the end, the Blue Jays proved victorious by scoring a 5-4 win. The Sox had a chance to tie the game in their final at bat but a diving stop and put-out by Blue Jays first baseman Jim Wallingford dashed all hopes.

*World Series Game 2

Brown Sox	6
Pink Blue Jays	4

Game 2 proved to be just as exciting as the opener. Both teams scored in the first inning on big hits. Jake Kaplan had a two RBI double for the Sox while David Slocum crushed a ground-rule RBI double for the Jays.

The Sox appeared to put the game away by scoring three runs in the second and another in the

third to make the score 6-1. The Blue Jays, however, refused to go down without a fight.

After Strawbridge reached on an error, David Slocum blasted a two-run homer onto the basketball courts. Jose Marcial then drove in Brandon Jiconia with an RBI single, but that's as close as the Jays would come. John Kelly picked up his second pitching victory of the play-offs as his team prevailed 6-4.

*World Series Game 3

Brown Sox	6
Pink Blue Jays	4

The series came down to an exciting winner-take-all game on the last Friday of camp. Nate Duncan and Jamie Strawbridge were the dueling pitchers once again.

Both teams had their bats ready from the start. Nate Duncan brought in John Kelly with an RBI double for the Sox, and David Slocum continued his torrid hitting by lacing an RBI triple for the Jays.

Just like in Game 2, the Sox used the second inning to mount a big attack. Duncan, Kelly, and Nathan Webb all had run scoring hits for the Sox to make the score 5-2 in their favor.

Heading into their final at bat, the Blue Jays trailed 6-2. Once again, they refused to go quietly. After Brandon Jiconia tripled, Dustin Snow drove him in with a single. Snow then stole two bases which enabled him to score on Sam Tillet's fielder's choice. The Blue Jays' impressive season came to an end as the next batter came up to end the game.

For the winners, Nate Duncan went 2 for 3 and picked up the pitching victory. Winning coaches Andy Hromyak and Russ Jessen were too emotional to comment on their team's impressive Series win.

Until '96, the baseball department of Pete, Russ, and Andy would like to remind you that baseball is always...AFTDA' 'DA MEAL!!

Andy Hromyak
Baseball Department

OBITUARY

Norman F. Ruhle of Tenaflly died on January 14, 1996. Mr. Ruhle was a camper and counselor at Kawanhee in the 1930s era. His two sons, Steve Ruhle and the late Tom Ruhle, were also campers and counselors at Kawanhee. Mr. Ruhle and his wife Muriel enjoyed a very happy time at Kawanhee's 75th Reunion last August. Mr. Ruhle was very active in civic and church affairs in Englewood and Tenaflly, New Jersey. While attending the reunion, Mr. And Mrs. Ruhle made a gift of several beautiful paintings of Camp Kawanhee, done by Mrs. George Frank, Mr. Frank's first wife, and these paintings will be in the dining hall this summer.

*****As Kawanhee Turns*****

Two new Kawanhee babies ("to be future Kawanhee campers!")—Carter Messick announces the birth of James Michael Messick on February 2, 1996 in Laurenceville, Georgia—Keith and Louisa (van den Honert) Erf announce the arrival of Peter Franklin Erf on October 23, 1995, joining brother Ryan and sister Kayla in Weare, New Hampshire. Congratulations to these happy families! Our popular camp baby Liza Schoedinger has just celebrated her second birthday! She keeps her mother and dad, Kate and Ferd, very busy. Pictures received of campers include Adam Muther of Birch Lodge performing a fancy snow ski maneuver, Mike Pierson of Beaver Lodge looking very sharp, Dominic Abbott of Hawk Lodge and family making believe there was lots of snow in San Diego, California, another from Hawk Lodge, Will Alexander, shown with his two brothers, Rees and Dan, another Dan—Dan Marshall of Pinetree Lodge, the Wojcik family during their climb of Katahdin this Fall, the Hoffhine family—incidentally Chuck and Judy are celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary during the month of March (son Ben was also a Kawanhee camper and counselor), D.L. Long with his bride, Diane Smith on their way to

their wedding reception in a horse drawn white carriage, the Bonasera brothers, Michael, Kevin, Andy, and Paul—Andy will join Kevin at camp this summer. John and Helen Detrick are still receiving thank you's for the great planning of the 75th Reunion. Mr. George Bass who attended the Reunion returned in the late fall with one of his Kawanhee buddies to tour camp again! Al and Amy Spencer entertained camp counselors and their guests for a party during the Christmas Season. It is always great to get together to chat about the fun of being a part of the fun of Kawanhee. B.A. and Anita Altmaier are busy keeping up with their children, Rebecca, Andy, and Ben with their participating in showing and racing their horses. They have quite a collection of trophies and ribbons. In an invitation, Brendon O'Neill tells us he is graduating from Ohio State University- Best wishes to you, Brendon!

Please keep us informed of any change of address so you don't miss an issue of the Wigwam! Also add names of Kawanhee friends that are not receiving our news. Thank you.

*****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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