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The "Big Week" - The 7th Week

During the final week of the 1996 season, every camper was busy completing their levels to earn more points for their Grey or Maroon team and finishing their medals. For Sunday evening supper, there was a picnic carton for each lodge to select a private area away from the others, have a picnic, and discuss whether or not the goals each camper had set for his summer had been met. There were many interesting discussions going on.

Starting Monday, there were playoffs in the sports activities which were scheduled for three or four days. Projects were checked and completed. Wrestling finals took place outside under the gorgeous Wednesday evening sunset. Rehearsals were going on for Skit Night the following evening.

The ceremony of the Going of the Chief was held on Friday evening. This was an impressive campfire with the Chief reviewing the summer and encouraging the campers to carry the philosophy of Camp Kawanhee with them - Learn to do by doing, Finish what you start, and Fun With a Purpose, Also To be truthful, honest, kind, helpful, and do unto others as you would like others to do to you. The 1996 Sachems read their message for the 1997 season and had it buried only to be dug up and read ten moons later by the 1997 Sachems.

Saturday morning was given to packing, collecting all belongings, and trying to fit them into the trunks! Banquet time was at noon. Chef Chris Adams and his crew outdid themselves with a celebration dinner. Counselors waited on tables. Campers were honored for their summer activities. After a short rest hour, campers, parents, and friends gathered for the Awards Ceremony. Excitement was in the air - the day was sunny and beautiful, but a little windy. All were assembled outside at the center of camp. Each of the Activity Leaders announced winners of their activities and presented campers with ribbon awards and honors. Bill Koplitz was busy

taking pictures and fun was had by all.

Camp scorekeeper, B.A. Altmaier, captured everyone's attention at the end of the program as this was the BIG MOMENT for the Grey and Maroon teams announcement of the high point winners and the winning team. With many people taking part and everybody else holding their breath, the final moment came. The Highest Point Winner award went to Dan Sharpe who earned a total of 2,155 points. The Grey team captained by Bill Burbine won!! It was a close race to the end and the Maroons under the leadership of Tom Papa did a good job with both teams being competitive, but friendly. The final scores of both great teams were:

<u>Greys</u>	<u>Maroons</u>
61,169	59,440

Much cheering and clapping as the teams celebrated with everyone joining the fun.

Buffet supper was for all afterwards and then serious preparations were made for trips back home. Then came Sunday when lots of good-byes, promises of letters or telephone calls, and plans for meeting same time, same place next summer filled the air.

ATTENTION ALL 1996 CAMPERS

Your 1997 CATALOG, which will include some beautiful pictures, will be mailed to you right after Thanksgiving. It will list all the Ribbon Awards, Meritorious Awards, Special Recognition Awards, and Special Honors from the 1996 season. Other lists, one of campers who finished their Plaques and the other of High Point Winners, will be in the new catalog. Please tell your parents to mail in your 1997 application --- these are reaching us on a daily basis, and we'll be eagerly checking our mail to see if you will re-join us for another summer at camp. Also, tell your best friend --- perhaps he'd like to join you at Kawanhee. Our best wishes to all from Walter and Jane Estabrook.

Message from Mark Nelson

Greetings to all. I hope that this Wigwam arrives to find everyone well and enjoying the fall season wherever you may be. I just wanted to offer one last time my praise and congratulations to all connected with the '96 season, on what was one of the finest summers experienced at Kawanhee. I was fortunate enough to sneak back up to camp for a day in early October, and to experience the beauty of our area under the canopy of the changing fall colors. I had a nice climb up Tumbledown and walk about camp, and plenty of time spent eagerly thinking about events for next season. Remember to share the gift of Kawanhee and tell a friend or relative about camp. Mr. Estabrook, Mr. Birch, and I are always happy to talk to prospective campers and their parents, and supply them with the catalog, color brochure, and video. See you all in seven moons.

Polar Bear News by Herb Birch & Nancy van Honert

"Oh, what a beautiful morning, oh, what a wonderful day. I have a wonderful feelin' everything's going my way." Three months have passed since camp closed and Mr. Polar Bear now is counting down for camp to reopen to renew former friendships and welcome new ones. Mr. Polar Bear is very busy with volunteer work, but makes a little time to carve and make new shop projects for camp. Planning ahead, three Polar Bear awards have been carved for the winners for next summer.

The 1996 season we had was a super Polar Bear summer. With an early morning dip and a song, 73 Kawanhee braves became Polar bears during this 76th Kawanhee season which included the coolest July in recorded history. These people earned their Polar Bear award by attending ten or more morning dips with the "Beautiful" Friendships included; congratulations, members! The water was truly fit for a Polar Bear as we took our first dip on June 28th and remained so as the remnants of Hurricane Bertha brought the lake to its highest point in recent memory. Despite the inclement weather, two braves, Jose Marcial and Dan Sharpe persevered to come 35 out of a possible 39 mornings. Special mention also went to Senior counselor, Jorge Granada, and Junior counselor, Adam Cook, for their faithful attendance and leadership. For Adam, the summer of '96 represented the third year he had participated in Polar Bear 100% of the days.

Are you thinking of more Polar Bear stripes for

your paddle? Are you proud of your many achievements at camp? How lucky you are to be a member of the "Kawanhee clan". Do you thank your parents for this unusual opportunity? As usual, the fun, high spirits, and fellowship made Polar Bear one of the most rewarding experiences in camp. Mr. Polar Bear looks forward to seeing everyone back next season.

Don't forget to light your Christmas candle, put it in a North window as a friendship message to all your friends at Kawanhee. Use any candle if you misplaced your one from camp. Do you write or phone your friends from Kawanhee? Write me if you need addresses.

Totems '96 by Betty Simanek

As visitors take a walking tour of the camp, they will notice several new additions to the lodges. During the 1996 season the campers were challenged to a special project as a follow-up to the totem carved in the '95 season. Each lodge was asked to design a hanging totem that represented their particular lodge. The totems are five feet in length with symbols created in stacked wood, in brightly colored 3-D images. Once the projects were under way, several of the senior staff members also became inspired and created their own totems. They can be found on each lodge, the dining hall, Rec hall, nature building, and Abbott Lodge. The results have been nothing short of incredible!

Next season of 1997, look closely at totems and you'll see just about any camp activity or special Kawanhee memory represented. See if you can spot the following:

- * hands across the world
- * flags of various nations
- * a polar bear
- * JMG activities
- * a water skier and swimmer
- * a big fish ready to swallow a smaller fish
- * Lake Webb & the surrounding mountains
- * the tall pines
- * and of course - the famous Kawanhee sunset

Skit Night 1996

All lodges had worked hard to prepare for the fun event of skits. Everyone laughed, screamed, and applauded at various skits performed on stage. They were all good and that took quite a while for the judges to make final results of the lodge skit performance. Beaver lodge won first place in the

competition. Following is the list of lodges and the name of their skits:

Falcon - Lodge Skip
Panther - Midgets in the Morning
Pine Tree - It's Good To Be the King
Hawk - Camp Store
Deer - Bat Crazy
Birch - Coed Camp Kawanhee
Beaver - Announcements
Moose - Moose Lodge Blues
Lynx - Kawanhee Singled Out
Wildcat - Alienated
Bear - Star Trek, The Kawanhee Generation
Loon - I Will Follow Him
Crow - October 31st
Badger - Letter Home

Also featuring were: Anna, Rachel, and Angie
Fichter's Family Vacation at
Disneyland

Sumo Wrestling
JC/SC Pie-eating contest
Dueling Banjos

We all enjoyed the annual Skit Night!!

Archery Report by Nancy von Honert

Archery concluded its most successful season ever with a record 567 medals and 21 Robin Hoods being awarded. Two highlights of an outstanding summer occurred when Darren Belskis and Jason Gardner earned their Junior Olympic Archery Development Master Archer award. This award requires shooting a score of 230 points with 30 arrows from the 50 meter line. Although the Master Archer award is one of the highest honors awarded in Archery, each boy who came to Archery with a willingness to learn and improve deserves special praise. Congratulations to every camper who earned a medal or a trophy during this season.

The department instituted a Junior C Robin Hood program this season whereby a Junior C archer was required to shoot 30 arrows from the 15 and 20 meter lines for a total of 60 arrows and a final score of 300 or better. Four campers earned this award this summer. They were Rees Alexander, Alex Smith, Jeronimo Velarde, and Ricardo Velarde.

Requirements for the Junior B Robin Hood were increased so that a Junior B archer was required to shoot 30 arrows from the 20, 30, and 40 meter lines for a total of 90 arrows and a score of 500 points or better. James Chagaris, Dan Crane, Jaime Lastra, and Julien Warner were successful in their efforts to earn the Junior B Robin Hood.

Junior A Robin Hood requirements were also increased so that Junior A archers were required to shoot from the 30, 40, and 50 meter lines for a total score of 500. Only three campers, Joey Clarke, Ramon Gaztambide, and Forbes Rigsby, earned this award.

Senior Robin Hood distances were changed to 40, 50, and 60 meters with a total score of 500 points. Senior Robin Hood award winners were Enrique Amerigo, Chris Atwell, Matt Berg, Sean Duncan, Maroon Captain, Tom Papa, and Andrew Wilkins.

The Olympic Robin Hood distances were kept at 40, 50, and 60 meters, but the total score was increased to 600 points. Winners of the Olympic Robin Hood trophies this summer were Darren Belskis, Kurt Coursen, Nate Duncan, and Jason Gardner.

Finally, ladder leaders as of August 6th, Ricardo Velarde, Ramon Gaztambide, Matt Berg, Kurt Coursen, and Darren Belskis, were treated to pizza and coke. Competition was very fierce in the 12 & under categories, and special mention should be made of Joey Clarke who led until August 5th.

Chuck and I would again like to thank Amy Spencer for her outstanding contribution to this successful season, and we would like to recognize our fine C.I.T.'s, Darren Belskis, Brad Fichter, Gerard Tolosa, and Andrew Wilkins for their terrific help.

We look forward to seeing everyone in 10 moons. 'Til then, congratulations to all and remember that "Archers always shoot the bull."

Range Report by Jim Estabrook

In the final three weeks of the 1996 season, 44 ProMarksman medals, 36 Marksman medals, 32 Marksman First Class medals, and 29 Sharpshooter medals were presented to Kawanhee braves. The bar winners during that period are listed below:

Bar 1 - Daniel Parker, C.J. Clarke, Enrique Amerigo, Dominic Abbott, Steven Jovic, Andy Burbine, Javier Ramis, Mike Pierson, George Moore

Bar 2 - Edward Watson, Kris Simanek, Enrique Amerigo, Jacob Jones, Dan Parker, Ben Porter, Steven Jovic

Bar 3 - Joey Clarke, Enrique Amerigo, Edward Watson, Kris Simanek, Dan Parker, Ben Porter, Steven Jovic, David Sentis, Sam Tillet, Jim Bell

Bar 4 - Joey Clarke, Enrique Amerigo

Bar 5 - Julie Pratt, Brad Fichter, Jim Wallingford, Marc van den Broeck

Bar 6 - Julie Pratt

Bar 7 - Chris Atwell

Bar 8 - Darren Belskis, Lucas Pliakis, Chris Atwell

Bar 9 - Lucas Pliakis, Chris Atwell

Pinwheel - Dan Parker (sitting), Lucas Pliakis (standing)

Special Mention: Jim Wallingford, Ricardo Velarde

Extended congratulations to Chad Guthrie, Lucas Pliakis, and Chris Atwell for receiving the Expert Rifleman trophies.

The Rifle Range Department went very strong throughout the 1996 season. We used 25,000 rounds. 88 people received 227 medals/bars. Camp Kawanhee had a very successful Rifle Range program in '96. We look forward to the 1997 season.

Special Honors To Herb Birch

On Saturday, October 19th, the Birch family gathered in Pottstown, Pennsylvania for the wedding of Herb Birch's grandson. Next day, the Birch family threw a surprise party for Mr. Herb Birch who turned 90 on that day, Sunday, October 20th. There was a delicious brunch followed by picture taking, family story telling, and the tune of "Happy Birthday" with a magnificent pipe organ accompanying the happy singers.

When Herb left his home in Tenafly, New Jersey, with other family members to drive to the wedding ceremony, he did not think anyone would bother with a cake, so he baked his own cake and took it with him to Pottstown. He served his cake Saturday night after the wedding, but the family did not tell Herb that he was to have a party on Sunday. He was totally surprised. Another huge surprise for Herb was when Jane and Walter Estabrook walked in to join in the festivities.

Mr. Birch continues to lead his usual busy life 7 days a week volunteering for hospital and church work. His exuberant personality and willingness to share his talents with others exemplifies the true spirit of Kawanhee.

As Kawanhee Turns

Welcome to William (Will) Palmer Long!
D.L. Long and Diane (Smith) Long are proud parents of Will born Nov. 1 weighing in at 9 # 15 oz.! They reside in Austin, TX. Saturday, October 5 was a wedding day for Jamie (Fly) MacPeak and Mary Graw

Fitzsimmons in Leona, NJ. Kawanhee was well represented in the wedding by Bernie Gehret, Chris Huntington, Russ Jensen, Jamie Miller, Mark Nelson, and Jamie Sanford. Our best wishes and congratulations to Fly and Mary Graw! James Chagaris and Collin Patierno are seeing each other and Kawanhee is a big topic of conversation. Gabe Gehret and Adam Ramsay are both freshman at Stetson University in Deland, FL.

We Want To Hear From You!

Once again, we ask that you keep those cards and letters coming. Please let us know about changes of address or any other important information. *If you have any information during the Winter for the AS KAWANHEE TURNS please send it to:*

Jane Estabrook
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Cols., Ohio 43209-2142

If you have any much needed articles for the off-season additions of The Wigwam, also please send those to Jane Estabrook. Those articles will then be given to Jim Estabrook, who is now the Editor of The Wigwam. *We like hearing from you--Thanks.*

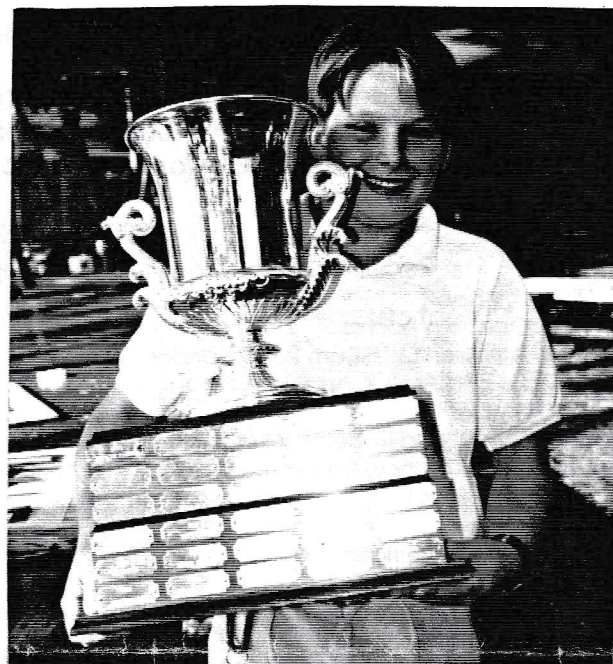
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For those Kawanhee Friends who wish to participate, the Camp Kawanhee Foundation provides scholarships for carefully selected boys regardless of race, color, or creed so that these boys can be enrolled at Kawanhee. The Camp's Board of Directors recognizes 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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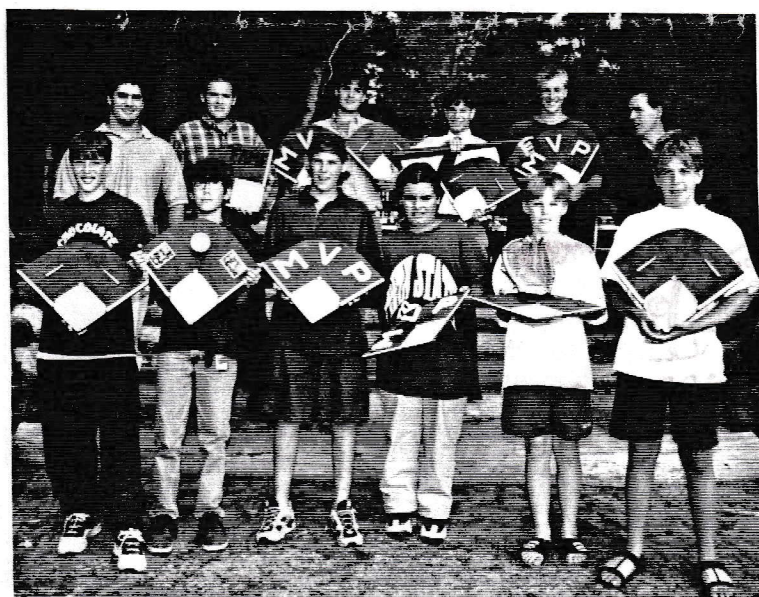
Early morning flag salute



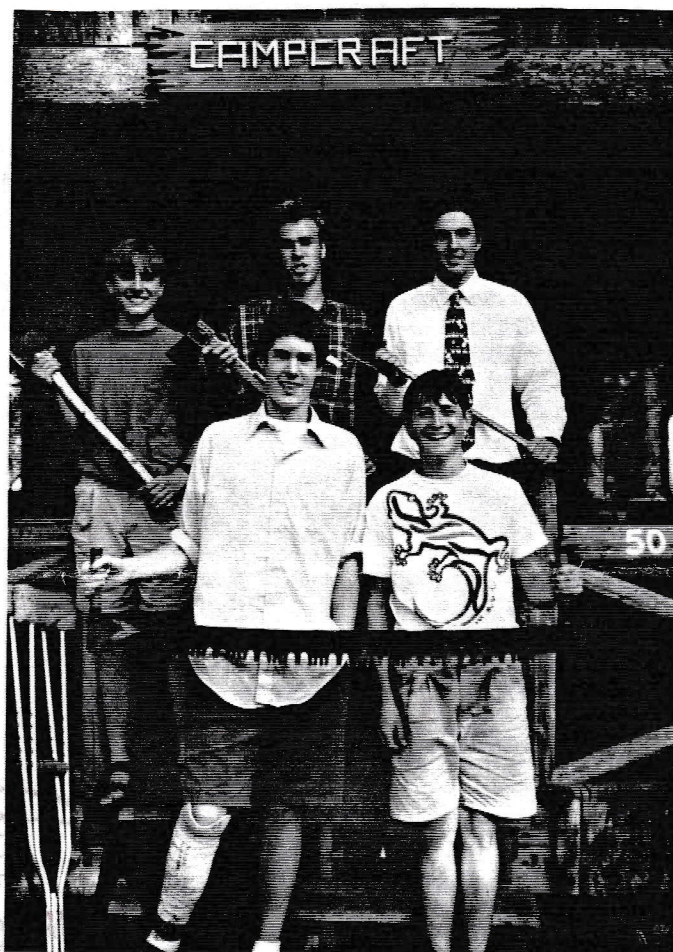
Dan Sharpe - The High Point
Winner



Is your Shop Project in this picture?



Baseball award winners



Congratulations to
Brad Comfort, Kurt Coursen,
Brian Jacobs, Tim Johnston,
Torrey Liddell
who earned Junior Maine Guide

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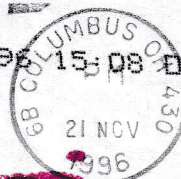
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