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ATTENTION PARENTS

COLUMBUS group

The boys who are flying to Columbus at the end of camp on Sunday, August 10th, will travel by chartered bus from Kawanhee to Boston. They will then fly non-stop on US Air flight # 1061 leaving Boston at 4:31 p.m. and arriving in Columbus at 6:33 p.m..

NEW JERSEY group

On Sunday, August 10th, the NJ group will fly from Portland to Newark on Continental flight #1979. The flight is scheduled to leave Portland at 1:38 p.m. and arrive in Newark at 3:05 p.m..



AMERIFEST '97 by Russ Jessen

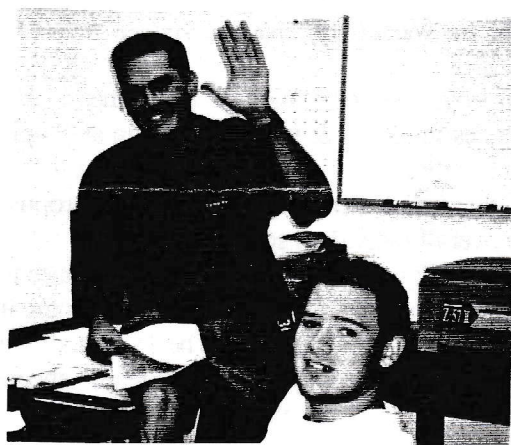
On July 4th, Kawanhee celebrated our country's independence with Amerifest '97.

Amerifest as one can interpret from the name is a festival containing many old-fashioned American staples, such as apple-bobbing, pie eating, and hula-hoop relay. All the fourteen lodges competed against one another in heated old-fashioned American fun. Highlights entailed Dizzy Pinetrees and Hawkateers after several baseball bat twirls, as well as whip cream faced Beaver and Moose lodgers trying to find hidden M&M candies at the bottom of their whip cream filled pie dishes. Judging by the many Kawanhee laughs and smiles, Amerifest guaranteed fun for all and will continue as an annual Kawanhee tradition.

GREY - MAROON TEAMS

Everyone is eager to know which team will be the winner for the 1997 season. B.A. Altmaier, chief scorekeeper, announced at the end of the 5th week of camp

that the Maroons had a slim margin over the Greys. However, the difference is still too close to even guess who the winner will be. On Saturday afternoon, August 9th, at the awards ceremony, B.A. will end the suspense and announce the victor! Maroon Captain, Torrey Liddell and his Assistant Captain, C.J. Clarke are betting Maroon. Grey Captain Brian Jacobs and his Assistant Captain, Jorge Marcial are confident the Greys will win. What is your guess??



Directors of Activities, Mark Nelson and Russ Jessen

MONHEGAN ISLAND by Jon Casto, Beaver Lodge

In the third week of camp arrives the famous Monhegan trip run by the Tripping Department. They ran two 3-day, 2-night trips that week to the island. Monhegan is a small island off the coast of Maine. The village on the island is mostly made up of artists and fishermen. The first day you get there, you walk up to the campsite on top of the hill next to the lighthouse. I would like to mention that Kawanhee is the only group of persons allowed to camp on the island. Once we are oriented, we will head to dinner that evening at the Trailing Yew (a bed & breakfast) for dinner. After dinner that evening, you are free to wander the island village. In this free time you can see the most beautiful sunset of your life.

The second day we go to the Trailing Yew for breakfast at 7:00 a.m.. For the second day the group will split in two groups morning and afternoon. The two activities that day are hiking around the island and deep sea fishing on the Equinox with its captain Zoe. Also that day is the tie-dyeing of T-shirts. The last and final day you wake up, take down camp, and have breakfast. That morning a choice to go to Manana Island (Monhegan's sister island) or Cathedral Woods or pebble beach is your decision. Then you say good-bye to the island until next year.

RIFLERY TOURNAMENT by Betty Simanek

On July 22, Camp Kawanhee participated in a riflery tournament at Camp Caribou. Six camps were represented, each with an age 12 & under team, and a 15 & under team. Representatives from Kawanhee were:

12 & under:

Brandon Jiaconia, Jeronimo Velarde, Fernando Martos

15 & under:

Mike Pierson, Jim Wallingford, Francisco Sanchez, Steven Jovic

Our boys were outstanding. Kawanhee took 3 of the top 6 places in the 12 & under coming in at 2nd place, even though our three boys were competing against four in each of the other teams. Jeronimo Velarde won a trophy for 2nd place in overall individual scoring.

In the 15 & under competition, the Kawanhee team took 4 of the top 6 scores, with Mike Pierson coming in at 2nd in the overall individual scoring. The 15 & under team took the 1st place trophy for the team shooting. Congratulations to our Kawanhee riflemen!

THE #1 ARCHERY TEAM by Brian Kim, Deer Lodge

On July 11th, at 6:00 a.m., the Camp Kawanhee archers left for Camp Caribou's Archery Tournament. I was a little nervous, but I knew our archers would prevail over the other camps. The competition was between Camp Kawanhee, Camp Caribou, Camp Androscoggin, Camp Laurel, and Camp Cabbossee. I should also let you know that Camp Kawanhee and Camp Caribou have been serious rivals for a very long time.

There were twelve Kawanhee archers participating in the tournament. The counselors that led us to victory were Chuck Compher, Amy Spencer, and Jason Gardner. At the end, Camp Kawanhee overcame the obstacles and beat Camp Caribou and three other camps. The inter-camp

tournament was exciting, and all the contenders shot very well. The archers saw the competition between Kawanheen Nate Duncan and Adam White from another camp; and the competition between Ricardo Velarde, Alex Smith, and James Chagaris. Everyone shot well and that was how we reigned over all the camps.

It's also important to note that Camp Kawanhee won 6 out of 7 trophies. Here are the trophies we won: 1st place 15 & under; 1st place 15 & under overall; 1st place 12 & under; 2nd place 12 & under; 1st 12 & under overall; and finally overall team champions.

Here are the statistics of the tournament: In the 15 & under, Nate Duncan scored 262 at 30m, 276 at 20m, and his total was 538. Sean Duncan had 241 at 30m, 262 at 20m, and 503 was his total. Ramon Gaztambide had 221 at 30m, 242 at 20m, and 463 total. Dan Crane 224 at 30m, 259 at 20m, and 483 total. Enrique Amerigo had 218 at 30m, 199 at 20m, and 417 total. Rodrigo Valderrabano had 197 at 30m, 228 at 20m, and 425 total.

The 12 & under scores were: Ricardo Velarde with 217 at 30m, 246 at 20m, and 463 total. Juan Carlos Velasquez had 161 at 30m, 232 at 20m, and 393 total. I had a 159 at 30m, 225 at 20m, and 384 total. Alex Smith had 234 at 30m, 212 at 20m, and 446 total. Rees Alexander had 144 at 30m, 201 at 20m, and 345 total. Finally, James Chagaris had a 198 at 30m, 252 at 20m, and 450 total.

Once again, with our overall championship teams, Kawanhee proved to be the best archery camp in Maine!



Nate Duncan- 15 & under champion (left)
Ricardo Velarde -12 & under champion (right)

SEA KAYAKING by Conor Branch, Lynx Lodge

"Wake up! Wake up! were the sounds that I heard early Monday, July 14 as counselor, Al Spencer shook my bed. "It's too early", I mumbled as I stumbled out of bed. A little groggy and very tired, we all piled into a red van. After a 3 ½ hour drive, when it seemed like we couldn't drive any further, we pulled up into a closed motel. No sooner did the van pull into the parking lot, they (all nine of the rowdy campers) were all over climbing the kayak rack selecting kayaks that they thought were best for them. "This one's mine, this one's mine" we all yelled. Our guide, Tom, quietly ended the quarrel by reminding us that all of the kayaks were his. We gave him a brief summary of all our kayaking experience (he was quite impressed). We then proceeded to pile back into the vans and drove to the beach we would launch from. After unloading all the kayaks and loading them with gear, we were ready to embark on an adventure that we would not soon forget.

We paddled around for a while just getting used to the boats, then we paddled for a mile or two until we reached a sandbar where we had lunch. After lunch we paddled three more miles to an island that would be our home for the next few days. We landed on a white shell beach in a place where the water was all but Carribean until you felt the temperature. We explored the island and the rules that would apply while we were on it, but then it was all fun and games until bedtime.

I awoke the next morning at 5:00 a.m. to learn the wind was blowing off the northeast at 15 knots. It was going to be a rough day of paddling. We launched from the beach nearly tipping over from the size of the waves. We made a crossing that took us forty-five minutes. Well, we finally made it to our destination, Isle au Haut. Upon arriving, we visited the general store to buy a much needed infusion of junk food. Thanks to some smart thinking by Al, we caught a ferry that would take us to some of the best views in Maine.

After the hike, we all expected to be ferried back to the wharf, but were alarmed to find out that we would have to hike 4.5 miles back to our boats. After the hike and a quick lunch, we were back in the boats for the second part of our day. We were given the challenge by Tom to navigate ourselves to Wheat Island. During the challenge, the group broke up: half went one way and the other half went the other way. In the end, we figured out that the people who are the loudest are not necessarily always right. The saying you are only as strong as the weakest link became real to me. When the next day came and we were given a similar circumstance, we worked as a team and completed the task at hand. To me, this demonstrated an increase in maturity and listening ability.

In conclusion, the trip was a huge success! Everyone had a great time and learned a little more about themselves and those around us. We all came out a little smarter and a lot wiser.

THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

by Eduardo Saldana, Wildcat Lodge

The White Mountain trip was a four-day hiking challenge (July 21-24). This year we were hiking Mount Washington (the highest mountain in New Hampshire). On the trip, there were two junior counselors, seven campers, and four senior counselors in the Tripping Department. We left Monday from camp and came back Thursday. Monday we set up our tents, Tuesday went hiking, Wednesday went hiking again, and Thursday left for camp. On Tuesday we woke up at 3 in the morning; it was dark and very cold. We left our campsite around 4:30 a.m. and got to the parking lot at Mount Washington around 5:00 a.m.. The sun was starting to rise when we began our hike. Mount Washington, 6,288 feet, is known for its bad weather and even winter deaths of hikers.

During the hike our two groups took different trails. When we got to the point that we separated, the junior counselors, two campers, and leaders, Tim Johnston and Dan Webster went on the Huntington Ravine Trail. The rest went with Al Spencer, John Conant, and Kurt Coursen (other trip leaders) on the Tuckerman Ravine Trail. On the Tuckerman Ravine Trail, we saw snow and had a snowball fight. When we got to the top, it was windy. We ate at a restaurant. When we started to go down, the people that were on the Tuckerman Ravine Trail went on the Lion Head, and the other Kawanhee hikers on the Huntington Ravine Trail went down on Tuckerman Ravine Trail. We stopped hiking at 5:30 p.m.. That night a bear came into our campsite - he found a couple of backpacks with candy bars and proceeded to try and get them. John Conant heard the bear and scared him off. We went hiking and stopped at waterfalls. Next day we went cliff diving there. Then we got back to camp, tired but happy.

KAWANHEE'S TENNIS TEAM TAKES 2 OUT OF 3 CHAMPION TITLES by Debra Brown

Kawanhee's Tennis Team went to Camp Caribou on August 1st for their invitational tournament. Six camps were there in all with three age levels 15 & under, 13 & under, and 10 & under. The team this year consisted of 12 players. All young men were chosen for their outstanding tennis abilities as well as sportsmanship and team spirit.

The players this year were:

15 & under: Steven Jovic, David Jovic, Enrique Amerigo

13 & under: Carlos Amerigo, Tito Frigola, John Kelly (singles)
Juan Carlos Velasquez and Fernando Martos (doubles)
Jim Crane and Jeronimo Velarde (doubles)

10 & under: Jose deHaro (singles)
Jose deHaro and Angel Valderas (doubles)

The 1997 Tennis team came home with the Championship in the 15 & under division and the 10 & under division. Steven Jovic with his powerful serve and precise net game won the 15 & under singles title defeating Cabbossee and Caribou making it to the semifinals to play against his brother, David Jovic. David won both 1st and 2nd round matches with his powerful baseline shots and fast feet. Steven went on to the finals beating Robinhood #1 player for the title with a tight 8-7 finish.

Enrique Amerigo and David Jovic teamed up to represent Kawanhee 15 & under in doubles. They were a smooth moving, fast paced duo. They made it to the semifinals with some awesome points. The 13 & unders had a tough match up. John Kelly lost in the quarterfinals giving his all after winning a long grueling 1st round match.

The surprise of the day was the 10 & under. Jose deHaro, although small, has great stamina, playing 65 games in all to take home the 10 & under singles title and made it to the semifinals in doubles with his buddy Angel Valderas. Playing game after game without a break, Jose is our MVP for this tournament.

What a great day! Co-directors Deb Brown and Mike Altmaier and Junior Counselor, Nacho Prieto were very proud! Let's win all three next year.

Bien Hecho (good job!)

WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A GIRL AT KAWANHEE

by Anna Spencer, age 7

It's fun to be a girl at Kawanhee. It's sort of like having 150 brothers. Most of the boys are nice to me. I go to lots of activities. I like nature the best because there's lots to do there. My favorite thing is lapidary. I also like to watch wrestling 'cuz there's lots of action and I can knock down George Moore (Wrestling Dept. counselor) when he's playing easy on me. I hope I can come here until I'm at least 9 or 10. If I have to leave Kawanhee, then I might go to a girls' camp because I like coming to Maine.

Note: Anna's parents are Kawanhee counselors. Father Al is co-director of the Tripping Department, and mother Amy is co-director of Archery.

— AS KAWANHEE TURNS

Adam Cook is now a graduate of Columbus Academy and will be a "Mainer" starting this fall at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. Congratulations, Adam! Former camper, Peter Kelly recently won the national championship in squash in his group (boys under age 19) - and has been asked to teach squash this summer besides chaperoning squash trips for younger boys to tournaments — wonderful, Peter. Brother John is in his third season with us. Former camper and counselor Tom Benua won the Morton Cup at the annual golf tournament at the Lakes Country Club in Columbus, Ohio. A letter from Stefan Wagner regretting he couldn't be at camp this summer, but hopes to return next year - wants us to send him Wigwam newsletters — we will do that. Todd Fichter is another recent graduate and will attend St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont. James E. Alexander of 619 Galecrest Lane, Somerset, PA 15501 visited camp with his wife — Mr. Alexander was a camper here 70 years ago. He has many fond memories of camp and enjoyed taking a tour. Former Captain, counselor, and camper, Dr. John Duncan had a fascinating article in the February issue of Life magazine concerning his delicate and special surgery on an 11-year old boy who will now lead a normal life. John's father, Jock Duncan, was in camp, also John's two brothers, and now John has three sons in camp, Sean, Matt, and Chris. Ferd Schoedinger, III (former camper and counselor) and wife, Kate Estabrook Schoedinger are proud parents of Ferd IV born June 2nd. They also have a daughter, Liza, age 3. Both Liza and Ferd IV will be on water skis very soon! The Schoedingers will have a mini-Kawanhee reunion next week at Weare, NH. with D.L. and Diane Long, Chip and Marianne Trayner, Chris Meehan (now a resident of Henicker, NH as he is teaching at New England College), and Keith and Louisa Erf. Will and Ed Fleming are visiting Jamie Robinson and camp. Nick Gill and Hank Hiser played softball at camp while visiting Mark and Liz Standen, and Mark and Julie Sengelmann. Both the Standens and the Senglemanns are Maine residents. Their sons, Jed Standen and Peter Sengelmann are campers here. Ben Bennett who worked in Shop with Herb Birch sent a good note and his best wishes to everyone.

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Our May Wigwam listed contributors as of that time, and since then the following persons on the next page have made donations to the Kawanhee Foundation, and we are happy to express our thanks to them.

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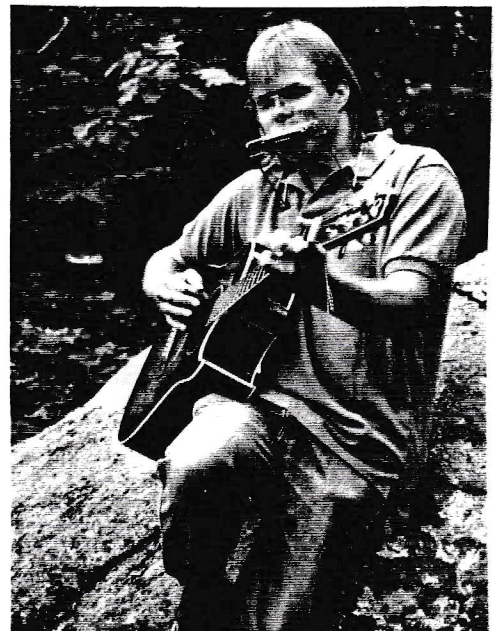
Seasons come and seasons go, yet not every one comes back. They stay away from a powerful place which was once a part of them. But this power does not fade away into the night, but it calls quietly to them. In the dead of night, they yearn to return. And many do. Kawanhee is a powerful place which calls to our bodies, minds, and souls. It leaves a hole during the winter months — a cold

and empty space which only a call from an old camper, a letter from a bunkmate, or the glorious sight of a perfect Kawanhee sunset can fill. Kawanhee has one of the highest return rates in Maine. Maybe it is because during the weeks, an unheard of bond appears between people. Kawanhee could be as close to Eden as it gets. I love this place with all my heart and soul. May there always be a Kawanhee.

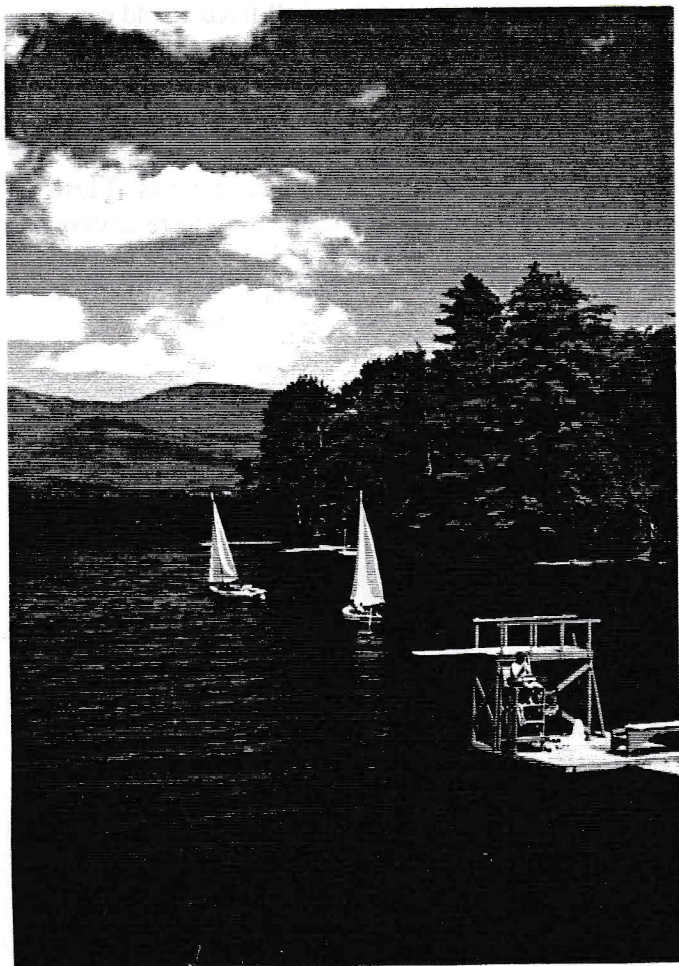
By: The voice of Lake Webb



Picnic Supper at Kawanhee



Former camper and counselor, Chris Yardley playing in the Sunday church service.



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