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KAWANHEE #1 ARCHERY CAMP IN MAINE!!

by Amy Spencer

On Saturday, July 11, 1998, Camp Kawanhee competed against five other camps in the Caribou Invitational Archery Tournament. Both our 13 and under and our 15 and under teams won their divisions as Kawanhee swept away with the first place team trophies. In addition, Ryan Nuanes, age 12, earned a first place individual trophy with a combined score of 445, shooting at distances of 20 and 30 meters. Team members, selected on the basis of archery ladder scores, were:

12 and under

Ryan Nuanes
Angel Valderas
Matt Duncan
Karl Kremling
Sam Hoffman
Matt Brown

15 and under

Joey Clarke
Nate Duncan
Chris Proctor
Sean Duncan
Enrique Alvarez-Sala
Ramon Gaztambide



Congratulations to the Kawanhee Archery Teams!!

MUSIC VESPERS

On Sunday, July 5, Kawanhee was treated to a wonderful Sunday evening musical vespers. Several campers and staff members volunteered to entertain the entire camp population.

The marvelous evening included guitar playing and singing from Dan Keating, a few piano solos from Jamie Strawbridge, a clarinet solo from George Pingeon, additional

piano solos from Gregor Hoffman and Devereux Smith, and a unique Japanese song from Noburo Akimoto. The evening ended with some original songs from Corey Smolnik and Keri Racicot. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

KAWANHEE PAINTS THE TOWN

Junior Counselors and Counselors in Training (CIT's) are having an unusually challenging summer due to a rigorous schedule of assisting activities, lodge counseling, and community service projects. During the week of July 6, The JC's and CIT's volunteered to scrape and paint the Weld Historical Society building. Weld, which was originally named Webb Settlement in 1797, was named in honor of Benjamin Weld, one of the first settlers. The Historical Society building is one of the older buildings in Weld and contains memorabilia from as long ago as the 1800's.

The Junior Counselors were so busy at camp they needed to meet members from the Weld community on their day off in order to complete this project on time as agreed. Earlier in the week, the CIT's prepared the building for painting by scraping, sanding, and trimming weeds where necessary. Shutters were removed and to the surprise of everyone two sleeping bats were discovered attached to the building. They slowly began waking and crawling while spreading their wings. After a few minutes the two bats flew off to find another cool shady spot to spend the day.

Nutritious and enjoyable lunches were provided for everyone by the Weld townspeople who were present. Some even shared very old photographs and first hand accounts from the early years of Kawanhee. Sean Minear, president of the Weld Historical Society, directed the project from start to finish. Paint, ladders, and other supplies were provided for the workers while some equipment was borrowed from Kawanhee.

Mark Nelson, Director of Activities at Kawanhee and Dan Keating, Director of the JC/CIT program, supervised the boys and worked throughout the project to ensure a complete and professional job. To the satisfaction of everyone, the building was finished on time as expected. Once again, the citizens of Weld and representatives from Kawanhee collaborated enthusiastically on a project which was beneficial for everyone involved as well as the many people who are expected to visit the Weld Historical Society in the near future.



VOLLEYBALL

Nuke'um

The Volley Balls

Alexander, Dan
Branch, Spencer
Carson, Ned
Aldrich, Adam
Aldrich, Alexander
Branch, Trevor
Aldrich, Ted
Crane, David
Duncan, Chris

The Irish Setters

Dunn, Alexander
Gimbel, River
Hoffman, Gregor
Fortunato, Matthew
Sanchez, Alex
Servitje, Sebastian
Colonna, Ben
Connelly, Benedict
Kremling, Karl

Mikasa (My House)

Carson, Sam
Gimbel, Hunter
Guerra, Gustavo
Standen, Alex
Valderas, Angel
Madera, Ricardo
Michaels, Bobby
Morgan, Benjamin
Ruhle, Jeff

Side Outers

MacPhail, Alastair
Smith, Devereux
Tice, Mason
Lastra, Juan
Murgel, Joshua
Spencer, Andrew
Mueller, Zachary
Nering, Alex
Robinson, Michael

13 and under

Middle Backs

Cambo, Lucas
Hoffman, Samuel
Kelly, John
Standen, Jed
Yen, Peter

Strong Siders

Martinez, Jose
Servitje, Patricio
Schroeder, Scott
Altmaier, Andrew
Zamacola, Alvaro

Lefties

Arrieta, Alex
Crane, Jim
Kubanik, Richard
Lacayo, Ronald

Line Judges

Luken, Scott
Lyons, Benjamin
Draskovits, Thomas
Garcia, Gabriel
Caso, Jose

Pancakes

Duncan, Matt
Estabrook, Ben
Galiana, Javier
MacPhail, Cameron
Mesanero, Borja

Right Handers

Connelly, Robert
Cook, Frank
Marcial, Jose
Pingeon, George
Chagaris, James

Team Six

Tice, Collin
Martos, Fernando
McGee, Matthew
Chapin, Scott

Spike and Boys

Alexander, Rees
Brown, Matt
Davis, Ryan
Lenard, Mike
Patierno, Collin

Jump Servers

Baird, Tyler
Nevares, Rodrigo
Nuanes, Ryan
Vassallo, Emilio
Wilson, Matt

Moon Balls

Ramirez, Tristan
Ricour, Maxime
Sengelmann, Peter
Snedaker, Ben
Strawbridge, Tripp

15 and Under

Jump Set

Strawbridge, Jaime
Proctor, Chris
Duncan, Nate
Watson, Ed
Duncan, Sean

Side Setters

Ford, Sean
Marcial, Javier
Akimoto, Naboru
Lastra, Jaime
Muther, Adam

Rally Caps

Reed, Dan
Burbine, Andy
Jovic, David
Engel, Hadrian
Abbott, Jeff

Nomads

Jones, Jake
Charuit, Edouard
Pierson, Mike
Aldrich, Spencer
Kuhn, Lukas

Off The Nets

Alexander, Will
Marcial, Eduardo
Branch, Connor
Osar, Dan
Werhahn, Michael

Beach Bums

Casto, Jon
Crane, Dan
Sharpe, Dan
Amerigo, Carlos
Torralba, Eduardo

Sons of Sun

Alvarez- Sala, Enrique
Forbes, James
Marti, Pablo
Soares, Javier

50 Rocks

Ryan, Chris
Barry, Chris
Rubio, Javier
Clarke, Joey
Saldana, Eduardo

Sand Piles

Tremblay, Etienne
Alvarez-Sala, Luis
Natte, Ed
Martin, Gabriel
Gaztambide, Ramon

Tachikara In Your Eye

Fraleigh, George
Frigola, Tito
Tillett, Tom
Erbs, Christian
Jaramillo, Steve



A volleyball match in action!!



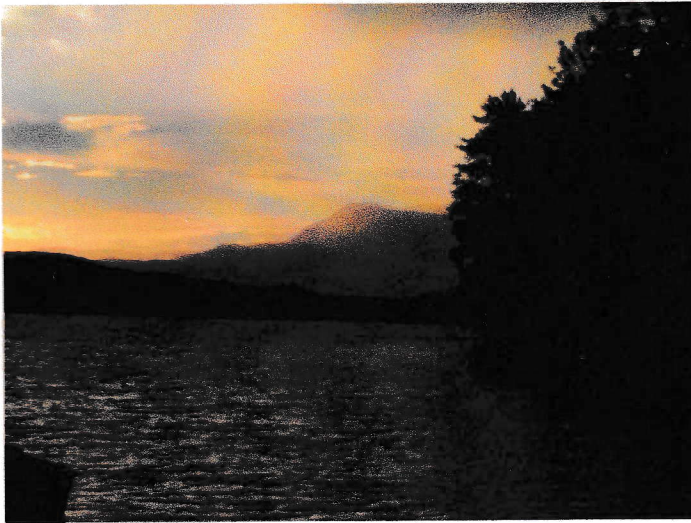
Kawanhee Little League game in the evening

LAKE WEBB by Ben Estabrook (Deer Lodge)

The cool, clean water laps at my feet as the reds, yellows, and oranges of the sun's last rays disappear behind the gap in the majestically rising mountain down the lake in the rocky narrows at the end of the lake. Fish leap into the air as the stream that drains the lake bubbles through the wilderness. The woods are alive with the sounds of the creatures, deer walking through the leaf covered ground not making a noise and avoiding the sticks that lay on the dirt path. A chipmunk busily chatters as it eats an acorn. An occasional moose will step out of the woods to take a drink in the lake, or nibble at the sweet blueberries in the vast field filled with them. Robins, sparrows and other birds sing high in the tree tops as a hawk circles over the whole scene.

At the lake I can paddle through the crystal waters of the lake in a canoe or kayak making ripples as the paddle touches the water. I stop and raise my fishing pole and cast it out in the clear water. Moments later, I feel a jerk and then reel in the fish. It is too small to keep so I throw it back. Its silvery body glints in the sun as it gracefully swims off. I go back to shore and go to the huge blueberry field where I can sit in one spot for hours picking the sweet, plumb blueberries and tossing them into my mouth.

At night I can go up to a clearing listening to the hoot of an owl. Then I sit down on a log in front of a blazing fire and watch it flicker up to the starry nighttime sky.



A spectacular sunset over Lake Webb!!

THE WONDERFUL MONHEGAN TRIP

Article 1 - by Rodrigo Nevares (Birch Lodge)

We arrived at four o'clock on the Elizabeth Ann boat at Monhegan Island. From then on, we hiked up to our camping area by the lighthouse. Then we got our allowances and walked to the stores in town. When we got back, it was time for lights out.

The next morning after breakfast, we hiked to the shipwreck called "The Sheridan" and then over to the Whitehead cliffs. In the afternoon, we went deep-sea fishing. All of the boys came back with at least three or more fish. On our second day, we hiked up to Pebble Beach. Then it was time catch the boat home. Everyone seemed to enjoy their trip to Monhegan Island.

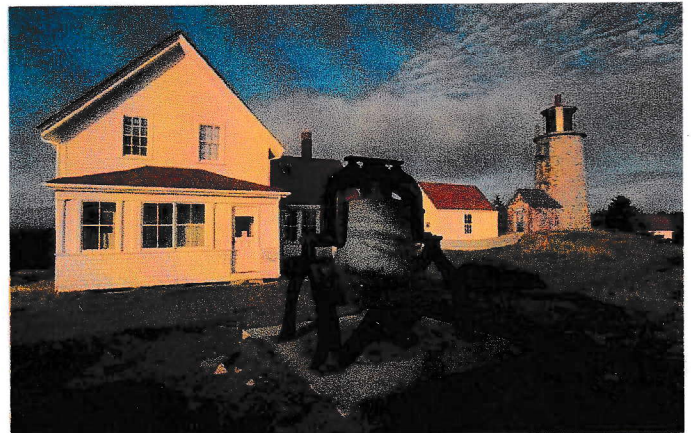
Article 2 - by Jeff Ruhle (Hawk Lodge)

The Monhegan trip was a very fun trip. The boat ride was enjoyable because the captain was nice and friendly. He let everyone drive the boat for a short period of time. When we got to the island, the tripping leaders, Dan Webster, Al Spencer, Matt Hawthorne, and Tim Johnston hired a truck to take our baggage to a field next to the lighthouse. Since there was not enough room in the truck for everyone, we all had to hike up the road to the field. Once we got to the field, we played games while the tripping leaders set up the tents. When the tents were set up, we made tent groups and chose our tents. We walked down to a Bed and Breakfast named the Trailing Yew. We had a choice of chicken or codfish for our evening meal.

The next day after breakfast, we got split into two groups: one to go deep-sea fishing; and one to explore a shipwreck, to hike, and to tie-die shirts. The shipwreck was an old tugboat that didn't see the island and ran ashore. The deep-sea fishing trips were very successful, especially the second one. During the first two spots that the boat tried, only a few fish were caught. But the third spot we tried had a school of mackerel and a lot of small fish that could be used as bait. With 10 people fishing, we caught half a three-gallon container full of mackerel (with no water included)!

During the last half day at Monhegan, we went on a hike out to the cliff named Whitehead and split into two groups. One group would hike the perimeter of the island and the other group would take an easier hike.

Since I liked the trip so much I can guarantee that I will be going back next year. I am sure all of the other boys feel the same way, too.



The Lighthouse on Monhegan Island

IMPRESSIONS OF A CAMP NURSE

by Kate Branch

This is my first summer being a camp nurse at Camp Kawanhee! I have been fortunate to bring my three boys to camp – only one of which has been here before.

After a wonderful welcome and orientation by experienced camp nurse, Lucy Ramsey, I have started to learn the routine, traditions, and offerings of the camp, as have my boys.

It has been a lot of fun to watch the campers at all their activities. Some highlights, this far, have been "The Coming of the Chief" and "Amerifest".

It has been a pleasure to meet the staff and boys here. I've enjoyed the weekly campfires and watching the campers achieve new levels each week.

Life in the infirmary can be very busy and I am glad to be able to contribute in my own way to "the Kawanhee experience".

THEATRE AT KAWANHEE

by Keri Racicot and Corey Smolnik

This is the first time theatre has been offered at camp for many years, and we are very proud and honored to be able to present it to such an enthusiastic group. We have been teaching the fundamentals of theatre, everything from mime to being a character and making a scene with other kids. The response has been overwhelming! The turnout has been fantastic and we are so proud of each and every camper that has come out and given it a try. Our first show will be an improvisational show, with games and lots of silliness. Everything said is completely spur of the moment, and spawned from the creativity of their young minds. It's going to be a lot of fun and we are looking forward to getting these kids up in front of their peers...it's a whole different world when you have an audience! Our second show is a cutting from a play called; The Complete Wrks of Wllm Shkspr (abridged). It involves much of what Shakespeare wrote with a bit of a twist, in the sense that it is a spoof. We are going to get as many campers that want to be involved up on the stage for their moment in the spotlight. It's going to be a great show and we'd like to thank everyone for all their support in getting this "show on the road." It's been a real treat to work with these kids. It's amazing how much can be learned from the young.

On the side ...

We have been teaching Swing dancing to the campers and counselors, and it has been a blast! We crank up the tunes and clear out the floor over at Campcraft and dance until we can't dance anymore...or at least until Taps!



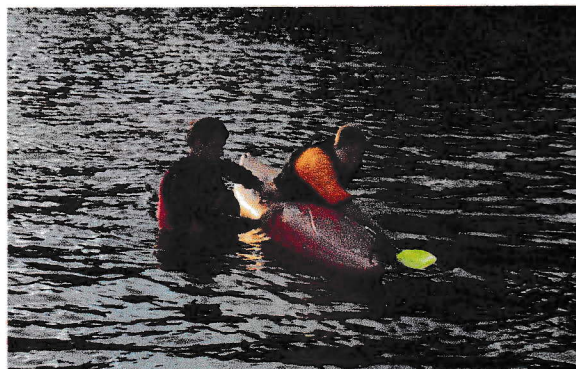
Gabriel Garcia and Jim Crane after the whipped cream pie eating contest at the Amerifest

SEA KAYAKING TRIP

by Robbie Connelly and George Pingeon (Lynx Lodge)

This year, the sea kayaking trip was enjoyed by all its members (tripping counselors Al Spencer and Dan Webster; campers Andy Burbine and Mike Pierson from Badger Lodge; George Pingeon and Robbie Connelly from Lynx Lodge; and finally Kris Simanek and our guide, Phill). Our five senses were absolutely satisfied all through the length of the trip. The beauty of the Maine coast charmed our sight. The odor of the ocean charmed our smell. The sound of wildlife charmed our hearing. The delicious meals charmed our taste. The feeling of our cozy sleeping bags at night charmed our touch.

Monday, we paddled down to Wheat Island with our loaded kayaks. We settled there, spent some time looking at wildlife in tide pools and relaxing. On Tuesday, we paddled down to York Island where we found a beach full of mussels. We even took the mussels back to our camping area and had them with dinner. On the third day, we woke up early to get an early start back since we had a long drive ahead of us. Everyone had a wonderful time and we encourage more people to come next year.



Working on kayaking skills at Lake Webb



Why are you here at Camp Kawanhee? For sports? For water activities? For woodworking and shop? If you are here for only these reasons, then you are not receiving the full impact of a summer here at camp. There are hundreds of places you could go for such activities.

I come back year after year for different reasons, which are not some secret to be hidden. They are the driving force that keeps me coming back. What are my reasons you ask? Well, they are really very simple.

It is the kind words of an old friend, and the companionship of a new one. At home, people and friends aren't quite as golden or real as my friends here at camp. Here we live and eat with each other. We share the good news, as well as, the bad. I love my camp friends like members of my own family. I know they feel the same way.

What we are to be, we are now becoming. I hope I am becoming a better friend.

--- The Voice of Lake Webb

FROM KAWANHEE'S 1937 ARCHIVES

The following verses were popular in the late 1930 era when our Camp Director, Walter Estabrook, was camper and lodge counselor. The verses were composed by The Reverend Hal Myers, another former lodge counselor and camper. At that time Hal was a counselor of the old Pole Cat Lodge (now Panther Lodge). We share the verses with you below:

CHORUS

(follows each verse)

Pole Cats, Pole Cats
Are winning the chocolate bar, the bar.
Pole Cats, Pole Cats.
Oh how hungry we are!

1st Verse

Freddy LeVeque, he is handsome.
He's the handsomest boy in this camp.
And when he goes out with his girl friend,
His face lights up like a lamp.

2nd Verse

Wambaugh's not much of a singer;
His voice on the high notes is dry;
But Don doesn't have any trouble
He never attempts to sing high.

3rd Verse

Now Towt is the laziest fellow
He never does work if he can.
He wanders in late for inspection.
Oh he is a mighty slow man.

4th Verse

Old Huntington never writes letters
The number he writes is quite few
Sundays and Wednesdays are awful
Cause that's when his letters are due.

5th Verse

Beebe's a jolly old fellow.
He giggles and laughs all the time.
We're sorry that he has to leave us.
How will we make this one rhyme?

6th Verse

The mouth organ is played by Battelle.
The wierdest of tunes he does make.
If he keeps up this kind of racket
We'll throw him right into the lake.

7th Verse

Ed Tulloss won't send any laundry
His trousers are one mass of dirt.
If Eddy won't send out his laundry,
He soon will be wearing a skirt.

8th Verse

Now last but not least our Richard.
He's the biggest Don Juan in the camp.
The girls from the Inn all adore him.
He's becoming a regular vamp.

KAWANHEE TRIVIA

See if you can answer these questions about Camp Kawanhee!

- 1) What department did Mr. Birch work in when he first came to Kawanhee?
- 2) In the early days of Kawanhee the youngest campers were not called Jr. C's. What were they called?
- 3) What Kawanhee family has had four members become Captains in different years?
- 4) In the early days of Kawanhee, there was a very organized fishing derby held every year. Every type of fish that could be caught in Lake Webb was worth a certain number of points. Which fish was worth the most points?
- 5) In the very early days of Kawanhee, a trip to town was organized every evening for campers and staff. What was the purpose of this daily trip?
- 6) On August 8th, many campers will win a plaque, ribbon, or a trophy at the awards ceremony. Believe it or not in the 1930's it was possible to win a cash award at the banquet for something. It was called the Samuel Fesseden Clark Award. What was it given for?
- 7) What activity that you often find at girls' camps was a popular activity at Kawanhee in its early days?
- 8) What member of the 1998 Kawanhee staff is an Eagle scout and once headed up Kawanhee's complete scouting program?
- 9) If you listed Kawanhee's lodges alphabetically, which lodge would be last in the list?
- 10) The Dining Hall has flags for each lodge. Which lodge has a flag in the Dining Hall, but has not had campers in the lodge for several years?
- 11) What year was the only time the Maroon-Grey competition ended in a tie?
- 12) In 1949, how much did boys get for allowance at Kawanhee?
- 13) The camp catalog of the 1930's told campers that the only clothes they would need from home were the ones they wore on the trip to camp. Why was this?
- 14) Through the 1940's Kawanhee had a pre and post camp for slightly reduced rates. The catalog in 1949 even mentions that some boys stayed until mid-September for a special reason (I guess schools were understanding!). Why did some boys stay until mid-September?
- 15) In the early days of Kawanhee, what was the space underneath the shop used for?

JULY 4TH AMERIFEST

This year's excitement, fun, and sportsmanship have not been matched before, during the 4th of July America festival (Amerifest). Maroon and Grey games matched Kawanhee's finest against themselves in good spirited, festive competition. Games such as small pie eating, whipped cream pie eating, bobbing for apples, doughnut-eating, change-and-flex, hula-hoop relay, fill the pitcher, and dizzy-izzy were divided up by lodge.

With points for their respective teams at stake all present tried their hardest. In the small pie eating contest, campers were challenged to finish a pie with only the use of their mouths. In the words of Sam Carson "they have more apple pie on their face than in their stomachs!" The Greys won the challenging competition over the Maroons with the score of 5 to 4.

**Whipped
Cream Pie
Eating
Contest!!!!**



Answers to Kawanhee Trivia

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| 1) Campcraft | 9) Wildcat |
| 2) Midgets | 10) Eagle |
| 3) The Compher family | 11) 1948 |
| 4) Lake Trout | 12) 25 cents |
| 5) To get the mail | 13) The camp provided uniforms |
| 6) Best Wildflower collection | 14) Boys suffered from hayfever |
| 7) Horseback Riding | 15) Parking garage |
| 8) Herb Birch | |

CAMP KAWANHEE FOUNDATION

We are very appreciative of those who contribute to the Foundation, and we would like to list the names of those who have made a donation since our June 1998 issue.

John and Ann Abbott (In memory of Charles E. Abbott)

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Dr. James C. Murphy

Beth L. and Steven C. Ruhle

Judith Wahrenberger

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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