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By the beginning of February, Kawanhee's 1999 enrollment reached 78 boys, and this means that there is room for another 70 to 75 campers. PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR APPLICATION PROMPTLY if you 're planning to be with us this summer. Last spring it was necessary to decline admission to a few campers because we had no space. The list of boys already enrolled is shown below, and if you are not included, let Mr. Walter Estabrook, Mr. Herb Birch, or Mr. Mark Nelson hear from you soon. KAWANHEE CALLS!!!!

Jeffrey Abbott
Adam Aldrich
Alexander Aldrich
Ted Aldrich
Carlos Amerigo
Conor Branch
Spencer Branch
Trevor Branch
Michael Brothers
Gavin Cadwallader
Ned Carson
Sam Carson
Jon Casto
James Chagaris
Scott Chapin
Ben Colonna
Clay McCance Colonna
Benedict Connelly
Robert Connelly
Frank Cook
William Dargusch
Ryan Davis
Chris Duncan
Matt Duncan
Nate Duncan
Sean Duncan

Alexander Dunn
Alex Dyer
Christopher Engel
Hadrian Engel
Ben Estabrook
Matthew Fortunato
Matthew Gerity
Hunter Gimbel
River Gimbel
Gregor Hoffman
Samuel Hoffman
Steven Jaramillo
David Jovic
John Kelly
Karl Kremling
Michael Lenard
Alexander F. Lowe
Scott Luken
Benjamin Lyons
Gabriel Martin
Andrew A. McElwee
Matthew McGee
Bobby Michaels
Benjamin Morgan
Jay Morris
Zachary Mueller

Joshua Murgel
Ryan Nuanes
Daniel Osar
Collin Patierno
Mike Pierson
George Pingeon
Javier Rubio
Jeff Ruhle
Chris Ryan
Zachary Schiewetz
Matt Schroeder
Scott Schroeder
John Sengelmann
Peter Sengelmann
Ben Snedaker
Andrew Spencer
Drew Stafford
Will Stafford
Alex Standen
Jed Standen
Jamie Strawbridge
Tripp Strawbridge
Tom Tillett
Eduardo Torralba
Michael Werhahn
Matthew Wilson

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

The long awaited Camp Kawanhee web site is finally here!!! The web site address is listed below:

<http://www.kawanhee.com>

ENJOY IT!!

KAWANHEE FRIENDS

by Karl Kremling, Hawk Lodge, age 11

There are hundreds of nice kids at Camp Kawanhee in Weld, Maine. They come from all over the world. My favorite thing about camp is that I can speak German with the other Germans.

I really like that no one makes fun of anybody else. If you do, you get thrown out of camp! Last year a kid did get kicked out for that reason! It's also nice that you really get to know your counselors and everybody else in your lodge. The counselors are interesting guys. They tell us about all kinds of experiences, but the best may be that they tell scary stories.

We also get to do activities with our lodgemates. Some of the good ones are archery, canoeing, sailing, and campcraft. Our lodge works like a team. When one of us gets homesick (it happens to the best of us), we don't laugh at that person; we are even nicer to him and try to be understanding and comfort him.

One of my favorite rewards at camp is going on an overnight. Overnights don't happen automatically. We have to earn them one by one by not failing inspection and not arguing with each other. Inspection is when we have to clean our lodge. After we have cleaned, the "inspector" comes and rates how well we have done. Here are the ratings: "Special Mention," "Pass," or "Fail." When we do get to go on overnight, we canoe across the lake and go to either Moose Outpost or Skookamee Beach where lodges have been going on overnights for the past 78 years. Moose Outpost is back in the woods. There is a fire pit and a platform to sleep on. We make a fire and then counselors begin telling scary stories and they do pretty well.

I like being at camp with other people from all over the planet. I hope I can go to camp for years to come

A KAWANHEE NEW YEAR'S GATHERING

The singer Prince is famous for his song, "Party Like It's 1999", and that's exactly what a group of Kawanhees did to ring in the New Year at Kris Simanek's and Mark Gibson's house in Maine.

Festivities began when our first wave of guests arrived. George Moore, Chad Hollenbaugh, and Kris enjoyed a day of skiing at Wildcat Mountain in New Hampshire. A few folks made a visit to camp- Chad and David Gallagher earned their white "K's" by walking to Bass Rock, while Mark N. and Russ Jessen picked up some key supplies (hockey sticks, bocce set, and some kitchen bowls) at camp for the upcoming party. In the meantime, Doug Mitchell, George, and Mark G. were the masters of

the ice rink. They all shoveled tons and tons of snow off the ice and then diligently went to work making a hockey goal. (Mr. Herb Birch, you would have been proud.) Folks continued to arrive and in all we had somewhere between 24 and 28 people come and go throughout the next couple of days. Ice skating and some hockey action were big hits. Even Mike Altmaier got out on the ice and racked up 34 saves in net, while others struggled to stay on their feet. Snow Bocce was another popular event, but this was a little more difficult on ice and snow!

The highlight of the evening though, was of course, snowtubing. It was enjoyed by so many the previous New Year, that requests were coming in by everyone to continue the fun this year. Everyone bundled up, for it was a bitter cold night, piled in the cars, and drove a few miles down the road to a local snowtubing park. In our pairs competition to see who could go the farthest, Simon Doolittle and Nick Aiello stole the show with their super aero-dynamic blazing speed and technique.

After snowtubing we all returned to the house for a big cookout, and again, Gibby (Mark G.) was the grill master. We had plenty of good eats to go around. Tim Johnston and Tim Davis entertained us with their guitar playing and we all rang in the New Year together, but the evening wasn't complete without a campfire by the lake and a Kawanhee cheer by all.

The next day we all gathered around the TV to watch the exciting football action of the Ohio State Buckeyes (and the Penn State Nittany Lions!) and to relax from the previous days activities. When it eventually came time for everyone to leave, it would not have been a typical New England sub-zero temperature experience without several jump-starts to get everyone's cars going and on their way home.

It was a wonderful event enjoyed by all. It was truly a special time to be able to gather with so many close friends. Hope to see you all for a Kawanhee millennium gathering.

The participants in the New Year's gathering were :

George Moore	Chad Hollenbaugh	Mark Nelson
Russ Jessen	Doug Mitchell	David Gallagher
Tim Johnston	Nick Aiello	Simon Doolittle
Julie Pratt	Joanna Sewall	Rachel Roberts
Torrey Liddell	CJ Clarke	Mike Altmaier
Jerry Nering	Tim Davis	Joni Towle
Laurel Kinney	Mark Gibson	Kris Simanek
Corey Smolnik	Keri Racicot	



CAMP KAWANHEE FOUNDATION

We are most grateful for the many contributors to the Kawanhee Foundation, and we list below the names of those persons who have made a donation since our August, 1998 issue of the Wigwam.

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CAMP KAWANHEE FOUNDATION
RR#1 Box 120
Weld, ME 04285-9722

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A SAD NOTE

Kawanhee mourns the loss of a very special Kawanhee friend recently. Nina Bitterauf died January 9, 1999 in a car accident. Nina and her sisters worked several seasons as helpers in the Camp Kawanhee kitchen and her brother Chris was a Kawanhee camper for several summers. Nina's happy, caring personality brought joy into the lives of everyone who was privileged to know this charming and beautiful young lady.

KAWANHEE SOCIAL HOUR

A Staff party was held over the holidays at the Estabrooks' home in Columbus, Ohio on Sunday, December 20, 1998. The festive party included counselors, wives, girlfriends, boyfriends, babies, and some ex-staff members. In all, there were about 40 people. The former camp cook, Gary Saunders prepared his speciality pizzas and salad for all. Lots of Kawanhee conversation and camp stories added to the merriment and fun.

*****AS KAWANHEE TURNS*****

What do the following former campers and counselors have in common? Will Fleming, Dan Webster, Kevin Humphrey, Andy Brown, Trevor Cooke, and Scott Worthington---They are all bridegrooms! And now Scott's brother Todd Worthington will join their ranks in March! Congratulations to each and all our best wishes! We have proud parents too--two of the babies were both born in New Hampshire and in the same hospital at about the same time: Karle Erf (proud parents are Keith and Lousia Erf) and Shannon Mehan (proud parents are Chris and Kelly Meehan). The third baby was born in Colorado: AJ or Andrew Jordan Detrick (proud parents are Andrew and Betsy Detrick). The fourth baby is Quinn Flannery O'Neill

born in Columbus, Ohio (proud parents are the Shane O'Neills)! Congratulations and all our best wishes to these folks as well! Three campers have colleges of their choice through early admission: Chris Atwell at Cornell University; Brian Osar at Notre Dame University; and Darren Belskis at University of Maine, Orono. We share their excitement! Fritz Monroe was written up in the news for visiting schools in Japan to exchange information on education. Fritz is the Principal of Brookside Elementary School in Worthington, OH. Ben Hoffhine is a golf pro at Winchester Country Club in New York and now is doing the golf circuit in Florida. Major Sam Detrick is stationed in Alaska flying F-15's again. Eric Jenson is flying A-300's out of Miami and very happy with his routes. Captain John Detrick is flying 727's for Ryan Air and provides crews for US Mail and Emory Express. His home base is Colorado. Matt Hawthorne is doing the slopes in Colorado and teaching skiing. DeLeon Johnson is in his 2nd year at Miami University, Oxford, OH and liking it and doing well. John Bell and Chris Yardley hosted a "Y2Shay" party to welcome Andy Shahan back to the East Coast and attendants were BA(Bob) and Anita Altmaier, Bill and Carolyn Proctor, Keith and Louisa Erf, and Jim Parker. A good time was had by all!

Keep the news coming and thank you for providing us with new addresses when you move.

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Think Kawanhee 1999!

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