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As of April 10, 1999, Kawanhee's 1999 enrollment reached 122 boys. The list of boys already enrolled is shown below. If you are not included, let Mr. Walter Estabrook, Mr. Herb Birch, or Mr. Mark Nelson hear from you soon in order to make sure there will be space for you.

Jeffrey Abbott
Adam Aldrich
Alexander Aldrich
Ted Aldrich
Andrew Altmaier
Carlos Amerigo
Raven Anderson
Conor Branch
Spencer Branch
Trevor Branch
Michael Brothers
Matt Brown
Javier Osio Buch
Jeronimo Osio Buch
Gavin Cadwallader
Ned Carson
Sam Carson
Jon Casto
Jeffrey Cavanagh
Adam Cayia
James Chagaris
Scott Chapin
Ben Colonna
Clay McCance Colonna
Benedict Connelly
Robert Connelly
Frank Cook
David Crane
Kevin Cross
William Dargusch
Ryan Davis
Chris Duncan
Matt Duncan
Nate Duncan
Sean Duncan
Alexander Dunn
Tyler Durkee
Alex Dyer
Christopher Engel
Hadrian Engel

Paul Epping
Ben Estabrook
James Forbes
Matthew Fortunato
Troy Friedlander
Javier Galiana
Matthew Gerity
Hunter Gimbel
River Gimbel
Gregor Hoffman
Sam Hoffman
Steven Jaramillo
Brandon Jiaconia
David Jovic
John Kelly
Karl Kremling
Richard Kubanik
Kevin Lee
Michael Lenard
Alexander F. Lowe
Scott Luken
Benjamin Lyons
Henry Manice
A. Conor Mara
Pablo Marti
Gabriel Martin
Miquel Mayol
Andrew A. McElwee
Matthew McGee
Bobby Michaels
Geoffrey Morgan de Rivery
Benjamin Morgan
Eduardo Morodo
Ignacio Morodo
Jay Morris
Luke Morris
Samuel Morris
Zachary Mueller
Joshua Murgel
Rodrigo Nevares
Ryan Nuanes

Daniel Osar
Collin Patierno
Charles Pierson
Mike Pierson
George Pingeon
Austin Randall
John Riat
Javier Rubio
Jeff Ruhle
Chris Ryan
Eduardo Saldana
Zachary Schiewetz
Matt Schroeder
Scott Schroeder
John Sengelmann
Peter Sengelmann
Kenta Shibasaki
David Smith
Devereux Smith
Ben Snedaker
Jose Juan Sordo
Andrew Spencer
Drew Stafford
Will Stafford
Alex Standen
Jed Standen
Ted Stotzer
Jamie Strawbridge
Tripp Strawbridge
Collin Tice
Mason Tice
Tom Tillett
Eduardo Torralba
Rodrigo Valderrabano
Will Vorys
Edward Watson
Michael Werhahn
Justin Wells Whealen
Matthew Wilson
Andrew Wobst
Peter Yen

There is room for another 25 to 30 campers. PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR APPLICATION PROMPTLY. Get those applications in as the camp is filling up rapidly. We look forward to having you at Camp Kawanhee for its 79th season.

IT'S A CAMP KAWANHEE THING, YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND

by James Forbes from Wildcat Lodge '98

For many adults some of their fondest memories are those of summer camp. My dad and his brothers talk endlessly of their summers in Canada at Camp Wabun. Instead of going to Wabun, I go to Camp Kawanhee in Maine. Camps like Kawanhee introduce you to new people and experiences that leave a life long memory.

Camp Kawanhee is in Weld, Maine, on Lake Webb. It is a camp where boys of all ages can do everything from paddle a kayak to shoot a gun to build a sail boat model in Shop. It is very peaceful there with the pine trees blowing in the wind. At dusk, you hear the occasional loon call coming from the lake.

There are many traditions at Kawanhee. The basic tradition is attending a residential camp for four to seven weeks. Being away from home teaches you to be independent. Living with boys from other cities in the U.S. and other countries helps you learn more about the world.

Kawanhee is even a tradition for families. There are campers that are the third or fourth generation attending. One boy from Columbus was the third generation to attend camp there. Sometimes many brothers and cousins from the same family attend over the same summer.

There are many other traditions, for instance, leaving your name on your cabin wall. When I first arrived at camp, I thought all the signatures looked like graffiti, but at the end of my four week stay, my views on that changed. I realized that writing your name on the cabin wall was tradition, not graffiti. I added my name to the wall of my cabin which had signatures dating back to the 1920's.

Another tradition is the Kawanhee paddle. The paddle is a wooden canoe paddle on which your accomplishments or awards earned over many summers are painted. At the end of my summer there, my paddle showed a One-Year Line, Lake Swim, Canoe and Rowboat test, and Basic Life Saving. Some kids had as many as seven years worth of accomplishments recorded on their paddles.

Some traditions at Kawanhee have to do with fun and games. Every morning at camp at 7:00 a.m., a Polar Bear dip occurs in the lake. Campers meet down at the

docks and on the count of three, they all jump into the 65-degree water! Another fun thing that occurs all summer long, but not as cold, is the Grey and Maroon activities. All of the campers are divided into two groups, Greys or Maroons. The two teams compete against each other on an entire camp ground's capture the flag, tug-of-war, and a counselor hunt. The counselor hunt is the most famous. Counselors hide around the camp and the campers run around and try to find the counselors to earn points for their team. One of the counselors has never been found in all the years he has been hiding. He says that he takes a book with him to read so he will not become bored. Since he has never been found, finding him earns the greatest number of points. He says if you find him, you will also win a six-pack of pop and a large pizza.

Every Saturday evening, the whole camp goes to Counselors' Point for a GIANT bonfire, another Kawanhee tradition. Before the fire, campers are recognized for their accomplishments of that week. At the end of the announcements, Mike Altmaier, one of the head guys at camp, reads the "Log." The Log is basically a story of "what really happened at camp" which is a bunch of jokes pertaining to campers and staff. The fire brings the whole camp together.

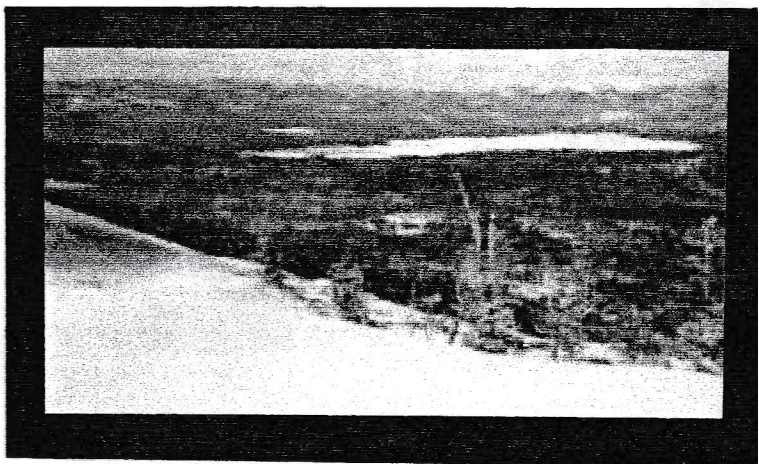
At the end of each day before lights go out, Taps are played by a staff member on his trumpet. I will always remember the absolute silence as taps were played. They will always remind me of Kawanhee.

THE HEART OF KAWANHEE

by Elizabeth Compher Hall, former camp nurse

Planning to go back. Not even knowing if it would still be there, a place of youth and yesterday. Camp Kawanhee for Boys, far, far north in the forest and lake regions of Maine. It had been a haven, a home that was not a house. There was friendship, cooperation, learning and progress. Relaxed living without interruption from all that is beyond and pressing. Now, arriving at the center of camp, the very heart of Kawanhee, the familiarity is overwhelming. It has not changed, the cabins, the trees, the twinkling lake and mountains beyond. Greetings ring out. Arms engulf. Introductions and laughter ride on memories past. Boys of all sizes everywhere. Men guiding, herding. Boys following, circling, jumping. Voices rise and fall. The young treble blending with the low base, teasing, taunting, chasing, challenging. A symphony of carefree abandon echoing through the trees, over the lake and fading to the silent joy on high. All around us, a clap on the back, a piggy-back ride, striding shoulder to shoulder. Intense

listening with eyes locked in serious conversation. It is still there. Back through forever, Kawanhee remains a constant. A tear of joy and gratitude well up knowing that this one place remains as it was 20, 40, 80 years ago.



snow covered Lake Webb as seen from
Mt. Tumbledown in January

CAMPER-PARENT-FRIEND REUNION

Camp Kawanhee was the favorite topic of conversation at the Estabrooks' house on Sunday, March 14th. It was great fun to visit, watch the camp video, and think about plans for next summer. We were pleased. Over 50 people gathered to share this annual Kawanhee get-together. Parents were glad to chat with other parents while campers and their friends exchanged their news.

See you all on June 20th!!!

A SUMMER EXPERIENCE TO IMPACT A LIFETIME

by Edward Watson

For nine years, I have attended Camp Kawanhee for Boys. It is a summer camp designed to guide boys into manhood and to mold them into fine, trustworthy, young men of character.

This camp was built on principles like "Finish What You Start"; "Learn by Doing"; and "Fun with a Purpose". For nine years, I played and hid, and discovered and learned in the woods around camp.

Nine years of life was spent to help to become who and what I am. Next summer I hope to be a counselor at Camp Kawanhee myself. I hope to have the same positive impact on others that I experienced.

May there always be a Kawanhee !!

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 February, 1999 issue of the Wigwam.

Richard Dale

Richard and Kay Force

Elizabeth Compher Hall

Jane E. Lawson and Howard H. Russell

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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:

CAMP KAWANHEE FOUNDATION

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

A letter from John E. Coleman of Dayton, Ohio was such a pleasure to receive. He was a camper in 1922 and donated the catalog of that season. It was so interesting to read. Mr. Coleman also enclosed a reporting letter written to his father by George Frank in Mr. Frank's very legible handwriting. These items have been added to our collection of memorabilia and will be shown at the Kawanhee Reunion in 2000. Mr. Coleman is planning to attend the big Reunion. The Winter/Spring Issue of the

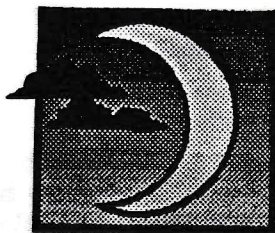
Columbus Academy Magazine tells that Kevin Morrin was the recipient of the 1998 Alumni Distinguished Service Award. Those of you who were in camp and went on the Appalachian Trail (Maine and New Hampshire section) in the 1970's had the fun of being led by Kevin. Mike Schuller graduated from Bowdoin and is currently in Aspen, Colorado pursuing his dream of being a cartoonist. His comic strip is being published in several small Northwestern papers. Joe Rini is working full time for Columbia University as a computer analyst and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Computer Science. Several e-mails have been received expressing compliments on our Web site. Terry Berrigan is busy with his work at Canine Companions for Independence. This is a wonderful way to help individuals with disabilities. Peter and Kate Hauser have moved back to Chicago and are living in the suburb of Wilmette with a new addition to their family, Lucy Spencer Hauser to join her sister, Gracie and brother, George. Congratulations to this family! Hats off to Brad Fichter and his hockey team for winning a State Championship in New Hampshire! Brad will be returning as a counselor this summer.

THE KAWANHEE SNOWMAN VISITS LAKE WEBB



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See you in two moons!!



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