



A MOTHER'S PERSPECTIVE ON KAWANHEE'S CHARACTER - BUILDING CEREMONY

by Mary Colonna, mother of campers Clay and Ben

The sleepiness of the youngest campers resulting from the requisite "Camp Kawanhee history lesson" (which I thoroughly enjoyed) quickly disappeared as we all assembled in darkness for the ceremony of the "Coming of the Chief" on Friday evening, June 25th. The youngest campers were undoubtedly similarly interested in the immense structure: the center fire of the ceremony, the "Great Spirit Fire". Herb Birch's "Oh Kawanhee", the calling of the chief brought the appropriately attired chief from the happy hunting grounds that is the land in and around Kawanhee. Mr. Birch calls the chief to seek his approval for using his land and asks for his wisdom to guide the newest campers, renewing the ceremonial "Coming of the Chief" for the returning campers.

The chief directs the sachems (one boy from each lodge) to read the messages buried by the sachems of last year near the great spirit fire buried there since last summer – ten moons ago. These are words of encouragement and advice for the boys to live by during the next seven weeks, focusing on being a good sport, kindness, following rules, responsibility, and giving of yourself.

Beginning the ceremony of the four winds, four blanketed campers are asked by the chief to light four smaller fires: the winds of each direction signifying truth, cheerfulness, brotherly love, and reverence– the ideals for which Camp Kawanhee stands.* (see next column) Then, the great sachem lights the central spirit fire. It was an awesome sight. The chief used the spirt generated by this fire to initiate the braves (campers) into the tribe of Kawanhee, requiring commitment to the four ideals, and

a commitment to making Kawanhee the best place each and everyone can. Each camper then throws a stick of wood into the fire, signifying commitment to these ideals, giving something of themselves to the camp. The chief then takes a large stick out of the fire (don't worry, one end is not burning) and asks that each camper be branded with three Ks: one K on your hand to guide you in all you work with, all he undertakes in labor, on K on your mind to think thoughts that are honorable and good, and one K on your heart to do everything in love and brotherhood. He is asking the great spirit to accept and guide these braves and sachems – letting the fire of Kawanhee burn brightly forever in their hearts.

As a parent, living in the midst of one of the most difficult times of being a devoted parent, I embrace these ideals for my children and plan to review them at least once during the coming year. I consider myself a partner in this ceremony, helping to provide the link to the ideals that Kawanhee espouses.

* The four ideals are expanded:

- **North - Truth.** Be just, speak true, play fair as you strive
- **East - Cheerfulness.** Be cheerful, smile when e'ver you can. Be glad you are alive.
- **South - Brotherly love.** Be kind, be brave, protect wildlife always.
- **West - Reverence.** Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with thy God.

Many thanks to Herb Birch and Al Spencer for reviewing the ceremony with me.

RETURN FLIGHT TO COLUMBUS, OHIO FROM PORTLAND, MAINE (August 8th)

For those who fly to Columbus on Sunday, August 8th, the return flight leaves Portland, Maine at 1:35 p.m. on U.S. Air Flight # 1219 and arrives in Pittsburgh at 3:21 p.m.

Leave Pittsburgh 4:00 p.m. (same plane and same flight # 1219); arrive Columbus, Ohio 4:44 p.m.

SKIING IS FUN FOR EVERYONE !!

HIT IT! Those are the magic words that the ski department loves to hear right before we take campers on an exciting ski out to Bass Rock. So far the 1999 season could not be better to finish out the millenium. Everyone is extremely enthusiastic about learning how to ski and ski-board. The weather has been great, but even when the water is rough, we always have fun tubing. It's a real blast!

KAWANHEE ARCHERS

Kawanhee Archery led by Chuck Compher, Nancy van den Honert, and Chris Proctor got off to a strong start again this season as all veterans as well as new Kawanhee braves began shooting for medals.

All archers who are new to Kawanhee begin by learning the fundamentals of shooting before beginning to shoot for Camp Archery Association medals. The Camp Archery Association system takes a camper from the 15-meter line to the 50-meter line. As a camper becomes a proficient shooter and meets specified criteria, he may shoot for a Robin hood trophy.

Returning Kawanhee archers who have earned all 15 Camp Archery Association medals and a Robin Hood award may work on the National Archery Association Junior Olympic Archery Development program medals. Archers who are shooting for JOAD awards begin at 15 meters and progress through to 60 meters

In addition to shooting for medals, Kawanhee archers may also shoot for places on the Archery ladder. Ladder categories include 10 and under at 15 meters; 12 and under at 15, 20, and 30 meters; and 16 and under at 30, 40, 50, and 60 meters. Those boys who are at the top of each category at the end of the camp season will be treated to a pizza party.

During the season, Kawanhee archers are invited to several tournaments including the annual Camp Caribou invitational tourney. Over the years, Camp Caribou has been our chief archery rival, so the tournament is always one of the highlights of the season. Six campers are chosen for each of two teams, a 12 and under team, and a 15 and under team. Selections to the archery team are based on the top six archers on the 12 and under and 16 and under 30 meter ladder. Competition is often stiff, especially for the 15 and under team. This year's team included Matt Duncan, Ben Estabrook, Javier Galiana, Karl Kremling, Ben Snedaker, and Alex Standen on the 12 and under team, and Enrique Alvarez-Sala, Luis Alvarez-

Sala, Joey Clarke, Frank Cook, Ramon Gaztambide, and Eduardo Torralba for the 15 and under team. The competition which included seven other camps from Maine was July 9th, and the team left at 6 A.M. for Caribou full of high hopes. After spending 5 hours shooting 30 arrows from 30 meters and 30 arrows from 20 meters, all the scores of all the archers were tabulated. For the **fourth** year in a row, Kawanhee captured the 12 and under championship, the 15 and under championship, as well as the overall championship. Earning individual honors in the 15 and under division with a 3rd place finish overall was Joey Clarke. Ramon Gaztambide earned a 2nd place finish overall in the 15 and under group, while Alex Standen earned a 2nd place finish in the 12 and under division. Finally, Karl Kremling was the individual 1st place champion in the 12 and under division. High scores for Kawanhee were Joey Clarke with 262 out of 300 from 30 meters, Frank Cook with 260 from 30 meters, and Ramon Gaztambide with 279 out of 300 from 20 meters. Many of the team members had personal best days, and all shot well and contributed to our almost complete sweep of the tournament. Chuck, Nancy, and Chris are extremely proud of these fine shooters as well as the many other fine Kawanhee archers who were not on the tournament team. We continue to be extremely grateful to Jane and Walter Estabrook and Mark Nelson for their continued support of the Archery program, and we look forward to the remainder of the season.

ACTION PACKED BASEBALL and SOFTBALL AT KAWANHEE

The Kawanhee Little League season is off to a great start. This year's Little League teams are packed with talent, and any team can beat each other on any given night. So far the Scarlet Sacklers, coached by Captains Jamie Strawbridge and Sean Duncan with the counter part Nate Duncan have the best record at three wins and one loss. The Silverados, coached by big George Moore and company, are in 2nd place with two wins and two losses record. Coming in 3rd are the Men in Black coached by the New York faithfuls Todd Fichter and Torrey Liddell. They have one win and three losses, but are coming off a crushing victory last week over the Silverados. Needless to say, the KLL this year will come down to an exciting finish, so come on out and take a peek.

Hank Aaron League Softball is back in action at Kawanhee. Team Captains, Jamie Strawbridge and Chris Ryan have led their team, "98°", to a strong undefeated three-win start. "The Back Street Boys" have split their first two games for a one and one team record. Ramon

Gaztambide and Steve Jaramillo hope to lead "The Boys" past .500. Sean Duncan and Will Alexander are fighting to get their team, "N' Sync" out of the basement after an 0 and 3 start. Joey Clarke of the "The Back Street Boys" leads the league in batting with a .833 average. Be ready for more HAL action every Tuesday and Thursday evening AFTER THE MEAL.

HOOP, THERE IT IS! by Simon Doolittle

With the help of good weather and enthusiastic campers, the basketball department is out to a fast start. With the addition of Paula Ford, Trevor Griffin, and Peter Kelly to our staff, everything is running smoothly.

In the 11 and under league, the Knicks and the Spurs are knotted up at two wins for each. Both teams have a very balanced scoring attack, with Gavin Cadwallader leading the Spurs with 8.5 points per game and Alex Dunn leading the Knicks with 8 points per games.

In the Junior League, Gonzaga has one win and two losses, Ohio State has one win and three losses, and St. John's leads the league with an undefeated record of three wins. The trick for St. John's has been a balanced scoring attack. They are lead by the powerful trio of Alex Standen, Ben Estabrook, and Ryan Davis, and every player on St. John's has scored in each game.

In the Senior League, Jamie's Jamoboree has been dominant thus far. After hitting the winning three pointer at the buzzer of last year's Senior final, Jamie Strawbridge has picked a strong team and led them to an undefeated record of 4 wins with help from his co-captain Sean Ford. The Moffatts, led by David Jovic, are in second place, with a record of one win and two losses. The Oompa Loompa's, led by Maroon Captain Sean Duncan, are off to a slow start with a record of three losses. With blockbuster trade rumors surrounding Jamboree standout Edurado Torralba, this is a league to watch.

Our coveted "player of the week" awards have been received by Eduardo Torralba, Will Alexander, and Nate Hiltz. All of them have displayed the hard working "No Brag, Just Fact" attitude that we encourage on the hard court.

On Saturday July 17th, we're looking forward to an enjoyable day of good basketball at the Camp Androscoggin invitational tournament, with the Kawanhee 15 and under team coming in as defending champions!

As we continue our enjoyable year, the boys frequently call out Brian Birch's famous saying, "Hoop, there it is!"

Midway through this summer of '99 the soccer field has been a place of much action packed activity in the world of soccer. Over 40 levels have been passed and another 40 nearly completed. Also, there have been some lively games of World Cup and Wall Ball being played. Much enthusiasm and effort is shown by all the campers during their activity periods. Our in-camp-league competition has been very competitive at both the Junior level and the Senior level. The Junior League has three teams, one being Mexico, which has shown strong scoring abilities with the likes of Alex Dunn, Will Vorys, Alex Sanchez, Ignacio Morado, and top goal tending by Peter Sengelmann. Brazil is our second team in the Junior League with excellent skills being shown by Alex Standen, Matt Schroeder, Maxime Ricour, Collin Patierno and Ben Morgan. The 3rd team is U.S.A. and it consists of the multi-talented group with Nick Cole, Nick Bartley, Kevin Cross, Daniel Gremion and Mario Alvarez-Sala.

The Senior League consists of Italy, France and Spain. Excelling for Spain have been Sean Ford, Jaime Lastra, Javier Rubio and Tony Cottone. For France, Patricio Servitje, Eduardo Torralba and John Kelly have done very well, and for Italy, Pablo Marti, Michael Werhahn, and Scott Schroeder have been at top form.

All our tournament teams have exceeded expectations with the 13's getting 2nd place at the Androscoggin Tournament, the 15's winning the championship at Androscoggin and our 14's winning the championship at the Samoset tourney. There is no doubt that Camp Kawanhee has some of the best players around when it comes to soccer and this summer we have reinforced that fact.

A kick in the air, is all that we ask
say our boys of soccer at Kawanhee.
We're too fast, our opponents can't last
say our boys of soccer at Kawanhee.
Another tournament won, and
we're having so much fun
say our boys of soccer at Kawanhee.
Our skills are great, super goals we do make
say our boys of soccer at Kawanhee.
We are the best, better than all the rest
say our boys of soccer at Kawanhee.
So give a cheer, have no fear, no one's near
say our boys of soccer at Kawanhee.

TENNIS

In spite of a bit of rain the first three weeks of camp this did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the boys and young men of tennis. They have all worked consistently and well passing levels. Many boys have advanced to Level 6 which is currently the highest level and requires an understanding of tennis: hitting skills, singles strategy, doubles playing, knowledge of court maintenance, and working with a younger camper. Come out and join the fun!

SHOP

As usual, the enthusiasm in the shop is excellent! Several of the new projects are very exciting to the campers such as the wooden anchor key holder. "A place for everything, and everything in its place" is a very good model for the boys. Also, a couple of game projects such as tic tac toe and a golf peg-jumping game are popular. Each season the small paddle with all the waterfront accomplishments on it is the most coveted project made in the shop.

The shop leaders are kept very busy getting the campers in for extra work so that every camper has his protect ready to take home. The project is a constant reminder of the great times, friends made, and "Fun With A Purpose" learning at Kawanhee.

SAILING

The Sailing Department is fortunate to have veterans Brian Cramer, Torrey Liddell, and Brian Schreyer at the helm for '99. Also, Alex Hogman, who is visiting camp from Sweden, has volunteered to assist the Sailing Staff, as he has had considerable experience as a sailor. The first few weeks at Kawanhee have been absolutely beautiful with a little rain, and plenty of wind. Our Cape Cod Knock-a-bouts still look great after their overhaul last year. The rest of the fleet is in prime condition and is in frequent demand for use. Sailing continues to gain in popularity among the beginning sailors and level work is going strong. Over the next few weeks, we will be holding regattas, and the results will be posed in the next Wigwam. SEE YOU ON THE WATER!!

SWIMMING

The Swimming Department got off to a fast start this summer, with safety lectures on Monday and swimming tests on Tuesday. Some campers "swam the lake", a distance of a quarter mile, and some "swam the cove", a distance of approximately 125 yards (both of these tests are done in open water so that the campers can get a feel for swimming without the side or bottom of a pool nearby). Other campers "swam the docks", a distance of about 100 feet, between the two docks in the swimming area. These tests help the staff determine where boys can swim and boat during free time.

During activity periods after the swimming tests, campers were given instruction in elementary forms of rescue using reach poles and rescue tubes, and were told that they could help someone, but for their own safety they *could not go into the water*. Lifeguard Training has begun for some of the older campers which will make them certified lifeguards, and Basic Lifesaving has also begun. Both classes are enjoying large enrollments.

The weather during the first two weeks of camp has been warm, and camper enthusiasm for swimming high. Because of the weather and a strong swimming staff, we are anticipating another great summer in Swimming.

BOATING ON LAKE WEBB

"Paddle out to deep water. Now, fill your canoe with water." This instruction is part of the boating test campers must complete before they can take a canoe out during free boating. Swamping the canoes teaches the boys that, yes, even full of water, a canoe will float, and yes, they are strong enough to pull themselves back in and to get the water out of the boat. Boating safety involves having the boys practice what to do if a boat capsizes or they fall out, as well as teaching them how to maneuver from point "A" to point "B".

This season, our slogan is "We teach boating from A to Z" because our senior counselors are two Amys (Spencer and Buckingham) and a Zach (Beaulieu). Rounding out the Boating Department is junior counselor, Jacob Jones. Out on the lake, we teach the boys basic forward and backward strokes, as well as more advanced sweeps, "J" and "C", draws and prys. And for those times when you've lost your paddle, there's poling and canoe bobbing. All the campers are learning how to manage in the boats, but it seems their favorite part of the lesson is falling out of them. (Hey, it's been a hot summer!)

TRIPS REPORT

Clear hot days and skies free of rain have been a welcome invitation for the Tripping Department to GO-DO! Hot summer days are perfect for exposing new and old Kawanhee braves to the adventure of climbing mountains, paddling rivers and taking chilly dips in mountains streams.

New counselors, David Janusz and Lincoln MacIsaac have already made excellent contributions to the department staffed by veterans Al Spencer (11 years) and Dan Webster (13 years). Both bring valuable experience and a healthy sense of adventure, and "Fun With A Purpose" to the hard-working/hard playing trips team.

The Monhegan Island trip, always a highlight, went beautifully this year. On the trips out to and back from the island aboard the sea-worthy Elizabeth Ann, Captain Jim Barstow maintained a Kawanhee tradition by letting several of the boys take the wheel for a few moments.

On the 1st fishing trip, Alex Standen landed a 24" cod. Other fish caught included pollack, mackerel, and a testy red fish. Captain Zoe remarked how well the boys did in the sometimes choppy seas.

We experienced an exciting thunder and lightning storm on Tuesday afternoon (we were taken in by an island artist who let us eat our pizza in her living room). The last three days on the island were as clear as an Andrew Wyeth portrait.

The fourth week of camp saw Kawanhee campers getting wet and wild! Al and David took six lucky campers to the coast of Maine for three days of sea kayaking, while Lincoln and Dan (plus Darren Belskis and the two Amys from Boating) spent two days paddling the beautiful upper Androscoggin River in Eastern New Hampshire.

The highlight of the summer for many Kawanhee people dating back as far as anyone can remember is standing atop Maine's highest mountain - the glorious Mt. Katahdin! In preparation for this challenging climb which takes place during the 5th week of camp, the Trips staff took sixteen Katahdin boys up 4,100' Mt. Bigelow - one of the most difficult and scenic mountains in Maine. All the campers proved themselves able in limb and mind for the climb that awaits them next week. We were joined by visiting Trips staff Tim Johnston and Matt Hawthorne. Eight moose were spotted during the trip home that night!

Stay tuned for details of the Katahdin climb, canoeing Lake Mooselookmeguntic, and white water rafting the Kennebec River!

NATURE PROJECTS ABOUND

The 1999 Nature Department has been very busy this season with numerous new project ideas and level modifications. The Webb Lake watershed and Maine's natural environment (its animals, their habitats, and beautiful scenery) are the focal points for the Nature Department's level systems.

In Lapidary, campers can choose from many new findings. The final recipients of their fabulous jewelry pieces will be extremely pleased.

Pottery is booming! Currently, the number of clay pieces thrown exceeds last summer's final total. Various beautiful pots, vases, mugs, and bowls are being made daily.

A natural phenomenon was witnessed this week when a Monarch butterfly emerged from its cocoon.

An art show is being planned to highlight the campers' awesome projects. If you are visiting in camp during the last week, please stop by the Nature building for a look at the campers' artistic creations.

CAMPCRAFT 1999

In pursuit of the elusive meaning of the words "Kah-Ne-Doh-Go-Nah" emblazoned upon the Campcraft building, Kawanhee campers explore a wide variety of activities, from splitting firewood for the Saturday Night fires, to pitching a dome tent, to tree identification. Campcraft staffers Alex Greene, Travis Hatley, and Pete St. John, assisted by Nate Duncan and Jamie Strawbridge, help the boys to ensure that the blades are keen, the ropes taut, and the omelettes just so. Many boys have completed level requirements already; with Grey and Maroon captains on the staff, the productivity level stays high!

The 12 Junior Maine Guide candidates, led by veteran instructor Travis Hatley, undergo a week's vigorous examination on an island in the Kennebec beginning July 26th. The team has been working overtime in preparation for the event, practicing wet-day fires, chopping, canoe strokes, and first aid, to name just a few. The demands are high, but the JMG is the highest honor a camper can earn at Kawanhee, one which can take two years to achieve!

JUNIOR MAINE GUIDE

The JMG program is off to a busy start this summer at Kawanhee. The Junior Maine Guide program is an evaluation of 21 tests ranging from mastering canoeing to axemanship to building a wet-dry fire.

The candidates leave Monday July 26th to spend five days at testing camp on Swan Island in Richmond, Maine. There they will live in the out-of-doors and be evaluated on all their outdoor skills and knowledge through written and practical exams.

This program remains one of the most revered and difficult programs to achieve here at Kawanhee. Thus, the program may take two years for most candidates. This year the participants are Scott Chapin, James Chagaris, Joey Clarke, Chris Ryan, Mike Pierson, Collin Tice, Frank Cook, Jose Marcial, Dan Osar, and David Smith.

Under the capable and experienced leadership of Travis Hatley, JMG Director, the JMG candidates will continue with their dedication and perseverance in their studies in an effort to obtain their goals.

WRESTLING AT KAWANHEE

The Kawanhee Wrestling program is off and running. The quality of our teaching continues to maintain our high excellence. George Moore and C.J. Clarke are the Senior Counselors in charge, and Sean Duncan is our very able Junior Counselor. The campers are learning what it takes to be competitive and successful in the sport which we as leaders hold so dear. Kawanhee experienced its first taste of live wrestling last Sunday in the ever popular Grey-Maroon duo meet. A wrestler from each weight class was chosen by his Captain to represent his team in the event many referred to as one of the most exciting hours of the summer. Activity Director Russ Jessen was heard saying "I only regret two things in life: not wrestling in the Grey-Maroon Meet and never having the opportunity to wear a singlet (wrestling uniform)." All the competitors did their best and impressed the standing room only crowd. Grey Captain Jaime Strawbridge's team was the winner 36 to 14 over Captain Sean Duncan's Maroon Team. In another week, the first rounds of the All Camp Tournament will be scheduled. Hope you all come out to enjoy the exciting action!

HOME ON THE RANGE

Camp Kawanhee entered a riflery tournament against six other camps in Maine. We are proud to announce the following participants.

12 & under age level:

Zack Mueller	Andrew Spencer
Matt Fortunato	Javier Galiana

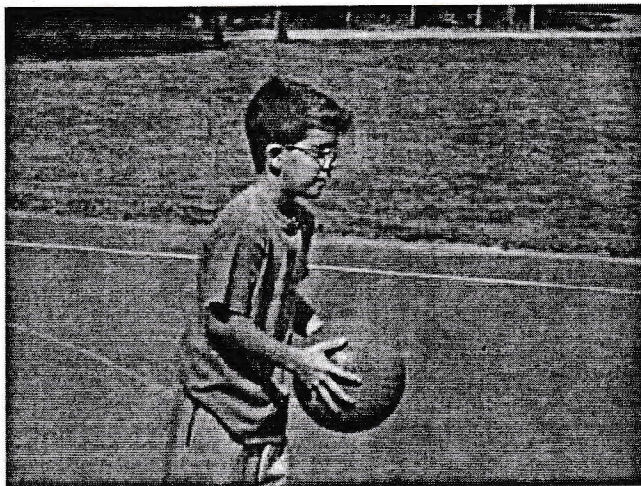
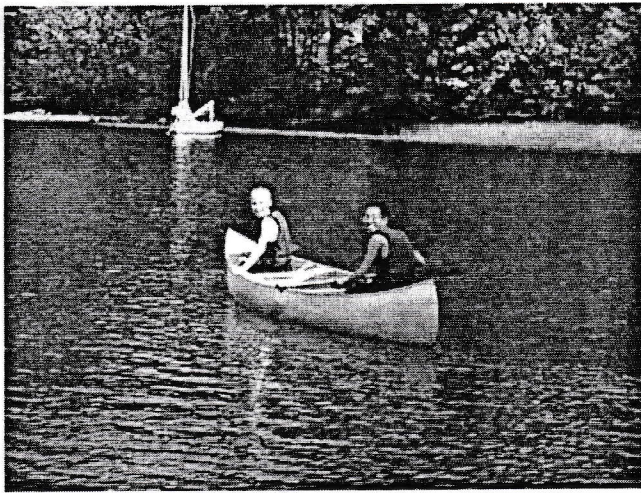
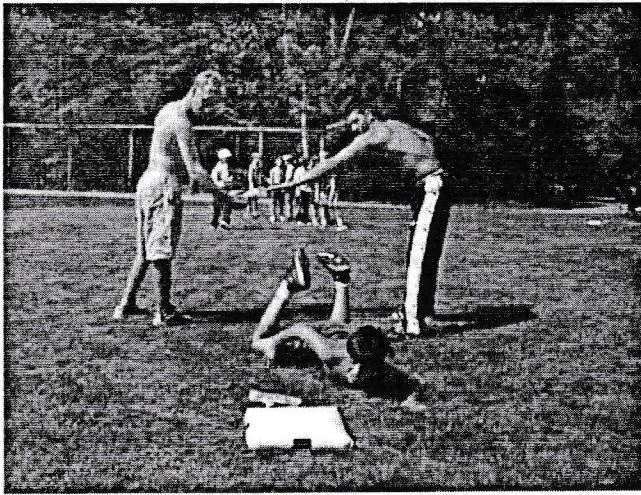
15 & under age level:

Luis Alvarez-Sala	Michael Werhahn
Enrique Alvarez-Sala	Peter Yen

Camp Kawanhee won 2nd place in both divisions and overall tournament. Enrique Alvarez-Sala and Zack Mueller came in 1st place for their age levels. Congratulations !!

Medals earned thus far at camp:

Luis Alvarez-Sala	B7
Mario Alvarez-Sala	PM, M, M1C, SS
Trevor Branch	M
Matt Brown	M1C
Ned Carson	PM
James Chagaris	B1
Rudi Coursen	PM, M, M1C, SS, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, B8, B9
Kevin Cross	PM
Dennis Daly	PM
Geoffroy Morgan de Rivery	PM, M, M1C, SS
Chris Duncan	SS, B1
Javier Galiana	B1
Hunter Gimbel	PM
Sam Hoffman	M, M1C
Brandon Jaconia	B3, B4
Ben Lyons	SS
Luke Morris	PM
Zack Mueller	B1
Alex Nering	M
Ryan Nuanes	M1C, SS, B1
Collin Patierno	B1
George Pigeon	SS
Maxime Ricour	M, M1C, SS
Jeff Ruhle	B3
Juan Rullan	PM
Patricio Servitje	B3, B4
Kenta Shibasaki	PM
Devereux Smith	M1C, SS
Ben Snedaker	M
Mason Tice	M1C
Will Vorys	PM
Michael Werhahn	B7, B8
Peter Yen	B7



CAMP KAWANHEE FOUNDATION

Since the listing of contributions shown in our June Wigwam, the following persons have made donations to the Kurtis Coursen Scholarship Fund:

*Richard and Laura Burbine
Janet and Thomas Delaplane
Thomas Grehl
Kate and Ferd Schoedinger
Alan and Amy Spencer*

Also, the following loyal Kawanhee supporters have made recent contributions to the Camp Kawanhee Foundation:

*George H. Bass
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(in memory of Ross L. Miller)
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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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