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A CAMPER'S SPECIAL MESSAGE

"I came to Kawanhee last year not knowing a soul. I signed up for four weeks. Those ten (10) moons I was away from camp were sometimes hard because camp is so fun! This past April, I got a letter telling me that Herb Birch had passed away. At first, I couldn't believe it happened. I needed to see him. He was such a good man and I was mad that I couldn't say good-bye. Some days I would go to the Polar Bear dock and say "You Are Bee-u-ti-ful". My dad told me that he was happy that I got to meet Mr. Birch. There was no way you can talk about Kawanhee without talking about Mr. Birch. You're Bee-u-ti-ful!!"

(William Dargusch, Beaver Lodge)

A VIEW FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A LODGE COUNSELOR

"For ten moons each year, I lie empty and dormant, but all this is made up for by two short moons. During these two moons, I watch the amazing transformation that occurs in my boys. I watch as new campers return with their first medal in Rifle Range, and as returning campers pass that level they had been struggling with. I watch as my boys learn sportsmanship and communication skills while competing in the weekly Grey and Maroon meets. I'm there to provide refuge after a tough little league loss, and a place to celebrate after winning that big wrestling match.

I get the privilege of watching boys take a big step towards becoming men each year. Boys learning the value of friends and honesty, and the damage done by hate and lying. I watch as boys learn to coexist and even befriend those they initially disliked. I see boys learn the importance of "Finishing What You Start," and "the big R" - Responsibility. Then just as quickly as these glorious two moons came, they're gone. I have ten (10) moons to rest, waiting for next year's boys and the lessons that they will learn. (Ben Findley, S.C. - Moose Lodge)

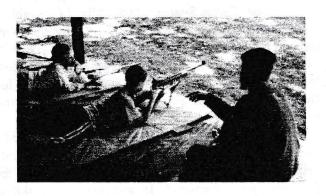
A JUNIOR COUNSELOR'S REFLECTION

"I have always had great fun at Camp Kawanhee over the past two years as a camper, but the third year has been the best as a Junior Counselor (J.C.). There's always something new to do and to learn! The experience and leadership training that I have gotten by being a Junior Counselor is going to help me in the future.

My J.C. experience with campers will be useful to me in later years when I become a parent. I have learned by trial and error of what works with kids, and how to be a leader in the lodge. It's great to work with campers and see their improvement in the Rifle Range activity that I am assigned to work in. I have learned by observing and teaching.

I love Kawanhee, and of course, I am looking forward to continue coming in the future as a Counselor. There's only one Kawanhee, and I'm proud to be part of it! It's a heavenly way to spend your summer."

(Luis Alvarez-Sala, J.C. - Pinetree Lodge)



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

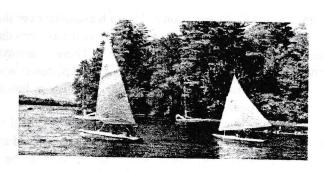
"Christmas in July is always a nice surprise. It gives us the chance to celebrate the Christmas spirit with our Kawanhee family. It was obviously a lot of work setting it up, and we could tell it was appreciated by the campers. It was very enjoyable."

Joey Clarke, J.C. - Moose Lodge)

CHRISTMAS IN JULY (continued from page 1)

"Seeing that we never get to experience the winter holidays all together, we decided to move Christmas to July on Sunday morning, July 30th. The campers entered the Dining Hall just like they have done every morning. What a surprise they saw! A huge Christmas tree with all the trimmings. The Dining Room was filled with the scent of pine. Stockings and fudge were on each table. Christmas music was playing. The Kawanhee Choir and some of the lodges sang carols. Santa Claus made an appearance and gave gifts to every lodge. It was a treat to spend the Christmas holiday with our Kawanhee family."

(Debi Brown, Camp Mother)



THE BUILDING OF RESPECT

On Sunday, July 30th, Moose Lodge led a Kawanhee Chapel Service. The campers chose "respect" as the subject - respect for others' property, respect for others' space, and most importantly, respect for others' feelings. To start a discussion on the subject, Geoff Fay, Dan Luken, James Rohn, Carlos Suarez, Martin Min, J.C. Krahl, and Nick Bartley performed a short skit. In the skit, Geoff received a care package and was sharing his bounty. When he had to leave for his tetherball match, others decided to loot through his trunk and help themselves to his food. Geoff returned to the lodge after dinner, found his trunk ransacked, and then left in search for a counselor.

Following this brief skit, Andrew Spencer led the audience through the series of questions. The need to respect others was emphasized and ways to avoid these problems were discussed. In addition to the skit and question & answer session, Joey Clarke read a short introduction. Nick Bartley and Geoff Fay read the prayers included in this issue of the Wigwam. The Gem of the Week and a brief inspirational message (a tradition started by Herb Birch) was read by Andrew Spencer. Finally, J.C. Krahl read Leviticus, Chapter 19, verses 15 through 18. All the campers did a magnificent job. I hope that this performance will set a precedent for other lodges to follow.

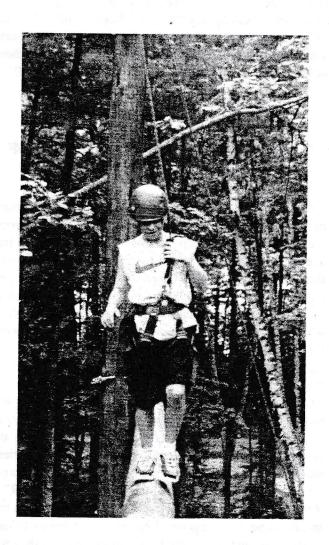
FIRST "FOURTH GENERATION" KAWANHEEIAN IN 2000

Eric Moran of Storrs, Connecticut, is one of the fifty-seven first-year campers this year. But Eric may be the first ever fourth generation Kawanheeian.

Eric's family's connection goes back to 1925, when his great grandfather was first a counselor: Dean Ross Miller was Camp Chaplain for many summers until 1964, missing only 1927. Eric's grandfather, Dick Miller, and great uncle, Ross (Bud) Miller, were campers and counselors 1939-1952 and 1934-1941 respectively.

Eric's uncle, Eric Miller was a camper (1976, 1977, 1979) as was his first cousin once removed, Craig Miller (Bud Miller's son; 1965, 1968-1975). So Eric Moran is the sixth member of the family over four generations to be associated with Camp Kawanhee.

Are there any other families which can match or beat this record?? Please contact the Wigwam Editor if you know of such a family association with Kawanhee!



VOLLEYBALL

Nukem

TEAM 1
Clay Colonna
Spencer Davis
Andres de Haro
Nicholas Servitje
Ned Carson
Kevin Irving
Evan Jones
Dan Alexander
Bo Bucher
Jose MartinezPereda
Tyler Slayman

TEAM 2
Fernando Sordo
Matt St. John
Kyle Tulloss
Andrew Vaughn
Quinn Kielbasa
Graham Marvin
Henry Myers
Andrew Barrie
Spencer Branch
John Sengelmann
Teddy Stotzer

12 and under

TICE CUBES
Gavin Cadwallader
Alex Dunn
Gregor Hoffman
Cory Keny
Luke Morris
Mason Tice

LOS FEOS - THE UGLIES
Trevor Branch
Andrew Chatzky
Chris Engel
Austin Randall
Max Smith-Marder

LOS CHAPUZEROS -THE CHEATERS Andrew McMannis Tim Cadwallader Ben Morgan Sam Carson

Will Stafford

LOS ERMITAÑOS Mario Alverez-Sala Charles Oussedik Juan Lastra David Lastra LOS SAMURAIS -THE NINJAS Will Dargusch Adam Aldrich Alex Aldrich Matt Fortunato

LOS TRANPOSOS -THE CHEATERS Geoff Fay J.C. Krahl Andrew Spencer Nick Bartley

LOS X Dan Luken James Rohn Sebastian Servitje Martin Min Carlos Suarez

THE TALL TREES
David Crane
Chris Duncan
Alex Sanchez-Navarro
Alex Standen
Paul Bonasera

THE LOGGERS
Ted Aldrich
Jeff Cavanagh
Troy Friedlander
Sam McCoy
Jonathan Wood

15 and under

LOS PEORES
Rees Alexander
Mike Lenard
Cesar Diaz-Brown
Ryan Nuanes
Peter Yen

LOS X Tim Walsh David Suh Drew Stafford Zach Martin Bill Schwartz

RAVEN'S SINGLE
STRAWBERRY
DUNCAN FIELDS
FOREVER
Peter Sengelmann
Matt Duncan
Tripp Strawbridge
Raven Anderson

THE MISSING FILES
Ben Estabrook
Matt Fink
Kevin Cross
Zach Mueller
Jeff Ruhle

ELLOS Sam Morris Ben Connelly Bobby Michaels Alex Nering Ben Colonna

¿QUE? James Chagaris Frank Cook Matt McGee Robby Connelly

THE KAA KASS Tony Cottone Justin Whealen Ramin Farhangi George Pingeon

BADGERS
Scott Luken
Richard Kubanik
Tyler Durkee
Max Kneussl
Rajiv Miller

PRAYER by Nick Bartley

Dear Lord.

Thank you for blessing me with the opportunity to be at Camp Kawanhee among the lake, the mountains, and all my fellow campers. Please grant me the strength to treat all my lodgemates, other campers, and staff with respect. Also, help me and the other campers to resist the temptation to say or do hurtful things, as we remember the golden rule:

Treat others, as we would like to be treated

Furthermore give us the strength to be good sports in all our competitions regardless of whether we win or lose. Help us to remember that all our competitors are our fellow campers and friends.

Give us the wisdom to show our appreciation and thanks to those who made it possible to be here at Kawanhee and to learn all the lessons available to us.

CLOSING PRAYER

Bow our heads in prayer . . .

Please take a moment to reflect on how you have been treating your lodgemates, and other people in camp.

Those you have not treated fairly.

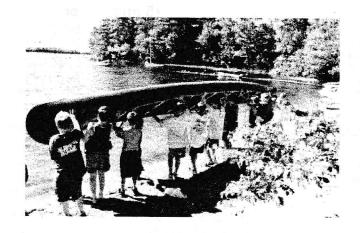
Those you have not tried to befriend.

Please help us remember to apply the messages that we learned today. May we use our new knowledge to take better advantage of Kawanhee and our surroundings. Let us apply all the lessons we have learned at Kawanhee, not only now, but also when we return to our families, so that we may truly be better people for this camp experience.

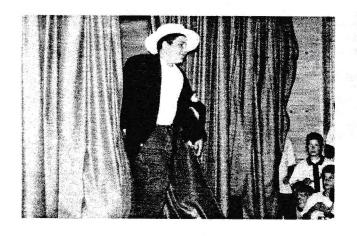
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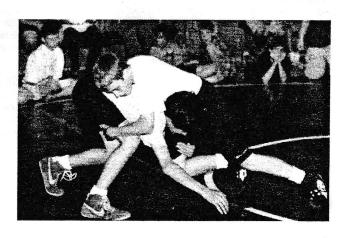
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SUMMER OF 2000 - KAWANHEE STYLE

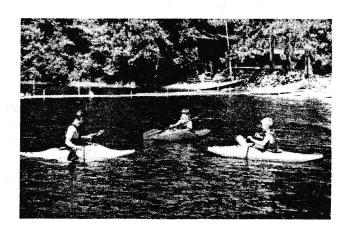












*****AS KAWANHEE TURNS*****

Many visitors came to Kawanhee this season! We always welcome them and enjoy hearing about their lives now. Jason Roth is ready to intern as a P.A. (physician's assistant) and will be married in September. Congratulations Jason. Tony Soto came in for the weekend from Boston and soon will be moving to Miami, Florida. He is a salesman for computer products for banking systems. Miguel Reyes and his wife visited and Miguel participated in several activities. His brother, Blas Reyes came about two weeks later for his first trip to Kawanhee in 30 years. Camp surely brought back a lot of memories. It is now the Doctors Reyes, as Blas is a dermatologist and his wife is an ophthalmologist. They live in Puerto Rico with their two daughters and their son, who will be a camper in a few years. Other former campers who visited are Nathan Webb, Jaime Rubio, Tom Tillett, and Steve Lenard. Two visitors who were campers for many seasons were Brian Gibson and Bernie Gehret. Bernie and his wife had been living in Seattle, Washington and now will be moving to Portland, Oregon. Our former camp mother, Laura Burbine, along with her husband Dick, visited their two sons Bill (one of our tennis instructors) and Andy who is a member of the tripping department. Ed and Mary Hamblin were here with their granddaughter enjoying a stay at Kawanhee Inn. Andy Shahan and Eric Muther were also guests. Andy works with special needs children and will be moving back to California after a year of study in Massachusetts. Eric Muther is a financial specialist. Tim Horton, former wrestling instructor at camp, now lives in Columbus, Ohio. Joe Rini is to be a bridegroom and the wedding will be in September. The couple will reside in Manhattan. Joanna Sewall said that she will be teaching in New Orleans this next year. Adrienne Webster (Dan's wife) also was visiting from California. She is the director of a pre-school program and she and Dan are working on their Masters degrees. Dan is director of our tripping department. He also directs an environmental program for California schools. Andy Brown, also a former director of our wrestling department, visited camp with his wife Jenny. Maine was a welcome respite from the torrid heat of Texas. Dick Miller, former sailing director, stopped to enjoy lunch and a visit. His grandson, Eric Moran, is a fourth generation camper. We expect to see many fourth generation campers over the next decade. A very recent visitor was Wynn Parrish who returned with his family. He now resides in Monument, Colorado.

Remember the Reunion, August 17-20. Keep sending us news and address changes. Best wishes from Camp Kawanhee 2000.

CAMP KAWANHEE FOUNDATION

Since our July 16 Wigwam which listed many contributions to the Camp Kawanhee Foundation, the following additional persons have made donations. We would like to express our thanks to them.

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Many of the above donations were given in memory of Mr. Herb Birch. The last three contributions were in memory of Ben Means.

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.

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