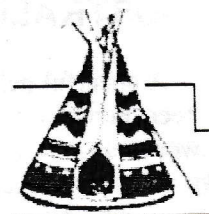


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Holiday Greetings to all!

How lucky we all are to be in this time of year, when all of us seem to pay particular attention to the fine attributes and character of our fellow neighbors. My thoughts in turn often drift to Kawanhee as it is so easy to notice all this good in others, and I must say that I count my blessings that I am able to share fellowship with the wonderful people in our camp family.

The founding mission that the Frank brothers set in place in 1921, and the core of our teaching philosophy since, that Kawanhee be a character building force in the lives of boys, is continually being met as we all have striven so importantly to nurture the boys, as well as, fine tune our own character.

We are all so fortunate to learn from, and to instill in our own person; so many of these fine qualities such as personal honor, high moral standards, and strong ethics that are so prevalent in everyone associated with camp. The all important lesson being that our own actions and behavior become the lasting gift in our interactions with others, and this incredible talent continues to affect everyone we come in contact with throughout the entire year, and not just during the holiday season.

My greatest gift is the enrichment I receive in counting you all as friends! Enjoy your holidays, and don't forget to start thinking about your goals for Kawanhee 2001.

-- Mark Nelson, Managing Director

2001 CAMPER ENROLLMENT

Advance applications have been received for the following campers. If your name is not on the list, please contact Mark Nelson or Walter Estabrook to make sure that a place will be reserved for you. Enrollment at the current time is considerably ahead of last year.

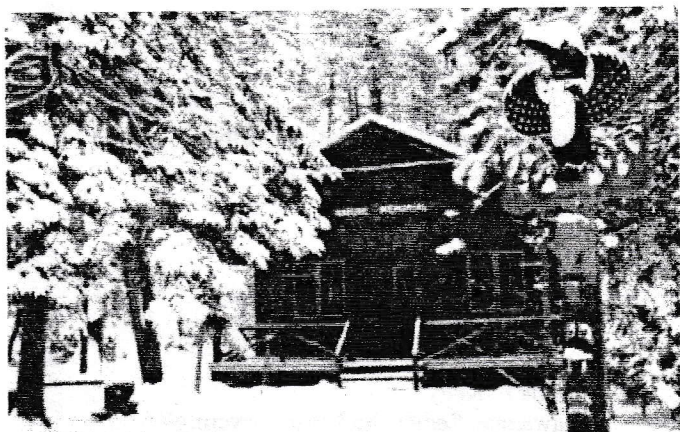
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Carl Barnard
Nicholas Bartley
Gavin Cadwallader
Ned Carson
Sam Carson
Jon Casto
Benedict Connelly
Robert Connelly
Corey Connor
Anthony Cottone
Robin Curtis
Charles Darmanin
Ryan Davis
Chris Duncan
Matt Duncan
Geoff Fay
Andres Figueroa
Michael Fink
Matthew Fortunato
Troy Friedlander

Javier Galiana
Francisco Garcia
Roberto Garcia
James Gavin
Matthew Gering
William Gering
Matthew Gerity
Reid Greimann
Gregor Hoffman
Samuel Hoffman
Evan Jones
Cory Keny
Michael Lenard
Graham Marvin
Forest Mas
Christian McCoy
Samuel McCoy
Rajiv Miller
Eric Moran
Benjamin Morgan
Henry Myers

Daniel Osar
Harper Pack
Carlos Pla
David Ruhle
Jeff Ruhle
Bill Schwartz
John Sengelmann
Peter Sengelmann
Tyler Slayman
Andrew Spencer
Drew Stafford
Will Stafford
Ted Stotzer
Tripp Strawbridge
Carlos Suarez
Kyle Tulloss
Andrew Vaughn
Gordon Weihe
Matthew Wilson
David Wirth

TOP TEN MEMORIES OF 2000

10. Christmas in July
9. Breakfast Burritos — tied with the Hail Storm
8. Sam Morris winning Best Dressed at Campfire
7. Danny Thomas Keating releasing Frozen In Time
6. Robbie Connelly winning Mr. Kawanhee Night
5. Sleep-in
4. Karaoke Night with Ken Chances
3. New Cereal Dispensers
2. Arcadia Dance
1. Ropes Course opens (& Walter Estabrook attempting the climbing wall)



The Nature Building and the Totem Pole in December

"TAPPING" in History

Kawanhee is well-known around Lake Webb for the 9:00 P.M. TAPS being played and folks listen for them. Did you know when and why they were composed? Eric Jensen, former camper and counselor, and Navy pilot, sent the story of General Butterfield who was a Civil War hero and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his services.

One restless night in July of 1862, General Butterfield camped with his men at Berkley Plantation, overlooking the James River near Tidewater, Virginia. He sat on his cot and thought about the good fortune he had had the previous month during the battle of Gaines' Mill—his wounds had not been serious. Others, of course, hadn't shared his good fortune. Many dead and wounded had been left behind there. Those that had escaped might have fallen a few days later at Malvern Hill, when Lee's troops attacked but fell back before the Union Soldiers. Butterfield's thoughts were interrupted by his bugler sounding Extinguishing Lights. The General thought that tune was too stiff and formal. He reached in his pocket and drew forth a crumpled, stained envelope. Whistling and humming, he got down to work finishing his song. O.W. Norton, Butterfield's 22-year

old bugler, came in and the General asked him to play his song on the bugle. Norton played it several times and they made changes until they were satisfied. With that, the General asked Norton to substitute the new call for the regular call. The music was beautiful and heard far beyond their brigade. Other buglers asked for copies of the music. Soon it was taken up by all Confederate buglers. Later Taps was substituted for the customary rifle volleys at the graveside.

Kawanhee sings the following verse at the end of all campfires:

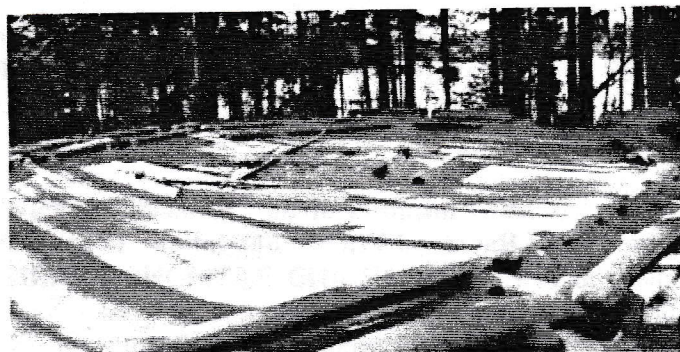
"Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky,
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh."

Another favorite is:

"Fading light, dims the sights,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright,
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night."

Kawanhee is grateful to Chuck Compher and Brian Birch for selecting campers to carry on the tradition of having Taps played each evening and always at the conclusion of the campfire.

We all thank Butterfield for this wonderful melody that brings a contented finality to the day. It is a very heartwarming sound and copied the world over.



The Council Point in the cold, wintry weather

Obituary

Benjamin (Ben) A. Bennett passed away on Wednesday, December 13, 2000. He received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Ohio State University. Retired from Columbus Public Schools after 40 years of teaching mathematics. He spent many summers as a Shop counselor at Camp Kawanhee. He established the Russell A. Bennett Junior C Swimming Award at Kawanhee in honor of his son. Ben was survived by daughters, Suzanne Taylor and Lynn Spencer, both of Seattle, Washington. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.



The Camp Center after a recent snow storm

A Message from Michael "Meriwether" Altmaier

Holiday greetings from Wyoming! My trip is delayed at the moment because of 18 inches of snow and sub-freezing temperatures! I guess I might be like the real Lewis and Clark delayed by winter. I have decided, however, not to build a fort as they did! I have traveled 7,500 miles in my 1994 Saturn. This trip has been a valuable experience for me. I have had many great adventures. I have visited many major battlefields, climbed mountains, and traveled through unknown cities. I even had a confrontation with a rattlesnake. I will keep you updated on my trip.

CAMP KAWANHEE FOUNDATION DONATIONS

Our August 6 issue of the Wigwam listed contributions to the Camp Kawanhee Foundation. Since then the following additional persons have made donations, and we would like to express our thanks to them.

Brian Birch, Jr.
Arturo and Maria Cajiga
David and Joan Colescott
Capital Group Companies
Jane Compher (in memory of Dr. Arthur Compher)
The Rev. Marilyn Elise Conley
Dwight and Elizabeth Cram
Jane and Doug Cramphin
Capt. Jeff Duncan

Ed and Lynn Fleming
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Mike and Penny Hoffman
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Kawanhee Senior Staff (can recycling)
Mary and David Lamb

All the donations made to the Kawanhee Foundation are to provide scholarships (full or partial) to worthy, needy boys or to build the capital assets of the Kawanhee Foundation. Please make checks to **The Camp Kawanhee Foundation**.

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As many members of the "Kawanhee Family" know, Camp Kawanhee is now owned and operated by **The George and Raymond Frank Foundation**. In the event you wish to donate to the Frank Foundation, please make that check to **THE GEORGE AND RAYMOND FRANK FOUNDATION** and mail to Chuck Hoffhine, Treasurer, 2581 Caroline Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43209. Any funds received can be used for the continuation, maintenance, and enhancement of Camp Kawanhee, or applied toward any special project of your choice, and your gift is tax deductible.

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