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Message from Chief Kawanhee -- ATTENTION 2003 CAMPERS

As of March 22, 2003, Kawanhee's 2003 enrollment reached 143 boys. Many thanks to you campers and your parents for your 2003 applications and for your deposit checks. We expect to reach our full enrollment by the end of April, but can still at this time accept another 20 or 25 boys. Please "tell a friend" very soon and call Mark Nelson (336) 794-2400 or Walter Estabrook (614) 235-9791. Then you can join the Lobster Club members who have already signed up a buddy for 2003 and will be going during the second week of camp to a restaurant for a delicious lobster dinner (or steak if you prefer) as guests of Chief Kawanhee. See you all on June 23 for another great summer at Camp Kawanhee.

WANTED: GOAL-ORIENTED INDIVIDUALS by Mark Nelson, Managing Director

The days of summer are almost upon us, and the excitement that I am feeling for the upcoming camp season is no doubt certainly shared by many of us Kawanheeans new and old. My thoughts quickly drift towards many highlights which await us: Polar Bear, Captains of Grey and Maroon Teams, Flag Rush, Mr Kawanhee Night, Shop and Fine Art Projects, Gem of the Week, Mike Altmaier's Trivia & Jeopardy, New Outpost Construction, Lobster Club Dinner, Luxurious Buses to Monhegan and Rafting, Ken Chances, JMG, BLS, and Robin Hood to name but a few.

We often speak during these spring months about the early setting of our goals for our numerous opportunities forthcoming in Weld during our seven weeks together, and this is certainly the case yet again to ponder how best to take advantage of our environment while in our program and mission of encouragement and support. However, I would also like to stress that with the unfortunate current unrest and tensions taking place at various points around the globe cross-culturally, that we have a golden occasion to reflect on the issue of personal character, the very fiber of our existence, and in turn, the accountabilities to which we should hold ourselves with clean conscious for not only our actions and behavior, but in our ability to offer our friendship and mentorship to anyone in need of a kind ear, boost in self-esteem, positive directional communication, or the simple act of a greeting smile.

As individuals we all are our optimum personal evaluators, and as we relfect daily on how we can better ourselves as individuals, I ask that you include character goals in your plans for your Kawanhee experience. You can certainly bet that I will!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in June!

2003 WINTER

by Kris Simanek, Staff

January 18th marked the first 'official' annual Kawanhee Winter Weekend. About 30 people joined in for some or all of the activities for the day. Despite the extreme cold temperatures the area has had this winter, the weekend weather was in our favor and we had clear blue skies and the sun on our backs. Perhaps a new record was set when 26 people sat on top of Bass Rock after making the 34 mile trek across the frozen lake. Some folks skied, some snowshoed, and some just walked with sleds in tow. After some exploring around camp, people reconvened at the Simaneks' for hot chocolate and snacks before heading to Upper Center Hill for some serious sledding. It's a pretty long ride from the lean-to all the way down to the ranger station and it would have been an even longer walk back up, but many thanks go out to Mark and Christopher Smith for providing snowmobile rides back to the top of the hill. The evening concluded with a fun and festive supper at the St. John household. Those in attendance for some of the activities included:

Richard, Naomi, Tash and Amos Doughty; Pete, Margo and Matt St. John; Reid and Garth Greimann; Mark, Debbie and Christopher Smith; John, Becky, and Riley Bell; Sean Minear, Tim Johnston, Dan Osar, Rachel Roberts, Ted and Betty Simanek, Page, Seth and Eric Berry; B.A., Andrew, and Ben Altmaier; Alex Nering, Mark Gibson, and Kris Simanek.

Thanks go out to everyone who helped make this winter gathering such a great success. It was a fun reminder of the fellowship shared during the summer season and a great chance to catch up with friends and think about the summer to come. We hope to continue this event with expanded activities in future years. Hope to see you then. Stay tuned for more details.

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*** AS KAWANHEE TURNS ***

To borrow a phrase from Mr. Herb Birch, Saturday, March 15, was a BEE-U-TI-FULL day! Mark and Elizabeth Nelson and Walter and Jane Estabrook hosted Kawanhee's Annual Doughnut Hole party at the Estabrook home in Columbus, Ohio. Local campers & counselors, parents, along with other family members plus friends totaled over 50 happy participants. The weather was a picture perfect spring like day for the boys who played outside the house, and inside many of us rooted Ohio State's Basketball Team to a cliff hanger one point win over Illinois. In addition to the doughnut holes, we consumed quantities of popcorn, potato chips, plus a good selection of Splash, apple juice, and other soft drinks. The theme of the day was "fellowship" and as those of you who are reading this know, Kawanhee fellowship is always "the greatest" as we all relive happy times of previous camp summers, and as we anticipate 2003 to be another fantastic season on the horizon! One sad note --- Andy Crawford, a camper and counselor from the 1930 era, died July 16, 2002. A letter from John (Jack) E. Coleman of Dayton, Ohio (Kawanhee 1922) stated that his 95th birthday was a great reception given by his children and over 100 people came! Congratulations, Jack!! Great news is that Tumbledown Mountain is saved from development by the Trust for Public Land. Both Jorge Marcial and Rodrigo Valderrabano have been accepted into medical schools -- Kawanhee is proud of them! Alex Nering received the Order of the Arrow - a great honor in Boy Scouts! Former camper and counselor, Jeff Stroman married Kathryn Pierce at the Kawanhee Inn and they are now residing in Farmington, Maine. Wedding bells for Adam Cook and Dagny Tardiff at Camp Kawanhee in late August 2003. Isn't that exciting!

The WIGWAM welcomes any news about you, your family, and Kawanhee friends. Please keep us informed.

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