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Message from Chief Kawanhee -- ATTENTION 2005 CAMPERS

As of March 11, 2005, Kawanhee's 2005 enrollment reached 105 boys (listed below). Many thanks to you campers and your parents for your 2005 applications and for your deposit checks. If you wish to sign up, please mail an application to Mark Nelson as soon as possible. See you all on June 19 for another great summer at Camp Kawanhee.

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2005 CAMPER ENROLLMENT (as of March 11)

Ignacio Abascal
Ian Ackers
Isaac Ackers
Sam Addison
Ryan Albert
Mario Alvarez-Sala
Foster Baker
Carl Barnard
Eric Berry
Seth Berry
Carlos Blanco Redondo
Jamie Bolon
Tommy Bolon
Paul Bonasera
Spencer Branch
Royce Broadright
Gavin Cadwallader
Gonzalo Canas
AJ Carrier
Ned Carson
Sam Carson
Corey Connor
Duncan Constable
Jacob Corchado
Enrique Corral Herrera
Will Dargusch
Juan de la Lastra
Jon Denby
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Pedro Dorta
Tash Doughty
Morgan Doyle
Alex Dunn

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Jack Fader
Lucas Fader
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Conor Morris
Luke Morris

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Harper Pack
Alex Palmer
Ryan Parrish
Carlos Pla
Ricardo Pla
Nicholas Poulton
Ted Poulton
Andrew Prior
Luke Randall
Garret Richwilson
Reid Rogers
Dylan Rouda
Shea Rouda
Trace Rouda
David Ruhle
JP Rullan
John Fritz Rullan
Alessio Russo
Leonardo Russo
Will Ryan
Pedro Sadde
Tyler Slayman
Ben Smith
Chris Smith
Matt St. John
Ben Standen
Cam Tice
Walker Tice
Jack Wellborn
Harry Wellborn
Jimmy Whitaker
David Wirth
Ben Zambito
Max Zambito

THREE MOONS TO GO!!! by Mark Nelson, Managing Director

As of March 1st, I understand that Kawanhee still has three feet of snow on the ground, but the great news is that we are just over three moons away from the start of the 2005 season! Even with this blanket of snow, and frigid temperatures, work continues in preparation of everyone's arrival on June 19th, including some minor interior renovation projects that are presently taking place in the Infirmary and Abbott Lodge.

Perhaps, even more thrilling, are the projects that will be completed by your arrival. These will include the construction of a new JMG Outpost Training Shelter in the woods located behind Skookamee Beach, which is being made possible by the generosity of Mrs. Muriel Ruhle. Talented Architect and Kawanhee Alumnus, Mark Sengelmann has deftly designed our construction plans in keeping with the rustic charm of this pristine location, while at the same time enhancing the practical usage capabilities for our JMG candidates during their training program. We are also looking to renovate the Campcraft building, and this will include revamping and expanding the back gear storage room, as well as replacing the roof, which will include an overhang for dry fire wood storage. A brand new 90 horsepower Evinrude outboard engine has been purchased and installed on our ski boat, and we are looking forward to launching shortly after the ice leaves the lake!

With all these events in the works, it does help emphasize how close we are to opening day, and now is the time to ponder your personal goals that you wish to achieve during your summer along the shores of Webb Lake. Take some time for personal reflection right now, and decide on how you will best take advantage of the amazing opportunity that awaits you at Camp Kawanhee this summer!

LOBSTER CLUB RETURNS TO THE KAWANHEE INN!

After a short hiatus at the Boiler Room Restaurant in Wilton, and more importantly a successful and delicious return to the Kawanhee Inn last July, I am pleased to once again announce that the Lobster Club Dinner will be held at the Inn this summer! We'd love nothing more than to invite anyone who brings a friend or relative to camp. If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about the Camp Kawanhee mission and experience, please call or email Mark Nelson with the appropriate information, and he will be glad to contact these families directly, and mail off our current catalog and video. Mark may be reached at 317.398.6268, or via email at Lizmark5@aol.com. Any boy who successfully enrolls will allow his Kawanhee friend the opportunity to enjoy this dinner party, and this will also include their designed Lobster Club T-shirt on us!

UPDATE ON SKOOKAMEE

The campaign to buy and preserve the Skookamee Beach shorefront is well underway! As the Frank Foundation faces a remarkable once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to secure this land, camp's alumni, parents, staff and friends are working together to ensure that future Kawanhees will enjoy the memories so many of us cherish. The overnights at Skookamee, sleeping under the stars, the remote beauty of the narrows, watching for the wildlife which inhabits that area, and working toward certification as a Junior Maine Guide are all treasured aspects of life at camp which take place on this important ribbon of land. All Kawanhees are invited and encouraged to join the effort to preserve these opportunities for future campers. As the lake becomes ever more popular, Kawanhee's pristine setting will be more precious and today's protection of Kawanhee's environment will seem even wiser. The foresight of today's generous donors will benefit Kawanhee forever.

When the Skookamee campaign was launched, three remarkable donations had just been received. Jean Myers donated over \$50,000 in memory of her husband Hal, a former camper, counselor and camp minister, whose connections to Kawanhee spanned the decades from the 1920s to the 1980s. At about the same time, Butch O'Neill, a camp alum from the 1940s and a parent of camp alums from the 1970s, donated a building he owned in Weld which generated almost \$60,000. Then, as the Skookamee

land purchase seemed more possible, Muriel Ruhle donated \$15,000 to secure the land and build a JMG outpost in memory of her son Tom, a camper and counselor from the 1960s. Since that time, support for the Skookamee land fund has continued to arrive from Kawanhees of all ages who have seen the value of the Kawanhee experience throughout the years.

Including the lead gifts, a goal was set last fall to raise \$275,000 by the reunion in August of 2005. To date, \$165,000 has been donated and an additional \$12,700 has been pledged, leaving \$97,300 yet to raise. This is a great start, but a good bit of distance remains before the goal can be reached.

If you have intended to join this effort, the invitation is still open! If you have already made a donation and would like to add to it, again, the need still exists. As always, your gift to the Frank Foundation will be tax deductible. To make a donation, please make your check payable to and mail to:

**George and Raymond Frank Foundation
Box 12**

Weld, Maine 04285

Be sure to mark "Skookamee" on the memo line of your check. If you prefer to make a gift of securities, please send us a note with your phone number or email address so we can help to facilitate your donation.

Together, we can reach the goal!

The off-season at Kawanhee gives us time to fix and improve the camp's many facilities. Much of this work happens in the spring when the snow and ice are gone. However, this year we have started early. First, in the infirmary we have started a renovation project to improve the inside living space. By removing a wall in the living room, we will create a much more usable space that has better natural light and comfortable space for beds if the need arises. Abbott Lodge is the second project that is also under way. In this project we are putting up better sound proofing and finishing some walls with matched pine and insulation. The Belskis and Nelson families will have an improved summer home to come to this season.

With winter comes SNOW! and we have had a lot of it this year. In the Portland area of Maine, we have already received over 80 inches of snow, and another foot

of it is due this week. Most of us living in Maine love snow, myself included, but too much snow on rooftops will cause them to cave in, forcing us to shovel them clear. This past week, with the help of the Home Town Handyman, we cleared 15 rooftops in camp, including the Dining Hall, Rec. Hall, the Infirmary, Nature, Campcraft, several lodges, and the Fort. On some of these buildings, we found up to 4 feet of snow!

Every year we fix, improve, and build new to maintain our wonderful camp. With all these changes happening in camp, the spirit of KAWANHEE never changes and lives with us everyday. I'll see everyone in just 3 Moons! Kawanhee will be ready.....

ALUMNI SPRING CLEAN-UP & BARBECUE

May 28-30, 2005 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Kick-off the season with a friendly gathering at Camp Kawanhee to help clean up the grounds and prepare for the summer season. Be prepared to work hard, then relax and play by the lakeside.

The Saturday night barbecue is on us!

For the above off-season event, a \$75 per person (or per family) contribution to the Skookamee Fund will be greatly appreciated.

For information on the above activity, or to register for the event, please contact Kris Simanek or Mark Gibson at 207.585.2122 or ksimanek@kawanhee.com or gibby@kawanhee.com

I received my copy of the September '04 Wigwam Issue and have been reading it front to back. I'll take a moment to congratulate all of those responsible for an excellent job - photography, layout, and full information. I thought Kawanhee had a good one back in the 30's for the five years I was there. But of course there has been great change in know-how and sophistication. Most evident to me in the camp itself is the increased number of lodges and also, the number of activities. In fact the whole operation is so professionally visible, I find myself rather longing for the relative informality of "the old days." We built and slept on the Crawlark, the houseboat featured in the catalog for some years after its demise. And our rides into Dixfield to get the mail And playing poker in the infirmary. Ah well, you can't have it all ways. Congratulations on your fine work.

-- Harris E. Adriance, Kawanhee Alumnus

KAWANHEE'S 85th REUNION SAVE THE DATE AND SPREAD THE WORD

Registration will begin at noon on Thursday, August 11, 2005 and go on until closing on Sunday, August 14, 2005 after brunch. Let your friends know about this huge event and have them send their addresses and/or emails to us. We will send them a packet of information.

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There will be many exciting activities going on during the Reunion event. We look forward to seeing you in August of 2005!

Brian Birch is heading up shop and will remind you not to cut on the line. Nan will do lodge inspections at 9:00 a.m. - win two in a row and your cabin gets candy bars.



WINTER NEWS FROM WELD by Kris Simanek, staff

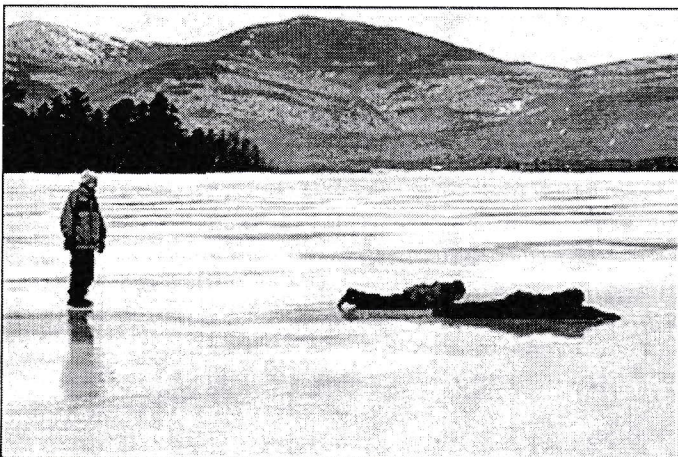
It has been a wild winter in Weld. January brought extreme cold with negative temperatures. February brought more of the same, and then snow. Now, March is bringing even more snow as we brace for 3 major storms expected to hit us this week.

A few Kawanhee folks rang in the New Year by what is becoming an annual sledding party on Center Hill. Mark Gibson, Kris and Kara Simanek, Aaron Krouse, and Scott Barnes tried to hang on to their sleds for the thrilling ride down the Center Hill Lookout Road.

We were fortunate to have a lull in the negative temps during Martin Luther King weekend in January. On Saturday we had a small gathering for a pick-up hockey game at the Mt. Blue State Park rink. On Sunday we had a nice gathering of Kawanhees that set out to walk to Bass Rock. There were 18 Bass Rock Walkers in all and they

included: Bo Bucher and his father, Pete St. John, Matt St. John, Seth, Eric, and Paige Berry, A.J. Carrier, Mike Letarte, Tash, Amos, and Richard Doughty, Chris Smith, Rachel Roberts, Jesse Scott, B.A. Altmaier, Mark Gibson, and Kris Simanek. Guest appearances were also made by Stephen Harvell and Steve Letarte and their parents. The evening was enjoyed by a delicious lasagna dinner hosted by the St. Johns.

Although Camp is still blanketed in snow of great depths, spring will be upon us soon and shortly, thereafter, the hustle and bustle of a thrilling summer season at Kawanhee will begin. Hope for sun and warm temperatures soon – there are many layers of ice that need to be melted before the waters of Webb Lake will be warmed for Lake Swims!



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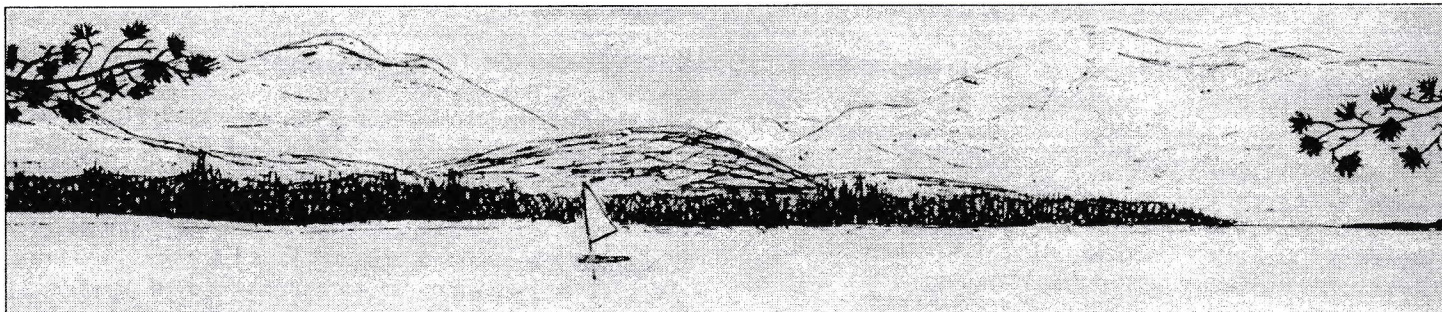
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OBITUARY

Longtime Kawanhee camper and counselor Joe Shepard passed away in the early morning hours of February 22, 2005, surrounded by his family and loved ones. Joe will be deeply missed by all of his many Kawanhee friends. We send our condolences to his wife, Mary Ann and his children. Many years ago, the Shepard family established the Shepard Award, and, at the end of each season, the cup for this award is presented to that camper who has made the greatest improvement in Swimming.

Sunday, March 20th, will be an extra special day for all Columbus, Ohio area campers and staff. There will be a "**mini-reunion**" at the home of the Estabrooks. Mark and Elizabeth Nelson, along with Walter and Jane Estabrook, expect 50 to 60 campers, parents, and staff to join in this "Fun-Food-Friends" day. Also, prospective campers and their parents have been invited to catch the feel of the Kawanhee spirit at 450 S. Harding Road from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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