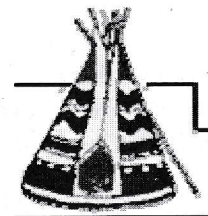


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## THE END OF A GREAT SEASON !

by Pete St. John, Camp Director

The 2007 season closed amidst great celebration and spirit. Campers were busy with final level achievements until the last possible minute. The images from the last few days are still vivid: Chief Kawanhee blessing all the braves and sachems accompanied by the roar and crackle of the evening bonfire, the mighty sailboat regatta, the Carnival, the final tug of war, the piled trunks, the final banquet, and the awards ceremony, where the suspense surrounding the JMG announcement and the Grey/Maroon competition was brought to a dramatic close- B.A. Altmaier kept his final presentation well under the 53 minute mark this year- all the way, B.A.! Certainly the highlight of the ceremony was the speechmaking by Grey and Maroon captains Ned Carson and JP Rullan; Kawanhee was indeed fortunate to have such outstanding team captains this summer, and both spoke with real eloquence.

At the "seventh inning stretch" halfway through the awards ceremony, the crowd re-convened in front of the Dining Hall to watch Executive Directors Liz and Mark Standen announce the dedication of that building in honor of Walter and Jane Estabrook, Kawanhee Directors for several decades, whose unswerving devotion to Kawanhee has brought camp to where it is today.

Camp is pretty quiet now, but the place still echoes with the memories of one of the most spirited summers in anyone's recollection. I look forward to seeing you all again soon- at one of the Kawanhee off-season gatherings coming to a place near you!

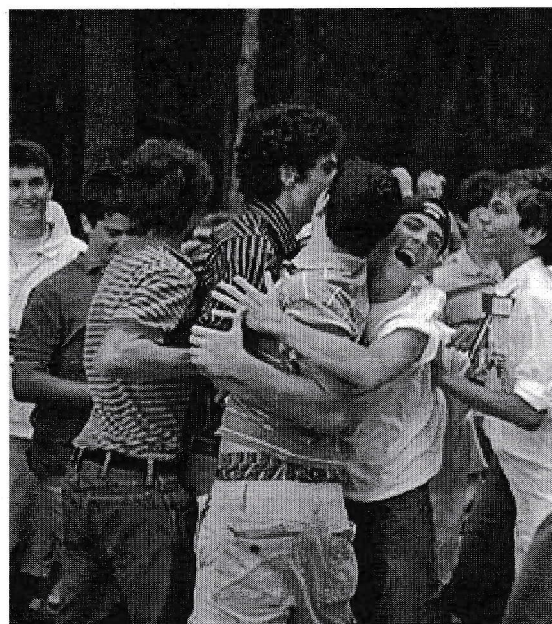
### FINAL SCORE OF THE GREY AND MAROON TEAMS

**Maroons 51,460**

Captain J.P. Rullan  
Co-Capt. John Fritz Rullan

**Greys 50,436**

Captain Ned Carson  
Co-Capt. Jack Callaghan



The Maroons celebrate their victory  
with Captain J.P. Rullan

### TOP 10 HIGH POINT WINNERS

1. Enrique Corral-Herrera	Maroon	3,000
2. Philip Coons	Grey	2,635
3. JP Rullan	Maroon	2,300
4. Ben Zambito	Grey	2,245
5. Jamie Bolon	Grey	2,205
6. Trace Rouda	Grey	2,175
7. Chase McReynolds	Maroon	2,145
8. Peter Erf	Maroon	2,085
9. Drake Williams	Grey	1,880
10. John Fritz Rullan	Maroon	1,840



## PLAQUE ACHIEVEMENTS

Finishing a Kawanhee achievement plaque means completing all three levels in each of the ten activities in a camper's age bracket. These divisions are: Junior C, Junior B, Junior A, and Senior.

Junior C includes: Eagle, Falcon, Pine Tree Lodges

Junior B includes: Hawk, Deer, Beaver, Moose Lodges

Junior A includes: Lynx, Wildcat, Bear Lodges

Senior includes: Loon, Badger, Crow Lodges

Usually, a Kawanhee camper takes several summers to complete a plaque. 15 boys finished their plaques this summer.

\* Finished Plaque in one year

\*\* Only a handful of campers have finished the Senior plaque in the last 30 years

### C Division

John Dixon  
Enrique Corral  
Jon Ersidar  
Drake Williams  
Alex Palmer  
Ferd Schoedinger

### B Division

Peter Erf  
Mac McReynolds  
Chase McReynolds  
Ben Zambito  
Brian Wajda  
\* Phil Coons

### A Division

Luke Fader  
Jamie Bolon

### Senior Division

\*\* JP Rullan

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION 2007

- Gardiner Lattimer Physical Improvement Award  
Caleb Tulloss
- Benua Athletic Improvement Award  
Enrique Corral-Herrera
- C.A. Crane Award (Most Helpful Camper)  
Luke Randall
- Herb Birch Award (Most Spirited Lodge)  
Crow Lodge
- William Brutscher Award  
High Point Winner - Enrique Corral-Herrera
- Clarence Bateman Award Tripper of the Year  
Zach Doucette
- 100% Polar Bear Award – Will Gering, Andrew Peck,  
Luke Randall, Steve Harvell, TJ Velez,  
Drake Williams, Loon Lodge
- Boater of the Year Award – Harry Wellborn
- Range: High Point Winner  
Alessio Russo (730 points)
- Walter & Jane Estabrook Staff Member of the Year  
Matt Gering
- Special Mention: Tim Johnston

## MERITORIOUS AWARDS

- CAMPCRAFT: JUNIOR MAINE GUIDE  
Ryan Erf, Ben Zambito,  
Tash Doughty, John Fritz Rullan
- ART - Meritorious Awards  
Eric Dardet, Forrest Weihe, Trace Rouda,  
Enrique Corral-Herrera, Justin Scott, TJ Velez
- NATURE  
Most Interested:  
Jr. C – Zach Eberding, Jon Nichols  
Jr. B – Phil Coons  
Jr. A – Gebby Keny  
Senior – JP Rullan  
Most Improved Attitude – Enrique Corral-Herrera  
Best Lapidary: – Zach Doucette  
Special Mention in Lapidary – Peter Erf, Ned Carson  
Campbell Scarlett Award – Caleb Tulloss
- SHOP - Honorable Mention Award - TJ Velez
- ARCHERY  
12 & under: 15 & under:  
1<sup>st</sup> – Dylan Rouda 1<sup>st</sup> – Alex Palmer  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Peter Erf 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jamie Bolon  
  
Patches: Patches:  
Alex Devine Robert DiPrima  
Blaise Mariner Miguel Diaz  
Rye Salerno Harry Wellborn  
  
Ed Trayner – C Peter Erf - B  
  
Matt St. John – Assistance Jack Wellborn – Assistant
- WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS  
(in weight classes)  
CHAMPION RUNNER-UP  
Ed Trayner Karle Erf  
Tommy Cronin Carlos Joglar  
Peter Erf  
Mac McReynolds Juan Antonio Vicente-Pascual  
Philp Coons Harry Wellborn  
Forrest Weihe David Deliz  
Brian Wajda Alessio Russo  
JimmyWhitaker Jamie Bolon  
Ben Smith Chase McReynolds  
Ben Zambito Sam Friedlander  
Graham Marvin Aaron Lazarus  
AJ Johnson Spencer Davis  
Dan Alexander Tash Doughty  
J.P. Rullan Steve Harvell  
TJ Velez Jack Callaghan  
Sergio Rodriguez-Masso Mac Sashin
- TRIPS - MOUNTAIN MEN I  
Sam Friedlander, Phil Coons, Blaise Mariner,  
Alvaro Richi, Juan Antonio Vicente Pascual,  
Enrique Corral, Jamie Bolon
- TRIPS - MOUNTAIN MEN II - Chase McReynolds

# RIBBON AWARDS - 2007

Activity	Group	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	MOST IMPROVED
ARCHERY	Junior C	Eddie Trayner	David Deliz Justin Scott	Adam Campbell
	Junior B	Alex Devine	Sam Reynolds Nick Arris	Carlos Joglar
	Junior A	Alex Palmer	Jamie Bolon Miguel Diaz	Forrest Weihe Brian Wajda
	Senior	Will Gering	Victor Martinez Robert Di Prima	Inigo Calderon
BASEBALL	Junior C	Drake Williams	Zach Eberding	Jorge Alicea-Brito
	Junior B	Sam Reynolds	Bobby Savini Peter Erf	Jacob Fogel Enrique Corral
	Junior A	Jim Whitaker Mac McReynolds	Brian Wajda	Forrest Weihe
	Senior	Andrew Peck	Chase McReynolds	Rafael Macia
BOATING & CANOEING	Junior C	Zach Eberding	Drake Williams	Justin Scott
	Junior B	Philip Coons	Alex Devine	Caleb Tulloss
	Junior A	Harry Wellborn	John Fritz Rullan	Ben Zambito
CAMPCRAFT	Junior C	Zach Eberding	Drake Williams	Karle Erf
	Junior B	Zach Doucette Enrique Corral	Juan Antonio Vicente	Ferd Schoedinger Caleb Tulloss
	Junior A	Ryan Granger	Blaise Mariner	Forrest Weihe
	Senior	Will Gering	John Fritz Rullan	Matt St. John Ben Zambito
KAYAKING	Junior C	Justin Scott	Karle Erf	Alfonso Rodriguez
	Junior B	Jake Fogel	Philip Coons	Enrique Corral
	Junior A	Harry Wellborn	Rye Salerno	Jon Ersider
	Senior	Will Gering	Chase McReynolds	Jack Wellborn
RANGE	Junior C	Fred Baker	Ed Trayner	Alfonso Rodriguez
	Junior B	Jake Fogel	Zach Doucette Nick Arris	Enrique Corral
	Junior A	Alessio Russo	Blaise Mariner	Brian Wajda
	Senior	TJ Velez	Pedro Sadde	Inigo Calderon
SAILING	Junior C	Drake Williams	Eddie Trayner	Karle Erf
	Junior B	Philip Coons	Jake Fogel	Enrique Corral
	Junior A	Lucas Fader	Forrest Weihe	Ryan Granger
	Senior	Luke Randall	Chase McReynolds	TJ Velez
SKIING	Junior C	Justin Scott	Karle Erf	Eddie Trayner
	Junior B	Ferd Schoedinger	Peter Erf	Sam Reynolds
	Junior A		Ignacio Lasso	Enrique Corral
	Senior	Jack Wellborn	Luke Randall	Harry Wellborn
SOCCER	Junior C	Drake Williams	Justin Scott	Mac Sashin
	Junior B	Hugo Azpiazu	Peter Erf	Ferd Schoedinger
	Junior A	Mac McReynolds	Blaise Mariner	Forrest Weihe
	Senior	Geby Keny	Rafael Macia	Alejandro Nunez



## RIBBON AWARDS - 2007 (continued)

Activity	Group	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	MOST IMPROVED
SWIMMING	Junior C	Alfredo Fernandez		
	Junior B	Nick Arris	Caleb Tulloss	Mike Dixon
	Junior A	Forrest Weihe	Jamie Bolon	
	Senior	Ricardo Pla	Jack Wellborn	Ryan Erf
TENNIS	Junior C	Drake Williams	Karle Erf	Zach Eberding
	Junior B	Peter Erf		Caleb Tulloss
	Junior A	Harry Wellborn	Mac McReynolds	Luke Fader
	Senior	Chase McReynolds	Matt St. John	Andrew Peck
VOLLEYBALL	Junior C	Drake Williams	Jon Nichols	Justin Scott
	Junior B	Peter Erf	Philip Coons	Caleb Tulloss
	Junior A	Jim Whitaker	Blaise Mariner	Mac McReynolds

### Basketball

#### **Junior League**

**Champs:** Tough Buckets

**Runners Up:** Sickly Gnar Gnars

**Coach of the Year:** Sam Carson

**Most Heart:** – Mac McReynolds

**Defensive Player of the Year:** – Peter Erf

**Most Improved:** Ignacio Lasso de la Vega

**MVP Regular Season:** Blaise Mariner

#### **Senior League:**

**Champs:** Gordon & Benji's Super Adventure Club

**Runners Up:** Danable Kingdom

**Most Heart:** Ned Carson

**Defensive Player of the Year:** JP Rullan

**Most Improved:** Sam Johnson

**MVP Regular Season:** Dan Alexander

**MVP Playoffs:** Gordon Weihe

### Baseball

**1st – KLL:** Purple Plagues

**KLL Reg Season MVP:** Miguel Ribas

**KLL Batting Champ:** Miguel Ribas

**KLL Playoff MVP:** Zach Doucette

**1st – HAL:** Cactus Killer

**HAL Reg Season MVP:** Steve Harvell

**HAL Batting Champ:** Dan Alexander

**HAL Playoff MVP:** Gordon Weihe

**Sportsmanship:** Fred Baker

**Gold Glove:** Blaise Mariner

**Ted Williams:** Andrew Peck, Ned Carson, Brian Wajda,  
Jim Whitaker, Miguel Ribas

### Tennis:

**Kawanhee Tournament Champions:**

**Jr. C –** Drake Williams

**Jr. B –** Peter Erf

**Jr. A –** Harry Wellborn

**Sr. –** Chase Mc Reynolds

**Tennis Ace:** Aaron Lazarus

### Soccer

#### **Senior League**

**Champions:** Manatee Killers

(AJ Johnson, Dan Alexander, Ned Carson)

**Runners-Up:** Falcor's Lugnuts

(Jack Callaghan, Sam Johnson, Ben Zambito)

**Sr. MVP:** Geby Keny

**Sr. High Goal:** Sam Johnson

#### **Junior League**

**Champions:** La Revolucion de Gilbert

(Derrick Gilbert, Mac McReynolds, Blaise Mariner)

**Runners Up:** Capt. Gavin and the Motorboaters

(Gavin Cadwallader, Ferd Schoedinger, Enrique Corral)

**Jr. MVP:** Mac McReynolds

**Jr. High Goal:** Blaise Mariner

### Wrestling

**Honorable Mention:** Alex Palmer, Jamie Bolon

**Most Helpful:** Luke Fader

**Most Outstanding Wrestler:** AJ Johnson

**Outstanding Achievement in Wrestling:** Dan Alexander

**Wrestler of the Year:** Enrique Corral-Herrera

### Volleyball

**League Champs –** Moose Lodge, Crow Lodge

### Life Guard Course

Chris Postelwaite

Jack Wellborn

Jack Fader

Luke Randall

Fernando Carrasquillo

Enrique Garcia-Thompson

Drew Stafford

Eduardo Saldana

Ryan Erf

Sam Johnson

Chase McReynolds

John Fritz Rullan

Ben Friedlander

Spencer Davis

Robert DiPrima

Gordon Weihe

Derrick Gilbert

**50 Mile Swim:** Trace Rouda, Luke Fader

**15 Mile Swim:** Derrick Gilbert, Dotty Jones-Estabrook



## TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN

by Walter Estabrook, Director Emeritus

Congratulations to Kawanhee's 2007 Camp Directors Liz and Mark Standen and Pete St. John along with Activity Directors Simon Doolittle and Sean Duncan!! Their strong leadership and contagious enthusiasm was evident from the start when they scheduled the first counselor and staff meeting two days before the campers arrived with over 90% of the staff in attendance, and the location of the meeting was a first ever on top of Mt. Tumbledown!! Spirits were high with everyone enjoying and participating in the fun and laughter! The most amazing thing about this highly successful start is the fact that the leaders were able to stimulate everyone--campers as well as staff--to maintain the same positive fun loving attitude right through the entire seven week season. It was very evident in Dining Hall announcements by Activity Leaders, Simon and Sean, as well as by campers, that fun and laughter was enjoyed by everyone!

The same goals emphasized by Kawanhee's founders, George and Raymond Frank, "fun with a purpose," "learn to do by doing," & "finish what you start," are still much in evidence today. May there always be a Kawanhee!!



Campers enjoy a refreshing dip in Webb Lake on a hot day

## FROM THE START

By Alex Standen, Counselor

On June 24th Camp Kawanhee welcomed campers from across the world for the start of its 87th summer. As the first week of camp progressed, things seemed to be running as smoothly as ever. The baseball department promptly split the campers into baseball and softball leagues, and games commenced as they always have, "after the meal." The campers received Chief Kawanhee's blessing during the Coming of the Chief Ceremony on Wednesday night, and free-swims allowed the boys some escape from the sweltering heat.

The summer season, however, began long before June 24th. Some dedicated staff members arrived up to a month in advance to start preparing Kawanhee for the arrival of campers. Under the supervision of camp handy-man Wallis Tyler, a small group of counselors began raking the camp grounds, watering the freshly planted baseball and soccer fields, and assembling the docks. Several maintenance projects awaited the counselors, as well, and it was only thanks to their dedicated efforts that camp was able to get off to a flawless start on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The baseball field was essentially re-done—the base paths widened, the outfield grass replanted, and the dirt replaced—allowing the baseball and softball league games to be played. New benches were constructed on Council Point for the Coming of the Chief Ceremony, and the crib-work that supports the swimming tower was fixed to facilitate free-swim.

Maybe more important than the maintenance, though, were the training and counselor bonding that took place during the week before campers arrived. Many of Kawanhee's staff members received additional training in their activities. Counselors were trained in ropes course safety, archery and trip-leading. Two of Kawanhee's dedicated staff members, David Wirth and Ed Watson, spent nearly a week training to teach Kawanhees Life Guard Training and Basic Life Saving. Every staff member took part in a CPR recertification.

The counselors did save some time to bond with one another. The entire staff, including members of the kitchen staff and camp's executive and managing directors, hiked Tumbledown together. Mark and Elizabeth Standen were kind enough to invite the staff to their cabin for a cook-out, which saw Pete St. John repeatedly embarrassed in horse-shoe competition. And the staff spent its last night of freedom bowling in Farmington. Throughout these bonding experiences, as well as the counselor training and maintenance, the enthusiasm and spirit that drives Camp Kawanhee seemed stronger than ever. Thanks to everyone for continuing that enthusiasm throughout the summer!

## THE EXPERIENCE OF A FIRST – YEAR CAMPER

by Caleb Tulloss, Deer Lodge

I heard about Kawanhee from my dad, who was also a camper here years ago. This year was my first year at camp. At first, I was homesick and didn't know what to expect at camp. The first few days of not doing much made me remember that I was not at home. I was away from my family and from my normal schedule. Then activities started. The first week of safety lectures was slow, but once I started getting into earning levels and points and thinking more about the Greys and Maroons, I was having a blast. Now it's as if it was always this way, like I can never leave camp. When I think about how great camp is, I sometimes wish I could stay forever.



## TAKE MY OUT TO THE BALL GAME

by Pete St. John, Camp Director

What a day! The excitement got underway at Sunday's breakfast: Simon got everybody's attention and began singing the spiritual "As We Go Down in the River to Pray," and of course we all joined in. At the close of the song, Simon announced that that was probably enough Church for the day- and that the entire camp would be going to a Portland Sea Dogs baseball game in Portland! Thunderous cheering and applause, and the boys tore out of the dining hall to give their lodges a hasty cleaning, throw on a Kawanhee shirt, get their water bottles and sunscreen, and their baseball gloves, just in case a stray ball were to come their way. John E. donned his full Yankees uniform, which led a few of us to speculate what sort of mob violence we'd encounter down there- Maine is pretty heavy Sox territory.

The buses were due at 9am, and at 10, since they hadn't shown up yet, the unfazed Kawanhee crowd switched to plan B: we loaded up the vans and some staff vehicles and headed south. We found the busses in Carthage- they hadn't been able to find us, because we don't have road signs up here! (Mind you- we hardly have any roads, either.) No problem- we piled into the buses, and off we went, arriving just a few minutes into the first inning.

In minutes, Kawanhee - even Sean Minear and the Kitchen team!-had completely taken over the left field bleachers, and the real fun began. The boys and staff kept up a constant barrage of cheers and chants, focusing on whichever left fielder was in front of them (*COR se LET ti clap clap clap-clap-clap! MVP! MVP! MVP! Num-ber-Nine! Num-ber-Nine!*) The players let their appreciation be known- four balls came sailing up from the field into a frenzy of scrabbling hands- and wouldn't you know: Deb Sullivan, the Camp Mom, came up with one (which she immediately gave away)! The other fans in that part of the bleachers had great fun just watching the Kawanhee crowd, even joining in the Wave, which they got moving as far as third base- and Kawanhee rose to chant *Portland, Get On Your Feet!*

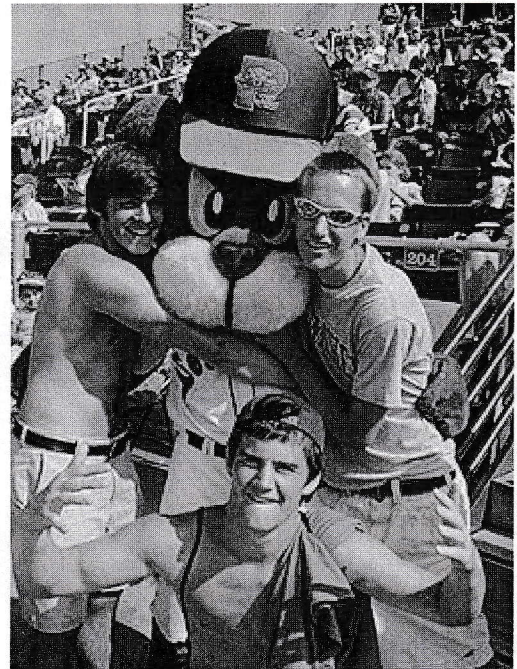


Matt St. John and Luke Randall flex for the Sea Dogs fans

The concession booths below served up hot dogs and Sea Dogs Biscuits, lots of water (the day was a scorcher), T-shirts, and a combination fan and squirt-gun shaped like a baseball- for a ridiculous \$15! You could clock the speed of your fast ball- Chris Postlewaite's was an amazing 200mph, or something.

Truth to tell- the odds were pretty good that *someone* in a crowd of 140 youths would behave like a prize turkey sometime during the course of the day- but the moment never arrived. The Kawanhee Spirit shone in every face, we all had a blast, we had lots of admiring comments from our neighbors in the stands who were curious to know what kind of group of kids could have this much fun, and the Sea Dogs Field Day is sure to become a staple of the Kawanhee summer.

Many thanks to the baseball department for their brainchild, thanks also to Mark and Liz for their work organizing the event, thanks to all those Portland fans for greeting the Yankees uniform with gentle tolerance, and most of all: thanks to the Kawanhee boys and staff for doing us all proud out there.



Crow Lodgers share their spirit with the Portland Seadogs mascot

## THANKS TO ALL THE CAMPERS AND STAFF

by Jane Estabrook, Director, Emeritus

To all,

87 years old! It is an honor to celebrate my another birthday here at camp. What a delight to enjoy all the energy and enthusiasm from you. We are all part of the spirit of Kawanhee and what a blessing this is!

Fondly,

Jane Estabrook

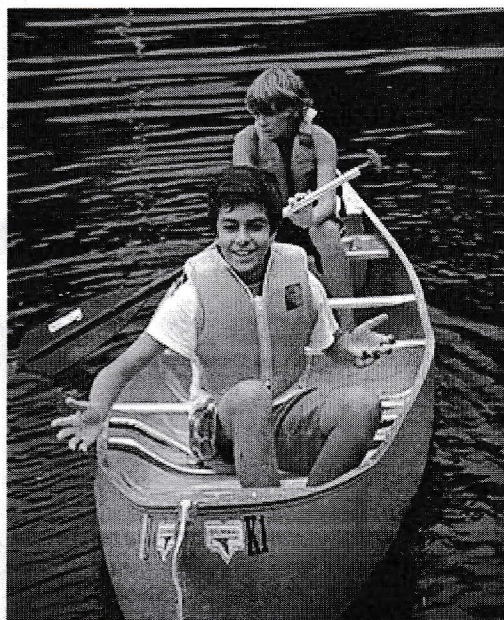


## KAWANHEE "UNPLUGGED"

by Trace Rouda, T-Shirt designer, CIT, Crow Lodge

This year at Kawanhee, we are introducing an "unplugged" theme to reduce Kawanhee's carbon contribution to the world. We have installed some energy-efficient fluorescent lights around camp and in some lodges and plan to install more. Fan use has been limited and all microwaves, refrigerators and other appliances have been removed from lodges. Also, counselors have been asked to deny use of PSP, Gameboy, Ipod video, computers and other electronic devices to encourage kids to get out and play, pass levels and be active.

For the first year ever, a tradition has been started, where CITs from Crow Lodge designed a t-shirt. Its profits will help to fund the installation of Energy Star lights and green improvements for the camp. The shirts turned out to be a huge success and have raised over \$1600 so far. This CIT leadership has inspired Kawanhee to become "unplugged" and has started a tradition for many years to come.



Land ahoy Hugo!!

## 2007 AUDUBON LOON COUNT

by Pam Albertsen, Camp Nurse

On Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 3 Kawanhee staff members and friends of the Webb Lake Association joined over 310 other lake associations throughout Maine to tally the number of loons in Maine. The Maine Audubon Society has sponsored the count for the last 23 years with all participating lakes follow the same protocols. Webb Lake was divided into 5 sections and boats and crews begins the count at 7AM and end it at 7:30 AM. The dates and times are consistent with all the lakes. The sky was rife with swiftly passing clouds and the waters were choppy with sun dancing off the waves,

but 11 adult loons were sighted and confirmed. No chicks or nesting activity was noted this year. The adult count remained the same as last year. The 2006 survey noted approximately 4,000 adult loons in the State of Maine, second in population to Minnesota. The health of the loon population is intrinsic to the lake and the pleasure that we all derive from these beautiful wild creatures. Efforts have been made to protect these birds and ensure their beauty and wild calls for all for years to come.

## GREYS DOMINATE IN ANNUAL WRESTLING COMPETITION

by Derrick Gilbert, Counselor

Camp Kawanhee was shaken up during week four as both Greys and Maroons were packed into the Rec. Hall for the annual Grey/Maroon Wrestling Meet. The atmosphere was tense as the microphone dropped down from the ceiling for the announcement of the first match. And from the first whistle to the last raising of the hand, we were packed wall to wall with energy.

The Maroons began the meet off with two consecutive wins – an illegal move went in the favor of Dioni Coldberg, and Carlos Joglar managed to eventually pin Dylan Rouda with forty-seven seconds remaining in the third period. But the quick lead was short lived. Royce Broadright began a run for the Greys that gave the spectators a hint of what was to come by beating Peter Erf in a tight match that wasn't decided until the final whistle when Royce got a quick takedown and three near fall points with time running low to get the minor decision 14-11. Two consecutive pins by Mac McReynolds and Phil Coons gave the Greys their first lead of the night.

Shea Rouda for the Maroons out-dueled Alex Devine in another close match with a minor decision going his way 9-4. With the score tied up 15 – 15 after six matches, the next four would not change that as the Greys and Maroons traded pins with Brian Wajda and Andrew Prior coming through for the Greys, and Jimmy Whittaker and Tom Bolon earning pins for the Maroons. Bolon's pin was the fastest recorded pin in Kawanhee wrestling history earning the fall in only six seconds. With the score tied 27-27 with only six matches to go, it looked as if we had the chance for a tie, however, the Greys began a run that would prove to be fatal for the Maroons' chances.

Graham Marvin, Spencer Davis, Dan Alexander, and Gebby Kenny rattled off four straight pins for the Greys, which sealed the victory. The final two matches were both decided by fall, with the Maroons TJ Velez quickly disposing of his opponent, and the Greys Sergio Rodriguez reversing Aaron Sobel in a close match and catching him unexpectedly on his back, pinning him. The final score was the Greys 57 – Maroons 33.



## THE NATURE PROGRAM IN 2007

The 2007 Nature season has been quite busy and successful with a plethora of fun activities, exciting field trips and inspiring guest speakers. We visited the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray, Maine for animals who are either indigenous, injured or orphaned.

We also hiked Center Hill to take in the breathtaking views of the mountains and Webb Lake. Then the campers picked blueberries at Lower Center Hill. The campers enjoyed petting and learning about the llamas at the Freedom Trail farm in Weld, Maine.

Steve Dexter, a Kawanhee alumnus from the 1950's and early 1960's took a time out of his annual Lake Webb family vacation to set up his high-powered telescope on the baseball field and share his expertise during a star-gazing session with all of the campers on the Senior side.

Lapidary was still a popular activity in Nature. Many projects were completed and the happy recipients greatly admired the finished pieces.

The Kawanhee Nature staff looks forward to an even better, fun-filled season in 2008. See you next summer.



Guess we'll have to throw ourselves in the lake for our birthday.

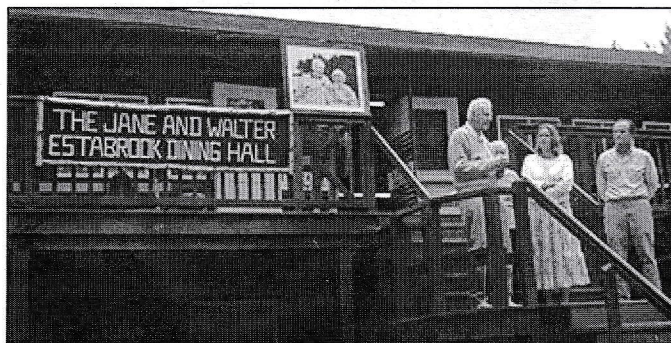
## KAWANHEE BATTLES MAINE CAMPS ON DIAMOND

On July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup>, Kawanhee sent a baseball team to compete against other Maine camp. On the 12<sup>th</sup>, a 15-and-under team went to Camp Androscoggin to play a single, seven-inning game. Kawanhee played nearly flawless baseball, right from the start. In the first inning, Androscoggin had men on first and third with no outs, and their best hitter at the plate. He hit a line drive to center fielder TJ Velez, who caught it and immediately fired to first baseman Andrew Peck to double off the runner on first. Peck then turned and threw to catcher Brian Wajda, who barely hung on to tag out the runner charging home from the third, to complete the triple play.

The triple play set the tone for the day. Although the Androscoggin team was very talented, Kawanhee was much more focused and enthusiastic. Jimmy Whitaker, batting eighth, exploded for two long home runs, and played his usual great defense at shortstop. One of the team's youngest players, Miguel Ribas played well at third base and had an impressive line drive double. On the mound, Tommy Bolon kept the opposing hitters off-balance for five innings, and Ricardo Pla closed out the 8-4 win.

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, Kawanhee traveled to Camp Caribou, to play in a four-team tournament. Facing Caribou's best in the first team, Kawanhee ran into a wall. Everything that had gone right against Androscoggin went wrong against Caribou, and the home team was older, bigger, and simply better than Kawanhee. Tommy Bolon again did a great job of battling, but the Caribou bats were too much. In the consolation game, Kawanhee took on a second team from Caribou, composed of mostly 13 year olds. The results were much different. Ricardo Pla pitched out of some jams, and the Kawanhee bats came alive. In the second inning, nearly every Kawanhee put together a long rally, as nearly every player contributed to a flurry of singles and stolen bases. Andrew Peck had an especially good day at the plate, with two hits. Peck also stood out behind the plate, playing catcher because Wajda was absent. Nate Berry came in to pitch the final inning of the 7-4 victory.

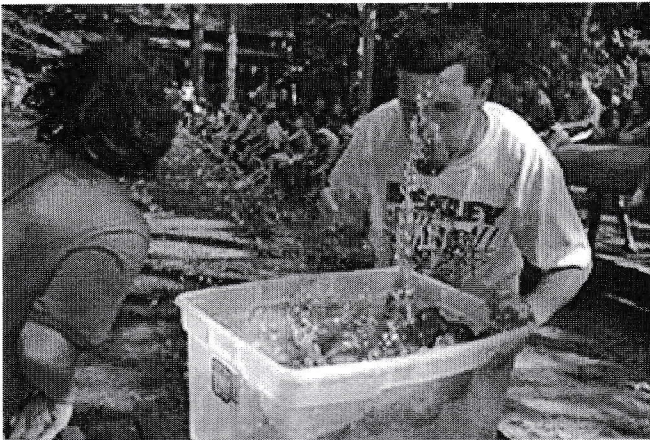
In all three games, the team played hard, supported each other, and had fun. For most of them, it was their only chance to play baseball during the summer (because older campers play softball at Kawanhee), and they really embraced that opportunity. Hopefully most of the team returns next summer, ready to play at an even higher level.



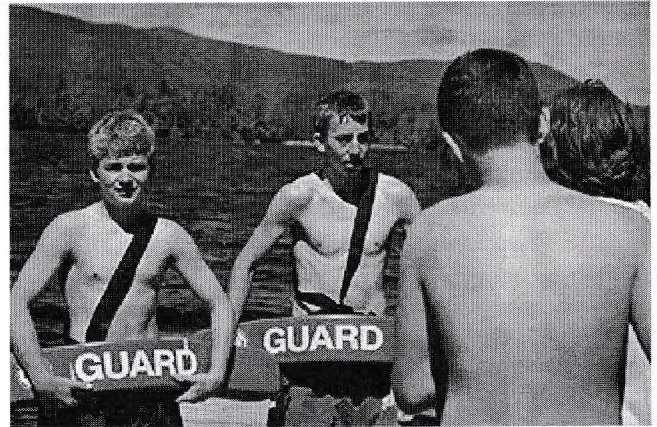
**Dining Hall**  
dedicated in honor  
of Jane and Walter  
Estabrook!



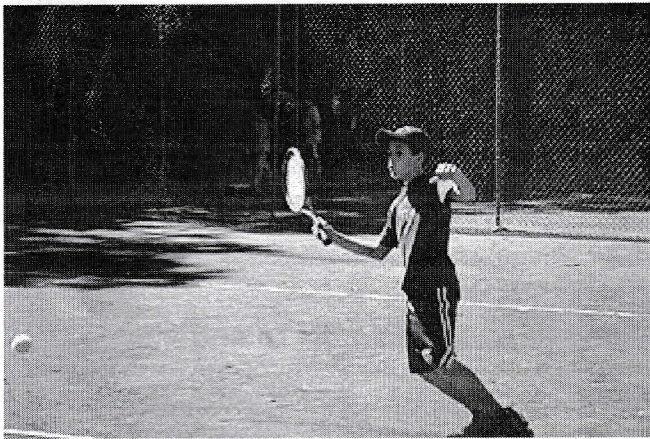
## KAWANHEE 2007 IN REVIEW



**Amerifest participant vigilantly bobbing for apples**



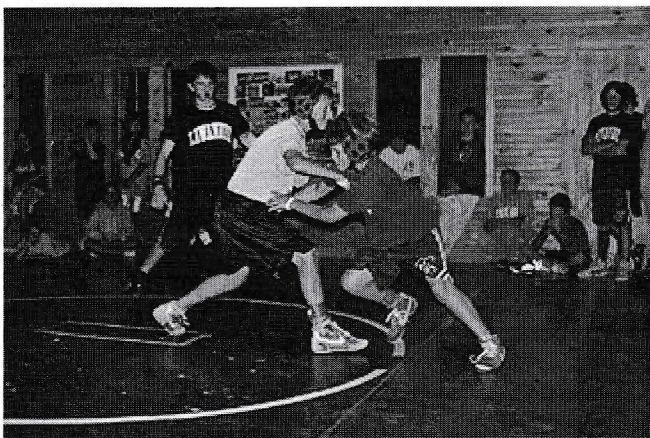
**Jack and Dewey get ready to audition for Baywatch**



**Time out! I need to tie my shoe lace.**



**The group pauses to record a breathtaking memory**



**Are the Smackdown scouts in the audience?**



**Just remember to keep your eyes open!!**



## SO, WHO WAS IT?

by Pete St. John, Camp Director

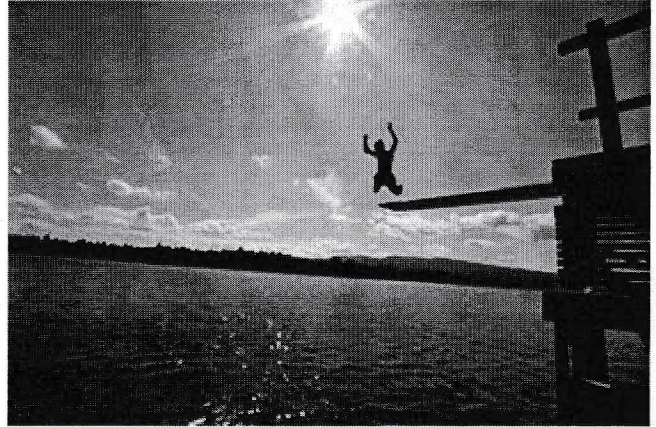
At some point about mid-way through the season, I was approached by an enthusiastic Dad, who told me he really wanted to tip his son's lodge counselors, but, knowing they probably wouldn't accept the gratuity, he pressed \$40 into my hand, and asked me to be sure they went out to dinner on him. And of course I said I would, and of course I promptly forgot the episode entirely, including the identity of the Dad, and the lodge counselors involved. It all came flooding back a week or so ago, but I still can't quite remember whom I spoke to, or whom he wanted to thank so generously!

So I have sent in a \$40 donation to the Frank Foundation, from Anonymous, and I can only offer as a palliative that Kawanhee did put on a sumptuous feast for all our counselors- who were all first-rate: Chef Sean Minear laid on lobsters, prime rib, Caesar salad and crab risotto for them- even Brussels sprouts! So your contribution, whoever you are, will go in some part to the goal you expressed.

I am extremely grateful to this year's staff for working together so well to create one of the most highly spirited and fun camp summers I can remember.



The tension mounts as campers awaits the "Big Announcement"



May there always be a Kawanhee !!

### KAWANHEE CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to and mail to:

George and Raymond Frank Foundation , P.O. Box 789 , Yarmouth ME 04096

Have a happy and safe year!.....See you all in 2008!!

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