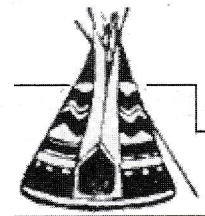


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ACTIVITIES FOR KAWANHEE CAMPERS

Every parent (and camper) wants to know who is responsible for guiding and directing the various activities of the boys at camp. Below is the list of activities for campers and staff assignments for each activity for the 2008 season.

| <u>ACTIVITY:</u> | <u>STAFF</u> |
|-------------------------|---|
| Archery: | James Chagaris, Drew Strafford, Robert DiPrima (JC) |
| Arts: | Andy Bourassa, Stacie Bourassa, Johnny Sengelmann |
| Baseball: | Sam Carson, Sam McCoy, Steve Harvell (JC), Will Ryan (JC) |
| Basketball: | Brian Simpson, Alex Dunn, Ned Carson (JC) |
| Boating: | Dan Alexander, Ryan Albert, Frank Cook, Ben Zambito (JC), Andrew Prior (JC) Chase McReynolds (JC) |
| Campcraft: | Gregor Hoffman, Sam Morris, Joey Clarke, Dorthy Jones Estabrook, John Fritz Rullan |
| Rifle Range: | Mary Birch, Sandy Winkles |
| Ropes: | Jarod Stinson, Graham Marvin, Trace Rouda (JC) |
| Sailing: | Ben Friedlander, Scott Barnes, Spencer Davis (JC), Luke Randall (JC), Gaston Chassion de Kergammeaux (JC) |
| Shop: | Matt Reynolds, Will Kay, Anthony Gonzales |
| Soccer: | Drew Strafford, Paul Bonasera, Chase McReynolds (JC), Aaron Lazarus (JC), Samuel Johnson(JC) |
| Swimming: | Ed Watson, Will Dargusch, Derrick Gilbert, Jack Fader (JC), Trace Rouda (JC) |
| Tennis: | Sam Friedlander, Chase McReynolds, Gavin Cadwallader, Ben Smith |
| Tripping: | Tim Johnston, Gregor Hoffman, Dan Webster, Sarah Estabrook, |
| Water Skiing: | Rees Alexander, Cory Keny, Ben Standen (JC) |

SPANISH / ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLUB (. . . otherwise known as SELC)

This summer at Kawanhee we have begun a new club. The purpose is to help integrate the Spanish boys into the Kawanhee community by helping them with their English speaking skills. At lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we meet on the dining hall porch to eat and talk about English. Boys are encouraged to talk about English, ask questions about phrases, words and nuances that they want clarification on or for better understanding. Many times, these questions are answered by Spanish boys who already know the answers!

The club is made up of Spanish boys and also American boys who are interested in talking about the

two languages and enjoy the intimacy of a small group and the opportunity this offers. Through our discussions we learn about aspects of the Spanish culture that some of us didn't know about. Last week, we had a sundae party at the Standen's cabin on Pine Point. Each Spanish boy was encouraged to invite one American friend. Around 30 boys showed up and it was a lot of fun! Today, at our lunchtime meal, we presented a cake to the whole camp, in celebration of Spain's recent win of the Soccer EuroCup '08. We gave a big Kawanhee cheer with "Espana, Espana, Espana" at the end! We are grateful to our Spanish campers for all they bring to our camp community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CAPTAINS

by Rees Alexander

John Fritz Rullan is this year's Maroon Captain. John passed the Junior Maine Guide program in just one year. He has also completed the long lake swim, Life Guard Training, and Ten Mile Swim. He has also finished in the top ten of Grey-Maroon point scorers four times. Last year, John was the Co-Captain of the Maroons when his brother was the Captain. At home in San Juan, Puerto Rico, John attends Academia del Perpetuo Socorro, where he is the Captain of the football team and has participated in the school play. John chose Steve Harvell, of New Sharon, Maine, as his Co-Captain. John is the son of John Vincent Rullan, who was a camper and counselor in the late sixties.

Ben Zambito is the Captain of the Greys. Ben also completed the Junior Maine Guide program in one year. He has completed Life Guard Training and Ten

Mile Swim. Last summer, Ben was the fourth overall point scorer in the Grey-Maroon competition. Ben hails from Columbus, Ohio, where he is a student at Upper Arlington High School. He plays lacrosse and volleyball, and has been selected as Captain of the volleyball team. He has made the Honor Roll for every quarter of High School, and has performed the lead role in a school play. Ben has selected Will Ryan, a lifelong friend from Upper Arlington, Ohio, as his Co-Captain. Ben is the nephew of Mark Nelson, the former Managing Director of Kawanhee.

The captains have been close friends since 2001, when they were first-year campers together in Eagle lodge. Both John and Ben are excited to lead the Grey-Maroon competition in 2008!

2008 KAWANHEE LITTLE LEAGUE (KLL) BASEBALL

Orange Hairs

Coaches

Dan Alexander
J. Sengelmann
Alex Dunn

Players

Phillip Coons
Teagan Pado
Ant. Fernandez
Alf. Fernandez
JP Roach
M. Echazarra
Ted Kasper
Alfonso Rosselli
Simon Winter
Jack Amico
Garrett Clark
Daniel Dreval
Sean Murphy
Emlyn Rooks
Brian Conner
Juan Vicente
Emilio Betata
Zach Doucette
Colt Salerno
Charlie Church
Seth Packer
C. Mycrantz
Ted Kim
Conner DiPaolo

Scarlet Sureshots

Coaches

Rees Alexander
A. Altmaier (DOA)
Joey Clarke

Players

Riley Bell
Karle Erf
Jorge Ibanez
Jacob McCleery
David Deliz
J. Nichols
Jacob Fogel
Juan Tamames
Luis Escudero
Ben Peachy
Robert Kresch
F. Schoedinger
Juan Granada
Jose Telez
Colin Holstein
Dioni Colberg
Jacob Fogel
B. Helgeson
J.C. Fernandez
Justin Scott
Karle Erf
Zach Eberding
M. Sengelmann
F. Sanchez

Silverback Gorillas

Coaches

Derrick Gilbert
Brian Simpson
Drew Stafford

Players

Carlos Prado
Jimmy Douglass
Tommy Church
Mike Baldwin
John Isaly
Eddie Trayner
Quinn O'Neill
Matt Natelli
Fred Baker
JR Anderson
Zach Sherman
Sam Reynolds
Caleb Tulloss
Everett Tillett
James Sashin
Jaime Lasso
E. C. Herrera
Clayton Condit
Mike Baldwin
T. Smallridge
Dillon Eaton
M. P. Matos
Mac Sashin
Mike Dixon

White Super 'Squitters

Coaches

Paul Bonasera
Ryan Albert
Sam Morris

Players

Nikita Seregin
M. Kennedy
Ben Durrell
Peter Erf
Eli Yale
Nick Zieg
Jake Ponsky
Drake Williams
Jorge Alicea
Adam Campbell
Tommy Cronin
Nicholas King
Liam Wrean
Jeff Kiley
Dean Sobel
Jon Andersson
Dylan Rouda
Gus Anthon
Antonio Urrutia
Pedro Escobar
Carlos Tamames
A-Rod Lebron
Julian Martinez
Javi

READY ON THE LINE . . . by Mary Birch

Load, aim, and fire! These were the commands that started our campers shooting their targets. Previously, all campers went through stringent safety lectures and range procedures. Our new campers are experiencing the first of target shooting, while our returnees picked up from where they left off from previous years.

Earning medals the first week of camp were: Riley Bell, Zack Eberding, Miles Smith, Sean Murphy, and Matt Natelli.

GRAY ANIMAL PARK by Luis Escudero

Last week Dotty Jones-Estabrook planned a trip for some campers to go to the animal park. The Camp Mom, Debra Sullivan asked me to go with them. The animals we saw were: raccoon, lynx, mountain lion, coyote, gray fox, red fox, birds, fish, porcupines, a giant moose, and a black bear family. We learned a lot about animals. Lots of times I don't want to hurt animals. I love animals and I want to protect them. I think that's what the world should do and I had fun in the animal park.



SPAIN'S EURO CUP FINAL VICTORY by Pedro Mairata

After rest hour on Sunday June 29, all of the Spanish campers gathered together in the Junior Counselor room. Some Americans joined them. Together, they watched the 2008 Euro Cup Championship of Spain versus Germany. The match was intense and the campers were nervous until the 33rd minute, when all of the Spanish campers cheered for a Fernando Torres goal. Spain dominated the second half. When the second half finished, Spain won 1 to 0.

After the game, all of the Spanish campers jumped into the lake. All day, the Spanish campers ran

around cheering "Espana!!!" All of the Spaniards lost their voices. It was a great and fantastic day for Spain. The next day, all camp got cake for the Spanish victory. It was a cake with the Spanish flag and three soccer (futbol) players. On the cake, there was writing that said "Reyno de Espana," which means "Spanish Kingdom." It was cool that we could watch the game. The cake was awesome. It was cool that all of the camp could share it. The Spaniards and the Americans celebrated together. Thank you Camp Kawanhee for letting us watch the game and baking the cake! Viva Espana!

MONHEGAN ISLAND by Sean Murphy

If you have ever been to Monhegan Island, you know that it has good shopping and hiking. When you hike, bring lots of water. If you climb Gull Rock, the view is amazing. If you climb the chimney, there is a 20 percent grade. If you trip, it really scares you like you are going to fall off of a cliff. If you go to White Head, you will see thousands of sea gulls. We saw three seagull chicks. We went about two miles, but did the work of three miles. Camp at Monhegan Island was really awesome. We set up lots of tents. I set up a trail. When it was time to return camp, we went on a tour bus. I loved Monhegan Island and I want to go there again next year.

BASEBALL REPORT by Will Ryan

The baseball season is off to a great start at Kawanhee. We have played many games, and have only had to postpone one game due to inclement weather. All campers ages eight to twelve play in the Kawanhee Little League, and all of the older campers play in the Hank Aaron Softball League. The KLL has four teams: Silverback Gorillas, Scarlet Sureshots, Orange Hairs, and the White Super 'Squitters. In the HAL, we have the Buffalo Soldiers, Nedward Johnson Dongbongles, and the Carthage Family Tree.

The first game of the HAL season was between the Soldiers and the Carthage Family Tree. The Soldiers, led by Steve Harvell and Chase McReynolds, defeated Will Ryan, Ben Zambito and the rest of the Family Tree. In the second game, the Tree bounced back and defeated the Dongbongles, who are captained by Ned Carson and Sam Johnson.

The KLL also started playing games in the first week of the camp season. The Silverback Gorillas

defeated the Orange Hairs in the first game. Later that week, the Scarlet Sureshots beat the White Super 'Squitters.

The exciting action continued into the next week. In the HAL, the Buffalo Soldiers defeated both the Nedward Johnson Dongbongles, and the Carthage Family Tree. Through two weeks, the Soldiers have three wins and no losses, the Dongbongles have no wins and two losses, and the Tree has one win and two losses.

In the KLL, the Gorillas easily defeated the Scarlet Sureshots. Our other game between the Orange Hairs and the Super 'Squitters was postponed. Through two weeks the Gorillas have two wins and no losses, the Sureshots have a win and a loss, and both the Orange Hairs and the White Super 'Squitters have no wins and a loss.

The campers are having fun and learning a lot about baseball. We hope that the two leagues continue to thrive for the rest of the camp season.

GEM OF THE WEEK by Dan Webster

Your path is for
Your life alone,
Choose the life
You want to own.
If your path leads
Through bramble and briar
Seek for yourself
A path that is higher.
And if you find
That you are lost –
As uncertain
As a coin that's tossed –
Stop a moment
And look around
You may not be far
From familiar ground.

Every day that passes
Brings another chance
To learn the steps
Of our life's dance.
The journey is not always
Pretty or sweet
But adversity, in a way,
Make the picture complete.
If everything was given
To you on a platter
You'd never have to make
Real decisions that matter.

So, remember when walking
Through a challenging time,
When it seems like your life

Has no reason or rhyme,
You can get through it
Consider your tools
Every obstacle scaled
More precious than jewels.

Some time in the future
You'll look back, and you'll see
You gained the skills that you needed
At Camp Kawanhee!

SPECIAL NOTICES TO PARENTS:

- Be sure to check the Kawanhee web site (www.kawanhee.com) for the 2008 photos from camp. Week photos are now in slideshow format.
- End of Camp Festivities -----
All parents are welcome to attend the end-of-camp Awards Ceremony on Saturday, August 9th. The ceremony will begin just after rest hour at approximately 2:00 p.m. After the ceremony, parents and guests are also invited to stay at camp for supper.

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR by Dan Packer

My first season at Kawanhee is now half way over. It has been exciting, busy, and fun. For the first two weeks or so, including pre-camp, I thought perhaps I had taken the job of being Noah. It rained. It rained some more. Then for good measure it rained. The sun finally came out and campers began to dry out. Activities moved into full swing, and I can't believe how full the days are. In addition to regular activity periods, we have KLL and HAL games, tournaments, Monhegan, river trips, swim trips, Grey and Maroon activities, Amerifest, games, skits and Mr. Kawanhee night, to name some of the events in which boys get to participate. We have a new fishing raft, the nature building is filled with critters the boys are watching and caring for, and we will soon have a horse shoe pit on the senior side, next to Birch. It is boy heaven here, and the kids are taking advantage of all the opportunities. The many choices here are made possible by a dedicated and hard working staff. The boys probably don't know how lucky they are to have such a great group of young men as mentors and friends.

On a down note, we have been fighting off a virus that has been running through camps in the area. Thanks to the stoic work of our nursing staff, I hope we have now weathered the worst of this outbreak.

As for me, I have been trying to get to know the program, the routines and, of course, the boys. I am having a blast. I've been impressed by the dedication of the Kawanhee community. Young and old, people love this place, and want the best for the camp and the campers. The leadership, both from the board and the executive directors, is strong and steady. The camp is blessed to have so many solid, mature people who are willing to serve, and who unfailingly place the needs of camp above any other interest. Coming into a place as established as Kawanhee could be difficult for someone with no connections to the camp, but folks at every level – parents, colleagues, kids – have made me welcome, and for that I am very grateful.

I have one request to make. We would love to see you at camp. If you plan to come for a visit, please call ahead so we can plan. When you arrive, please stop by the office and sign in as a visitor. I look forward to meeting you.

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GEM OF THE WEEK by Paul Bonasera

Anything is Possible!

I can't do this. There is no way.
The water is freezing.
This cliff is way too big
and I am just too small.

I don't know if I can do this.
My legs are shaking.
I may hurt myself,
and what if I fall?

Maybe I can do this.
There's gotta be a way.
Take a step back.
Take a deep breath.
Jump in and say,
"ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!"

JMG BROTHERHOOD by Joey Clarke

One may ask how such a bond can be formed between a group of four young men (Trace Rouda, Will Gering, Sam Friedlander and Spencer Davis), and that is a hard answer to explain if you have not experienced that bond. There is a trust formed, a trust that the other will be there for you, a trust that they have your best interest in mind.

Throughout the five week training for JMG you know that your brothers will be with you when you wake at 5:30 to make breakfast in the rain. You know they will be there to push you when you need a nudge to study. You know that no matter what happens, you are in this together and are brothers for life.

JMG is an intense week of testing that you share with your fellow candidates. You share the same fears that turn to anxiety and then turn into confidence. You gain the confidence that no matter the results, you can survive anything with your brothers.

2008 CAPTAINS SPEAK OUT

GREY CAPTAIN'S SPEECH by Ben Zambito

As I begin to write this speech, I am watching two of my greatest role models (Rees and Dan Alexander) paint paddles underneath the Walter and Jane Estabrook Memorial Dining Hall. Being around these two amazing role models makes me think about how through idolizing men like Dan and Rees, and being at Camp Kawanhee, in general, have helped me become more of a man.

Some of the most important things I have learned about manhood through my experience of camping at Kawanhee, and especially through captaining the Grey team this summer, are:

- The importance of honesty
- The importance of responsibility
- The importance of treating others kindly
- The importance of accepting vulnerability

Honesty: Kawanhee is not about activities, Mr. Kawanhee night, skit night, or even Grey and Maroon. Camp is about the forming of brotherly relationships between one's self and 150 other soon to be family members. The first step in forming these relationships is honesty. To form a healthy relationship you must paint an honest image of yourself to the other person, or the foundation of the relationship is being built upon one big lie. Neither people will learn anything true about the other, and a seemingly promising relationship is reduced to rubbish. A man has to be honest, because a man has to form healthy relationships to effectively lead.

Responsibility: A man has to be responsible. One must keep track of their responsibilities, and have an acceptable answer why their responsibilities were not executed. One must also keep track of how they use their word. Your word is one of your most precious possessions. If you use your word foolhardily, then the power of your word will deteriorate. Once your word deteriorates, your word will never hold validity again.

Treating Others Kindly: Here at camp we learn to treat others kindly because it helps us to get through our days in the lodge smoothly. We first learn to treat others kindly, but later the importance comes to us. I realized that treating others kindly will put you ahead in life. You begin to actually realize that making others feel good makes you feel good, and people always remember a helping hand rather than a critical finger. How do you want to be remembered? One simple thing you can do is just smile more than you frown.

Accepting vulnerability: Vulnerability is one of the hardest things about coming to camp. Because you are with

people 24 hours a day you have to project your true self to others. It would be to exhausting to not be the person that you really are. This is a rewarding experience. Because a Kawanhee boy has dealt with others judging the kind of person he is, he spends less time worrying about that pressure and is able to focus on things that make him happy.

I would like to thank all of my Kawanhee brothers for such a powerful summer. It would not have been as good if even one person was missing. Stay safe, and I will see you in 2009.

MAROON CAPTAIN'S SPEECH by John Fritz Rullan

Good afternoon Kawanhee family. Here we are once again at the end point of another great summer filled with fun and life-changing experiences. I would like to try to explain why I love Kawanhee so much, although it is a very difficult task to represent in words what Kawanhee really means to boys who spend their summers on the shores of Lake Webb. Kawanhee is amazing because it truly changes people in many ways. It builds character and leaves campers with many unforgettable moments and new lifelong friends. This special forest is a place where you can step out of your comfort zone and try new things, a place where any mistake you make will be channeled into positive energy, as well as a new lesson learned. There are just so many opportunities in camp that boys can take advantage of in their process of becoming a man. I love Kawanhee because it has changed me—in many ways—and it continues to help me grow into a better version of me. This year as a team captain, I find myself in a very special position. I have realized that in this position I have been able to switch to the side of Kawanhee that *allows* campers to have a great summer and to receive all of the benefits of the Kawanhee experience. But it also helps to continue to grow and become a leader. Being captain of the Maroons this year has definitely been a pivotal moment in my life.

I will never forget the valuable lessons learned and the experiences shared with my team, along with Ben's team. For me, being a captain has been such a switch from what my role was on the team as a camper. I can remember being on Will or Rees Alexander's powerful Maroon squad and running up to either one of them every chance I had to tell them how many points I had just earned for the team, and how they would make me feel like an absolute rockstar for getting the points. Or when I would anxiously wait for the great leader to finish whatever he had to say and then thrust his fingers into the air and countdown 1, 2, 3, so that then I could unleash my wild team spirit by chanting the Kawanhee cheer. But now I have the honor of being the first one told about the well-earned 35 points just scored by a teammate, or being the one thrusting up those fingers in the air and giving way for the powerful chant to commence.

Never in my seven years at camp have I seen such a close and fun competition like this year's Grey and Maroon. For this I can thank all of the campers hard work and dedication, and of course, Ben Zambito. He is one of my closest friends and an amazing competitor. He is fun, fair, and very enthusiastic. It is difficult to try to match Ben Zambito's energy and overall spunk. I know that he has a great influence on his teammates and he has definitely earned the respect from every Maroon. Ben has made sure that his team has had an amazing and fun summer, while he has created the same effect upon my team. Not only has he influenced teammates, but I feel that he has been a key to making the Kawanhee 2008 season the best camp season ever with his exciting and unique character that is very contagious. Zambito and I have been good friends since Eagle lodge in 2001 and our friendship has been growing since, year after year especially after this summer as captains together. I am glad that we can share this experience together, and I know that we will be good friends for a very, very long time.

I would like to thank some special people that helped me in a great way this summer as a captain. First of all I want to thank my team, Maroons 2008. It has been an amazing journey from start to finish. You guys went full-throttle all summer long and you fought your heart out for every point and every inch. I would also like to thank the powerful and spirited Grey 2008 team for creating such a great competition and putting up one of the hardest fights I have ever encountered. I especially want to thank my brother, J.P. Rullan, for always being the one to set a great example for me in and out of Kawanhee, from Polar Bear and Cove Swim to Junior Maine Guide and Captain of the Maroons. I look up to you so much, you don't even know! I love you so much and I'm glad we could share Kawanhee together. Also, the blonde beauty, my mommy. I love you to death and I thank you and my Dad endlessly for giving me Kawanhee. I would also like to thank my Co-Captain, Steve Harvell, who has worked extremely hard to make this a great summer for our team. Another very special person I want to thank is Dan Alexander. I have been fortunate enough to have him as a co-counselor this year. He has been a mentor for me throughout this year, as well as, for Ben. The talks and moments that we have shared together will never leave my mind. He is a great person to look up to and I am certain that he knows how much influence he has had on me. Thanks Dan.

I have been loving every single second of Camp Kawanhee 2008. It is sad that it has come to an end, but ten moons from now we will be back in this special forest, and there will be two new great Captains leading the cheers and shaking one another's hands in good Kawanhee spirit. Soon there will be a team announced as the winner, but the real winning team is called Kawanhee because we went full speed all year long, never lost our spirit and we had tons of fun. Thank you for listening and *I LOVE CAMP!*

GEM OF THE WEEK by Dan Webster

Friends & Family

Dedicated to BA Altmaier and the Altmaier Family

Friends and family
Gathered today
So much between us
So much to say.

The strength of our bond
Is difficult to measure
A smile and a hug
Is something to treasure.
Friends for a summer
Family for a lifetime
Decisions that matter
Yours and mine.
We are truly a family
The old and the new
The twenty-year veteran
The first-weeker, and you.

All campers are sons
With many a brother
United by choice,
And our own Camp Mother.

This lake and these mountains
Our own special nest
A place to grow up
A place to do our best.

Its more than vacation
Its more than the sports
Its more than the teams
And those maroon and grey shorts.
Its more than the sunsets,
Its more than the trips
Its more than the bullseyes
And diving board flips.
Its really quite tricky
To say just what it is;
You can ask your counselor
You can ask Mark or Liz.

Its got something to do
With being "away"
Trading the comforts of home
For a cabin to stay.

Friendships made here
Are ones that will last,
Ones you can count on
Long after summers have passed.
Camp friendships are as strong
As a Tumbledown boulder;
And you will still have them
When you're forty years older.

So relax, be honest
Be a good sport, and have fun,
Put your best foot forward
...And the friendships will come.