

Unplugged Fun at Kawanhee

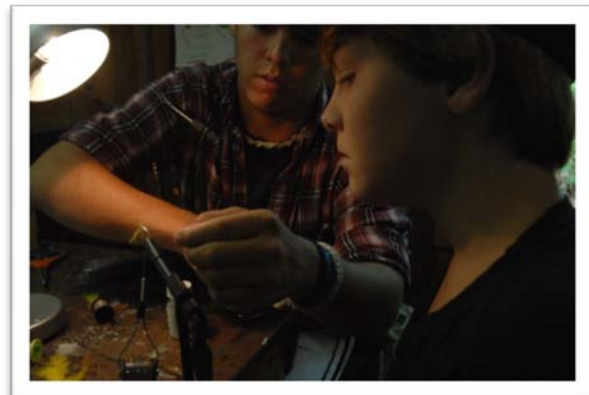
An eerie calm on the water...the air – warm, still...visibility across the lake decreasing...then a slight wind from the West, it builds, the other side of the lake disappears into white, the wind increases and the first drops appear on the lake's surface. The first sounds of thunder and then WHAMO! Hard wind, giant raindrops and then thunder and lightning, thunder and lightning! "Everybody In!!" is heard all over camp as the staff drives the kids in from playing tetherball in the rain!

Like so many things at camp, weather is something you truly *experience*, it's more than just what's going on outside – you feel it! There's nothing like the sound of rain and mountain thunder outside while snuggled in bed a log cabin lodge. What an experience these boys are having!

Without iPods, computers, video games and all the other media that vie for a boy's attention their life at camp is about what they *do*; and what they *experience*. After the big thunder storm of Wednesday night, Thursday broke warm and clear...and windy...very windy! Before long we lost power for a few hours including lunch time – kudos to Sean and the Kitchen Crew for serving up a great lunch of Sloppy Joes

without power or water! What really left an impression on me, however was how *little* the campers were affected by the loss of electricity – it really had no effect on their *experience* because their activities are...unplugged!

Saturday was another warm, sunny summer day on the shores of Lake Webb. Part of the action took place not at camp but at the Head of the Lake. You read about the Lake Webb Association's dedication of the glass-bottomed data gathering kayak in memory of Walter and Jane Estabrook in the last





eWigwam, but many campers and staff were also there to participate in the fun and help support the Association. A special shout out goes to Shop and Archery instructor Cameron Cisco and sharpshooters Blaise M., Karle E., and Matt M. who over the course of four hours shot hundreds of targets in what has now become an annual archery exhibition. Nice shootin', boys!

As we stretch out into the fifth, and near the beginning of the sixth week at camp, Kawanhee has a life of its own. Games and friendship, sunsets, meals, lodge movie

nights and pizza parties, overnights, trips to Mount Washington and to Mount Katahdin, sailing, swimming...all this and more happen with the ease and purpose of a beating heart. For seven weeks our universe is right here; we have whittled life down to the essentials of camp. And we are having some serious fun!

Dan Webster – Camp Director



Kawanhee Sailing



So far 2010 has been a fantastic year for the Kawanhee Sailing Department. Much to the dismay of the Skiing Department, the first three weeks of camp brought us hot temps and almost continuous strong wind. As a result we had plenty of opportunities and ideal conditions for great sailing. The winds have diminished somewhat since then, but after the rainy '08 & '09 seasons, we're certainly not complaining.

Because of the great conditions, campers have been coming out to Sailing in record numbers and have been hopping into boats and taking off almost before we can give them permission! Of course, the kids are supposed to have some idea how to sail before they leave shore. Thankfully, for the most part they do. Once launched, they're soon out of the cove and sailing around Dede reef, the regatta flags, or (if we're out there with them) past Pine Point and perhaps out around Center Reef and Bass Rock.





Occasionally we do get a novice sailor with a bit more confidence than skill, who manages to get himself out of the cove only to get stuck in irons or otherwise confounded by the seemingly simple (but surprisingly subtle and tricky) art of sailing. For these situations, the new sailing launch has been a blessing. Purchased just before the 2010 season, and nicknamed "The Bumper Boat," this 25 hp Zodiac-style center console tender has transformed the way Kawanhee can teach sailing and monitor the boats that are in use. The inflatable side design allows us to get right up alongside the sailboats without fear of collision or

damage. We can then offer instruction and/or help with a tangled line, a capsized craft or even occasionally pluck an unhappy sailor from the water and easily tow the boat in.

While getting out in the wind and skimming along the waves is always the goal of any sailor, it seems that constant boat repair is the only way to get there! A great deal of hard work, fiberglass, epoxy, parts and new lines have gone into the fleet in '09 and '10. As a result most of the boats are floating and sailing well. The current fleet now consists of ten smaller "catboats": four Aqua Fins, one Sunfish, one Mini-Fish, three Lasers, and the Force 5. Additionally, we have our two Sloops (with a jib): the "Flying Scott," and the Cape Cod Knockabout "Sea Hawk." The only real disappointment so far is that our beloved 1920's era Knockabout "Sea Gull" has been sidelined while it awaits transom and boom repairs. The season isn't quite over yet, though, so there's still hope for her! We're also anticipating the return of our 1940's era Lightning sloop which has been in storage for the past few years.

We'll keep our fingers crossed and hope that the great weather continues for the next two weeks. With so many boats in the water and so many eager and talented young sailors, the Kawanhee Sailing Department couldn't be happier!

Rees Tullos – Sailing Director

Mealtime Trivia!

Yes, another week of mealtime trivia has passed and the campers appear to be getting smarter! Special recognition to Everett (Beaver Lodge) for answering two questions in a row at one point this past week! So here are this week's questions and answers!

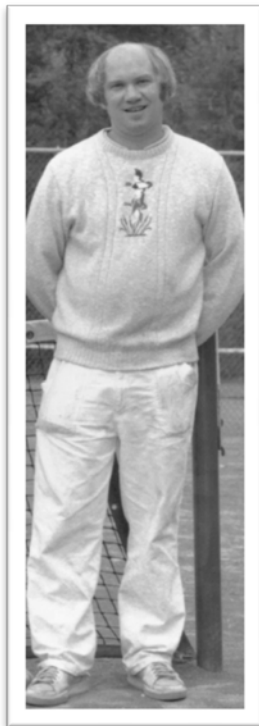
1. What basketball team had a 2, 145 game winning streak broken in 1971 by a team called the New Jersey Reds?
2. How many times a day is a broken clock correct?
3. For a month to have a "Friday the 13th", the month must start on what day of the week?
4. What is the largest land mammal?
5. What state has more people than the country of Canada?
6. In the 1800's, when you threw three straight strikes in bowling you received a live creature to take home. What was this creature?
7. Before 1937 what happened after every basket in a basketball game?
8. What does your body do 25 times a minute (on average)?
9. How many times did the Beatles sing the phrase "let it be" in the song of the same name?
10. What dog breed is the most likely to bite in a survey of U.S. Postal workers?

(Answers on last page)

Kawanhee Tennis Doubles Titles Decided!

This year we had a doubles tournament in the Tennis department for the first time in several years. The idea was to give some of our four week campers a chance to compete for some trophies since the singles tournament is how we usually end our camp season. We had two divisions- 15 and under and 13 and under. Some of the younger boys competed in both divisions.

In the 15 and under tournament, the champions were Matt and Jose of Bear Lodge. These two boys were gifted tennis players and also had great teamwork. It was a pleasure to watch them play together. In the finals they defeated Jeff (Deer Lodge) and William (Hawk Lodge). Jeff and William also competed in the 13 and under division (but on different teams) and thus they were playing boys older than themselves in the 15 and under final. I was very proud that these two boys took on and didn't back down from this challenge.



In the 13 and under division the champions were Jamie (Trout Lodge) and Carlos (Wildcat Lodge). They also played well together and in the finals defeated Jeff (Deer Lodge) and Quinn O' Neill (Deer Lodge). Jeff was able to make the finals in both tournaments.

Thanks to all the teams who entered and competed in the doubles tournament! We are now in the middle of the singles tournament.

Mike Altmaier – Tennis Director



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Mealtime Trivia Answers:

1. Harlem Globetrotters
2. Twice
3. Sunday
4. Elephant
5. California
6. a Turkey
7. a jump ball
8. blink
9. 41
10. German shepherd



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