



# THE WEEKLY PINENEEDLE

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## KAWAGA'S GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF THE WEEK:

### FELLOWSHIP

One of the ways in which Kawaga is different from other camps is our ideal and guiding principles that were established by our founder, Doc E.

One of Kawaga's guiding principles is Fellowship. Fellowship is defined as a feeling of friendship and a connection between people that share an experience, activity, or interest. At camp, we make connections with our fellow campers and staff each day. Fellowship at Kawaga means that you look out for your fellow Kawagians by treating them with respect, and being loyal to them in time of need. The following campers were selected by the staff for showing acts of Fellowship during the first week of camp.



Chippewa Tribe  
**Simon Busch**



Sioux Tribe  
**Gabe Kohn**



Mohawk Tribe  
**Max Schoenbaum**



Oneida Tribe  
**Griffin Kelly**



## WHAT'S NEW THIS SUMMER

By Alex Davis

As we begin to write the essay that is the 2021 summer, we must first talk about the changes and improvements that are new to Kawaga this summer. Camp has taken big steps in many different areas over the past 10 months, none bigger than the introduction of the Paddle Courts. The latest addition to camp features 4 brand new, state of the art, platform tennis courts equipped with lights and heaters. The courts are connected to a clubhouse that will also hold and store the paddle ball gear. Camp has brought in 2 former professional platform tennis players, Laura Berendt and Denise Murphy, to help the campers and staff learn the new and exciting sport. Camp is even offering a new Paddle Club to teach campers how to play the game correctly and safely.

In other news, Miracle Ski Dock was rebuilt, which has made all of Kawaga's water skiers very happy, and the sailing program got all new sailboats and a new dock as well! In Sailing Club the campers will learn how to properly put together, take apart, and sail the new boats, and kids can even earn Mawanda and Sachem points by achieving their Basic Sailors.

Another new addition is the Stadium sport court for roller and floor hockey, as well as basketball and other games. The surface, which provides great traction, has the Kawaga logo at mid-court and also says "Be Kawaga" on the sides.

Finally, over the winter Kawaga doubled its footprint from 50 acres to the original 100-acre site that Doc E purchased. There are exciting plans in the future for the additional land, and this summer it will be used for camping trips, outdoor adventure club, biking, hiking and other fun activities!

# THIS WEEK AT KAWAGA

## HUNGER GAMES

By Ethan Levine

Following dinner and a short open areas on June 25, campers were called down to the side of the Omni to learn about the evening program that was in store for them. After some theatrics and acting, the counselors announced that the EP was Hunger Games! Campers were assigned different colored teams and wore scalp wars style socks according to their age. Teams regrouped at their unique meeting spots with CITs at the helm. As the start of the first round was announced over the PA, teams scrambled to find supplies and achieve superior positioning. Some alliances were formed but disbanded quickly as teams lost focus in strategic battle. A fight between the Orange and White alliance and the Black team took place on Diamond 1, resulting in multiple eliminations. As zones closed off and the playable region shrunk, so did the size of teams fighting in the Arena. Eventually, the Arena closed to just the infield of Diamond 1. The round concluded with no clear winner. The second round was more of the same with volleys of dodgeball and water balloons continuing to rain down on the campers. Hounds and supplies were gifted to teams in the Arena by their fallen comrades in the rec hall and mess hall who were playing games to ensure their chances of winning. Both the rounds eventually ended on Diamond One with loads of players remaining. It was a nail biter for which of the eight teams would eventually pull ahead. Following the evening program, no winner was officially declared, but all the campers involved had a blast. Though Hunger Games may have been a hectic EP, it serves as a reminder to the fun that can be had at camp under all the chaos.



## WEATHER THE STORM BALL

By Solomon Kwartowitz

Following a scrumptious outdoor meal on June 23, the Oneida pod learned that their evening program would be Weather The Storm Ball. The Oneidas eagerly rushed to the cabins to change, each one excited about the night in store for them. Finally, one by one, they gathered on Diamond 1 to learn what the game exactly was. Once reaching the playing field, the Oneidas quickly realized that this was no foreign game, this was in fact a version of electro night. The EP, of course, had a twist: there was no free-for-all zone. With all four

teams: red, black, white, and blue, stirring with anticipation the refs blew their whistles and the night began with a loud, "weather – the – storm – ball." Right from the start, the black team got a big lead, accumulating a very large amount of storm balls in round 1. Later on in the round the jail began to fill immensely with campers who had been tagged while attempting

to collect more storm balls. In the jail, Max Pollack, Jay Adams, and Bryan Fisher were having a great time, jamming to music and enjoying Mosh pits. Meanwhile in the field Meyer Rosenthal was tagging people left and right while guarding his bin on the white team. Very soon after, the round concluded with the black team coming out on top. Round 2 quickly began with all the teams targeting the white team. The blue and red teams began catching heat while the other two fell behind. After some time dominating the field, the blue team emerged victorious going into round 3. By round 3, everyone was having an awesome time whether it be in jail or stealing weather balls from other teams. Soon, the sun began to set and the 3<sup>rd</sup> round came to an end with all Oneidas gathering in the middle of the field and dancing to some tunes. Lastly, the evening program came to an end and by the next day, pods ended, and the Oneidas had officially weathered the storm.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## BAY SWIMMERS

*The following campers have successfully swum the bay and are now approved to participate in all deep water activities.*

Chase Adair	Devin Lindenmeyr
Arman Aurora	Riley Montello
Avi Boymel	Alex Montello
Ellis Burk	Oliver Montoya
Johnathon Byron	Zain Moustafa
Vincent Colianni	Ferris Moustafa
Andrew Colianni	Max Noren
Jimmy Edwards	Finn Parsons
Liam Fallon	Jack Pollack
Eli Fay	Gabe Rosen
Bailey Glickson	Caleb Rosenfeld
Jacob Gonsky	Preston Rosengarden
Easton Griffin	Ben Sadeghian
Corey Guthman	Magnus Sandusky
Ben Hall	Max Schoenbaum
Max Kalish	Ryan Shaewitz
Shane Kalish	Ethan Shapiro
Gabe Kauffman	Wesley Tarbell
Kiran Kulkarni	Dylan Weingarten
Van Leonard	Jacob Wolken
Myles Levine	Moe Woll
Aksel Lindenmeyr	Zachary Zwick

## WATER SKIING MIRACLES

*The following campers have learned to get up on two skis this summer.*

August Stenberg	Max Kalish
Corey Guthman	Bailey Glickson
Gabe Rosen	Max Noren
Arman Aurora	Riley Montello
Alex Montello	Zain Moustafa
Eli Fey	Caleb Rosenfeld
Preston Rosengarden	Oliver Montoya
Harvey Colianni	Max Schoenbaum
Ryan Shaewitz	Izzy Wolfson
Magnus Sandusky	Gabe Kaufman

## DROP-SKI MIRACLE

*The following camper learned to drop a ski this summer.*

Alex Mateu

## SLALOM MIRACLES

*The following campers learned to deep water slalom ski this summer.*

Tyson Daube      Aksel Lindenmeyr

## BULLSEYES

*The following campers have shot their first bullseye at Archery (A) and Riflery (R).*

### CHIP

Van Leonard (A)  
Jack Pollack (A)  
Eli Fay (A)  
Kiran Kulkarni (A)  
Gabe Kauffman (A)  
Finn Parsons (A)

### MOHAWK

Corey Guthman (A)  
Magnus Sandusky (A)  
Dustin Weber (R)  
Ben Sadeghian (R)  
Izzy Wolfson (R)  
Finley Gutierrez (A)  
Wesley Tarbell (A)  
Jonah Marks (A)

### SIoux

Preston Rosengarden (A)  
Bailey Glickson (A)  
Moe Woll (A)  
Oliver Montoya (R)  
Andrew Colianni (A)

### ONEIDA

Aksel Lindenmeyr (A)  
Myles Levine (A)  
Jonah Alexander (R)

## TRIBAL OFFICERS

*The following campers were elected by their peers to be officers of their tribe for the first session.*

### CHIPPEWA

Wachi Counza: Simon Busch  
Sage: Ryan McDowell  
Big Runner: Grant Levison  
Fire Dancer: Jonah Gould  
Little Runner: Blake Westwater  
Medicine Man: Ellis Burk

### SIoux

Wachi Counza: Dean Menfi  
Sage: Jonah Nakisher  
Big Runner: Gabe Kohn  
Fire Dancer: Bennett Tasner  
Little Runner: Jacob Stillman  
Medicine Man: Rhys Rosh

### MOHAWK

Wachi Counza: John Menfi  
Sage: Jake Pollack  
Big Runner: Phillip Kaplan  
Fire Dancer: Jarrett Goldblatt  
Little Runner: Will Garibaldi  
Medicine Man: Tyson Daube

### ONEIDA

Wachi Counza: Owen Schneider  
Sage: Griffin Kelly  
Big Runner: Jack Ableson  
Fire Dancer: Nathan Delman  
Medicine Man: Clay Glazier



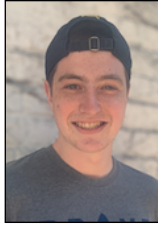
# WHO'S WATCHING THE KIDS?

## Staff Profiles

### Andrew Herman

by Will Hebbeln

Andrew Herman is currently serving his third year on staff at Kawaga. He first came to camp in 2012 after his brother spent two years at camp. His favorite year at camp was 2018, his CIT year. During that year he got to go on boundaries and a sailing trip that brought him closer to his age group. His favorite counselor was Max Roberts who taught them life lessons and was very funny. Andrew also liked Danny Sheldon; he spent lots of time with Andrew and his other campers and even would get them obscure objects off Amazon which really brought his cabin together. Andrew loves the Omni because he gets to play his favorite sport there. He also really likes the waterfront but liked it even more when the Jungle Joe was there. Andrew has made two Sachems and earned himself the name Smiling Dawn. Andrew's favorite camp tradition is the evening open areas after dinner where the whole camp gathers and he can socialize. Otherwise, his favorite part of the day is leagues because it brings out his competitive spirit. If he could be a camper again, Andrew would love to have another chance to play and beat Menominee. This was one of the most competitive things he got to do, and each competition the rivalry grew bigger. While on the shores, Andrew has been given the nickname "Sauce" and is now running the Annual Pineneedle. Andrew is an amazing counselor and we hope he returns for many more years.



buses unload and the friendships reunite. He said he was surprised to see how deep and strong the friendships and brotherhood at Kawaga are. In the future, Charlie is excited to see where the summer takes him and where he falls in place at Camp Kawaga. After camp he plans to return to his family and spend time with them. For now, look for Charlie around camp and Miracle Dock.

### Jordan Jacobson

by Oren Guttman

Jordan Jacobson has been on the shores of Kawaga for 9 years and this is his second as a counselor. Away from camp, Jordan enjoys playing tennis, hanging out with friends, and listening to music back home in Highland Park, Illinois. At Camp Kawaga, Jordan loves the water. Whether it's at Miracle Dock or the waterfront, you are likely to find Jordan in the water. Jordan really enjoys his time at camp, he says he comes back every year because "You love camp, it's like your second home." When asked to speak on his most memorable camp experiences, Jordan repeatedly mentioned his CIT summer. He recalls the cliff jumping on his sailing trip with his good friends and standing at the top of a lighthouse on an island. Jordan also valued his CIT Boundaries trip. He thought it was challenging, but rewarding. Last year was Jordan's first on staff. He thought being a counselor in the most challenging year to have camp was awesome, and a good learning experience. This year Jordan hopes to step into more of a leadership role around camp, and to live in the moment.



### Charlie Hawkins

by Meyer Rosenthal

Charlie Hawkins, a first-year staff member leading cabin 23 this camping season, was born and raised in the Bay area of California. Charlie currently lives in Bend, Oregon where he is going to be studying as a junior at the University of Oregon. He plays competitive lacrosse at the University of Oregon but also enjoys sports such as snow skiing and biking. Charlie like sports teams such as the Golden State Warriors, the Forty Niners, and the Giants. Charlie also enjoys playing fantasy football a lot, it's one of his favorite activities in the offseason. During a typical day at Camp Kawaga, you will most likely find Charlie driving the Malibu down at Miracle Dock. Miracle happens to be Charlie's favorite area of camp; it helps that one of his talents is wake-surfing along with snow skiing skills and biking. Charlie found out about Camp Kawaga through his friend and roommate, Kyle Prince. Charlie was taken aback at first when he saw the



### Max Pollack

by Ari Schulman

Max Pollack is an Oneida counselor in Cabin 21. This is Max's eighth year on the shores and he is coming off his favorite year yet. Last year he was able to move up with an age group in camp and grow even closer to them during pods. Max's first memory at camp was star gazing on the piazza with his cabin. As a camper, Max admired Mike "Grooty" DeGroot, his counselor during his Sioux year. Max just finished his freshman year at Michigan State, yet he plans to come back to Kawaga for a long time because he can't imagine anything else. He also enjoys the freedom that nature affords him at camp. Max realized the importance of camp when he missed his CIT summer in 2018. This summer, Max has already made a large impact on camp, and is among the most respected members of Kawaga's staff.



## WHISPERING PINES

Buses arrive as the CK2021 begins!... Paddle hits Kawaga... Seniors get ready for the Counselors... Happy 3rd Birthday, Dane... Rain, rain go away!... Jackson strikes out... Crow's Nest overflow... Simpson Showdown... Pros vs. Joes... First Little Wow... Until next week!

## THIS WEEK IN KAWAGA HISTORY

Have you ever wondered where the Kawaga Ideal actually came from? Kawaga historian and alum, Bob Sideman (CK 1955-1964 & '69), came up with the answer in a letter written by Lou Ehrenreich, Kawaga's Director and son of Doc E. It seems that somebody had attributed the Ideal to General Douglas MacArthur in the days following his death. Lou disputed this claim in a letter written to the *Chicago Tribune* in April, 1964, as follows:



*"There is no doubt that General Douglas MacArthur made a fine contribution in preserving our American way of life, but at times much is attributed to the Great for which they actually have no responsibility. I refer specifically to the publicity given General MacArthur for being the author of 'A Father's Prayer.'*

*This father's prayer has been one of the guiding principles of our camp for many a year. It was not written by General MacArthur. We first ran across it in Tony's Scrapbook, edited by Anthony Wons and published in 1932-33 by Reilly & Lee Company, Chicago... and published under the title, 'When A Father Prays.' The author is anonymous.*

*I am sure that General MacArthur would not want credit for something he had no part in composing."*

– Louis S. Ehrenreich

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## ALUMNI OF THE WEEK

### Craig "Simu" Simon

**What years were you at Kawaga?** My camp experience started in the winter of 1980 when Ron Silverstein, with his slide projector in tow, came to my home in and presented this amazing place called Kawaga. Since then it has been a major part of my life. I started in the summer of 1980 and spent 11 years as both a camper and staff member.

**What are you up to now?** Today I live in Chicago with my wife of 23 years, two Kawaga Braves, and a Camp Chi daughter. Since I left Kawaga, I joined our family business which provides supply chain support to airlines for food and equipment, and was lucky enough 5 years ago when my brother, Little Simu (Clear Lake), decided to move his family to Chicago so we get to work together every day.






**Looking back, what are your best memories from Kawaga?** My best memories of Kawaga continue today as I get to enjoy it through Little Bright Star, who is enjoying his 11th summer and 4th year on staff, and Golden Bright Star,

who is an Oneida and spending his 7th year at camp. My favorite place on the planet is sitting on the bench by the Kawaga Ideal (like Ron did everyday) and watch kids run around camp playing and just hangin' out.



**In what ways has Kawaga helped you in your life and career?** I went to Kawaga back in 1980 as a scrawny little kid not knowing anyone and while I'm still a little kid at heart, the Kawaga Ideal plus the cornerstone values of Enthusiasm, Sportsmanship, Fellowship and Spirit are everything we need to be successful in family and business. I'm from Kawaga, couldn't be prouder, and if you can't hear me I'll yell a little louder!

## KAWAGA FORECAST

Thu 01	75°/47°		Mostly Sunny
Fri 02	80°/63°		Partly Cloudy
Sat 03	90°/65°		Sunny
Sun 04	89°/68°		Partly Cloudy
Mon 05	83°/63°		Mostly Cloudy