

The Weekly Pineneedle



What's New This Summer

By: Eli Rodgers

As the curtains open on the summer of 2023, we are fortunate to note all the new and exciting changes that have come to Kawaga since last Summer.

While of course there is the new equipment ready to weather the wear and tear of a summer on the shores, perhaps the most notable changes are our updates in staff—specifically, to our instructional programming.

Phil Beans is a youth physical literacy expert who strives to get kids out of the house and onto the field. After successfully working with both Kawaga staff and schools across the country, he is ready to bring his curriculum to the campers.

Denise Murphy is a former All-American tennis player at Penn State, current finalist for the American High School Coach of the Year award, and Kawaga's new Director of Rackets.

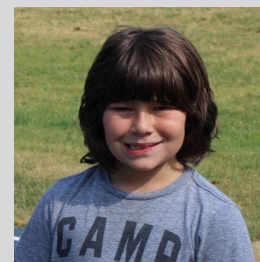
Andy Freeman is a masters swim coach and Kawaga alum focused on improving our instructional swims.

With a very strong all-around staff and the most campers in over a decade, this summer is shaping up to be one of the best in recent years.

Campers of the Week

Guiding Principle: Fellowship

With the start of a new summer on the shores comes a wide range of opportunities to make new friends. As such, we thought that there would be no better principle to represent this week than fellowship!



Chippewa
Parker Cohen



Sioux
Kyle Oseran



Mohawk
Gabe Cohen



Oneida
John Menfi

Bay Swims: A Kawaga Tradition

The tradition of swimming the bay has been a part of Kawaga for decades, and serves as a benchmark for the aquatic abilities of campers. After swimming across the bay and ringing the bell on the shore, campers gain permission to water ski, sail, paddleboard, and swim in the advanced tank.



Talk the Talk: A Guide to Kawaga Lingo

Kawaga has many of its own unique terms and phrases that will pop up frequently throughout publications of the newsletter, so we thought that we'd include a short rundown here for easier reading.

Honorary Tribes: A point-based merit system that rewards campers for honing their skills in different areas of camp and provides a goal for campers to achieve.

Mawanda: The first honorary tribe campers have the opportunity to gain entrance into, requires achieving 150 Mawanda points over as many summers as needed.

Sachem: The second and more challenging tribe to gain entrance into: requires 100 points in a single summer, translates to "chief" derived from multiple native tribes including: Algonquin, Iroquois, and Narragansett.

Ski Miracle: Successfully skiing around the Kawaguesaga Bay.

2 Ski Miracle: Doing so on 2 skis, denoted here as 2S

Drop Ski Miracle: Going out on 2 skis, dropping a ski, and slaloming the rest of the way around the bay. Denoted here as D.

Slalom Miracle: Slaloming around the bay on one ski, demoted here as S.

Inspection: Cabin cleanup period: each cabin is checked by an inspector and points are awarded for clean cabins.

Leagues: Competitive sports played between teams that are set throughout the summer.

Clubs: Instructional periods for campers to grow and develop their basic skills

EPs: Evening programs: the final activity before campers go to bed.

Tribal Officers: Leaders voted upon by their respective tribes to represent them throughout the whole camp.

Chip Burgers: Ice cream sandwiches, a fan favorite of many: coined "overrated" by some

The Kawaga Spectacular (The Speccy): A competition of many campers grouped as colleges who battle in sports, individual events, tug of war, and song and skit in order to receive a commemorative plaque in the mess hall.

ABI: All boats in: the bugle call played over the loudspeaker which represents the closing of an activity.

Week 1 Highlight: Big/Little Brothers

On the very first night of camp, every new camper receives a camp "Big Brother." This person is typically someone who has been attending camp for several years, and is meant to serve as a mentor figure for the new campers. As an added bonus, on Friday night, there was a Big + Little Brother Pizza party, where the pairs met in the Mess Hall after rounds to eat pizza and hang out!



Leagues Standings

Chip League

Team Name	Win	Loss
Team Holzer, Lowell, J. Wassenmüller:	4	0
Team J. Abelson, Gold, L. Wassenmüller:	0	4

Sioux Meat League

Team Name	Win	Loss
Team Fenster and Youderian:	2	1
Team Rosenfeld and Dyner:	1	2
Team Kaplan and Sakadales:	2	1
Team Haines and M. Friedman:	0	3

Sioux Blue/Gold League

Team Name	Win	Loss
Team Kosner and Langlands:	0	1
Team J. Friedman and Adleman:	1	1
Team Brodsky and Schneider:	1	0
Team Levine and C. Ableson:	1	1

Mohawk Blue/Gold League

Team Name	Win	Loss
Team Swift and Kaufmann:	1	0
Team McSweeny and Jasmer:	0	1
Team Flater:	1	0
Team Shapiro and Heaton:	0	1

Leagues Standings

Mohawk Fish League

Team Name	Win	Loss
Team Messe:	1	1
Team Warady:	0	2
Team Gotlieb and Rosenthal:	1	1
Team Lapins:	2	1
Team Jacobs:	1	1
Team Delman:	2	0

Oneida Blue/Gold League

Team Name	Win	Loss
Team Zirin and Bokov:	3	0
Team Decker:	0	3
Satyr and Lorcan:	1	2
Team Blackman and Gnehm:	2	1

Oneida Cheese League

Team Name	Win	Loss
Team Stone:	1	0
Team Beltran and Newmark:	0	1
Team Davis and Shaw:	0	1
Team J. Froelich:	1	0
Team McGrath:	0	1
Team Korach:	1	0



Jonah Satyr's Saturday Sermon

Saturday, June 24, 2023

Shabbat Shalom,

Hello, for those of you who don't know me, my name is Jonah Satyr and this is my eighth year on the Kawaga Shores and third on staff. However, this is not my eighth summer at overnight camp. Prior to my Kawaga experience, I attended a different camp that ended up not being the right fit for me. At that camp, I had lots of friends from my home in Deerfield and participated in activities that I had a lot of fun doing. Despite this, even as a young camper, I felt like there was something I was missing out on.

Maybe I wasn't the type of kid who liked overnight camp at all. I was about to decide to hang up my overnight camp cleats and call it quits. But, I had a baseball friend, Ethan Warady, who really enjoyed the camp he went to and it sounded nothing like the experience that I had thus far.

After my second summer at my old camp, I talked to my parents and decided to give camp one more try with a place called Kawaga. I had much fewer Deerfield friends at Kawaga, so I was a little nervous going into the summer. My whole life I had always been put in situations that were familiar and the summer of 2016 seemed as if it would be anything but that.

The first thing I heard when I reached the shores of Kawaguesaga was that there was someone who knew more about the Cubs than me. Eight years later that person, Malcolm Newmark, would become my college roommate and someone I could call my best friend.

There was something so much different about Kawaga from the very moment I entered Cabin 13. Despite knowing only one person in my cabin, I felt like family right away. I still remember the first day at camp when I was sitting on the bench at tennis not knowing what to do and Brandon Koretz going out of his way to let me win a game of 1 v. 1 basketball against him at the OD.

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Not much longer after that I got my big brother Zach Cohen, who helped show me the ropes and gave me insight on how meaningful Kawaga was. Zach encouraged me to go for Mawanda right away and take part in activities that I wasn't able to do outside of Kawaga. Four years later, Zach and his brother Alex would become mentors and heavily contribute to the best summer of my life as our CIT counselors.

Without Kawaga I would have never experienced what it would be like to play Senior Ball, catch a chipmunk, become close friends with someone from an entirely different country than me, and finally be able to conquer boundaries with the 2020s, Gruber, and Bri.

Maybe some of you guys come here and think that other camps are similar to ours and take for granted the fact that you go to Kawaga. Let me tell you guys from first-hand experience that all camps are not the same and there is something here that is special. I actually find it quite hard within this sermon to put into words what makes this place special. That's because there isn't just one thing. The countless little memories and experiences, evening programs, and even morning polar bears gave me a childhood that I can look back upon in happiness.

For all of you campers, it might be hard to realize at the moment, but these summers at Kawaga do more for you than you think. When I look back on life lessons I have learned, I can always connect them to Kawaga. Kawaga teaches you how to be competitive, but also how to be a good person. Kawaga shows you that the best way to gain respect and achievement is by working hard. Kawaga shows you that sometimes the most important thing is to give a great experience to someone else.

I think of how counselors like Zach, Alex, Gruber, Jack Leshem, and Jack Cadden did everything they could to make sure that I had a summer filled with lifelong memories. I hope that when my time at Kawaga is all set and done, maybe I can help give you guys some of those types of memories.

A big chunk of my memories have happened with my 2020 CIT age group. This might also be one of the last summers in which we get to spend a full summer all together. Again another part of what makes Kawaga so special is that I know whatever the future holds, us 2020s will always be in touch at every stage of life and we have a bond that can never be broken no matter how far our lives geographically part.

There is nothing that can take away from Kawaga and our ability to become family at this place, and form memories and connections that cannot be created anywhere else.

Thank You.

Notable Achievements

Birthdays:

Chase Adair (10)
Tobin Busch (17)
Case Reagles (11)

Miracles:

Chase Adair (2S)
Nick Boas (2S)
Gavin Boettcher (2S)
Noah Burnett (2S)
Will Curtis (2S)
Ashton Daley (2S, D, S)
Austin Donohoo (2S)
Eli Goodman (2S)
Jeremy Gorman (2S)
Charlie Greenstone (D)
Nittai Greniman (2S)
Davis Kommer (2S)
Grayson Milcetic (2S)
Oliver Montoya (D)
Case Reachles (2S)
Jimmy Salters (2S)
Micah Sekuler (2S)

First Fish:

Ari Johnson
Adam Schneider
Gavin Boettcher
Austin Donohoo
Max Muslin
Kyle Oseran
Chase Donohoo
Moe Woll
Micah Sekuler
Wesley Tarbell
Grayson Milcetic
Leo Weinstock

First Bullseye:

Adam Schneider
Max Nitekman
Grayson Milcetic
Toby Stiller
Dominic Tanzi

Spectacular Updates

This week, the campers learned the commissioners of the spectacular: Adam Fenster and Jordi Beltran!



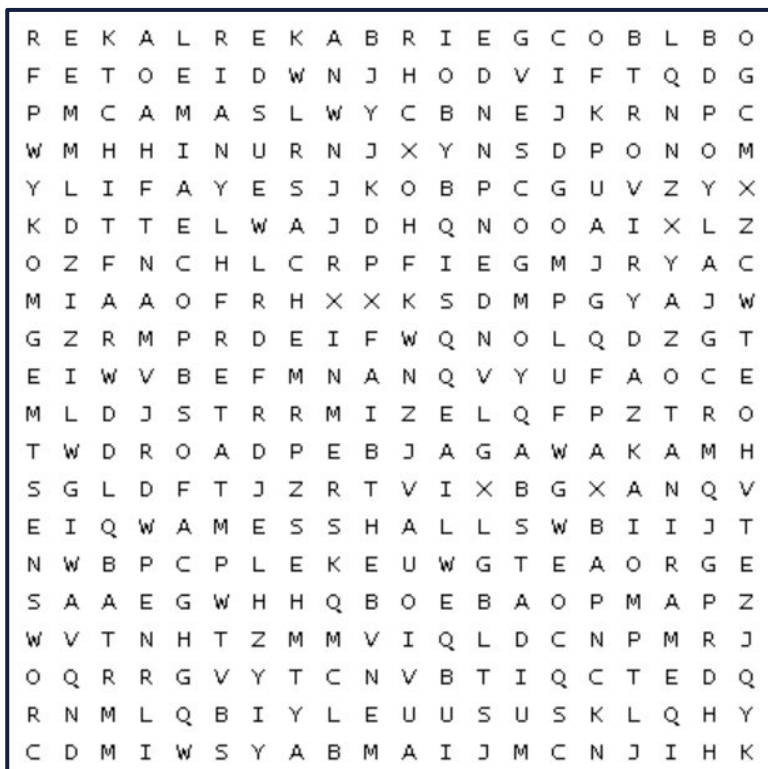
Chief Excerpt: Malcolm Newmark, Chief of the Chippewa



This week I have observed a growing sense of unity among the Chip tribe. The first few days of camp can be difficult for Chips. They have to adapt to a new environment, with new people, all without the help of their parents. This group of Chips, however, have been particularly supportive of each other. They push each other to achieve goals such as Mawanda and Sachem, they help each other when they are feeling down, and they work together in inspection, leagues, and in the cabin.

The Chips may be the youngest campers in camp, but this year's might also be the mightiest in camp. Their ability to work together and support their friends is remarkable.

CK Leisure Corner



Funny Photos This Week



Word Bank:

Kawaga

Stadium

Paddle

Marina

Miracle

Messhall

Baker Lake

Rec Hall

Sachem

Omni

Bayswim

Waterfront

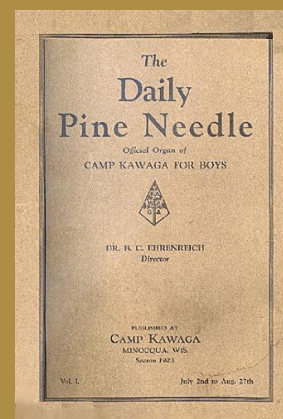
Crows Nest

Rons Garage

Road

Stadium

Kawaga History Blurb



*Cover from the 1923
Annual Pineneedle*

Mon 26 **63°/51°** Showers

Tue 27 **74°/46°** Mostly Sunny

Wed 28 **78°/52°** Partly Cloudy

Thu 29 **75°/53°** PM Thunderstorms

Fri 30 **73°/53°** PM Showers

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