

The Weekly Pineneedle



Boundary Waters Trip

By: Jarett Goldblatt

Before Boundaries I wasn't sure what to expect. For years I had seen CITs leave for the trip and return with nothing but good things to say, but I have never really felt that way about a camping trip before. I wasn't sure what I wanted to gain from a week long trip.

Still, I went into the trip with an open mind. Right off the bat we were canoeing and portaging, two practices that seemed to absorb my life for the coming week. While it sometimes was enduring it never proved to be difficult in the way I imagined. Expectations of long rainy days faded in the presence of beautiful views and conversations with friends in canoes. There were times that tested the limits of my group, but looking back on the trip only the good comes to mind. I would never have had another opportunity to use a tarp to sail across a lake, or to be in another place as truly in the depths of nature as the Boundary Waters.

As the trip went on, I began to see why it is looked upon so highly. Eating GORP became a custom and each portage became more and more motivating. My group took multiple day trips which provided beautiful views and made arriving at campsites feel even more earned. Travelling for miles each day seemed less like a chore and more like a goal. I can say with confidence that Boundaries was the fastest week of my life. Coming back to camp was a unique experience. I have always been the one to ask the CITs how Boundaries was, yet here, I was the CIT returning home.

Every aspect of Boundaries made me more grateful and appreciative. My unsure expectations ended up as thoughts of pride and humility. Overall, Boundaries was by far the most rewarding week of my entire life. It is 100% something to look forward to.

Campers of the Week

Guiding Principle:
Spirit

With camp in full swing, and lots of new games and experiences are being played, we thought that *Spirit* would encompass all that this week is about.



Chippewa
Ty
Pomerantz



Sioux
Leo
Weinstock



Mohawk
Sawyer
Alexander



Oneida
Eli Goodman

Marimeta Social

On Saturday evening, the lovely lovely ladies of Merimeta Ranch Camp paid a visit to Kawaga for the first social of the summer. Over the course of a couple hours, siblings were reunited, and campers enjoyed music, refreshments, and good company!



Weekly Highlight: Tribal Officers

Each session at Kawaga (2x/Summer), the campers in each tribe elect Tribal Officers. These people are seen as the leaders of their respective age groups, and perform various duties during both age group and whole-camp gatherings, called powwows.

Wachi Counza: The right hand man to the chief, a role model that each member of the tribe can always reach out to.

Sage: Recites the Kawaga ideal at each small powwow

Big Runner: Announces the chief at each big powwow.

Fire Dancer: Performs the fire dance at each Big Powwow

Medicine Man: Performs a ceremonial duty by making a sacrifice to the fire at big powwows

Little Runner: Carries ceremonial peace pipe from one small powwow site to another small powwow site

CHIPPEWA

Wachi Counza: Harvey Colliani

Sage: Teddy Kaplan

Big Runner: Jude Holzer

Fire Dancer: Ty Pomerantz

Medicine Man: Vaughn Simpson

Little Runner: Sam Stone

MOHAWK

Wachi Counza: Ryan Shaewitz

Sage: Simon Busch

Big Runner: Max Noren

Fire Dancer: Max Kalish

Medicine Man: Avi Boymel

Little Runner: Ellis Burk

SIOUX

Wachi Counza: Decklyn Daube

Sage: Benji Goodman

Big Runner: Chase Adair

Fire Dancer: Wesley Saber

Medicine Man: Nittai Greniman

Little Runner: Asher Klaff

ONEIDA

Wachi Counza: John Menfi

Sage: Jarett Goldblatt

Big Runner: Philip Kaplan

Fire Dancer: Tyson Daube

Medicine Man: Dustin Weber

Camper Pineneedles

What Is a Pineneedle?

By: Owen Shaw

A Pineneedle is any written article by a camper. Pineneedle topics can range from a leagues game, an evening program, a camping trip, or practically any other camp related topic. In addition to the possibility of a Pineneedle being featured in the Weekly Pineneedle, these articles count as points towards Mawanda and Sachem. Pineneedles uniquely encapsulate camp life from the perspective of campers, illuminating what goes on in campers' minds on a daily basis and the ups and downs they face throughout the summer.

Mohawk Scalp Wars

By: Ashton Daley

It was a wet day down at the piazza for Mohawk fish league scalp wars. The game started off with a point from "BBL FISHY" because of a team effort from the skills of Eli. That team effort was followed by a point by "If I was a bad fish, I would wanna catch me too". Oakley scores and the score is 2-1. After a quick timeout, both teams were ready to go. It was the skill of Oakley Daube and Eli Smith working with each other to win. Vinny and Michael win and the score is 5-1. After another timeout everyone is ready and I find myself in a one v one which is won by if I was Bad Fish. Then it was game point and both teams were excited. The game comes down to a 2v2. It was close but in the end If I was a Bad Fish won the game led by Oakley. It was a fun time had by all.

Mohawk Leagues Game

By: Grant Levison

Yesterday, I had the absolute pleasure of playing in one of the most intense leagues games ever. It was Huxley's team vs Ethan's team. Ethan's team started off with Oakley Daube and Brody Batt hitting threes. For Huxley's team Avi Boymel was hitting shots left and right. After a timeout by Ethan the score was 11-2 Levine's, with about 10 minutes left in the half. Parker was a beast on defense, stealing balls left and right for Huxley's team. For Ethan's team, Vinny was putting great pressure on Huxley's team. Max Noren was unstoppable in the paint, hitting buckets everywhere. At the end of half the score was 26-18, Ethan's team. To start the half Huxley's team was hot, with Grant making buckets here and there. For Ethan's team, the duo of Ari and Brody were unstoppable. With about two minutes left in the game, the score was tied 40-40. Both teams were going back and forth, with about 20 seconds left.

Ethan's team was up by three, then Avi Boymel chained a three to tie the game up and send the game to overtime. It was a two minute overtime. To start, Oakley Daube hits a deep three. Avi Boymel proceeds to make a layup to make the score down by one. With a technical foul from Ethan's team, Avi shoots a free-throw, and the game is tied. With 20 seconds left Avi chains a three to secure the game for Huxley's team. Final score! 54-57 Huxley's team. Great time had by all.

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Mohawk Fish League Football: Fishy and The Guppies vs. What the Fishma?

By: Gabriel Kaufmann

The game started off as Jason's team got the ball. Nathan Badzin was getting amazing runs and throwing dime catches. Case was all over the field catching the ball. Ellis Burk was blocking like a maniac and Henry Borden had some sneaky peels Badzin ran the ball in for the first touchdown of the game.

After an extra point, James' team got the ball. Davis Kommer as QB was unstoppable with running and Jacob Schwartz did not let any rusher near Davis. Eli Fay made an amazing catch. On defense, Miles Banks was covering his man hard. James' team had a great running touchdown from Kommer. On the next possession, Case made an absolutely crazy catch which led to Badzin running in for another touchdown. Then Davis was throwing a lob only to have Kommer intercept it. Eventually Miles Banks scored a touchdown from a tight pass. With a couple more plays the first half was finished with a score of 26-6 Jason's team. In the second half guys like Gabe Kaufmann and Ellis Burk were a brick wall against the rushers. Ryan McDowell made some crazy catches in tribute to Joey Goodmans crazy blocking skills. There was only one touchdown and this was done by Eli Fay on an incredibly tight catch. Henry Borden ended the game with four sacks. With this the game concluded with a score of 26-13 Jason's team.

Fortnite Night

By: Max Muslin

Last night, Fortnite night started off great! We all stood on the side of the omni and then they blew the whistle and we all hid. Then, a few minutes later the sirens went off marking the start of the round, then we all tried to get each other out with dodgeballs and water balloons, we also collected blue socks for 50 shields each. The round started off with Benji Goodman finding the pinata right away! He turned it in and got his cash, then the arena, stadium and the hill got engulfed by the storm. Everyone started heading to the D1 area where all of the CITS were at home plate alliancing while having all of the dodgeballs at once. Then the storm closed in again and the tennis courts and the omni became off limits, so D1 was the only place to be. So, with all of the CITS closing in, everyone got eliminated by them and they took round one. Next round we all re-hid and a few minutes later the second round started. Once the sirens sounded, we all went out in search of the llama. Later on in the round they announced that alliances were no longer allowed. About ten minutes later the storm closed again making the stadium, arena, and hill all off limits. Soon after, Roan Ohlwein found the llama behind a tree by Chip 4 and everyone was closing in on him. Luckily he escaped and turned in his llama to the pineneedle. Once again the storm closed in and the tennis courts and omni became off limits, we were all on D1 but this time most of the CITS were out. With that advantage the mohawks took out the remaining CITS one by one as D1 started to close in little by little. Soon enough all of D1 was off limits and all that was left was home plate. It was complete chaos as everyone was crowded up on home plate. This round ended in a tie and we all had a really fun time!

League Standings

Chip Blue/Gold

Team Name

The Golden Knights:

Blue Lightning:

Win

Loss

3

3

3

3

Chip Breakfast

Team Name

French Toast Guys:

Baconators :

Judes Captain Crunch:

Hungry For W's:

Win

Loss

3

3

0

6

4

2

5

1

Sioux Blue/Gold League

Team Name

Golden Aura:

What Color is Your Bluegatti:

Blue Baddies:

The Blue Buckets:

Win

Loss

5

0

2

2

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4

2

3

Meat League

Team Name

Da Meat Market:

I'm Gonna Meat the Whooooole Thing:

Whats Beef? Meatorious B.I.G:

Meatheads:

M.C Ham(mer):

Moooow Cow:

Win

Loss

3

3

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League Standings

Mohawk Blue/Gold League

Team Name

| | Win | Loss |
|---|-----|------|
| We Can Go Blue For Blue, Nah We Can Go Gold for Gold: | 3 | 2 |
| Blue Taper Fade: | 0 | 5 |
| Blue Wants To Go To The 4 Seasons Orlando: | 5 | 0 |
| Metro Blue-man Make it Bloom: | 2 | 3 |

Fish League

Team Name

| | Win | Loss |
|--|-----|------|
| If I was A Bad Fish, I'd Wanna Catch Me Too: | 4 | 2 |
| Erm What The Fishma?: | 4 | 2 |
| Party Of Fish: | 0 | 6 |
| J. Fishy and The Guppies: | 4 | 2 |
| You Are My Sunfish: | 3 | 3 |
| BBL Fishy: | 3 | 3 |

Oneida Blue/Gold League

Team Name

| | Win | Loss |
|------------------------------|-----|------|
| We Still Don't Trust Blue: | 2 | 1 |
| Jay Goldma: | 3 | 0 |
| Will Still Gold Trust Blue: | 0 | 3 |
| Blue Are My Sunshine: | 1 | 2 |
| Gold Beer On A Friday Night: | 2 | 1 |
| Gold Boys Go To Hide Away: | 1 | 2 |

Cheese League

Team Name

| | Win | Loss |
|---|-----|------|
| Tik Tok Whiz Party: | 2 | 1 |
| Cheddar in the Name of Love: | 2 | 1 |
| Swiss Child Of Mine: | 2 | 1 |
| Breezy Brie: | 1 | 2 |
| I Dont Gouda Piss Bout Nothin But The Tide: | 2 | 1 |
| I Aint Sayin She a Mold Digger: | 2 | 1 |
| Is Someone Gonna Match My Briek: | 1 | 2 |
| Yo Final Challenge, Let yo Brie Go Thru Yo Phone: | 0 | 3 |

Reflections From the Shores



Written by: Chance Kosner

Saturday, June 29th, 2024

Shabbat Shalom. For those who don't know me, my name is Chance Kosner and this is my 11th summer at Kawaga. Coming up to Kawaga for the first time in 2014 for the second session with no friends, I had no idea what I was even signing up for. By the end of those 4 weeks, I was stepping off the bus, begging my mom to let me go 8 weeks the next year. What I learned that summer, was that Kawaga was par to none the best place on all of Earth. I can still recall spending the nights talking and laughing away with a group of kids I had just met a week ago. I remember swimming the bay, after trying so hard and failing, and the feeling of accomplishment from ringing that bell and all the congratulations I recieved. These are the little things that keep Kawaga, Kawaga.

In the following years, I would start to spend more and more time concerned with achieving entrance into the tribes of both Mawanda and Sachem. I was attempting to go for both of these tribes, but especially Sachem, where I learned how to grow as a person. I remember in my Mohawk B summer, I had set a goal of achieving Sachem by the 6 week mark, as I believed I was very capable of it. However, when this time passed me by without me having made Sachem, I was absolutely devastated. I can vividly remember Jackson Gruber coming up to me as I was crying on the picture bench above the tennis courts. He expressed how he was sad for me too and was really hoping to see me achieve my goal, but also reminded me that sitting around and continuing to think about something that had already happened was pointless. He encouraged me to look forward, to figure out what I had to do to achieve my goal, and how to not forget that this happened but instead use it as motivation to become a better version of myself.

At the time, I had difficulty fully understanding this sentiment. I had set my goal, and failed to achieve it. What was the point now? But regardless Gruber continued to encourage me, as well as suggest that I return to one of the fundamental points in achieving Sachem, that being memorizing the Kawaga Ideal. As a 12 year old camper going for only my second total Sachem, I had never considered viewing the Ideal as anything more than a boring text that I had to memorize to get a name and feather. But it was upon this re-reading, where I began to soak in what the Ideal was attempting to teach, and what Kawaga was teaching as a whole. There is intention and reason behind everything that is done here, but especially when it comes to the Ideal. Memorizing, reciting, and reflecting on the Ideal is one of very few explicit requirements for Sachem. The board on which it is written is placed right atop the hill overlooking all of camp. Night after night since I first stepped onto the shores, it has played over the PA, as one of the last things we hear before going to sleep. There are constant reminders of the standard we are expected to achieve, the person we are able to become.

Exactly what makes this so special, is that we don't even notice it, it's simply a cog in a machine that is our lives. What is difficult to know, is that without this one little cog, everything starts to fall apart. For 110 years, the Ideal has been the outline for what Kawaga has hoped to instill into each and every person that has touched this place. Even when you aren't at camp, the lessons you are taught and the experiences that you have here will still remain and bit by bit, make you into the person that the Ideal describes. I encourage you, not necessarily to study the Ideal, but instead to simply keep living your daily camp life. Invest yourself in what camp has to offer, and regardless of your awareness, the lessons the Ideal preaches will reach you over, and over, and over again. To conclude I will end the same way the Ideal does, as Kawaga has certainly assured me that "I have not lived in vain." Thank you.

Notable Achievements

Birthdays

Nicholas Papadopoulos (8)
 Max Noren (14)
 William Saber (10)
 Jack Linton (10)
 Jack Stone (10)

Miracles

Augie Savage (2S)
 Brody Jones (2S)
 Theo Payne (2S)
 Johnny McLaughlin (Slalom)
 Davis Kommer (Drop)

First Bullseye

Blake Schiff
 Oliver Turpuritis

Spectacular Updates

This week, the campers learned the head coaches, assistant coaches, and their teams for of the Speccy, as listed below:

- Team: Washington University
 - Head Coach: Jonah Satyr
 - Assistant Coach: Malcolm Newmark
- Team: University of Tennessee
 - Head Coach: Justin Jacobs
 - Assistant Coach: Frank Kaplan
- Team: Western Kentucky University
 - Head Coach: Jonathan Levitan
 - Assistant Coach: Josh Levitan
- Team: North Dakota State University
 - Head Coach: Owen Shaw
 - Assistant Coach: Daniel Dyrer
- Team: Kansas State
 - Head Coach: Jono Messe
 - Assistant Coach: Ethan Levine
- Team: Texas A&M
 - Head Coach: James Friedman
 - Assistant Coach: Huxley Sennott
- Team: University of Illinois
 - Head Coach: Adam Fenster
 - Assistant Coach: Josh Zirin
- Team: University of South Carolina
 - Head Coach: Daniel Lapins
 - Assistant Coach: Nathan Delman
- Team: University of New Mexico
 - Head Coach: Jordi Beltran
 - Assistant Coach: Bri Fowlie
- Team: University of Hawaii
 - Head Coach: Logan Flater
 - Assistant Coach: Simon Shapiro



Chief Excerpt
Jordi Beltran
Chief of the Sioux

Two weeks into camp, the Sioux tribe has had an amazing start. Our campers have embraced each other with open arms creating a warm and inviting atmosphere where everyone feels valued and included. Laughter and good energy have been abundant, setting an awesome start to our summer adventures together.

As we continue our journey through the summer, we look forward to fostering even deeper bonds and creating lasting memories that will define this wonderful season with the sioux's.

Kawaga Leisure

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Funny Photos This Week



Kawaga History Showcase



Doc. E and Lou Ehrenreich with the Kawaga Ideal.

Mon 01 **69°/54°** Mostly Cloudy

Tue 02 **72°/59°** Showers

Wed 03 **77°/56°** Mostly Sunny

Thu 04 **76°/57°** Isolated Thunderstorms

Fri 05 **70°/54°** Showers

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