

# The Weekly Pineneedle



## Campers of the Week

### Guiding Principle: Sportsmanship

This week there were tons of competitions held both in and around camp. All campers competed against Ojibwa, as well as our seniors taking on our counselors in the annual softball game. We are proud of the sportsmanship demonstrated by all of our campers this week!

## Week 3 At A Glance

By: Owen Shaw

This past week was perhaps our most action-packed yet! We had only one typical day!

On Monday, we kicked off with our annual Kawaga Regatta, where our top sailors showcased their skills in a multi-camp sailing race. Although Camp Red Arrow sailed away with the win, it was an exhilarating start to the week.

Tuesday brought our first competition of the summer against Camp Ojibwa. Our intermediates and seniors traveled to their camp, representing Kawaga with pride. Our juniors showed their mettle, missing a sweep by just one game. Overall, Ojibwa won 14-8, but our campers fought hard.

Wednesday was the only typical day of the week, a welcome respite after Tuesday's competition. Campers enjoyed their activities around camp and ended the day with a trip to Chippewa Ranch Camp for our second social of the summer.

On Thursday we celebrated the Fourth of July! The seniors took on the counselors in two softball games, both of which were thrilling despite the counselors' victories. In the afternoon, we launched our Blue/Bold Cup competition and capped off the day with a spectacular fireworks display.

On Friday, we faced off against Camp Timberlane in our second competition of the year. Both our seniors and juniors put on an impressive show, demonstrating what we're made of.

Saturday night was electric with the live first-round draft of the Kawaga Spectacular, leading into Sunday when the rest of the campers discovered their "Speccky" teams for the next three and a half days of action-packed inner-camp competition.



**Chippewa**  
**Gavin Stone**



**Sioux**  
**Auggie Savage**



**Mohawk**  
**Nathan Badzin**



**Oneida**  
**Paul Cascade**

# Competition

Week 3 saw many mighty Kawaga Braves facing off against other camps, including the Chips and Sioux facing off against Camp Ojibwa for Boys. Our Juniors prevailed and led the camp in games won, while the intermediates and seniors fought hard and remained proud and unbending in defeat. The competition results and scores for individual scores are listed below.

## Ojibwa

**Junior Football 1:** 63-0 Kawaga  
**Junior Football 2:** 57-0 Kawaga  
**Junior Football 3:** 8-6 Kawaga  
**Junior Football 4:** 29-12 Kawaga  
**Junior Softball 1:** 1-0 Kawaga  
**Junior Softball 2:** 13-6 Kawaga  
**Junior Softball 3:** 9-6 Ojibwa  
**Junior D Softball:** 7-6 Kawaga  
**Int. Softball 1:** 5-2 Ojibwa  
**Int. Softball 2:** 8-0 Ojibwa  
**Int. Football 1:** 27-20 Kawaga

**Int. Football 2:** 35-6 Ojibwa  
**Int. Football 3:** 30-20 Ojibwa  
**Int. Soccer 1:** 2-1 Ojibwa  
**Int. Soccer 2:** 3-0 Ojibwa  
**Senior Football 1:** 26-14 Ojibwa  
**Senior Football 2:** 34-7 Ojibwa  
**Senior Football 3:** 64-0 Ojibwa  
**Senior Volleyball 1:** 2-0 Ojibwa  
**Senior Volleyball 2:** 2-0 Ojibwa  
**Senior Volleyball 3:** 2-1 Ojibwa  
**Senior Volleyball 4:** 2-0 Ojibwa

## Final Score: 14-8 Ojibwa



# Competition

Friday we saw an afternoon of fierce competition for Kawaga's Braves as they faced off against the neighboring Timberlane Camp for Boys. With the second full-camp competition came a spike in energy, as campers embraced their will to win.

## Timberlane

**Senior Volleyball:** 2-1 Kawaga  
**Senior Basketball 1:** 77-23 Kawaga  
**Senior Ultimate 1:** 11-6 Kawaga  
**Senior Ultimate 2:** 9-8 Kawaga  
**Senior Football:** 20-14 Kawaga  
**Senior Pickleball:** 3-2 Kawaga  
**Senior Tennis:** 4-2 Kawaga  
**Senior Dodgeball:** 4-1 Kawaga  
**Senior Soccer:** 5-0 Kawaga

**Junior Basketball:** 46-23 Kawaga  
**Junior Ultimate 1:** 14-1 Kawaga  
**Junior Ultimate 2:** 11-4 Kawaga  
**Junior Dodgeball:** 3-2 Kawaga  
**Junior Newcomb:** 2-0 Kawaga  
**Junior Soccer:** 6-1 Kawaga  
**Junior Football:** 49-12 Kawaga  
**Junior Pickleball:** 4-2 Timberlane

**Final Score: 16-1 Kawaga**



# Chippewa Social

On Wednesday July 3rd, the lovely ladies of Chippewa Ranch Camp hosted the boys for a social. There was dancing, games, and absolutely lovely food for both camps, as well as the joy of being in the company of one another.



# 4th of July

Independence day is undoubtedly one of the most eventful days of the year for most Americans, and Kawaga is no exception. Below, we have a perspective on the day from one of our campers, as well as some pictures. Enjoy!

## 4th of July Recap

By: Owen Shaw

The Fourth of July is a huge day for all Americans and it is treated no differently here at Kawaga. To start off, all of the Oneidas woke up early to set up the camp and get the energy going. They set up tennis balls in the form of "GO SENIORS" laid out hockey sticks that exclaimed "SENIORS" as well as brought a canoe to drum on during reveille.

Once Reveille played all the Oneidas ran to every different cabin in camp and eagerly awoke the other campers. From there they all went to D1 to do Kawaga Jacks, led by the CITs. Then all of the camp participated in polar bears. For breakfast, waffles were served which set the mood for the rest of the day. After this all campers went back to their cabins to prepare themselves for the game.

The A game started off hot for the seniors going up 4-0 by the end of the third inning, unfortunately for them, the Counselors struck back and ended the game 11-4. The B game then commenced, this was a much closer game which was neck and neck the whole time but the counselors inched away with the lead towards the end. During this, root beer floats, snowcones and popcorn were all available for the campers to eat. After these games lunch was served followed by a much needed rest hour.

After rest hour we carried on the tradition of the new campers finding out their blue/gold-cup teams and playing a few rounds of blocks. The way the campers found them out was from setting off a blue or gold dust cannon that spewed the color of the campers team. This was a very exciting event as both teams were eager to find out what new additions they would have to their teams.

After dinner the day was finished up by watching the staff of each team play a game of basketball, then the whole camp relaxed on D1 to watch the firework show that was put on, which was a great way to end a fabulous July 4th!

## A Game: 11-4 Counselors B Game: 12-8 Counselors



# Week 3 Highlight: **Kawaga Regatta**

On Monday morning select campers participated in the annual Kawaga Regatta. This is the second year we have hosted this after a four year break due to covid. We got to put our relatively new RS Zest boats to the test. Camps Red Arrow and Camp Chippewa came and showed off their skills as well with Red Arrow taking it all after a fun day on the water. Beau Pomerantz and Jacob Stillman were the top finishers for Kawaga.



## Who's Watching the Kids (Counselor Profile)

By: Decklyn Daube

Solomon Kwartowitz - Sol for short - is from Detroit, Michigan. This is his ninth year at camp, he spent eight as a camper and is now serving his first year on staff. His first year was in 2015.

Sol started as a young camper in Chip 2, moving through the ranks to: Chip 4, Sioux City East, then cabin 13, 18, 24 x2, and ending his camping career in 26 as a 2022 CIT. Sol heard about camp through a family friend of his, and he finds himself coming back year after year because of the clarity and the peace of mind Kawaga brings him. He finds himself coming back on staff so that he can contribute to this same environment that brought him back. I asked Sol, about what made his favorite counselor growing up his favorite? Sol told me about how when he was a Chip/Sioux his favorite Counselor was Adam Pearl because of how caring and funny he was. As Sol got older he said his favorite counselors were Sam Pacala and Tucker Froelich because of how attentive they were to his goal setting.

Sol's favorite sport is cross country, a testament to that is that he will be attending Harvard in the fall for cross country, where he hopes to study philosophy. His favorite Kawaga sport is flickerball, and his favorite cabin CIT was Andrew Herman his Mohawk B summer. Sol's Sachem name is Dancing Lynx and you could find him at the waterfront, the climbing wall and boating and canoeing.



## Group 2 Ping Pong Tournament

By: Eli Goodman

Today I had the pleasure of playing a very fun ping pong tournament with the rest of the Group 2s. We had guys like Gavin Batt, Luke Winshall, and Paul Cascade being demons with the paddle, enjoying the vibe and winning.

My first round I played Bailey Glickson and it was back and forth depending on who was serving. It was first to 7 win by two, cap at nine. It was 6-6 and then we had the best point of the match. It went back and forth making diving hits to keep the point alive. I ended up winning the point with a strong shot at Bailey. After another point, I won the match.

I had time to chill after the match so I decided to talk with my friends. I heard that Beau Pomerantz, Dominic Tanzi, and Jacob Stillman are all cruising through their matches. I learned that my next match is against Gavin and we decided to have more fun with our match. He also really wanted to play Stillman or Beau who would be the following match. I quickly go down three to nothing but try to rally back. I won the next point and still had some wiggle room to come back, but I ended up losing the next four points in a row and lost the match.

As the tournament continued on. The people that lost chilled with each other, while everyone still in continued to battle it out. Although we were not able to finish the whole tournament it was still tons of fun and a great time had by all.



# Reflections From the Shores

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Written by: Joshua Zirin

Saturday, July 6th, 2024

Shabbat Shalom.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Josh Zirin. This is my twelfth summer on the shores and my fourth on staff.

To be completely honest with you all, I wrote this sermon weeks ago, before I even came up to camp for the summer, following one of the most difficult two-week spans of my life: the aftermath of my tonsillectomy. To those unaware, a tonsillectomy is a very routine surgical removal of two small oval-shaped objects in the back of the throat. A typical recovery *is* about two weeks, but my recovery was far from typical.

After recovering at home for about 4 days, I wound up being rushed back to the hospital at 5 am one morning with severe bleeding. Hoping to be in and out of the hospital within the day, I ended up spending the next five days stuck in a hospital bed with other complications involving a respiratory infection, another surgery, and a 103° fever. Finally, on Wednesday, May 15, I was discharged from the hospital, freed from my health-based prison sentence. Some of the greatest relief I have ever felt in my life is shared between Michigan's goal-line stop of Alabama in overtime of the College Football Playoffs and being told "Let's get you outta here" by my nurse at Lake Forest Hospital.

The first thing I noticed upon leaving the hospital was the smell of fresh air. Damp, fragrant, full. I hadn't had a breath of fresh air in nearly a week. The second thing I noticed was how nice it was to be able to move my right arm freely, unrestricted by the two IVs that had previously occupied it. The third thing I noticed was how damn comfortable my home bed was and how amazing the water pressure of my own shower felt after a week of hardly being able to clean myself.

All these things may seem insignificant to all of you, but in each of these moments, I felt a little bit more like myself, a little bit more human. It's hard to truly explain the feeling, but I know for a fact that you have all experienced it before because camp gives me the same feeling almost every day.

At night, when I look up and can see the entire history of the universe painted onto the sky, I feel it. In the morning, when I plunge into the frigid bay for a morning jolt of energy, I feel it. In the mess hall, when an old Specky team that I was on's fight song is sung and I get to scream my heart out, remembering old times, I feel it.

Often, we take all these things for granted because we are at camp, and these things are so normal. Too often, it takes us going home for the offseason to realize what we are missing. It's almost like when you wake up with a sore throat and only then do you realize how nice it is for your throat to feel normal on other days. If my sermon can leave you with any lasting message, I hope it's this: Don't wait until your throat hurts to appreciate what the lack of pain feels like. In camp terms, don't wait until you're home to appreciate Kawaga.

Each and every day here is a new opportunity to appreciate camp. Whether it's spending time with your buddies down by the waterfront, playing a game of 42 on the Omni, shooting your first bullseye, shooting your *fortieth* bullseye, or anything in between, camp provides countless opportunities to appreciate. I hope today, you take the chance to choose one.



# Special Feature: Speccy First Round Picks

**1-1 Texas A&M University: Tyson Daube**

**1-2 University of Tennessee: Philip Kaplan**

**1-3 Kansas State University: Kol Leibowitz**

**1-4 North Dakota State University: Gabe Rosen**

**1-5 Western Kentucky University: Will Garibaldi**

**1-6 Washington University: Paul Cascade**

**1-7 University of Hawaii: Max Schoenbaum**

**1-8 University Of Illinois: Jordi Mokhtarian**

**1-9 University of Southern Carolina: Drew Steckler**

**1-10 University of New Mexico: John Menfi**

# Notable Achievements

## Birthdays

Dean Menfi (14)  
Zev Stillman (11)  
Paul Cascade (15)  
Gavin Batt (14)  
Corey Guthman (16)  
Adam Schneider (11)

## Miracles

Eli Fay (Drop Ski)

## First Bullseye

Jackson Israel  
Charlie Rago  
David Karpel  
Santiago Madrazo



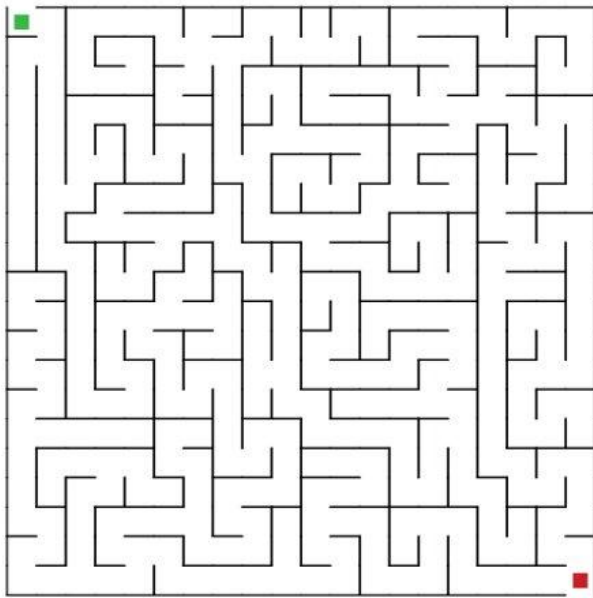
**Chief Excerpt**  
**Justin Jacobs**  
*Chief of the Mohawk*

It has been a pleasure to be the Chief of the Mohawk for the last three weeks of camp. One of the best parts about camp is the personal development that is seen within the campers, and I think the Mohawk tribe embraces this better than any other tribe. Kids who are 12 and 13 years of age is a prime point where personal development shines and turns boys into men. It has truly been a pleasure to see these guys step up as leaders at camp while some of the older guys have been absent from camp.

I am truly excited to see this tribe step into their role as leaders at camp and cannot wait for a great rest of the summer.

# Kawaga Leisure

## Funny Photos This Week








## Kawaga History Showcase



*CITs testing the canoe they built*

*-Circa 1997*

Mon 08	<b>74°/57°</b>	 Showers
Tue 09	<b>75°/57°</b>	 Scattered Thunderstorms
Wed 10	<b>74°/52°</b>	 Partly Cloudy
Thu 11	<b>77°/58°</b>	 Partly Cloudy
Fri 12	<b>79°/62°</b>	 Mostly Sunny

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