

# Heart Mountain

**Ichiro  
Morita**

**Shig  
Tachibana**

**Hiro  
Miyachi**

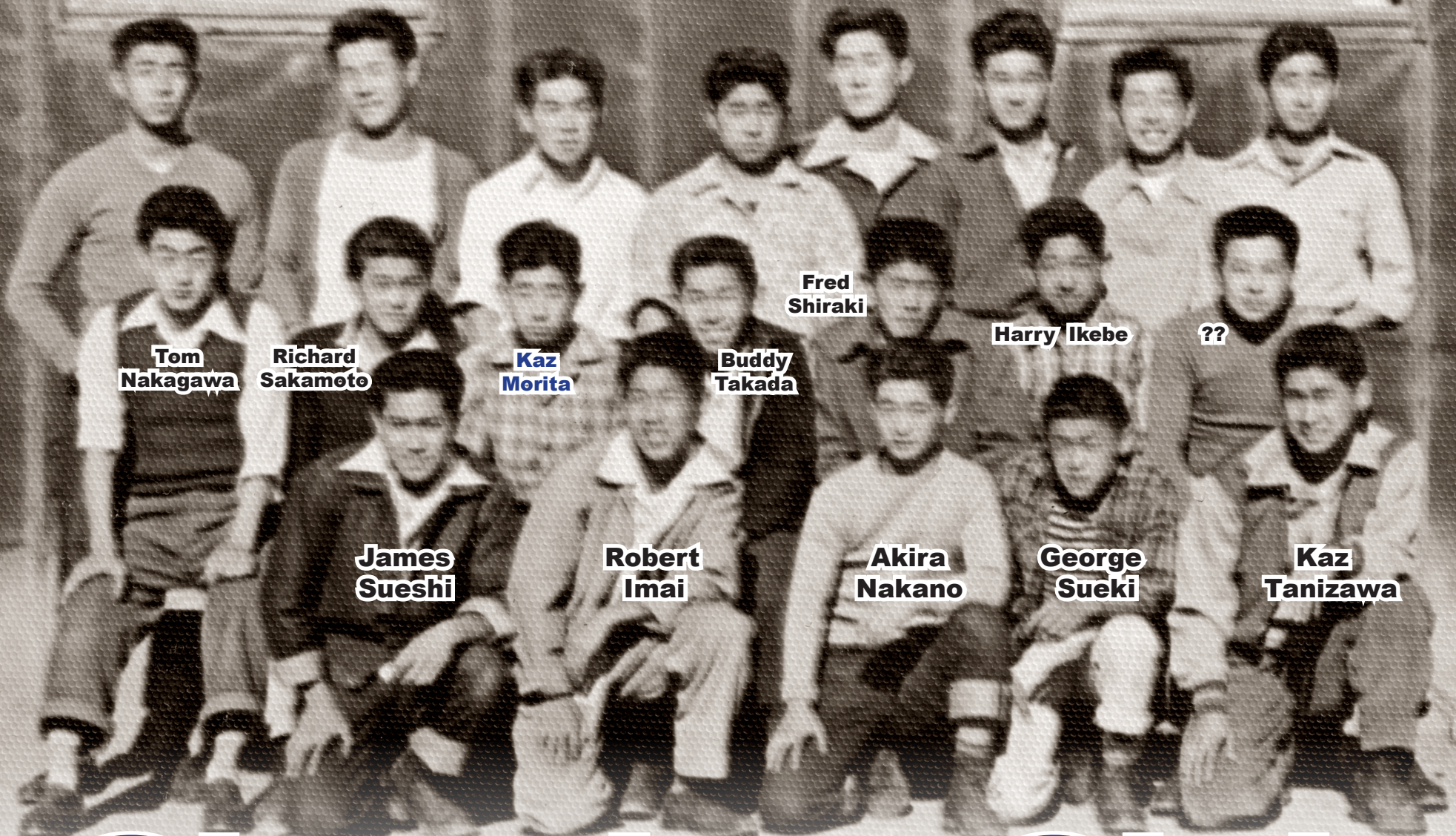
**Johnny  
Ikebe Sera**

**Kuni  
Shinta**

**Zeke  
Tanizawa**

**Kazuki  
Hirose**

**Niro  
Morita**



**Tom  
Nakagawa**

**Richard  
Sakamoto**

**Kaz  
Morita**

**Buddy  
Takada**

**Fred  
Shiraki**

**Harry Ikebe**

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**James  
Sueshi**

**Robert  
Imai**

**Akira  
Nakano**

**George  
Sueki**

**Kaz  
Tanizawa**

# Cherokee Club

Sometimes, there just wasn't much to do at Heart Mountain, so this group of young Niseis would meet in **Block 23, Barracks 15, Room C**, where the Morita boys slept apart from their parents (parents slept in room B). They named their group the Cherokee Club. "They didn't have anywhere to go," recalled Takako Morita, who is Ichiro, Niro and Kaz Morita's sister. Room C was the one of the smaller rooms in the barracks, but not all the boys came by at once. What did the boys do? There are no records of their activities, but it isn't hard to imagine.

Kazuki Hirose and his family stayed in rooms D and E. Three of the six rooms in the barracks had a door to the outside, but not in-between each room. So the Moritas and Hiroses cut a makeshift hole between rooms C and D, to make it easier to go back and forth... and probably because they had nothing else to do.

The Moritas lived in Alameda, CA., around 1919 to 1933, before moving to Mountain View, CA.

<b>A</b> 16x20'	<b>B</b> 24x20' Morita's room	<b>C</b> 20x20' Morita's boy's room	<b>D</b> 20x20' Hirose's room	<b>E</b> 24x20' Hirose's room	<b>F</b> 16x20'
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Barracks diagram courtesy Yonemoto family



**Cherokee Boy's Club, Heart Mountain, WY., circa 1943-1944.  
Held inside Block 23, Barracks 15, Room C**