



# What Parents Are Saying About Kippewa Summer 2019

## What do you like best about Kippewa, and what do you feel makes Kippewa "Kippewa"?

Great community. Very welcoming to girls of any age. Unifying songs/activities.

Happy girls. Singing and campfires. No stress. Ability to learn new things in a relaxed environment. And the backdrop of a gorgeous lake in Maine is ideal.

I like the way that the camp seems to create a laid back atmosphere and works to be inclusive and foster friendships. While I didn't specifically ask about how mean girl stuff is handled, I could tell from my daughter's cabin experiences that when an issue came up the counselors were responsive. She felt that situations were handled (her cabin had some "sit downs") and resolved. That's exactly what I was hoping would happen. She came home telling us about her camp friends and wanting to keep in touch with them.

I love that everyone makes the camper feel like family, and will do whatever it takes to make the girls feel good about camp.

I love that it makes (my daughter) feel empowered and confident - that everyone belongs.

I love that she had freedom to be a kid and have independence. Loved all her connections and no technology. Let loose in nature and just overall fun with friends and in activities

I love that the girls are so busy doing so many fun things that they don't miss their electronics! I am amazed by all the creative fun things that occurred every day with exciting things to look forward to and wonderful trips and outings for the older girls!

I love that they are phone free, on a beautiful lake with no clickiness and just get to be kids. I love that they get to do things they cannot do at home. I love that they can be silly and are encouraged to be silly. I love that kids come from everywhere to be there.

I love the camaraderie the camp creates for the girls across all age groups. the intermixing of ages is also great with the big sister program making a big difference. The singing and team spirit is just great.

I love the values Kippewa stands up for: to be kind, find yourself in making your own choices, and let your hair down to be YOU. I love the communication from camp and felt like there was a true partnership between the camp and us at home. The lake was beautiful.

I loved the small community of Kippewa. The 'old school' camp feel. Nothing too fancy or high tech. Taking my kid to a time where things were simpler and quiet. I loved that it is not a huge amount of campers, but a small family with girls knowing pretty much who everyone at the camp was - OC or littlest camper!

I loved the small feel and the absence of any competitive edge. It was relaxed and fun and (my daughter) really enjoyed the time she was there.

It is a relaxed atmosphere that allows (my daughter) to be herself and explore new things. There is no pressure on her. The girls at Kippewa are so nice!

It seems to attract nice girls, it's super casual and not competitive!

It's (my daughter's) home away from home. Her own unique experiences unlike anything she could have back at home. She loves all the rituals and looks forward to attending every summer.

She loves her experiences there and still speaks about how much fun it was. She will be back next year!

Kippewa is just a warm and loving environment (like a big hug :) where I think kids are able to thrive and be themselves. My daughter loves it!

Kippewa is special because of the environment they establish for the campers. No phones, etc. is great because it gives the girls a month to focus on each other and being outdoors. It's a caring, nurturing camp and no one feels excluded. The girls are there for each other and that's because of the tone set by the counselors and directors.

Kippewa supports the growth of each child and celebrates individual differences and interests. I think that children feel safe to be who they are and that helps them discover who they are. This is all accomplished while at the same time creating an incredible sense of community. The kids seem to all end up supporting one another and having so much fun along the way. Kippewa is fun, warm, supportive and helps campers grow as individuals.

That girls can be themselves. Location. Great directors and staff.

The ability to just be oneself without judgement, Freedom to be a goof, and free choice.