

THE KIPPY GAZETTE

Fall 2016

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS



Greetings, Kippewa families!

We are currently experiencing the brilliant sunshine and fresh, crisp air that the autumn season brings. Steve recently made a trip to camp



and was able to share photos of the glorious fall colors in Maine.

No matter the season the beauty of Maine, and Camp Kippewa, shines through. We are so fortunate to call this place our summer home!

We hope you are enjoying the fall season as much as we are. It is always a busy time of year, full of fall sports and activities, apple-picking, pumpkin-hunting, costume-planning and leaf-crunching! We always enjoy the fall flavors such as pumpkin muffins and apple cider, and for our own children the anticipation of the upcoming holidays begins. It is really a special time of year.

From the camp perspective, this is the time of year when we wrap things up from the 2016 season (and what a wonderful season it was!) - talking with many of our campers, families and staff and re-living the experiences through photos and videos taken during our time at camp. We are busy putting together the yearbook and uploading the camper-created videos to our website so you will be able to enjoy these sights and sounds soon too.

It is also the time of year when we start focusing on the following summer. It is amazing how quickly the time passes by. We are excited by the enrollment we currently have in both sessions (record numbers for this time of the year!) and look forward to continuing to welcome even more girls to our camp family.

We hope you take some time to read through this newsletter.

Perhaps you can snuggle in a blanket, cozied up by the fireplace and check out some of the activities we enjoyed in 2016, read up on updates for 2017, and get to know Brittany as she joins our year-round team!

As always, please keep sending us your photos and updates as well. Hearing from you helps us keep the camp spirit alive all year-round!

WARMLY,

Ginger & Steve

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GYMNASTICS & DANCE UPGRADES

Our Gymnastics and Dance programs are making exciting changes this year! The Gym will be moving to a brand new location behind the Pavilion and will include a tumble track, sprung floor, and more floor space, allowing for the addition of new equipment. The Dance Studio will be taking over the vacated gymnastics location and this shift will allow for much more space for great dancing! The space will be renovated to include a new sprung floor and will be a great space for our newly incorporated yoga classes. We are excited about the opportunities these upgrades will provide for these great programs!



2016 SURVEY RESULTS

Thank You to all our campers, parents, and staff for filling out our end of season surveys. We wanted to share with you some of the great thoughts you all shared about What makes Kippewa "Kippewa."

OUR PARENTS SAY:

"Every girl really does get to create her own summer."

"My daughter comes back home even more confident and independent."

"It's like Willy Wonka in Maine, without the candy and the oompa loompas. By that I mean it's unbelievably positive, affirming for young girls, and there's constantly singing and games. It's fantastic."

"I love you guys. More than that, honestly, I trust you. And that's pretty important when my 13-year-old is in your care."

"I wish that I had sent my daughter to Kippewa years ago. But, I'm happy that she is going now. The experiences she will gain over the next coming years will only make her a better person."

"Kippewa is kind, positive, and smart. It is well-organized, and the campers are well cared for in every way. Kippewa gives my daughter confidence that lasts the entire year and beyond."

OUR CAMPERS SAY:

"It is my second home and I couldn't live without it!"

"Because it is a place where I can truly be myself and not be judged about anything at all. You have a special bond with the people you meet all your life and I love that it's something you can not find everyday."

"I would totally go back, right here right now!! It is my favorite time of year!"

"I love camp and I can't imagine my summer without it. I get to try new things and chill with friends. What more could I ask for?"

"Camp Kippewa is the most amazing place in the world. I'm so lucky I've had the opportunity to grow up there."

OUR STAFF SAY:

"The acceptance of everybody. I never felt uncomfortable or self-conscious once in my whole time at Kippewa and for young, easily influenced campers that is a great atmosphere to be in."

"Kippewa is such an incredible place where people are able to transform into their true, beautiful selves. It is truly magical to watch this transformation in the kids, as well as yourself."

"What makes Kippewa "Kippewa" is without doubt the people! The connections you make with the girls and staff are amazing!"

We appreciate your feedback and we are already looking forward to how we can make Kippewa even better in 2017!

CALLBOARD 2016

The 2016 callboard is here! This callboard is another masterpiece by Ed Cunningham, Kippewa's previous arts and traditions guru, who has been part of Kippewa for the past 50 years and who has made the majority of callboards which reside at Kippewa. The lighthouse, pictured on this year's callboard, is an integral part of the scenic culture of Maine and connects communities all over the lake. This year's callboard heralds the essence of not only the lake but the light we feel at camp which hopefully stays with us all year long! Camp would not be camp without the traditions and connections we make, whether it be with tangible entities or the friendships and bonds we form with each other. We hope you like it!



New Programs From 2016

Kippewa saw some great additions for this 2016 season! The waterfront added standup paddleboarding to its lineup, and this activity quickly became a popular choice with the campers and staff! We also incorporated yoga classes taught by our dance counselor and upper senior division head, Rachel Stetenfeld, who is a certified yoga instructor. The climbing program added an indoor climbing wall inside the Pavilion, making those scattered rainy days a non issue for some awesome climbing! Being outside in the beautiful state of Maine every summer is wonderful, and we wanted to offer some ways to get to know our surroundings even better. In line with this idea, we added a nature program, including outdoor education classes and new nature trails around campus.

We cannot wait to welcome these additions back for 2017 and see them continue to grow!

SOCIAL MEDIA REMINDER

Kippewa wants to stay connected with you all through the year! Don't forget that you can find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Vimeo, and even Pinterest! Don't forget to check out our blog as well. We update it regularly with articles related to camp, youth and staff development. You can access our blog directly through our website.

See below for our links:



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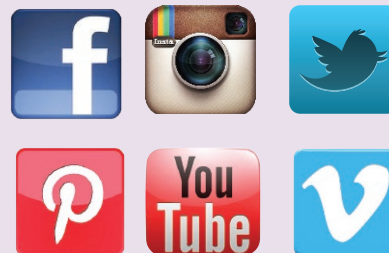
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Welcome to Brittany Bruening!

The Kippy Gazette caught up with **BRITTANY BRUENING**, a recent addition to the year-round Kippewa team. She recently made her move to the winter office in Virginia and has previously served as a bunk counselor, ceramics instructor, dance instructor, resident and fabulous sign-maker, and most recently the Studio Arts Director at camp. She will now be coming on board as the Operations Coordinator, and we are thrilled to have her join us full-time! Brittany originally hails from Wisconsin, and we checked in to ask her a few questions about herself and the transition into this new position.



First thing's first. Are you excited about warmer winters?

There is something truly magical about watching the snow fall and gently blanket the trees, racing toboggans with friends, or ice skating at the outdoor rink in downtown Milwaukee during a Wisconsin winter. What isn't so magical is piling on mittens, hats, scarves, and many layers just to walk from your car to school or work! I am excited to see what a warmer Virginia winter will be like, but hope that it's still brisk enough to curl up with a cozy sweater and a bowl of chilli-one of my favorite Winter meals.

Let's dive into your education and work background for a minute. What did you study? What would you say was one of the most unique jobs you have ever held?

I attended the University of Wisconsin Madison and received a BFA in studio arts focussing on ceramics, serigraphy, and book arts. Art history was also a passion of mine while studying at Madison.

Before joining the Kippewa family full time I held a number of unique positions. Some jobs were not so glamorous like working the lunch rush as a supermarket cashier during my Senior year of college, or acting as a facilities intern at a local ceramics studio where I recycled a LOT of used clay. I was recently very fortunate to hold the position of Education Coordinator at a science and technology museum in Milwaukee.

Would you say that your experience at camp prepared you for work outside of camp?

Absolutely! The number one skill that I utilize from camp is the exposure to many different styles of communication. I find myself to be much more thorough and understanding of those around me since working closing with a variety of people from all over the world at camp.

What is one thing you are really looking forward to in regard to this new position?

I am really looking forward to solving the puzzle of finding the right counselors to take on all of the different roles at camp. My best summer memories are not just about the

cabin I lived in or how many Kippy cookies I could eat, but include the incredible friends I make each year. I think it is extremely important to find people that understand what Kippewa is all about and add something special to our community.

What is your favorite song to dance to in the Lodge?

If you've gotten to know me in even the smallest sense at camp, you know that one of my favorite things to do is dance in the Lodge! A bad day is instantly turned around when I am surrounded by the energy and enthusiasm of Kippy girls. I love watching campers bust a move and am always excited to learn a new routine from creative bunks. Some of my favorites are Waka Waka, 500 miles, and who could resist Hey Juliet?!

Tell us something we don't know about you.

I've always wanted to "run away to the circus" because I find circus arts to be extremely unique and interesting talents. One summer I hope to learn how to juggle - who knows, maybe 2017 will be the year!

Lastly, what has been one of your favorite camp moments so far?

There truly are so many favorite memories from the 5 summers I have been lucky enough to spend at Kippewa. One that stands out is the 2013 Olympics, when I captained the Palau team. Being someone who isn't that competitive, I tried to encourage my team not to focus on winning but instead try their best and find a way to make each part of the day the most fun it could be. During the day I shared so many laughs and goofy moments with my team that I forgot to look at the scoreboard. We ended up winning, but the real reward was being surrounded by campers of all ages that displayed great attitudes, a willingness to try their best, and support and encouragement for one another. I was so proud of my girls that day as they represented what the Kippewa community is all about.

CAMPER & STAFF GET-TOGETHERS



Victoria M. with women's US Open doubles final participants.



Victoria M. and **Clover L.** hang out at the US Open!



Leah T. and **Piper E.** meet up in New York for a music festival!



Aster and **Charlotte T.** bike around Washington DC!



Emily B. and **Izzy H.** were excited to meet up after camp. Their brothers enjoyed a Cobbosee reunion at the same time!



Samantha and **Sophia C., Ximena G.**, with counselors **Sammy G., Isavel M.,** and **Sam T.** get together in Boston for an ice cream treat!



Juliana A. sails with her school on Lake San Pablo in Ecuador.



Charlotte and **Kendall A.** with **Stella** and **Sadie G.** having fun at the beach!



Yamila M., Claire M., Leah C., Eliza A., Kate I., and **Claire L.** have a mini Possum Place reunion!



Nicole M. and **Rachel S.** visit at their annual post camp reunion!



Sonia A., Hayley H. Emmy C., and **Lauren B.** hang out together in New York!

THEATRE REVIEW



Summer 2016 brought with it another wonderful time in the Playhouse. The ladies who tried out for the plays brought to this year's theatre season amazing talent, enthusiasm, and sheer joy for being onstage. For several of our actresses, theatre is a passion that proved to be a fortune for all who experienced any of the performances. Play 2 was generously and masterfully adapted by some of our oldest campers and it was great to see how theatre, which is such a strong form of art, was able to be nurtured by the creativity and love of the community, which in turn, resonated with everyone else at camp!

For both of our plays this summer, we decided to go full of humor with themes like electronics and lack of interaction, fear of the "different," vanity as an obstacle to happiness, survival skills, and intolerance.

The shows for second session had quick changes of scenery, and first session had lots of beautiful props. Both plays included choreographed dances and hand-picked costumes. This year the Theatre program was blessed with the generous and wonderful help of some great staff members, who spent a lot of time helping with the creation of props, backdrops, choreography, costumes, as well as many other pieces that made the plays shine!

As well as great help from our campers and staff, the Playhouse also saw some physical upgrades. Another row of lights was added on stage as well as a new LED light system, and these additions only enhanced the already wonderful talent of the performers.

We can't believe 2016 is gone as it was so fantastic and fun, but we can't wait to see what 2017 will have for us!



SESSION 1, SHOW 1: *Bedtime Stories 2.0*



SESSION 1, SHOW 2: *Beauty is a Beast*



SESSION 2, SHOW 1: *Bedtime Stories 2.0*



SESSION 2, SHOW 2: *Beauty is a Beast*

Five & Seven Year Plaque Awards 2016

The dedicated campers and staff pictured below received their 5 and 7 year plaques during summer 2016, commemorating the number of years they have been at camp (so far!). These plaques are each individually hand-made using linoleum block prints designed by Ed Cunningham. Thousands of these plaques are hanging in Kippewa alumni's homes and offices all around the world. Every summer girls take pride in becoming a part of this special connection and taking home their own special piece of Kippewa.



1st Session - 5 year Plaques



1st Session - 7 year Plaques



2nd Session - 5 year Plaques



2nd Session - 7 year Plaques



BROTHER CAMP UPDATE

The boys at Camp Cobbossee, located just down the road from their sisters at Kippewa, enjoyed an awesome summer in 2016! In keeping with their strong tradition, Cobbossee campers forged strong brotherhood through sports, adventure, and plenty of fun. Among the summer's highlights were overnight camping and rafting trips, MTV Night, and countless cannonballs into gorgeous Lake Cobbosseecontee. And of course, the always exciting camp-wide Tribal Games and Color War saw campers compete in everything that Cobbossee has to offer, from swimming to tennis to flag football. There were also some new additions to the Cobbossee this summer, including lights on the upper soccer field, and a camp-run organic garden! We're already looking ahead to another summer of brotherhood, community, and sportsmanship!



For more information about camp for your son, please visit www.cobbossee.com, or call Josh Holland or Jackie Brethel at 800-473-6104



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IMPORTANT DATES SUMMER 2017

1st SESSION..... Thursday, June 22 - Sunday, July 16
FIRST VISITING DAY.....Sunday, July 16
2nd SESSION..... Wednesday, July 19 - Saturday, August 12
SECOND VISITING DAY.....Saturday, August 12
FAMILY CAMP..... Sunday, August 13 - Friday, August 18

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