

KIPPY GAZETTE

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS



Greetings, Kippewa families!



60 years. That is how long Kippewa has operated as an all-girls sleepaway camp. 2017 was our 10th summer as directors, and we feel so fortunate to call such an amazing place our summer home. We had the pleasure of hosting some alumni at camp this

summer during our second session. We spent time recognizing the history of camp and reminiscing with the alumni about their years at Kippewa. It was powerful to feel their enthusiasm and hear about their ongoing love of camp. It is truly a special place that means so much to so many.

Based on the feedback from our families and staff, summer 2017 was one of the best ones yet! Our current enrollment is the highest it has ever been at this time, with a particularly impressive number of returning girls already signed up. If you have friends and family interested in camp please encourage them to reach out to us soon before groups start filling up (several ages are close already).

The program additions in 2017 really helped boost up several of our programs. It was so much fun seeing the dance routines and the gymnastics skills that were developed in their new spaces. The high ropes course was another fun addition with girls making their way through the treetops. We also added two new sailboats to expand our fleet out on Lake Cobbosseecontee and it was great watching the girls learn to tack and jibe out in front of camp.

The plays were impressive as always, as was the music coming out of the music room, the projects coming out of our arts studios, and the multitude of "Mighty" awards that were earned in sports, adventure, and riding programs. We will soon be posting the videos our campers created this summer on our website and sending out links to the plays so parents can experience the joy of those productions as well! The yearbook is also well underway and will be sent to our 2017 campers soon.



While it is always fun to remember the summer that just passed, we are also looking forward to summer 2018! Eight months might sound like a long time from now but we are already busy planning, hiring, and creating next summer's experience. There is a popular saying about camp - "living 10 for 2." This motto perfectly describes what we live by, and we wouldn't have it any other way.

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GYMNASTICS/DANCE/ HIGH ROPES ADDITIONS SUMMARY FOR 2017

The expansion of our gymnastics, dance and ropes programs made for some very happy girls this past summer! The addition of a full-size sprung floor and a tumble-track trampoline in our **new gymnastics pavilion** allowed



campers to see big improvements in their tumbling skills - from beginners to the more experienced gymnasts. It is also just a wonderful new space. Added onto our sports pavilion, the gym is covered and sheltered but with open air sides so the glory of the outdoors and fresh air is still abundant.

The building that previously housed our gymnastics program had a total makeover to turn it into **our new dance studio!**

We added a porch, lined the walls and installed a wooden sprung dance floor across the entire interior. The space was easily doubled from our old studio and this allowed girls to move across the floor with ease. They really enjoyed the additional overhead space as well, and the more central location on campus. It was so nice for everyone to hear the dance tunes slipping out of the studio into the open area around camp.



And finally, last but not most certainly not least, the addition and conversion of our **high ropes elements** into a self-belay system made a big difference in the way the girls experienced their time up in the trees. Instead of being belayed individually, multiple girls



at a time can now trek the high wire course from start to finish. It was so fun walking along the path and looking up at the sight of multiple girls hanging out in the tree tops.

We can't wait to see how these programs all continue to grow and develop with these additions and new surroundings.

2017 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:

"What makes Kippewa is its sense of family. It is kind of a big supportive, inclusive family that allows young girls to bond with other girls through wonderful shared activities and experiences."

"The sense of family and friendship that the girls have at Kippewa. My daughter says she is truly at home at Kippewa."

"The fact that my daughter felt immediately welcomed, at ease, and part of the Kippewa family from very early on, speaks volumes for me."

"The feeling of being yourself as a kid and going back to what is important. Making connections and having fun with friends."

"It's just such a kind and sweet camp. The kids are challenged, they have fun, and they are loved by your staff."

OUR CAMPERS SAY:

"I love camp so much and it's where my best friends are."

"At camp it's so much fun, inviting, and supportive."

"I'm so close with my bunk and I love to be a part of Kippewa. Over the years, I have made the most amazing memories. I couldn't ask for a better place to spend my summer or a better place to look forward to going to each year."

"Camp is incredible and it's such an unforgettable and welcoming experience!"

OUR STAFF SAY:

"The people. Absolutely and wholly the people that run and attend Kippewa make it what it is. Even if the location was anywhere else in the world if it was the same group of hard working and can-do kids then it would be Kippewa."

"I love the sense of unity between campers and counselors alike at Kippewa. Kippewa is our own place - a place where you can be yourself and have fun. There's no job on earth like being a camp counselor and I'm so glad it was at Kippewa that I was one."

We appreciate your feedback and we are already looking forward to how we can make Kippewa even better in 2018!

CALLBOARD 2017

The 2017 callboard is here! This piece is another wonderful Kippewa expression by Ed Cunningham, who has been part of Kippewa's history for the past 50 years and who served



as the arts and traditions guru. He has made the majority of the callboards located in the Lodge and every year the reveal is a wonderful time to unveil a new part of Kippewa history. This year commemorates a very special tradition held very dear to camp: our wonderful Clambake! Ed played a vital role in the event during his time at Kippewa and created an original screen print for it which OCs still wear today on special tshirts worn only during the Clambake. This event is a wonderful time for the camp to come together by the lake and share in tradition and community. The OCs jump into a new position for this event where each of them serve the entire camp before joining in with the plentiful lobster, corn, cornbread, watermelon...etc. It is wonderful to have this very special memory captured on this year's callboard to be looked back upon for many years to come!

CONNECT WITH KIPPEWA

ALL YEAR LONG...

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.



Kippewa Reflections

This summer we implemented a new program at camp called "Kippewa Reflections." We all know that kids grow and learn so much during their time at camp, but they may not recognize this growth on their own. The American Camp Association has started researching the ways that camp experiences have a lasting impact on children. One principle coming through in these early days is that camp-related experiences shortly after the summer enhance the positive effects of camp. It is as if reminding the child of their "camp self" in their home environment activates the positive development they experienced.

With this information in mind, we decided to start Kippewa Reflections. Three times over the course of the session we asked the girls to write, draw, or illustrate in some manner how they were feeling at that moment. We emphasized that this project was individual and personal; no one would be looking it over or grading it as it was purely an opportunity for each camper to express herself in that moment. We explained that we would send the reflections out in the fall as a reminder of their summer experience.

We provided some guidance and writing prompts if they wanted to use them, but we also told the girls they could do whatever they wanted since this was for their own personal use and enjoyment. The reflections were sent home in mid-October so hopefully they are now in-hand.

We just hope this project was as meaningful as we believe it should have been. We would love to hear some feedback from our families about the experience now that some time has gone by after camp, and the reflections have gone home. We look forward to carrying this into future summers!

KIPPEWA LEADERS-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM

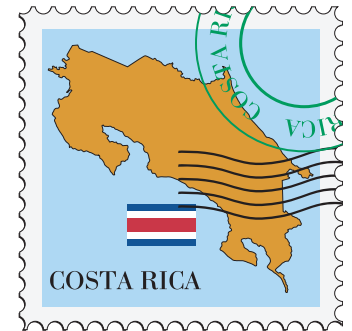
COSTA RICA

14 Day Adventure + 7 Day Training and Work Experience at Kippewa

We are very excited to announce the start of a Leaders in Training Program at Kippewa, in cooperation with Zeal Adventure & Travel, beginning summer 2018! This program will be for our recently graduated OCs (girls entering 11th grade) - 2017 OCs, this means you!! We hope you join us to kick off this exciting new addition to Kippewa!

LITs will join us at camp for a few days at the start of the session and then they will embark on a travel adventure to Costa Rica together with boys of the same age from Camp Cobbossee. Kippewa & Cobbossee staff will remain with the teens the entire time as they enjoy an amazing trip led by the experienced leaders at Zeal adventure and travel. After 2 weeks of travel, adventure, service, and leadership training the girls will return to Kippewa for a few more days to put their new skills into action by helping teach activities around camp. They will end their program with our lobster bake and a special LIT campfire. We will be offering this program during each session and the regular loyalty and sibling discounts will apply.

We have had numerous requests over the years to expand our program to include girls beyond their OC summer and we are very excited about this new opportunity. We hope you are too!



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2017 WORLD OF CHANGE DRIVE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Kippewa was thrilled to support the World of Change organization this summer. We partnered with the rest of the MCE (Maine Camp Experience) camps in helping raise money for causes which support housing, food security, financial literacy, childhood literacy, health and wellness, and children's play. Because private donors cover the operating costs, 100% of all of the loose change collected went to programs sustaining these needs and we want to thank all of you who donated to this great cause! You can head over to <https://www.worldofchange.world> if you would like more information on the program.



THANK YOU AGAIN TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED!

CAMPER GET-TOGETHERS



Sisters **Bridget, June, and Ellie M.** enjoy some sightseeing in Amsterdam.



Nicole R., Emma R., and Charlotte P., meet up for some special treats!



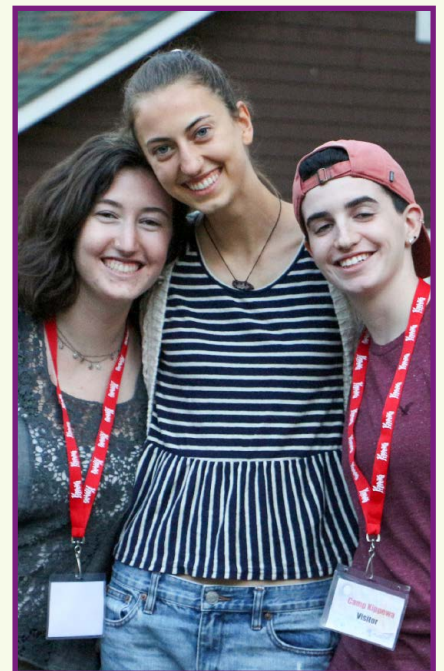
It's a Kippy sister reunion with **Sadie and Stella G. and Charlotte and Kendall A.!**



Sabrina P., Lucy and Ava F., Diana C., and Jillie M. get together for a celebration!

60th SUMMER PARTY ALUMNI GET-TOGETHER

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THEATRE REVIEW



The Kippewa Playhouse was ablaze this summer with 4 wonderful and wonder filled productions. Talent, collaboration and unbounded creativity filled our stage and enthused and enthralled the entire camp.

Our first play, **Opportunity Knocks**, put a spin on familiar fairy tales. Who knew a Pig and a Wolf could be friends? Anything is possible with honest communication and a sense of humor.

The Woe of Chocolate brought Willy Wonka, four spoiled children and an army of wild squirrels to vivid life. The Monmouth Press hailed it as "the best production I have ever encountered. Kudos to all!"

Second session's first production, **In Search of a Happy Ending**, also featured familiar storybook characters turned on their heads. A nasty Little Red Riding Hood, a terror tantrum called Goldilocks, and a very savvy Snow White showed us there is always more than one side to any story.

We flipped the "W" and came up with Milky Moana for our final production, **The Search for Five**, another variation of Roald Dahl's classic Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Greed, Golden tickets and bushy moustaches abound! Midday Monmouth said of it "a work of art in every way. I can't stop talking about it. Get a ticket any way you can!"

The Playhouse is the beating heart of Kippewa. The girls offer much time and vast energy to create delightful entertainment for all of camp. The circle of joy and friendship goes round and round.

Please join us for our 2018 season. There is room for everyone!



SESSION 1, SHOW 1: *Opportunity Knocks*



SESSION 1, SHOW 2: *The Woe of Chocolate*



SESSION 2, SHOW 1: *In Search of a Happy Ending*



SESSION 2, SHOW 2: *The Search for Five*

Five & Seven Year Plaque Awards 2017

The dedicated campers and staff pictured below received their 5 and 7 year plaques during the 2017 summer, 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 year girls take pride in becoming a part of this special connections 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



CAMP COBOSSEE BROTHER CAMP UPDATE



Cobossee is happy to announce that we've moved winter offices! Josh and Katie now get to work in Brooklyn, NY. Cobossee is very excited to have a new neighborhood and still be close to our amazing families in the Tri-State area.

Their new address is: Camp Cobossee, 42 West St Unit 28A, Brooklyn, NY 11222.

For more information about camp for your son, please visit www.cobossee.com, or call Josh Holland or Katie Goodman at 800-473-6104

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IMPORTANT DATES SUMMER 2018

1st SESSION..... Thursday, June 21 - Sunday, July 15
1st VISITING/PICK UP DAYSunday, July 15
2nd SESSION..... Wednesday, July 18 - Saturday, August 11
2nd VISITING/PICK UP DAYSaturday, August 11
FAMILY CAMP Sunday, August 12 - Friday, August 17

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