

# THE KIPPY GAZETTE

Fall 2018

## A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS



Greetings, Kippewa families!

As we find ourselves immersed in the season of pumpkins (everywhere we turn!), freshly picked apples, and crisp clear skies, we can't help reflecting on summer 2018. What an amazing summer we had. One of the most frequent



questions we have heard is how we dealt with the weather. While it was a hot and wet summer throughout much of the country, we were fortunate in Maine. It was definitely hotter than usual but fortunately the rain stayed away or only fell at night, just enough to keep the dust down and the grass green. And a little heat never slows us down. When it gets hot at camp, we are fortunate because we get to go jump in the lake to cool off!

We also enjoyed the start of two new activities, chosen by our campers. Fencing was a hit as girls learned about the fancy footwork and the meaning of the term "en garde!" Animal Care was also a popular new addition - between the chickens, goats, bunny, miniature horse, and baby cow, everyone found an animal to cuddle and observe and learn about. A whole group of girls now know that cows only have bottom teeth, and green eggs are a real thing!

Many thanks to all of you for filling out our post camp surveys. The results and comments are always very helpful. If you haven't completed yours yet, it's not too late! We would still love to see your responses. To complete the survey, please go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KippParents2018> and <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KippCampers2018>

We are already looking forward to summer 2019. Many of our returning families took advantage of our double loyalty discount and have already enrolled for next summer. Returners, if you sign up before November 15th the single loyalty discount is still in effect! Many of the age groups are starting to get close to full but please continue sending your friends our way. Word of mouth is always the best way to help us find new campers who fit with our Kippewa values. We always appreciate you sending us future Kippy girls!

Enjoy the newsletter. We have included some wrap up from 2018 and news for 2019 and beyond. And be sure to send us photos over the year when you see your Kippewa friends, and wear your Kippewa gear. We love including you in our updates!



WARMLY, *Linger & Steve*



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## ANIMAL CARE & FENCING: PROGRAM ADDITIONS

We were thrilled to announce two brand new programs at Kippewa this past summer: Animal Care and Fencing! Campers had a great time working with and caring for animals such as goats, a baby miniature cow, a bunny, chickens, and a miniature pony! They were taught feeding and maintenance as well as other important tools such as nutrition and first-aid. These animals became very popular additions to camp and everyone had a great time learning about, and welcoming them to our Kippy family.



Fencing was our other new program added summer 2018. Campers were able to use specialized fencing equipment and work with a certified instructor to learn proper footwork, correct poses, terminology, and even participate in mock duels. We even had a *Princess Bride* themed Free Choice utilizing the theme of love and hilarious quotes. We loved being able to incorporate this specialized program at camp and can't wait to continue both of these programs next summer!



## 2018 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:

*"Kippewa is all about kindness, friendship, fun, challenging yourself, feeling supported. This has been a terrific place for our daughter and we look forward to her spending many more summers there."*

*"It's a very welcoming, warm and tight knit community that welcomes all different types of girls. Kippewa has many special traditions that I haven't seen at other camps."*

*"I like the rustic feel of the camp, the kindness and non judgmental attitude that you can feel when you are there. Our daughter can be silly and let go of all stress when she is there."*

*"Even though it's wonderfully small and intimate and family-like, the opportunities for activity, growth, exploration and connections are immense. It's safe and secure, yet encouraging of pushing beyond any limits the girls have had at home. Our daughter's experience has just gotten better every year. She keeps meeting new people and growing in ways I couldn't have imagined. And you can't beat the beauty of being on that lake."*

### OUR CAMPERS SAY:

*"If I had the choice I would never stop coming to camp, I love it more than anything!"*

*"Because everyone is SO kind and accepting and I was NEVER bored."*

*"Camp is my life. It is my family!"*

*"Camp is my favorite thing in the world."*

*"Camp is the place that I look forward to being at every year. My closest friends are there and I have the most fun."*

*"I seriously appreciate the opportunity I was given to get to go to Kippewa as it truly is the happiest place on earth."*

*"Camp is a place where I always feel supported. It's like a family and this summer my counselors were always there for me when I needed them and were always easy for me to talk to, if it be either about something random or something hard I needed to talk about."*

### OUR STAFF SAY:

*"Kippewa is Kippewa because of the people. While the activities are great, the people's attitudes towards life and everything else makes Kippewa special. The way counselors, leadership and campers alike all walk around with a smile on their faces so excited to be there is what makes it special."*

*"There really are no words to explain it. I think the best I can come up with is 'family.' It is a world inside a world."*

**99% of the campers made a new friend. 90% of the campers tried a new activity. 90% of the campers rated Kippewa as excellent. 99% of the campers stated that they wanted to return to Kippewa next year!**

# CALLBOARD 2018



The 2018 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 brings us a landscape few people ever see at camp: winter. The beautiful snow-filled grounds and trees bring out a totally different rustic feel to Kippewa but still just as beautiful! Maine might be our favorite destination during the summer months, but there is still life there all year long. This callboard is another amazing showcase of how beautiful and special camp is to us, no matter the season. It is wonderful to have this very special image captured on this year's callboard to be looked back upon for many years to come!

## Kippewa Reflections

This summer was our second year implementing a 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 last summer. 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. We received great feedback last year as parents loved seeing what the girls wrote and the girls really enjoyed reminiscing. The reflections were sent home in early-October so hopefully they are now in-hand.

We just hope this project was once again as meaningful as we believe it should be. We would love to continue to hear feedback from our families about the experience now that some time has gone by after camp and the reflections have gone home.

## 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 LEADERS-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM

This past summer was our first summer incorporating our brand new Leaders in Training program and we are thrilled to say that it was a success! We had 6 awesome LITs participate in a 14 day adventure in Costa Rica plus a 7 day training experience at Kippewa. They were able to not only bond with each other but also with boys of the same age from Camp Cobbossee. The trip incorporated many awesome sightseeing and active adventures around Costa Rica including surfing, zip-lining, hiking a waterfall, visiting hot springs, white water rafting, snorkeling, exploring museums, and touring a coffee farm. The group also participated in community service projects with an organization that provides after-school programs for kids in low income neighborhoods. They painted some of the classrooms and planned out afternoon activities, leading and playing games with the children. Back at Kippewa, they were able to work alongside counselors in specific programs and in specific bunks and really strengthen their leadership skills and set a great tone for what it means to not only be an LIT at Kippewa but also what it means to be a leader overall. We think this program is a great way to offer opportunities for campers beyond their OC year and we cannot wait to see this program grow!



*"The trip was absolutely incredible. I loved all of the activities that we did and all the places we went."*

*- Lanie M.*

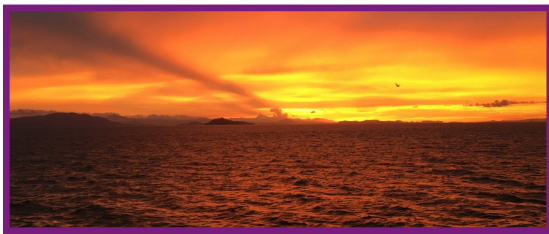
*"I loved helping out in the cabins and teaching because it gave me a feel for what being a counselor would really be like. The staff was super welcoming."*

*"It was so amazing. I learned leadership skills that I applied both at camp and in Costa Rica. I got to experience a new country in the best way possible. I also met amazing new people that made a huge impact on my life."*

*- Katrina N.*

*"Overall it was definitely one of the best, fun, and most memorable trips I've ever been on!!!!"*

*- Sloane M.*



## 2018 WORLD OF CHANGE DRIVE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Kippewa was thrilled to once again 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.



**THANK YOU AGAIN TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED!**

# CAMPER GET-TOGETHERS



▶ **Ellie D. and Martha B.** meet up in DC for dinner!



▶ **Stella and Sadie G.** get together with **Charlotte and Kendall A.** for some fun in the sun at the beach!



▶ **Maya D.** hangs out with **Lauren A.** in London.

▶ **Nicole M., Ruby B., and Emma R.** meet up for some basketball fun in Miami!



*Coming Soon... Summer 2019*

## KIPPEWA EQUESTRIAN ACADEMY

We are excited to announce the start of Kippewa Equestrian Academy! The Equestrian Academy is a new, 12-day, specialty riding camp that will be running alongside Camp Kippewa. The camp will be separate from our traditional program with campers living in a new bunk overlooking our (expanded for 2019!) equestrian facility. Academy campers will spend most of their day with the horses - riding, grooming, learning, and caring for them. The goal is for campers to enjoy experiencing the life



of a horse owner. They will also spend time each day swimming or boating (during Kippewa's shower hour timing), and participating in some other more traditional camp activities during their evening activity time such as ziplining, tie dye, campfires, Panic, and more. We are excited to bring this new program to Maine!



**If you have any questions or would like to know more about Kippewa Equestrian Academy feel free to contact us, and check out [www.kippewaequestrianacademy.com](http://www.kippewaequestrianacademy.com).**

# THEATRE REVIEW



Anything and everything can happen in the Playhouse, and the results are always Magic and Wonder. Our mighty actresses worked very hard to create delight-filled entertainment for the entire camp, and they delivered with boundless energy and charm. Bravo one and all.

Session One opened with **Paradise Found**, based upon the Dr. Seuss classic, *The Sneetches*. Status, Discrimination, Bullying and Beauty are all at play on the shores of a not too far off beach. Together we discovered that what lies on the surface can often be just a distraction. Our actresses asked us to look closely, and look deeper. And we did. We finished out the session with **Confusion Reigns**, a fast and furious take on *Into the Woods*, allowing our actresses to fully illuminate what it means to wish and to want while addressing the many layered mysteries of what is right and what is wrong.

Session Two found us again on the Sneetches' beach, this time around in ball gowns and glitter. With a cast of mostly Junior campers, this play was vivid, vibrant and vivacious. Our last play of 2018 was a darker journey into the woods, examining the cost of "me first." The girls tackled these big issues with bravery, daring, hard work, creativity and laughter.

**We had a terrific summer in the Playhouse and look forward to 2019!**



**SESSION 1, SHOW 1:** *Paradise Found*



**SESSION 1, SHOW 2:** *Confusion Reigns*



**SESSION 2, SHOW 1:** *Paradise Found*



**SESSION 2, SHOW 2:** *Confusion Reigns*

# Five & Seven Year Plaque Awards 2018

The dedicated campers and staff pictured below received their 5 and 7 year plaques during the 2018 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 50 years ago by Ed Cunningham. Thousands of these plaques are hanging in Kippewa alumni's homes and offices all around the world. Every year campers and staff take pride in becoming a part of this special connection and taking home their own piece of Kippewa.



**2nd Session Plaques**



**1st Session - 5 year Plaques**



**2nd Session - 5 year Plaques**



**1st Session - 7 year Plaques**



**2nd Session - 7 year Plaques**



## CAMP COBBOSSEE UPDATE

Camp Cobbossee is very excited to be adding a new climbing tower for Summer 2019! Campers are going to love this new high ropes element and the EPIC view of Cobbossee from above it will provide. We welcome Kippewa families to come check out our growing Adventure Program!

**For more information about Cobbossee, please visit [www.cobbossee.com](http://www.cobbossee.com), or call Josh Holland or Katie Goodman at 800-473-6104.**





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## IMPORTANT DATES SUMMER 2019

<b>1st SESSION</b> .....	Thursday, June 20 - Sunday, July 14
<b>1st VISITING/PICK UP DAY</b> .....	Sunday, July 14
<b>2nd SESSION</b> .....	Wednesday, July 17 - Saturday, August 10
<b>2nd VISITING/PICK UP DAY</b> .....	Saturday, August 10
<b>FAMILY CAMP</b> .....	Sunday, August 11 - Friday, August 16

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