

# THE KIPPY GAZETTE

Early Spring 2019

## A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS



Greetings, Kippewa families!

We hope you are all looking forward to the summer as much as we are. It is approaching quickly and we can hardly wait! There is a lot to do to get ready for the summer over the next few months for all of us!



For parents and campers, there are several forms that need to be completed in order to help us prepare for the summer. Please make sure to submit them all by May 1st using your myKippewa account. We know you are already looking at your packing list and clothing catalogs. This is always one of the most exciting parts of preparing for camp!

Meanwhile, we will be busy putting the finishing touches on camp: hiring staff, filling our final camper spots, planning trips, booking special events such as carnival attractions and fireworks, organizing our calendar, and more! Once we receive your forms we will be putting together bunks and working out other details with our nurses, head counselor, and activity heads.

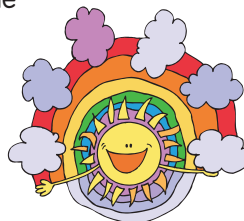
One of the most exciting things heading our way is the Spring Fling! We know not everyone can join us as it is difficult to find a central location when we have campers from all across the country and all around the world, but we will look forward to seeing those of you who can make it. Check out the details later in this newsletter.

Finally, one of the most important things we want you to focus on is this - please make sure to read through the details of our **new phone call scheduling** (a new scheduling system should make the process easier for everyone!) and our **updated electronics and packages policies**, both of which are updated for this coming summer. We want to make sure everyone is on the same page and knows what to expect. We listened to your feedback in making some revisions and hope you will all agree they are a step in the right direction!

Let us know if you have any questions as you prepare for the summer. We always love hearing from you and look forward to seeing you soon.

WARMLY,

*Dinger & Steve*



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## Review Us Online

Check out Kippewa online (Google, Yelp, etc.) and tell everyone how much you love camp. We appreciate your help in spreading the word!

## Returning Staff

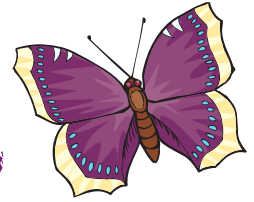
Look who's joining us again!

Mike Davis  
Kimberly Paris  
Jackie Mandel  
Alan Clare  
Richard Stegman  
Debbie Vilardi  
Brenda Larkins  
Mary Paige Kowalski  
Jocelyn Dowling  
Molly Pra Sisto  
Daniela Regis  
Claudia Davis  
Kaylee Spencer  
Kyra Cushing  
Gretchen Doyle  
Olivia Spiezio  
Jenna Williams  
Anna Milena Trujillo Castro  
Alex Monks  
Meisha Booth  
Natalie Shofner  
Grace Dublin  
Grace Gile  
Stephanie Callen  
Nicole Miller  
Hannah Atkin  
Ailsa Ritchie  
Gina Richards  
Sarajane Vilardi  
Gemma Short  
Marissa Lopez Ramirez  
Cara Schweers  
Erin McCaffery  
Niamh Simpson  
Jes Mandel  
Logan Huseman  
Gwen Power  
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McKenna Andersen  
Pip Mattich  
Samantha Cullen  
Niamh McCarthy  
Molly Brennan  
Larry Snider  
Karl Pease  
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Joan Ramirez  
Mauricio Morales

...and us of course,

**GINGER, STEVE & BRITTANY!**

# SPRING FLING 2019



**HEY KIPPEWA! - HEY WHAT?!**  
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The Spring Fling is coming soon! We can't wait to see both new and returning girls in just a few months! If you are getting ready to attend Kippewa for the first year, and don't know anyone yet, don't worry, there are a bunch of other girls just like you. If you are a returning camper we hope you will join us to reunite with old friends and help show our new campers what our Kippy family is all about!

When you arrive at the Spring Fling, you'll get a name tag that's a special color to help you find other girls who will be attending camp the same session as you. You'll have a chance to sit with other girls, do an art project, play a few camp games, enjoy a pizza lunch, and look at pictures of Kippewa. Our experienced Kippy girls are happy to answer any questions about the summer! Don't forget, they were once brand new to Kippewa too, and they love talking about camp!

Not only will you have the chance to meet new friends and reunite with old friends, but some of our incredible staff will be there as well! This is the perfect time to meet Ginger and Steve; get to know Operations Director Britt; talk to Mike about the tennis program; hear all about our health center from head nurse Debbie; meet Cara, our amazing Head Counselor; ask Kyra all about our arts program; discuss all things equestrian with Mary Paige; check in with our Camper Care Coordinator, Erin; and learn even more about our Kippewa family. So mark your calendars and tell your parents! We can't wait to see you at the Spring Fling! (Parents and Siblings are invited too!)

**DATE: Sunday, May 5th      TIME: 12pm to 2pm**

**PLACE: Life the Place to Be in Ardsley, NY\***

*\* We want to note that we will be at a new location this year. The new location is Life the Place to Be in Ardsley, NY. Check out the link for more information on the venue: <https://lifetheplacetobe.com/>.*





# CAMPER & STAFF GET-TOGETHERS

WE LOVE SEEING WHAT OUR KIPPY GIRLS ARE UP TO DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR!  
CHECK OUT THESE EXCITING PICTURES, AND OF COURSE FEEL FREE TO SEND US YOUR OWN.



**Meeghan** and **Elizabeth G.**, **Danielle H.**, and **Mia F.** meet up for a Bat Mitzvah!



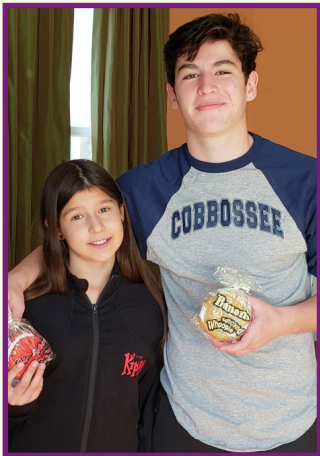
**Aerin K.** and **Lily M.** hang out in DC.



**Hannah B.**, **Ellie K.** and **Lily M.** have a post Thanksgiving reunion.



Double Take!!! No this is not **Sabrina** OR **Samantha** from last summer. It's their mom, Office Manager **Kimberly**, in 1981!



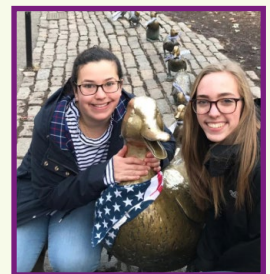
**Ava L.** and her brother boast the rewards of an MCE contest with awesome treats from Wicked Whoopies in Freeport, Maine. Yum!



A few of the 2018 second session Cabbage Patch girls get together for a weekend of fun!



**Rowan T.** and **Chloe E.** bump into each other before leaving on Thanksgiving break!



**Grace D.** and **Grace G.** hang out with some ducks in Boston.



**Mary Paige** and **Alex M.** run into each other at the College Football National Championship game in California!



**Sigal** and **Mia L.** meet up with **Emma R.** and walk around Boston after some ice cream!



Some OC 18 alum meet up for a reunion weekend in Florida!

# LIT PROGRAM

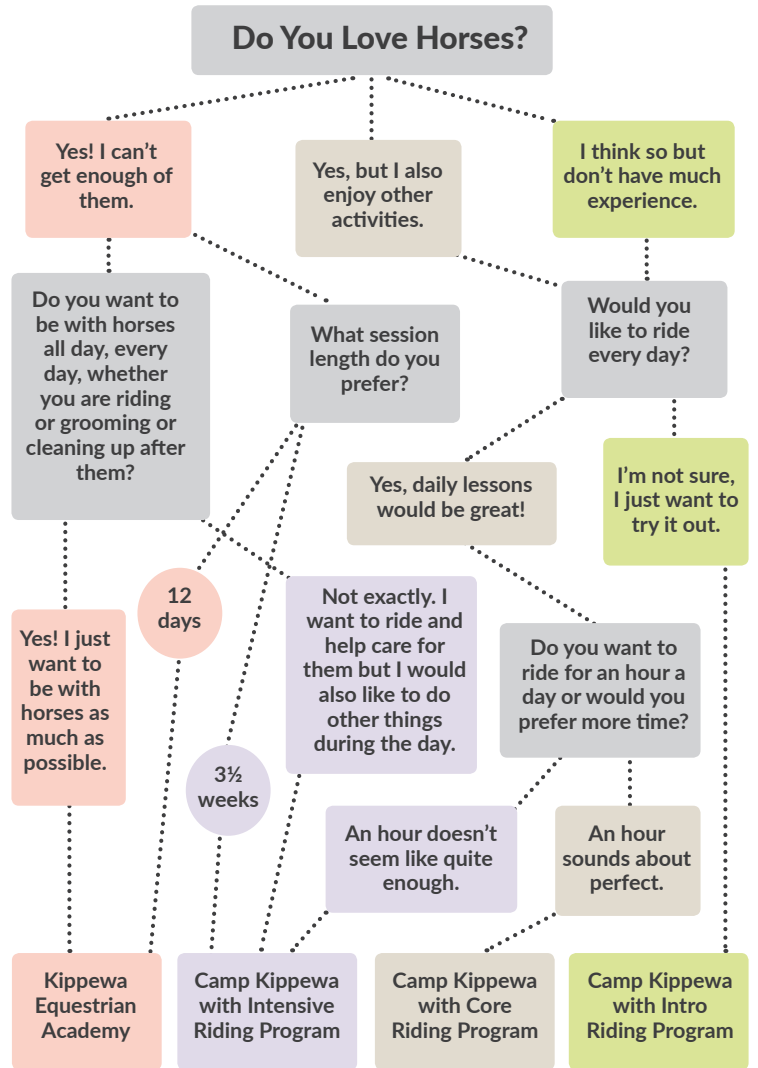
## 14 Day Adventure + 9 Day Training and Work Experience at Kippewa

We are so excited about the second year of our Leaders in Training Program! The program will once again be during our second session this summer with brave and excited LITs leading the way! Under the guidance of former camper and long-time staff member Stephanie Callen ("Steph Eps" to most of us!), the LITs will be helping us set the tone for what it means to be an LIT at Kippewa. The 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 across the American Southwest and Southern California, together with boys of the same age from Camp Cobbossee. For the trip portion of this program we partner with professional teen travel leaders and organizers to provide the perfect balance of a traditional teen tour and life-changing adventure. Kippewa & Cobbossee staff will remain with the teens the entire time as they enjoy an amazing trip combining service, leadership training, travel and adventure. After 2 weeks of travel the girls will return to Kippewa for a few more days to put their new skills into action by helping teach activities around camp. 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 continuing this program. We hope you are too!

# Kippewa Equestrian Options



Which one of our Kippewa equestrian programs is the right one for you? Look at the chart below and see!



# PROGRAM UPDATE

## PILLBOX ADDITION:

We are excited to announce that we are adding three new bedrooms and a bathroom to our health center! This expansion will only add to the efficiency of the Pillbox and to our nursing staff.





# To Raise Brave Girls, Encourage Adventure

I recently asked a six-year-old what bravery looked like. The response was: "when you stand up to a bad guy." Now I can totally understand that response. But what if that "bad guy" wasn't some tangible person in front of you. What if that "bad guy" lived inside of you? If you knew you had a bad guy living inside of you, would you take steps to weaken him or strengthen him? And what if that bad guy was fear?

I'm not saying fear is all bad. Fear is important. It becomes negative when it's the primary reaction we have or the primary reaction we teach kids. Caroline Paul, a writer, former firefighter, paraglider, and all-around adventurer stated in a 2016 Ted Talk that fear is the reaction we tend to come to when it concerns girls. During her time as a firefighter, she would be asked if she was scared being around all of the fire and all of the danger. Her fellow male coworkers were not being asked this question. Her thought was: "why wasn't bravery expected of women?"

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***"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."***

***- Nelson Mandela***

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There was a study done involving a playground fire pole in which researchers saw that girls were more likely to be warned by both parents about the risks of the fire pole. If the girl chose to go ahead and play on it, the parents were likely to assist her. Boys, on the other hand, were encouraged to play on the pole, and were sometimes even offered guidance on how to use it on their own.

What message is this sending to both boys and girls? The communication is that girls are fragile and need extra help while boys should learn to master difficult tasks by themselves.

We are raising girls to be helpless when we caution them against physical risk.

As a paraglider, Caroline has been on many mountaintops and due to those experiences, fear makes sense. But with that fear also came confidence and exhilaration. She is a trained pilot who knows the conditions of the journey. If fear entered the picture, she would assess how relevant it was to the situation and put it where it belonged, which was usually behind her confidence and anticipation.



We don't have to be against fear. We just need to be pro-bravery.

How do we become brave? Bravery is learned. And like anything learned, it needs to be practiced. Summer camp is a great way to encourage bravery. Girls are asked to live with and communicate with new people. They are exploring new spaces, trying new activities, playing in the lake, hiking in the woods, etc.. This type of outdoor play is really important for kids. It teaches hazard assessment, late gratification, resilience, and confidence. Practicing bravery leads to learning valuable lessons about much bigger life concepts.

We cannot teach our girls how to be brave, however, until we teach ourselves. Sometimes we get fear and exhilaration confused, but as we practice, we will get better at deciphering between them. Even if we, as adults, don't want to go out and climb trees or climb poles or learn to paraglide, we can practice at home, at our jobs, and in all aspects of our daily lives.

Caroline gives the example of a girl with her bike at the top of a steep hill. The girl insists that she is too scared to go down the hill. Our job is to guide her to bravery. Maybe the hill is too steep but she can come to that conclusion by bravery and not by fear. It's not really about that steep hill in front of her. It's about the life ahead of her. We want to make sure young girls have the tools to assess the dangers we cannot protect them from and face the challenges we won't be there for. Equipping young girls with the tools to practice bravery will help them with every future obstacle they will face in their futures.

To view the full Ted Talk, go to: [https://www.ted.com/talks/caroline\\_paul\\_to\\_raise\\_brave\\_girls\\_encourage\\_adventure](https://www.ted.com/talks/caroline_paul_to_raise_brave_girls_encourage_adventure)

# NEW Phone Scheduling

Our telephone policy allows parents to speak to their daughter one time during the session.



You can schedule a phone call through your myKippewa account after June 20th. Calls will begin the second week of camp. To set a reservation, log into your myKippewa account and click the Phone Reservations link.

You can select one, 10-minute time slot per camper from the dropdown menu with available dates and times. If you want to change your time, go back into your account and change your time slot.

If there is an unexpected change in our camp schedule that creates a conflict we will contact you about a time to reschedule the call. If your daughter has a birthday while she is at camp she can receive a special "birthday call." Please contact our office to book that additional time slot or for any other exceptions. Calls are limited to parents only (please advise grandparents and other relatives).

# ELECTRONICS POLICY

UPDATED FOR 2019

It is our goal to provide positive experiences for all of our campers. One of the ways we accomplish this is by limiting electronics in camp, thereby encouraging our campers to socialize through traditional camp activities. This policy also safeguards and protects your daughter(s).

**ANY DEVICE THAT MAKES PHONE CALLS, ACCESSES THE INTERNET, PLAYS GAMES, RECORDS OR PLAYS VIDEOS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

We recognize that music is an important part of our campers' lives and therefore we allow MP3 players at camp, to be used in the cabin only. The only allowed devices are simple MP3 players such as iPod Shuffles or Nanos. We know that it is increasingly difficult to find simple music players, and even more difficult to load them with music using one of the common streaming services (Apple Music, Pandora, etc.) *Therefore, every cabin will be provided with a music player pre-loaded with music to be shared as a bunk. Bunks can also request specific songs to be added to their device by camp staff.*

If a camper views video or photos on their device during the summer, the device will be taken, held and returned to parents after camp.

**For the safety and privacy of our campers, we do not allow campers or counselors to record video during camp.** While we realize that many digital cameras have video capability, campers may not take any video footage. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy.

Please do not send electric fans, lamps, hair dryers, flat irons or other high wattage electrical appliances. We do not allow plug-in appliances and devices. We have limited electrical supplies in our cabins and we do not want to overload the systems. Battery operated fans and lights are acceptable. iPod/MP3, camera and battery chargers or small speakers are allowed for use when needed.

## EXAMPLES OF PROHIBITED ITEMS ARE LISTED BELOW

**CELL PHONES:** All brands of cell phones and smart phones are not permitted, including old disabled phones. Any cell phones found in camp will be confiscated and returned to your daughter when she leaves camp.

**VIDEO GAME PLAYERS:** Video game players such as Gameboys, Nintendo DS and PSP's are not permitted.

**OTHERS:** iPod Touch, Apple Watch, DVD players, video cameras, laptops, iPads, Kindles, Nooks, eReaders, TVs and large stereos are not permitted.

# myKippewa Reminder

Camper Forms are due on May 1st.

Please upload as many of your forms as possible, or email to [office@kippewa.com](mailto:office@kippewa.com). To complete your daughter's forms, please login to your myKippewa account and submit them to us! When filling out your daughter's Travel and Baggage form, please be as detailed as possible. We want to make sure that we know exactly how she will be arriving at camp! If you have any specific details that you need to discuss, please feel free to contact us.



# SCOPE RAFFLE

Hello Kippewa Families! We are excited to announce that SCOPE (Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education) is gearing up for their annual raffle. This organization is very special to Kippewa and we are thrilled to be working with them again this year. SCOPE is committed to providing children from underserved communities with life changing opportunities through the experience of summer camp. The national nonprofit organization, founded in 1991, has provided over 20,000 camp scholarships to deserving children from the New York Tri-State area, Midwest, Southeast, and Southwest regions. Each year, hundreds of children receive the benefits of summer camp through SCOPE from funds raised from foundation and corporate partners, individual gifts, and fundraising events.



This year there is once again the annual #RAFFLE4SCOPE. It provides you a chance to win or win back one child's full camp tuition for Summer 2019! All proceeds from raffle ticket sales will go to SCOPE, to help give the gift of summer camp to children from low-income families to attend a nonprofit, ACA-accredited, overnight, SCOPE partner camp.

There will be two raffle drawings: ONE resident camp drawing and ONE day camp drawing. Ticket sales will close on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 12pm and the drawing will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the New York SCOPE Benefit Dinner (winner need not be present).

Even if your child is already enrolled and paid for the next summer, the family who wins will have one child's tuition reimbursed!



For more information or to purchase your ticket, check out this link: <https://support.scopeusa.org/raffle>

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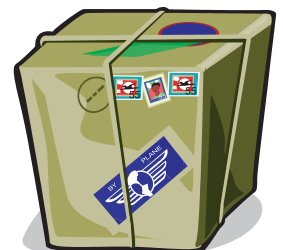
## NO PACKAGE POLICY

Kippewa has a **NO PACKAGE POLICY**. If you need to send a larger essential item (such as forgotten shoes or bedding), please email [office@kippewa.com](mailto:office@kippewa.com) with the subject line "Package Approval Request."

**Flat envelopes up to 9"x12" are allowed.** It is okay to include flat, camp friendly items such as stationery, age appropriate magazines and stickers. Please do not send any food, bunk gifts (gifts for everyone in the bunk) or other similar items.

**We do not allow boxed packages or puffy (non-flat) envelopes.** This includes items sent directly from an outside vendor such as Amazon. Unapproved boxes and stuffed envelopes will not be opened and will be returned to sender or held until the end of camp. All large, flat envelopes and pre-approved boxes will be opened by our staff, and any food or restricted items will be confiscated.

**We ask that you inform all friends and family members who might be inclined to send a package of our policy.** The only exception to the package size-restriction is for birthdays during camp. Please call us if you plan on sending a birthday package. Food items and bunk gifts (gifts for everyone in the bunk) are not permitted in birthday packages.





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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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