

THE KIPPY GAZETTE

Early Spring 2014

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS



Greetings, Kippewa families!

Can you believe it is just 3 months until our first session starts? For those of you living in the midwestern and eastern portions of the U.S. in particular, I'm sure you can hardly wait for this brutal winter to end! Although it may not

feel like it yet, before we know it we will all be enjoying long, warm, relaxing summer days. We can't wait!

As we head toward the summer we would like to remind you to take care of your camp forms. We know you have a lot going on so we have done our best to make it easy by setting up as many forms as possible electronically. Login to your myKippewa account and check the Forms and Documents section, there you will find all of the forms available for you either to fill out or print.

Along with sharing some Kippy girls photos and updates and letting you know which staff have committed for the summer, this newsletter also contains highlights of a few of our programs.. We hope you will enjoy reading about our new videography program and seeing what Kirsty has to say about music!

Enjoy these (hopefully) final days of winter. We can't wait to see you all very soon!

WARMLY,

Ginger & Steve



IMPORTANT REMINDERS...

Equestrian Enrollment.....Due: March 1st
 All Forms.....Due: May 1st
 Spring Fling.....Sunday, May 4th

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Welcome Christopher Dowling!

On November 13, 2013 our waterfront director, Jocelyn, and her husband Luke welcomed Christopher James Dowling to their family. Christopher was lovingly greeted by big siblings Ethan, William and Annabelle. We are looking forward to playing with all of them,



together with their grandma Lynn, at camp this summer!

Jackie's Journal



Welcome Eva!

Hello, Kippy Girls!

It's hard to believe I am sitting down to write my last edition of Jackie's Journal. When I first came to Kippewa in 2010 I never could have dreamed what camp life in Monmouth, Maine would hold for me. Looking back, I now know that it is a life full of laughter, crazy costumes, happy memories, and most importantly...friends!



Jackie and Eva at camp

We often talk about camp friendships being special and unique; for me, this is completely accurate. My Kippewa friends have become some of the people I hold closest to my heart. Eva, Kippewa's new Head Counselor, is another one of those special people. Eva and I met nearly 10 years ago at another girls camp in Maine, and have not only had the opportunity to work together, but create an incredible friendship that we both cherish. As I transition to join the Cobbossee family, I am comforted knowing that all of you will be in Eva's exceptionally capable hands. I know that each of you will come to love her just as much as I have!

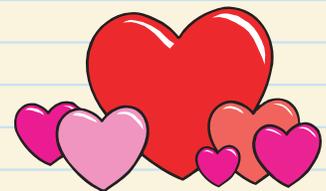
I will miss so many things about Kippy! Among them are: singing and dancing after meals, checking out all of your creative costumes on Kippyween, watching Camp Sisters complete World Records on the first night of camp, and singing Kippy Road at each campfire.

I will of course only be a ½ mile away! I am looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces on 4th of July and at our annual Kippewa/Cobbossee Carnivals this summer!

Big Hugs,

Jackie

xoxoxo



Ginger in Los Angeles

Ginger was out in sunny LA visiting with new and returning Kippy Families at the beginning of February! Check out these Kippy girl smiles...everyone looks excited to spend the summer together in Maine.



Ginger with **Bridget S.** and **Ashley S.**



Ginger spending time with **Izzy H., Sloane M., Gabi B., Reina N., Eva W., and Allie W.**

GETTING TO KNOW EVA

Hello Kippy Families,

I am so excited to be joining Camp Kippewa as the Head Counselor!!

I first came to Kippewa last summer and I immediately fell in love with the spirit, beauty, and people of Kippewa. Whether showing off my tennis skills to Mike, hanging out by the climbing wall, or judging a great evening activity of Statues, I immediately felt comfortable on the shores of Lake Cobbosseecontee!

While this may only be my second summer at Kippewa- it will be my 18th summer spent at camp! I began as a 10 year-old camper at another girls camp in southern Maine and I continued there as a staff member for 6 more summers after being a camper. This is where I had the privilege of meeting Jackie, in the summer of 2006 she was my Unit Leader! I am proud to call Jackie a close friend and colleague ever since.

After graduating from college, I applied my love of camp to the field of outdoor education. I have spent the last 4 years facilitating team-building, ropes courses, and environmental education programs in New England. Prior to coming to Kippewa, I was a Head Counselor for 3 summers at an all-girls camp in New Hampshire. I'm proud to be bringing my passion for experiential education, youth development, and the great outdoors to Kippewa. When you visit Maine, you are greeted with the motto, Maine: The Way Life Should Be. In my heart, I believe it should really say Camp: The Way Life Should Be.

When not planning for the summer with Ginger and Steve, I enjoy reading, cooking, hiking, and playing board games with my friends!

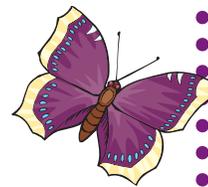
Feel free to drop me a line and share your news: eva@kippewa.com. I can't wait to spend time with you all this summer!

Warmly, EVA!



SPRING FLING

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 two short months. If you are getting ready to attend Kippewa for the first time, 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 some of our counselors, get to know Head Counselor Eva and Assistant Head Counselor Ella, talk to Mike about the tennis program, ask waterfront director Jocelyn all about Lake Cobbosseecontee, hear all about our health center from head nurse Debbie, meet our amazing program director Matt, and learn even more about our Kippewa family.

So mark your calendars for **May 4th** and tell your parents! We can't wait to see you at the Spring Fling! (Parents and Siblings are invited too!)

RETURNING STAFF UPDATE

We are thrilled that so many of our fabulous Kippewa staff members are planning on returning to Monmouth for Summer 2014!

Check out who's joining us again so far!

Zak Aguirre
Jesus Aguirre
Alice Atkin-Calter
Tori Bauer
Ella Brakefield
Brittany Bruening
Alan Clare
Kristen Collins
Lauren Craner
Ashley Davis

Mike Davis
Claudia Davis
Jocelyn Dowling
Eva Gruenberg
Aida Hernandez
Mary Paige Kowalski
Kirsty Linnane
Jackie Mandel
Matt Mandel

Julian Medina
Natasha Morgan
Gina Richards
Ellie Richards
Charlotte Scott
Gemma Short
Moya Sutherland
Dulce Tellez
Debbie Vilardi

...and us of course, **GINGER & STEVE!**

KIPPY GIRL UPDATE

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.



Abby F., Sophie G., Emma F. and Izzy G. were thrilled to get together over the Holiday break in Boston!



Madison P. has been busy this winter on her new swim team! She's been preparing for this summer's Mighty Mermaid swim.



Former Owl's Nest residents **Casey G. and Elena A.** had a puppy playdate this December! We're pretty sure the puppies are jealous of the time the girls spend together at Kippy.



Some Kippy fun was on tap for **Brittany T., Leah T. and Alex W.** as they enjoyed some time together this past fall!



Sydney C. and Sloane M. couldn't resist taking a Kippy girl photo on a recent trip to Antarctica!



Camp sisters **Diana H. and Alex W.** loved their winter reunion!



Alex G., Abby S. and Mason G. were happy to see each other over the holiday break!



Alex W. and Brittany T. enjoying some Fall Fun!



Check out an accidental Black Friday reunion in Philly, as **Eva G. and the Mandels** were busy shopping at the mall!



Delaney W. and Ava K. dance at the same local dance studio in Westchester, NY and coincidentally wore their Kippy gear to class one night!



2014 OC **Grace D.** and Kippy staff members **Natasha M. and Madison K.** bumped into each other at the airport in Florida! It really is a small Kippy world.



Winter fun kept these Kippy girls smiling! Check out **Francesca M., Emma F., Ashley S., and Julia Z.**

KIPPY GIRL UPDATE



Maeve K., Cassidy D., Haley P., Becca H. and Ellie M. enjoying some time together this past fall. These girls are ready for another summer at Kippy!



Sydney W. and Julia Z. get together when Sydney was visiting the east coast during Thanksgiving!



Sarah P. proudly sporting her Kippy hat at Stonehenge on a family trip to England in October!

Just after camp this fall, **Sydney W. and Iona G.** enjoyed some paddle boarding. They must've been missing Lake Cobbosseecontee!



Aidan C. was a lucky boy this winter. Not only did he get to join **Steve** on a trip to London to hire some staff, he got to visit Paris for the day with daddy, and meet up with his nanny **Lucy B.** from last summer!



Spotted! **Eliza A.** and counselor **Lauren C.** bumping into each other in NYC shortly after camp ended!



Former Heron's Reachers **Julia Z., Francesca M., Emma F. and Ashley S.** enjoying each other!



Katrina N. is loving her new Kippy socks! Are you?!



Kippy girl reunions aren't just for campers! Counselors **Lauren C. and Lisa A.** explored the Disney store together with huge smiles.

Charlotte L. and Val F. together in Paris!



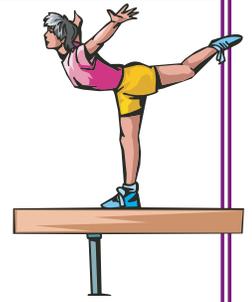
Ginger had the chance to meet up with **Emily R.** and her family a couple of weeks ago. It was wonderful to see Emily relaxing at home, getting excited about the summer!



Counselor **Emily D. and Phoebe C.** explored NYC together when Emily was doing some sightseeing before returning to Ireland!



SPOTLIGHT ON... *Gymnastics*



Our gymnastics program is in full swing during the summer with girls of all skill levels. With floor mats, a vault, a high and low bar, high beam, and a low beam to name a few, there are plenty of elements for the girls to learn and challenge themselves with. The program sees girls who compete at home as well as girls who just want to try something new and fun. In any class you might see handsprings on the floor, swings on the top and bottom bar, flips on the vault, or a cartwheel on the beam. A few new skills that were learned last summer included bridge kickovers, backward walkovers, handsprings, straddling over the vault, back-hip circles on the bars, and handstands on the beam. As well as physical skills, the girls are able to challenge themselves mentally and emotionally, gaining self-confidence as they achieve different goals. The motto in the gym is "There's no such thing as can't!". This motto rings true as the girls come to learn, laugh, and encourage.

We are excited to have **Lauren Craner** back for her second summer as one of our gymnastics counselors. She has been doing gymnastics for over 16 years and is still active in coaching children ages 4 to 16. She coaches recreational gymnastics and also works with competition squads and younger children with lots of potential. Lauren is already busy planning new and creative ways to implement gymnastics skills into the program for this summer. Gymnastics is definitely a passion of hers and she is looking forward to sharing it with everyone for the 2014 season! We are also excited to welcome new staff member Brigitta "BG" Ferner, Brigitta is a certified Gymnastics coach working with gymnasts from beginner to advanced levels in Germany. She continues to share her passion for the sport after competing for the German Youth National Team from 2003-2005, earning a bronze medal in the uneven bars. Currently a university student studying Physical Education and English with plans to become a High School teacher, Brigitta is excited to share her knowledge of the sport to our campers!

SPOTLIGHT ON... *Music*



We are so excited to have **Kirsty L**, back for her 3rd summer to run our Music Program. We recently caught up with Kirsty to discuss our music program, and to learn how we can make even more noise in 2014!

What does a typical music activity period look like?

The music room is such a diverse space! You can open the door in period one to be greeted by nothing but angelic voices and choir stances, and by period two you've got six juniors running around with drums on their heads, trying to play the castanets with their feet! The kind of lesson is based on the interest and knowledge of the campers in that period. We like to have a sit down in the first music class to see what the group wants to achieve: some want to perform a cheeky Broadway number for the music room, others want to make up their own song for campfire, and some just want to make as much noise as musically possible!

What instruments do we teach?

Last year we taught the guitar, ukulele, keyboard, vocals, and we had a lot of fun with songwriting sessions! The music room is also home to drum skins, glockenspiels, maracas, castanets, and plenty of other musical/noise making devices.

What's the most popular part of the music program?

Ukulele lessons were very popular last year! We also had a lot of wonderful Glee covers! Many of the girls have their own instruments too, which is fantastic. We've had masters of everything from violins, to trumpets and bass guitars.

What are your goals personally and for the Music program in 2014?

My main goal for this summer is to have as much fun as possible and to continue to make great music with the girls! I'm also looking forward to seeing what instruments the girls bring to camp. Fingers crossed for an accordion! I would like to arrange for some jam sessions to be available to the girls during free choice/ options days, too. I think that would be great. On a more personal note, I'm hoping to finally master the triangle in the summer of 2014. Most importantly I'm so very excited to witness the creative and wonderful performances summer 2014 brings!

WAHOOO SWIM SYSTEM

We are privileged to be one of the first sleepaway camps in New England to install the Wahooo Swim Monitor System. Wahooo SMS is an underwater electronic monitoring system that our lifeguards will use to help



keep our girls even safer this summer. We already have an impeccable safety record at Camp Kippewa and an exceptional waterfront staff of Red Cross and WSI certified lifeguards, led by our amazing waterfront director Jocelyn Dowling. While we have complete trust in our waterfront staff and procedures, this is one more tool to help them do the very best job possible. We are proactively setting a new standard in aquatic safety! Campers will wear lightweight headbands when swimming within our swim docks in beautiful Lake Cobbosseecontee. In addition to following established Red Cross lifeguarding techniques to watch over the girls, our lifeguards will now also be able to electronically monitor swimmers below the surface. This is truly an amazing advancement in technology and we are proud to have chosen to make this investment in our campers' safety by providing an extra layer of protection in our lake.

We wanted to take this opportunity to address a few questions/concerns we have come across. Please feel free to reach out to us with any further questions.

1. What happens if my headband falls off?

Your headband will float to the surface so it can be easily retrieved and the system will display a separate message to the lifeguards. You don't need to worry about it setting off any false alarms!

2. Why did you decide to install the Wahooo SMS system?

As we learned about the Wahooo system over the past few years and spoke with another camp director with the system already in place, we felt this was something all waterfront and swim facilities should have and wanted to make it a priority at Kippewa. We look at this system in a similar way to other protective equipment we all see and use on a regular basis: seatbelts and airbags in cars, cycle helmets, and in a camp setting helmets at the climbing wall and ropes course, and helmets and vests in the equestrian program. Policies and rules at the waterfront will all remain the same and must be followed, and hopefully the system will never truly be tested, but it is an added layer of protection that could potentially make a significant difference. Best of all, the Kippewa waterfront will remain the same fun place it always has been!

3. How long must someone stay underwater in order to set off the alarm? What if I set it off accidentally?

The creators of the system have worked with experts to determine the optimal length of time. There are two types of signals that go off at different times - first there would be a warning and secondly an alert. It is pretty unlikely you would set it off by accident but if that were to happen our staff would probably check on you and then congratulate you on having such a great set of lungs!

NEW IN 2014!

We are excited to announce a few updates for 2014. Our maintenance crew have been working hard this winter keeping camp clear and saving the roofs from caving in under all of the snow! In their spare time, they are also working on fixing up bathrooms around camp. It will take us a few seasons to get to all of them but we know you will be excited to hear that **bathroom upgrades** are underway!

A much-loved activity of all campers is the fun game of Gaga. This year Gaga will be taken to the next level with the addition of a **Gaga Pit** that we can set up inside the pavilion or outside on the courts depending on the weather. We are looking forward to even more exciting games of Gaga this summer!

We are really excited about a new activity option at camp this summer. We are adding to our media department by introducing a **Videography program!** Girls will have the opportunity to interview people and capture scenery around camp, create short films, learn editing techniques and more. We are looking forward to the opportunities this program will provide and to seeing the film-making talents of our girls!

DC AREA GET-TOGETHER

On a recent trip to the DC Metro area, Ginger had the pleasure of having dinner with some local Kippy girls! With the cold winter we've been having in the Northeast, **Abby S., Sarah P. Caris W., Kathryn S.** and **Shaina W.** and their parents loved talking all about the summer!





It's been an exciting winter at Cobbossee! As many of you already know, former Kippy Assistant Director Jackie recently joined the team to work alongside Cobbossee's new camp director **Josh Holland**. We wanted to introduce you to Josh as he joins the Cobbossee family!

Originally from Washington State, Josh is a camp person through and through. He started attending camp as a child and immediately recognized the power of the camp experience. As he rose through the ranks, Josh served as a counselor, coach, waterfront director and area director at camps in the pacific northwest as well as in New Hampshire. After ten summers at Camp Walt Whitman, Josh began directing an international camp in New Mexico. Josh supports the Washington State Cougars, direct competition to Ginger's University of Washington Huskies. Josh, Ginger and Steve enjoy a long history as both friends and friendly rivals and look forward to broadening this camaraderie even further through their experiences together in Maine!

Josh is counting the days until he heads up to Monmouth, Maine to spend his first summer at Camp Cobbossee! Josh firmly believes that camping and sports are both transformative for boys. That they are combined at Cobbossee in such a powerful way makes the camp a truly magnificent choice for the sports-minded boy.

For more information about Camp Cobbossee for your son, please contact Josh and Jackie at 800-473-6104 or info@cobbossee.com.



Welcome Josh!

If you want to learn more about Cobbossee, visit www.cobbossee.com or call 800-473-6104.

IMPORTANT DATES SUMMER 2014

** Please note day of the week that camp begins and ends*

1st SESSION	Thursday, June 26 - Sunday, July 20
Two Week Session Pickup	Thursday, July 10
FIRST VISITING DAY	Sunday, July 20
2nd SESSION	Wednesday, July 23 - Saturday, August 16
Two Week Session Pickup	Wednesday, August 6
SECOND VISITING DAY	Saturday, August 16
FAMILY CAMP	Sunday, August 17 - Saturday, August 23



Get Ready for Another Awesome Kippy Summer!

