

# THE KIPPY GAZETTE

## A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS



Greetings, Kippewa families!

As the air turns brisk and the leaves change colors, summer camp memories and friendships remain strong. We are really enjoying hearing from all of you as you share your updates, tell us

about your fall activities, and send your pictures as Kippewa remains fresh in your mind. Many thanks to everyone who sent us photos for this newsletter (see page 5) We know you will all enjoy checking out what the Kippy girls and staff have been up to since camp finished.

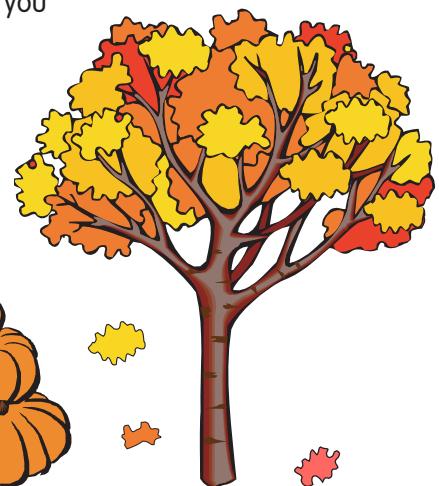
It's been a busy couple of months since the end of camp. We are excited to announce that **Eva Gruenberg**, our Head Counselor 2014, has continued on with us full-time and is moving into the Assistant Director role. She will be helping us with hiring staff, planning for trips, organizing gifts and mailings, talking with all of you and more! You can read more about her move to our winter office location in "Eva's View." **Margaret Stockard** has also joined us on a year-round basis to help with social media and communications throughout the year. We are so fortunate to have such amazing people joining us to help make Kippewa the best it can be!

We've also been busy reviewing summer 2014 and turning our thoughts and planning to next summer. We are thrilled to see so many returning families took advantage of our loyalty discounts and have enrolled for the summer already, and we are now excited to be welcoming many new families. As always, we appreciate you helping to spread the word about our special camp. For any siblings, cousins, or friends who may still be interested please let them know that while we still have spots available, we are down to the final few spaces in some age groups. We wouldn't want them to miss out on joining us.

Enjoy the Fall and the transition into the holiday season. We know life is busy and we appreciate you staying in touch and being a part of Kippewa all year round. These personal connections are what truly makes us more than just a summer destination; we love having you as part of our Kippy family!

**WARMLY,**

*Elinger & Steve*



# EVA'S VIEW

While summer is a beautiful season, I have to admit that I love Fall. The leaves are beautiful, there's a fresh crispness in the air like the many apple varieties, and everything is pumpkin flavored. The only bad part about it is that camp is over! Fall is also the sign of changing routines, which primarily constitutes of going back to school and the start of activities. For me, this Fall has been even more exciting as I have moved to a new place: Charlottesville, Virginia! With my new role as Kippewa's Assistant Director, I'm delighted and proud to be in the Kippewa winter office and working alongside Ginger and Steve everyday.

In many ways, this move for me is most comparable to starting camp for the first time! It is very common for our new campers and staff, and sometimes our returners, to feel a little scared as they are going to a new place or into a new year. You may not know where everything is, you need to adjust to a new bed, you will meet new friends from different places, maybe learn and eat different foods that you haven't had before. (Lucky for me, despite being born and raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia, both of my parents are from Tennessee, so seeing grits and okra on menus isn't too scary!) But after a couple of days in this new place, what happens? It's almost like magic: you now know where to fill up your water bottle, have your table in the Lodge, are able to find all your activities and connect with your bunkmates, and hopefully being at Kippewa feels great and comfortable. Pretty soon you will discover that this new place feels like home. And why does it feel so good? Because you did something amazing entirely on your own! On top of taking the step of starting at a new place, you also tried new things. Perhaps you learned to water-ski, created stained-glass, climbed to the top of the rock wall, told a joke to the whole camp at line-up, or made your bed and did your bunk chore everyday. All these experiences are awesome and I bet at one point you might have felt a little scared or didn't know exactly what to do and that's okay, because you tried anyway and accomplished great things!

And now that we are in the Fall, I hope you remember all your achievements this summer and use that to try something new this year. Maybe it is to try out for a sports team or a play, take a new art class, or just maybe sit next to someone new at lunchtime and make a new friend. I'll be thinking about all of you, because I'll be doing the same thing. Unfortunately, meal times aren't quite as easy as finding the Lodge - my goal is to drive to Trader Joe's without using my GPS! I'm working on joining a sports league or a book club to make new friends, discovering new trails to hike in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and I'm going to be a little scared at first. But I know it's something I can do, because I have done many new things at camp and it has always turned out great!

Share with me all the great new things you are doing too this fall at [eva@kippewa.com](mailto:eva@kippewa.com). I can't wait to hear all about it!



## Video Production

Our new Video Production program made a grand debut this summer! Counselor Kyra did a great job helping our campers create movies! The girls enjoyed actively interviewing, holding the camera, positioning lights, and setting up their microphones all over camp. From clay-animation to creating a music video, it was exciting to see what this activity created. Keep an eye out for these videos as we post them later this Fall.



## NEW PROMO VIDEO

### Coming Soon

Last year around this time we were excited to show our new promo video trailer. The film crew returned to us again in 2014 during second session and we are looking forward to the premiere of our new promotional videos later this "off-season!"



# MARGARET AND SOCIAL MEDIA, CREATING A BLOG

Long-Time Kippy staff member, and this past summer's Operations Coordinator, Margaret, will be joining us this winter as our Social Media Coordinator. A student of English, Margaret loves reading and writing, and we are lucky to have her ("like!") to help us Tweet, Pin, Friend, Like, Post, Blog and more! We are looking forward to staying connected and sharing about all things camp.

"Because summers are just not enough anymore...I needed camp in my life during all of the other months as well! I am so happy and honored to be part of the "winter team" here at Kippewa and cannot wait to dive in and work on connecting with all of you through the many forms of social media, as well as working on a new Camp blog. Kippewa is such a special place and what we take from it shouldn't have to end in August. My goal is to help keep memories and conversations flourishing as well as helping to convey to you useful and engaging information all year long!"



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## 2014 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. Here are some of the major themes we enjoyed:

### Parents say:

"Relaxed, Nurturing, Fun, Environment" • "Singing, Dancing, Traditions" • "Just for girls" • "A place where you can be as silly, funny, outrageous as you want to and you will not be judged" • "The warmth, lack of pretense and the ability to create the summer that you want!" • "It's the community, all about the experience and relationships." • "The girls at Kippewa really do feel like they are part of a family" • "There really seems to be a focus on making each girl feel special about themselves"



• "The warm, welcoming environment" • "The relationships among the kids and counselors" • "The setting, the lake, the camaraderie, friendships" • "Unpretentious" • "Directors, staff, counselors are special and they authentically share the camp's vision and mission" • "The girls are free to be themselves" • "New activities are encouraged" • "The essence of what makes Kippewa "Kippewa" is its sense of family" • "The fact that the kids start looking forward to going back as soon as school starts"

### Our campers say:

Fun, Awesome, Amazing, Be Yourself, Open Expression, Friendship, Exciting Place, Special, Incredible, Home, Belonging, Loving, Caring, Kind, Creative, Exciting, Unique, Judge Free, A Dream World, Scenic, Full of Opportunities, Family-Environment, Accepting.

### Our staff say:

The People, Making Good Friends, The Campers, Traditions, Inclusive Environment, Unbelievably Loving, Spirit, Friendship, Individuality, The Constant Support, The Kippewa Family, Togetherness, Excitement in the Campers, Be Themselves, The Spirit, "It's the most welcoming place I've ever been a part of"

**We appreciate your feedback and we are already looking forward to how we can make Kippewa even better in 2015!**

# Kippy Equestrian Update

## New Regulation Size Ring Coming in 2015!

The Kippy Gazette recently caught up with Mary-Paige Kowalski, our equestrian director. We hope you enjoy her interview!

### How's the weather in Maine right now?

It's not snowing yet, this week it got into the 70's and will be in the 50's next week, all the leaves have changed colors and are starting to fall off the trees, so it's definitely Fall.

### Can you provide us with an overview of the program in 2014. How many horses, How many riders, and how about the staff?

We had 24 horses including a donkey! The donkey came because he's Big Guy's best friend. We had on average 51 lessons every day. Both sessions we had about a third of all campers participating in the equestrian program.

We had an awesome staff who loved teaching lessons, they came to camp with a wide range of experiences which really helped the barn. Jamie, who is Applejack's (one of the horses) owner, was a great help as a barn hand.

### What is Big Bessie?

Big Bessie is the new log jump in the grass jump field! The grass field is 120 ft by 180 ft and has an entire course of jumps in it. The jump's range from 18 inches and can go up to 3'6" or 3'9".

### How many campers accomplished Big Bessie?

6 campers accomplished Big Bessie. Big Bessie was named because it matches a great cheer: "Big Bessie, Big Bessie, Big Bessie". Because we need a cheer, of course!

### In 2015, we are adding a new regulation size ring, what can you tell me about it and what will it add to the program?

It's a Full Regulation-Sand Jumping Ring, that can be used for Shows and working on coursework. It also will have top of the line sand footing, with Centaur Flex Fencing. This



Equestrian staff singing the Big Bessie Cheer at Banquet.



New Riding Ring Excavation!

will increase the riding ring space at Kippewa, by more than double! On a related note, our small sand ring also had new sand in 2014.

**What can you tell us about Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) and what it means to our program at Kippewa? We know you have been working on certifications from this organization.**

Yes, I am currently a certified English and Western Instructor, along with being a certified Facilities Manager through CHA, one of the top equestrian organizations in the U.S. We are also currently in the process of obtaining certification for our program and facility. This will be an exciting step for our program!

### Most memorable moment for you at barn this summer?

I was really proud of the campers who participated in the horse shows both sessions and there is always plenty of ongoing excitement when helping to care for 24 animals!

### Any other exciting news we should be looking forward to in 2015?

Elizabeth will be a big sister at camp! Her new sibling is due to arrive early February!

**Congratulations, we know that it will make things exciting and we look forward to having a baby around camp! Anything else you would like to share with the Kippy Gazette?**

I am looking forward to ice fishing season on the lake and attending the Equine Affair, the largest Equine trade show in the Northeast. There will be over 100 professional demonstrations going on during the 4 days. It takes place at the Big E fairgrounds in West Springfield, Massachusetts in November.

Thanks Mary-Paige. Have a great off season up in Maine. Keep warm this winter!

# CAMPER & STAFF GET-TOGETHERS



**Charlotte L.** and **Charlotte H.** re-connecting with **Val F.** who is looking forward to returning in 2015.



**Kate I.**, **Leah C.**, **Eliza A.**, and **Claire L.**, reminiscing about the summer.



**Sania E.** showing off her creativity in Kippy gear!



**Emma H.**, **Nell S.**, **Lauren F.**, and **Sophia P.** celebrating together.



**Stella G.** and **Emilie P.** getting together at the beach!



**Rachel S.** and **Nicole M.** enjoying delicious ice cream.



**Katharine D.** and **Georgia L.** crossing Abbey Road in England!



**Jessica C.** and **Diana H.** getting together.



**Margaret** traveled to England visiting **Ella**, **Lauren C.**, and staff alumni **Laura J.**, and **Robyn R.**



Counselors **Anna D.**, **Jodie K.**, **Orla M.**, **Helen M.**, and friend take in a Red Sox game after camp!



**Ginger**, **Aidan**, and **Brett** had a great time playing at the beach in Virginia with counselors **Anna D.**, **Cara S.**, and **Nanny Orla M.!!**

# LAND SPORTS/PAVILION RE-CAP IN 2014

We saw so many great things happening on Fenway North and throughout our Land Sports program this past summer! It was a common sight to see our new, portable Gaga Pit set in the middle of the Pavilion. Whether during a regular Land Sports period or during Free-Choice, it certainly received plenty of use. In addition to coaching the girls in traditional field and team sports, our Land Sports staff loved leading everyone in games such as Capture the Flag, Kickball, Flag Football, Gaga and the Kippewa original, Dodgepass!

We were also busy this summer continuing to develop and improve the programs in more common team and field sports as well (soccer, basketball, softball, field hockey, lacrosse, volleyball and more!). One exciting addition was the debut of the "Mighty Baller" award for the Basketball program. From making consecutive free throws to dribbling across the court, there were many progressive skills our campers had to learn to become a Mighty Baller. Eva and Steve got in on the fun, achieving the first 12 levels - they look forward to continuing in summer 2015!

Just like our other achievement awards at Kippewa, we are looking forward to continuing this focus on individual growth in our Land Sports program.

Our indoor/outdoor sports Pavilion, built in 2013, has proven to be a very active place even on the occasional rainy days. With the addition of our Gaga Pit, indoor basketball hoops, and on-going 4-square games, our campers are able to stay busy no matter the weather.

Beyond the Land Sports program, our Pavilion is a great space to hold our many special events. The always popular Casino Night came alive in the Pavilion during First Session, with an expanded VIP Room, and the Gaga Pit made an excellent "center ring" for our hair-braiding and dance-off battles. This new venue helped set the stage for an unforgettable night! Second session saw the first ever Kippewa Election Day premiere in the Pavilion with amazing costumes, speeches, and our KIPP-TV station providing commentary. It was so much fun seeing the creativity of our campers and staff. This great space is a comfortable place for the entire camp to interact together. We believe the rafters are still ringing with the well-rehearsed songs from our Color War and Olympics teams!



4-Square in the Pavilion



Basketball in the Pavilion



Gaga Pit on the Tennis Court

**We are proud to now have such a big, open, covered space for many Kippy memories!**

# Five & Seven Year Plaque Awards 2014

The following campers and staff received their 5 and 7 year plaques during summer 2014. These plaques are linoleum block prints designed by Ed Cunningham, our 49-year artist-in-residence (Ed is also the man behind the yearly Call Boards in our lodge). Campers and staff who return for 5 or 7 summers receive their own personalized, handmade prints presented at our final banquet. These prints are known to be proudly hanging in hundreds of homes all throughout the world!

**1st Session: 5 Years:** Abby S., Alycia P., Brigitte A., Caris W., Charlotte L., Eliza A., Emma F., Felice B., Hannah L., Jenna K., Julia S., Lucila G., Maggie P., Reilee G., Sarah T., Zoe G., Zoe N. **7 Years:** Emily C.



1st Session - 5 year Plaques



1st Session - 7 year Plaques

**2nd Session: 5 Years:** Brita M., Dani Z., Emma H., Hannah B., Izzy B., Julie F., Leah T., Nell S., Paloma C., Piper E., Sam F., Sophia G., Sydney C. **7 Years:** Hailey C.



2nd Session - 5 year Plaques



2nd Session - 7 year Plaques

**Staff: 5 Years:** Ashley D., Ella B., Jesus A., Julia P., Elizabeth K. **7 Years:** Ginger C., Steve C., Aidan C., Alan C., Claudia D., Charlotte S.



## BROTHER CAMP UPDATE

Greetings from Camp Cobbossee!

With the cool fall air replacing warm summer nights, it's hard for us not to think about the weeks we spent in Maine this summer. 2014 was full of fun and excitement, old and new activities, and the continuation of Cobbossee's more than 100 year old traditions.

Like the girls who attend Kippewa, young men come from all over the world to experience all that Camp Cobbossee has to offer. Through our strong sports and adventure program, 2014 campers cultivated brother-like relationships with their bunkmates and counselors. Everything we do at camp, from daily activity periods to intercamp competitions, wildly fun evening activities to session-end Color War, is threaded with our Nunway values -- Brotherhood, Sportsmanship, and Community. Campers and Staff are committed to living life at Cobbossee with these values in mind. The weeks spent together at Cobbossee resulted in the building of a 2014 camp family that we are incredibly proud of, and we are looking forward to welcoming even more boys into the Cobbossee brotherhood.

We're already counting the days until we're all together in Maine in 2015.



If you want to learn more about Cobbossee, visit [www.cobbossee.com](http://www.cobbossee.com) or call 800-473-6104.



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## IMPORTANT DATES SUMMER 2015

1st SESSION .....	Thursday, June 25 - Sunday, July 19
FIRST VISITING DAY .....	Sunday, July 19
2nd SESSION .....	Wednesday, July 22 - Saturday, August 15
SECOND VISITING DAY .....	Saturday, August 15
FAMILY CAMP .....	Sunday, August 16 - Saturday, August 22

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