

THE KIPPY GAZETTE

Early Spring 2018

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS



Greetings, Kippewa families!

We are so excited to announce the newest program coming to Kippewa this summer - Animal Care! In the fall we asked our campers to fill out a survey about an activity they would like to see added to our program, and Animal Care resoundingly came out as the top choice. Equestrian director Mary Paige has already lined up goats, chickens, a donkey, and some bunnies to

join us, and there may be some other surprises coming as well. We are all looking forward to welcoming our new additions, and enjoying some fuzzy cuddling this summer! There are a few other fun changes going on behind the scenes at the moment but you will have to wait for those announcements - we don't want to spoil you with all of the news at once.

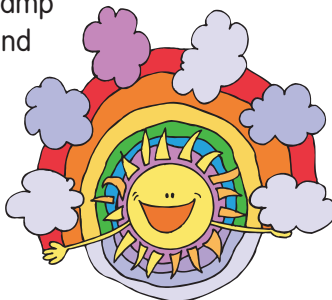
Otherwise, the winter office is alive with the sounds of preparing for the summer. Our phones are full of conversations with potential and enrolled families. Britt is busy hiring new staff and connecting with returners to help them prepare for the summer in Maine. And the sounds of selecting Carnival equipment (who loves that obstacle course?), booking trips, purchasing equipment, and everything else it takes to get camp ready is in full-swing. Although the summer is a little over 3 months away, for us it is right around the corner!

We hope to see many of you at our Spring Fling event in New York later this spring. If you can't make it please don't worry, you will still have plenty of time to meet new friends when you get on the van or bus, or arrive at camp this summer.

We hope everyone is getting as excited about camp as we are. The days are slowly getting longer and warmer, which means summer is coming soon, and we can't wait!

WARMLY,

Dinger & Steve



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Connect With KIPPEWA All Year Long

We are constantly sharing photos and posting exciting news through the year.



Returning Staff

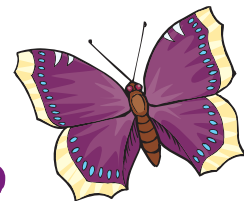
Look who's joining us again!

Kimberly Paris
Cara Schweers
Jackie Mandel
Matt Mandel
Jocelyn Dowling
Mike Davis
Gina Richards
Debbie Vilardi
Mary Paige Kowalski
Kaylee Spencer
Meisha Booth
Nicole Miller
Alan Clare
Gemma Short
Richard Stegman
Kyra Cushing
Sarajane Vilardi
Marissa Lopez Ramirez
Olivia Spiezio
Sara Watson
Molly Pra Sisto
Ryan Murphy
Lea Vergez
Katie Van Loon
Natalie Shofner
Erin McCaffery
Amberlyn Casas
Emily Davis
Michael Gardner
Tonia Ledwith
Niamh Simpson
Bridget Mahoney
Megan Fraser
Hannah Stainsby
Nikki Baccarella
Sam Williams
Lissa Bragg
Gwen Power
Georgia McAllister
Kira Koziak
Larry Snider
Javier Pena Velasquez
Jessy Ramirez
Jose Luis Santiago
Daniela Jojoa
Bryant Lee
Luis Alberto Sanchez Cernas
Claudia Davis
Claudia Collazo
Bertha Gomez Cordova
Karl Pease
Zak Aguirre
Manuel Cordero

...and us of course,

GINGER, STEVE & BRITTANY!

SPRING FLING 2018



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 & 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 Matt our amazing Program Director, ask Jocelyn all about our beautiful Lake Cobbosseecontee, discuss special events with Gemma, get excited about climbing & ropes with Ropes Director Meisha, check in with Head Counselor Cara 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 6th TIME: 12pm to 2pm

PLACE: FunFuzion in New Rochelle, NY

** If you don't live in the area, don't worry, you won't be alone. You will still have plenty of time to meet new friends while traveling up to camp and upon your arrival!*



CAMPER 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.



Sophie G. and **Ellie D.** bump into each other in Deer Valley over winter break and enjoy some yummy hot chocolate on New Year's Eve!



Hilltop 2017 enjoy celebrating together!



Some **Fox Haven** gals reunite for a party!



Ellie K., **Lily M.**, **Asher B.**, and **Hannah B.**, enjoy a mini Hilltop sleepover reunion over Thanksgiving weekend!



Liesl S., **Casey G.**, and **Tess S.**, hang out over Veteran's Day weekend in Chicago!

Kippewa Gives Back

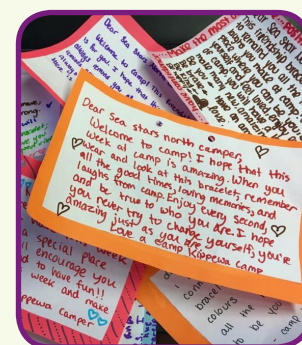
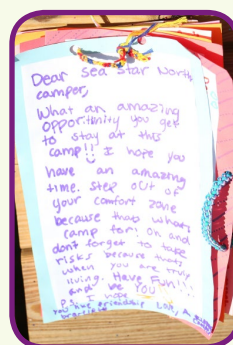


We want to give a big thank-you to everyone who supported and donated to SunriseWalks this past fall. This event supported Sunrise Day Camps which offer a full summer day camp for children with cancer and their siblings. We were thrilled to be a part of this great cause and specifically support the Pearl River, NY location. For more information on how you can support this cause, check out: <https://www.sunrise-walks.org/>

We were also excited to be a part of Sea Stars North, a trauma-informed summer camp created for the Sandy Hook/Newtown community. One of our counselors was able to volunteer last summer and is actually from the Sandy Hook community. She grew up riding horses in the area, working at the children's library center, and studying at the Sandy Hook center. She remembers vividly as the town came to a screeching halt on December 14th, 2012 and has watched the town slowly move forward with a resilient and beautiful stride. She was very excited to be a part of the camp last summer and stated that "Sea Stars was an important piece in moving forward for many of the kids in Newtown. It was a camp where they could express themselves, find peace, and enjoy life all within a safe and trauma sensitive bubble. There were many safety measures in place to try and prevent bringing up our past trauma, unlike most camps. It was a place of healing for them and for the staff. Working with the resilient, tenacious, and powerful kids from my hometown was an indescribable experience." One of her favorite parts about the camp was dancing with the kids after every meal and watching them just be able to be silly, let their guards down, and for a moment, forget about the outside world.



Our campers from both sessions were able to be involved and created a total of 250 handmade bracelets to give to the Sea Stars North campers as part of Kippewa's community service outreach project. Our Upper Seniors also wrote handwritten messages to which the bracelets were attached, detailing why their camp experience was so important or meaningful and wishing the Sea Stars North campers a great week. It was a great experience and the campers really enjoyed taking part in the cause!



myKippewa Reminder

Camper Forms are due on May 1st. 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.



PROGRAM ADDITION - ANIMAL CARE

Calling all animal lovers! We are adding a brand new program this summer! That's right, after a survey for returning campers in the fall, animal care won by a landslide so we are adding an Animal Care program this summer. This program will include hands-on work and care with animals such as goats, bunnies, chickens, and a donkey. We will teach things like feeding and maintenance, some basics for each specific animal type, and nutrition and first-aid among other things.



We can't wait to get it started and think it will be a big hit!

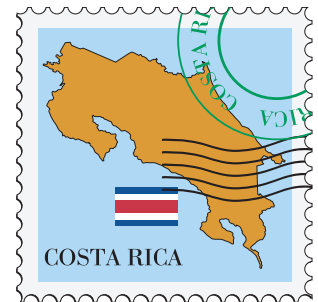
KIPPEWA LEADERS-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM *COSTA RICA*

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

We are so excited about our brand new Leaders in Training Program! The program will be kicking off in our second session this summer with 6 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!), Elli, Katrina, Lanie, Lila, Nina and Sloane will be helping us set the tone for what it means to be an LIT a 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 to Costa Rica led by Zeal Adventure and Travel, 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 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 this new opportunity. We hope you are too!



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21st CENTURY SKILLS:

What Google and Summer Camp Have In Common

What do you want to be when you grow up? That's a question you have probably heard many times and it may be a question you have posed to others as well. People seem to spend a lot of time on that question. As children grow older, the "want" shifts into "need" and as many young people are now filling out college applications and writing essays, the question is fuller than ever. The consensus with 21st century skills coincides with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). These are the skills many in the field think are absolutely necessary to have in the job market today.

A surprising company has come out to shed light on the falsehoods of this theory: Google. In a 2013 study they studied algorithms, crunched numbers, and studied data from the company's inception in 1998 and found that of the eight most important qualities, STEM knowledge came in last. **The top seven characteristics of success at Google are all considered "soft skills" rather than "hard skills."** They are the following: **being a good coach, communicating and listening well, possessing insights into others (including others different values and points of view), having empathy toward and being supportive of others, being a good critical thinker and problem solver, and being able to make connections across complex ideas.** Although many of these traits seem as if they belong more to English or Theatre majors rather than programmers and engineers, Google was thriving despite lack of technical training among employees. Even if you have the technical skills, if you can't problem solve, can't communicate effectively, can't think and act constructively, you fall behind. These top seven skills by Google can all be found in one place: summer camp.

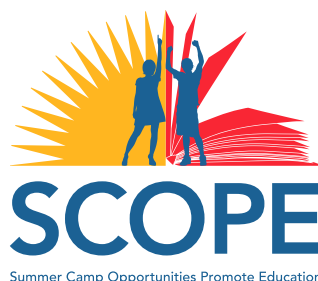


Summer camp is an incredible way to expose young people to these skills as well as teach them how to maintain the skills. **At Kippewa, young people learn empathy and the value of listening and communicating with people who may share different outlooks or have different opinions. They practice supporting their friends and encouraging others, and are able to think about more complex ideas and work together to problem-solve situations.** All of this happens under a supportive, safe, and fun umbrella where they can also hone specific skills in sports, art, theatre, cooking...etc. Your child may not be the next Google engineer or maybe they will be, but either way, they are learning very important skills while having an incredible summer and what they take away from it will last them well beyond their years in school.

To read more articles like this, head to Kippewa's blog located on our website at www.kippewa.com.

SCOPE RAFFLE

Hello Kippewa Families! We are excited to share another opportunity with you as we go full-swing into the Summer 2018 countdown! SCOPE (Summer Camp Opportunities Provide Education) is an organization we have supported for many years now. 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 2018!

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. You can buy raffle tickets for a chance to win back one full camp tuition (including your already paid tuition for the summer of 2018) at a resident camp, day camp, or both!

Tickets are \$100 and families can buy as many as they would like. Ticket sales will close on Wednesday, April 11 at 12pm and the drawing will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 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 below: <https://support.scopeusa.org/raffle>

BROTHER CAMP UPDATE



Hello from Camp Cobbossee!

It's several weeks into 2018 and we can't help but look ahead to another warm summer on the shores of Lake Cobbosseecontee! Just a couple quick updates from Cobbossee, one being that we have SHOWERS IN WARRIORS' BUNKS. Repeat: Showers in all of the Warrior bunks. That means showers attached to every cabin at Cobbossee! Council showers are being remodeled, while the Braves' showers are still top notch. Now we will have the cleanest boys in all of Maine, regardless of daily grass stains, popsicles, chipwich crumbs, or bed-head! Oh yeah, and we released our incredible fleet of new videos! We say fleet because we produced 6, more concentrated videos, for every aspect of Cobbossee.

The link to the trailer is: <https://www.campcobbossee.com/#video-trailer/> open. Watch them and let us know what you think!

We can't wait for another summer in Maine with our Kippewa sisters down the road! How many days left??

If you are interested in learning more about Camp Cobbossee for your son, please visit www.cobbossee.com, or call 800-473-6104. We'd love to speak with you!



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IMPORTANT DATES SUMMER 2018

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

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