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LINDY PERRY: CAMP MOM



Front row: Algonquin 2017 (Cayuga)
2nd row: Narragansett 2015 (Long Voyage 3)
3rd row: Mohawk 2013 (Maine Trails 1)
Back row: Allagash 2015, Penobscot 2014 and Maine Trails 2017 (Wavus Council Staff)
(Believe it or not there are a few not pictured)

AT THE BEGINNING OF CAMP I LIKE TO REMIND THE girls that we are a family here at Wavus. I have had the pleasure of watching most of these girls grow up from a young age. This summer I got a little teary because my first cabin as a counselor (Mohawk 2013) made it to Maine Trails. I was also thrilled to have 14 campers come back as counselors this year! Every year on the last day of camp I like to take a picture with all of my campers. I give a brief timeline of when I had each group and get a family photo together. As a counselor I often had the younger age group first session but as you can see this year some earned their blankets and paddles, some hiked 200 miles and some are in the back in green Wavus polos. I have great pride in being a role model to my campers and smile every time I am called “mom” or even “grandma” around camp.

Although my years as a counselor are over, I love watching my camp children continue to grow at Wavus.

Lindy Perry

Junior Wavus Director

THE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL



Our Fall 2019 Leadership School Educators

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Letter from the Executive Director

This summer was the 60th that my mom played the organ at our lakeside chapel service, a non-denominational but extremely spiritual and inspiring time together with our camp community. On the front of her portable foot-pump organ, which is getting harder to pump as her arthritis gets worse, she long ago placed 2 bumper stickers that say:



At Kieve Wavus Education, we teach and learn about heart and soul. Old fashioned values like courage,



Laa Laa Kennedy

perseverance, loyalty, kindness and respect rule the day here, and they have for nearly a century. The latest vernacular is social emotional learning, for which there is no shortcut. Powerful, lifelong lessons are taught here. We learn by doing at Kieve Wavus, and by



BJ & Henry Kennedy

watching and listening to others like our amazing counselors, teachers, directors, and of course, my mom.

I've recently been conducting audio interviews with alumni from both camps to capture their camp stories. Soon we will begin to share them with all of you via a brand new KWEST (Kieve Wavus Education Story Tellers) podcast. The very first interview was Ned Almy, Kieve Director Sam Kaplan's grandpa, who was a Kieve camper 1942 - 46. I'd never done this before so my wonderful assistant, Kate, set

up her iPhone as the microphone and recorder on a table between me and Ned. It was a hot summer day and of course my beloved golden retriever Ebby never left my side while he was alive so the sound editor had her job cut out for her to remove all of the panting sounds! Although Ned was 86 years old during the interview his stories of his Kieve days were crystal clear and vivid. To say that Kieve impacted his life and set him on a course of great accomplishment and joy is a massive understatement. A few weeks ago I got a call saying that Ned's health took a sharp decline and then he passed away. I pulled up our interview, shared it with his family, and through tears, smiled ear to ear knowing that we all can hear his voice and laughter forever.

Every single day at Kieve Wavus Education is a gift that we all savor. The next generation gets to learn from the best in a spectacularly beautiful, magical place where EVERYONE is treated with kindness and respect. The future is indeed a bright one, full of hope and love as we strive to create a peaceful world together.

Sincerely,

Henry R. Kennedy,
Executive Director

BRAND NEW KWEST PODCAST

We're approaching the century mark at both camps - Wavus was founded in 1922 and Kieve in 1926. As part of our celebration of this remarkable milestone, we're interviewing alumni and will soon release the KWEST podcast: Kieve Wavus Education Story Tellers.

Last week, for example, Liam O'Brian came down from Canada to see us. Sharp as a tack at 92, he was a camper in 1935-37. Wait until you hear some of his tales from back in the day! We'll blast an email link to all active emails.

If any of you would like to share your stories with us, please shoot an email to Kate Phenix at kate@kwe.org.



Educator in Residence Program

In an evaluation of the Educator in Residence (EIR) program last Spring, we received an overwhelming amount of feedback requesting that we increase the time that EIRs spend in their schools and communities. Historically, Educators have been embedded in a school community for ten weeks during the winter term. Last winter, Sam Copland, Noah Dines, and Will Hackett remained at their schools through the Spring term.

Transitioning the position from 10 weeks to 20 weeks takes a lot more intention and planning so much so that Aubrie Howard has been working with Jake Abbott, Dean of Students and Director of Residential Life, and other staff at Lincoln Academy (LA), a local independent high school in Damariscotta, since last Spring to make her time there this year even more successful. Jake said, “Aubrie began this school year, on her own, re-connecting and figuring out how she could get involved with Lincoln Academy before the school year even began, and well before her time back on campus as an EIR...students are excited to see her and learn what she is bringing to the community every time she shows up”

Aubrie shares an insight into her work at Lincoln Academy as an EIR:

“LA’s student population is a mix of day students from the Midcoast area. Many of these students have worked with TLS during their middle school years, as well, most of these schools have EIRs placed at them for the past few years. Another part of the LA’s



Lincoln Academy Residential students helping with trail work on Monhegan Island as part of their community service weekend

population is residential students who study and live on campus throughout the academic year. This year there are 35 residential students coming for different parts of the world creating a unique community.

My work this fall is preliminary focused on residential life. I spent 10 weeks at LA last winter and organized weekly after school activities, monthly outdoor outings, and help ran an April vacation week for the students. It felt natural to come back this fall into the community where I began building connection with last year. One of my main goals is to help students get outside, feel connected with one another and try new things that they would not typically do back home.

One way I have been meeting this goal is by organizing and running

Friday afternoon activities for residential students. I have taken students canoeing at Kieve, taught them how to bake cinnamon buns and play the classic lawn game of croquet. Students find themselves unwinding in these small group activities after a long school week and connecting with students they might not normally engage with. Jake said, these activities help build excitement for students to get outside and be involved with their community.

During the start of the school year there is a lot of focus of giving back with a weekend long community service weekend. One of these days, Jake and I took a group of students out onto Monhegan Island to maintain a section of trail the school recently adopted. It was a unique experience for students who had never done trail work and allowed them to gain an inside perspective on the island and island life. We will be returning in the spring to help clear the

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**WE’VE BEEN HARD AT WORK UPDATING OUR WEBSITE!
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OUT Maine Rainbow Ball Weekend

For the past five years, KWE has been hosting youth programs in partnership with OUT Maine, a Rockland-based non-profit that supports, educates, and empowers LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer/Questioning) youth throughout Maine. Together, we've hosted numerous weekend leadership retreats, during which queer students from all over the state have come to Kieve's campus to learn, grow, and find community.

In May, OUT and KWE partnered once again to host our most incredible gathering yet: the Rainbow Weekend - a special celebration of and for LGBTQ high school youth. This weekend was a continuation of a decade-long tradition known as the "Rainbow Ball," created as a safe, queer-friendly alternative to the traditionally heteronormative high school prom. In past years, the weekend has been hosted by the University of Maine Machias and Mount Desert Island High School. In co-hosting this event for the first time, and with the help of school advisors and community



Conquering the Wavus wall



Posing with props in front of our photo backdrop

volunteers, OUT and KWE were able to offer a large range of activities to participants in addition to a formal dance.

On Friday, May 3rd, over 130 LGBTQ high school students arrived at Wavus. Once settled into their cabins, we opened the weekend with a communal dinner, then dove into an epic two-hour talent show that showcased a huge range of our participants' talents. Anyone not interested in the talent show had the option of playing board games or participating in a Dungeons & Dragons game led by one of our volunteers.

On Saturday, students were split into groups and spent half of their day team-building with TLS educators. They spent the other half of their day attending volunteer-led workshops of their choosing, which covered everything from transgender health to creative writing to queer sexual education. Some students also opted to climb during their workshop blocks, scaling both the climbing wall and the ropes course out on the point. Participating in such range of activities allowed

students to form new connections and friendships with other LGBTQ students from all over the state, while also giving them the chance to connect with the volunteers who led these special-interest workshops - many of whom were openly queer adults in a variety of professions.

When evening rolled around, students got ready for the dance in their cabins, dressing up with the help of a volunteer-led makeup workshop and a huge amount of donated prom attire. The dance itself was glorious beyond words. To see students walking down our parchment-paper-"red carpet" leading into the Jewell, dressed to the nines, completely carefree, and posing for professional prom pictures together against a rainbow backdrop, was an experience that I'll never forget. They danced for hours in a truly incredible celebration of queerness.

On Sunday morning, students packed up, cleaned their cabins, and met up for one last meal together. We



Lane organizing chaos

brought the weekend to a close by forming a giant circle within the Jewell and asking everyone, participants and volunteers alike, to share one word that described what the weekend meant to them. After many exchanges of contact information with new friends and a few tearful goodbyes, **SEE OUT—PAGE 6**

CHAPEL TALK – KATE KAPLAN

August, 2019

Good morning, Wavus!

My name is Kate, and this is my tenth summer at Wavus. I started in 2010 as counselor, spent three years in tripping, and have been in-camp for five years. As a counselor, you could find me in pottery, often on the roof of Jewell, and in the trip shed late at night figuring out ways to be a part of someone else's OD Day. I remember painting my entire body blue, floating a ghost canoe through G-Swim, calling Scotty when I got myself stuck on the roof of Jewell, planning countless Wavus weddings, and leading activities like "Space Club." In tripping, I was able to do just about every pick-up, drop-off, resupply, and evac trip. I spent a lot of days alone in Big Red, counting down the minutes until I could see whatever group I was off to. I remember seeing the Jessup's on AT Sea, taking Claire back to her cabin on Maine Trails, dropping Courts off in Monson, and hiking Katahdin with Freya, Caroline, Kalea, Tiki and the Omaha 2011 crew. Now I am back in-camp, or what I affectionately call "Wavus' longest trip" of 26 days.

When I started at Wavus in 2010, Wavus was still so young that none of the counselors had been campers. In many ways, Wavus felt like Neverland—this magical plot of land in Maine where anything was possible. We had Kieve's example before us, the rays of the totem, lots of little girls that we knew we needed to care for and love, and four words on the wall of Jewell that read: COURAGE, KINDNESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY. I can still remember the night that the Wavus



Kate Kaplan and Courts Bliss both shared wisdom at Chapel this summer.

song was written. It was late after staff training, and a few counselors sat in the back corner of Jewell all night playing around with the words and the tune until eventually we arrived at the Wavus song as it is today. Wavus has changed so much and not at all over the past ten years. We added Long Voyage and Maine Trails, new cabins, new activities, and hundreds of new girls every year. The place and many of the faces tend to change, but the mission never does.

I am lucky enough to work closely with Wavus counselors, and whether you're in Algonquin or Allagash right

now, I see you all as future counselors as well. I am even luckier to look out at many of our staff right now and remember them as 9 and 10 year olds. In the best way, many of them have not changed. Some of you are just as wild, or just as patient, just as creative, or just as chatty as you were as kids. And although now you are grown and find yourself leading little girls on wilderness trips, comforting homesickness, dreaming up OD days, and wondering where your path will go in college and beyond, the same gifts and strengths that someone saw in you as a camper at Wavus are the **SEE CHAPEL—PAGE 6**

CHAPEL—FROM PAGE 5 ones that have and will continue to get you to where you need to go. I am thankful that many of you have not changed because right now, there is at least one camper who sees a bit of herself in you. Maybe you are the fastest camper in your cabin. Maybe your cubby is the most organized on cabin inspection day and you never forget to clean the window sills. Maybe you are the one that gets everyone to participate in a dance or skit you came up with. Or, maybe you're the person who speaks up when something unkind happens, or you notice that someone doesn't have a buddy at G-Swim.

We talk often about how Wavus changes us. We are stronger, kinder, and braver than we were 20 days ago. I am sure you can all think about how you've changed because you have been a part of Wavus as a camper or a counselor. I'm going to go out on a limb and say that Wavus doesn't really change us- it helps us grow. At camp, we are never asked to be someone we're not.

Instead, we are asked to be kind and respectful. To me, being kind and respectful is seeing someone for who they really are and believing wholeheartedly that who they are makes things better. We are about to head into our last week of camp, and I hope by now you can think of a time when you've been truly kind and respectful to someone. Not just polite, and not just nice. I hope you've found a way to celebrate who someone really is, no matter how different they are from you. That is how we help each other grow.

As much as I come back to Wavus every summer to see what has changed, I also come back to see how you have stayed the same. To see how the camper who spends every G-Swim doing laps becomes the counselor in the water with their girls every day. To see the camper who leads their cabin in inspections become the counselor who spends days meticulously packing for their campers' Maine Trails trip. And, to see the camper that struggles with homesickness, or paddling, or hiking,

become the one counselor who can help her camper overcome the same challenges she faced. So, don't change. Be who you are, take risks, try new things, challenge your cabin mates to do more than you did the year before. Remember, though, that who you are is needed here.

It is no secret that my life has changed because of the 10 years I have spent at Wavus. I found my voice here, decided to become a teacher, and even met my husband here. As much as I feel changed, the best gift that I have been given is spending so much time in a place where people accepted me for who I am and didn't ask me to change. Because of that, I have been able to do more than I ever thought I could. I will spend my lifetime being grateful for Wavus and trying to give that back to everyone who comes here.



OUT—FROM PAGE 4 our students packed onto buses and headed home. Overall, the event was a huge success.

When I became involved in OUT Maine leadership weekends four years ago, I ended each one wishing that we could expand this amazing program to as many students as possible. I'm so thrilled that this wish has become reality. KWE's programming is an awesome experience for many students, but for LGBTQ youth, it can truly be life-changing. Many of these students cannot fully and safely be themselves at home or at school, and few have had the chance to participate in camp-like



Performing at the open mic

residential programs - but when they attend a KWE/OUT Maine program, all that changes. Over the course of a

weekend, these students have a chance to relax, to find joy without judgment, and to build community with peers from all over the state. I'm so proud to have been part of OUT Maine and KWE's many collaborations, and I'm thrilled to see us reach more queer youth every year.

Pulling off this event was a monumental effort, so I offer my endless gratitude to: Sue, Lane, Rachel and Jeanne at OUT Maine; the OUT Maine board of directors and all those who donated to or funded this event in some way; the epic TLS crew for their facilitation and cabin **SEE OUT—PAGE 7**

Kieve Wavus Leads

Kieve Wavus Leads packed up and headed North for The Moosehead Lake Region mid-August. The trip was one for the books. The kids canoed across the lake and camped on Mt. Kineo Island. The next morning, we rose early for a stunning sunrise summit! Over the week we also explored local swimming holes, Gulf Hagas (the Grand Canyon of Maine), and enjoyed sweet ice cream. By the end of our time together, the kids were feeling optimistic and excited to begin their freshman year of high school! We are proud of this cohort and can't wait to get back out into the wilds of Maine with them again.

Samantha Mengual & Dave Munger

KW Leads Educators



Sunrise over Mt. Kineo



Kieve Wavus Leads Students on their August Expedition

ONLINE NEWSLETTER

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OUT—FROM PAGE 6 help; the volunteer counselors who donated their time and labor to help students feel at home; the school advisors, social workers, and general volunteers who helped everyone in just about every way; the KWE kitchen crew for the excellent food and snacks; the Wavus maintenance staff and Alternative Sentencing for setting up the campus; Jess Anderson, Charlie Richardson, Marge Greenleaf, Kirstie Truluck, and Sam Kennedy, for their continual support in making sure we had everything we needed; and finally, to the students themselves for all their honesty, trust, joy, and love! Thank you all so much!



Friends chilling on some steps

EIR—FROM PAGE 3 trail after winter has taken its wrath on it.

One fun and unique way Kieve Wavus Education engages with LA's residential life is by having students spend the day at the boat landing in Bremen onboard the Snoowgose III and sea kayaking around Muscongus Bay. For the past few years students have been able to spend Labor Day learning about the local history of the bay, the lobster industry and have a demonstration of pulling a lobster trap.

All of these experiences are helping build connections that allow these students to feel comfortable and become invested with their community. Taking the charge of building community within the dorms are student Proctors. This year there are 10 student Proctors who support, guide and listen to their peers and can act as a liaison between dorm parents and students to ensure the community standards are upheld. This is a new role for these students who are learning to find their voice and navigate working with their peers.

LAKE VACATIONS

Many Kieve Wavus alumni and parents love to spend time on or near Damariscotta Lake. We've got a few cottages that we rent out but they book up fast so we've partnered with Newcastle Vacation Rentals (NVR) to help you all find nice places to stay. BJ Kennedy (bjk@kwe.org) handles the rentals on or near the Kieve campus and Tyler Dobson (nvr@mainecoastcottages.com) is the rental agent for NVR. Come on up and see us!!



Lincoln Academy residential students enjoying an afternoon paddle at Kieve

Before school started I ran a leadership development workshop with the students, helping them break down barriers and open up as leaders. I recently held my first community style activity with most of the residential life at one of their weekly check-in meetings. The activity took about 15-20 minutes and encouraged students to engage with people they don't normally talk to. Proctors stepped in by encouraging their peers to pair up with new people. My goal by the spring is to have Proctors leading community activities and feeling comfortable in their leadership role.

It is important for me to be involved with LA from the start of the academic year because I can be seen as a normal fixture within their close-knit community, which allows me to deepen my relationships with students and make a bigger impact. I am excited by my work and enjoy seeing students try new things and have the Midcoast feel more like home."

We are gradually building the EIR

program and the biggest gratification is the realization that each is in need of a TLS educator in their school. The need for Social Emotional Learning in the classroom is real and has been for a long time. Schools are now getting on board, which is enabling us to take the values taught at the Kieve and Wavus campuses "on the road" throughout Maine. In seven years the Educator in Residence Program has grown from 6 schools for six weeks to 20 schools for 10+ weeks! We believe it's only a matter of time before each and every school will have a position on the faculty that is a SEL educator.

WISH LIST

KWE campers would love to put your old or used items to good use. A few things on the wish list right now are...

- * Used books! Harry Potter, Dragon Keepers and any adventure series are especially popular
- * Old boundary bags/river duffles
- * Flashlights/headlamps

THE ABCs OF KIEVE

BY TAYLOR CASHMAN

Awkwardness

More specifically, the awkwardness that each of you felt the first time that you were dropped off here. The combination of nervousness, uncertainty, and fear that made many of us, including me, barely able to get a word out as the counselors attempted to seem normal for our parents. But it is moments like these, when we are brought outside of our comfort zones, that we truly grow. Embrace the awkwardness because it is very likely that most others around you are feeling the same way as you, whether they show it or not.

Bon De Le le

A chant that has been part of Kieve since my first days of JK and something that I still do not entirely understand.

Courage, Perseverance, and Loyalty

The words that are on the Kieve crest and values that are instilled in the hearts of every longtime Kiever. These are the three pillars that Kieve has been built on. They are not taught to you all through organized lessons or in a classroom setting, but rather, you all learn these through the challenges that you face each day at camp. You learn courage as you are pushed outside of your comfort zone. You learn perseverance when you are facing a challenge, like a difficult portage, and there is no choice but to continue, and you learn loyalty when you fall down and one of your cabinmates is the one to pick you back up. They are words that I find applicable to my everyday life and they act as guiding points to me in times of uncertainty.

Dice Day

One of my favorite days each session and a testament to the loving and accepting nature of this camp. Each dice day, counselors are willing to do absurd things for others entertainment due to the fact that they feel safe and accepted here. That feeling of safety is thanks to all of you. The welcoming nature of this incredible community has been built up by each and every one of you to the point that people are unafraid to make a complete fool of themselves.



Taylor Cashman

Energy

Let it out! Scream at the top of your lungs, run until your feet hurt, and put everything you have into every day because before you know it, you will not have the time or the space to run around like crazy.

Family

The Kieve family. It is something that each and every one of you is now a part of. Kieve is more than just a place, it is an idea that, as a whole, cannot be grasped by someone who has not spent time here. When you all go home after parents day, there will be countless times where you are reminded of a Kieve experience and you will attempt to explain it to your friend or parent. As you are explaining this, you will realize that they simply do not get it. But when you talk to a member of the Kieve family, you instantly are on the same page. As you grow up, you will have many encounters with former Kievers and I kid you not, it will feel like you are talking to a cousin that you just haven't seen in a while. The experiences that you all share are ones that no one else outside of the Kieve family can relate to. Once you are part of the Kieve family, you are in it for life.

Gotta come back

I am sure there are some of you that have heard this phrase endlessly and others of you that have never heard

anyone say this cliché before, but in short, there is never any valid reason not to come back to Kieve. Each year, when I decided to come back, I was uncomfortable with some aspect of camp, whether it was not knowing some of the kids in my cabin, being scared of missing fun things at home, or just facing the challenges of the wilderness trip that year. Despite this, I know that my decisions to come back year after year have been the best decisions that I have ever made. Even as a counselor, it was challenging to make the commitment to come back. But I have never regretted a summer here. Each year, I continue to grow, learn new things, and gain new experiences that will stick with me for life.

Help

Ask for help! I can confidently say that almost every person here will do whatever they can to help you with anything that you are struggling with. Whether it is homesickness, tension with a cabinmate, or you are struggling to complete that last qual in an activity, don't internalize it, just ask!

Its spirit on, our hearts engraved

The proper lyrics of the Kieve song, that I sung incorrectly for years

Jungle Pong

An incredible game that I would not have learned if it wasn't for kieve

Kindness and Respect

The rule that I have been trying to find a loophole to for so many years. I have concluded that it simply cannot be done. If you treat everyone with kindness and respect, life will be easier. You will be happier and you will help the others around you be happier as well.



Making yourself happy is one thing, but bringing **SEE ABCS—PAGE 10**

ABCS—FROM PAGE 9 happiness to others is one of the best feelings in the world and I encourage each of you to attempt to do that each day.

Love

The word that I talked about at my final campfire at Kistler point when I was in Maine Trails. I talked about the feeling that I have whenever I drive down West Neck road for the first time in the summer. Every time it has been the same. It is the feeling that I am coming home after being away for too long. It wasn't until my eighth year here, in Maine Trails, that I was finally able to understand that this feeling was all thanks to the love that everyone has for this place and the people involved. Kieve would not be the incredible community that it is today without each one of you and the passion that you all have for this place. This loving community is what has allowed me to learn from my mistakes and continue to grow.

Mud Pond

The mud pond portage trail is truly the worst place on earth. I know there are no campers here that can relate to this, but I vividly remember my mud pond experience just like it was yesterday. It was the hardest day of my life, and I believe it to be the hardest day of any trip that Kieve offers. Despite this, it is also one of the defining moments of my time at Kieve. The amount of times that I have been doing something and thought to myself, "you did mud pond, this is easy" is astounding. This experience solidified the team first mentality that I try to carry with me every single day. It demonstrated that a true team is not a collection of the best of the best, but rather, a group of people who are

willing to do anything in their power to accomplish the team's goals. A true team is about picking people up when they are down. Be the one to pick up your teammates, not the one to pull them down. I remember thinking, as I was slowly trudging through the mud with a canoe on my back, what is Reid's deal? Do you think he is in his office laughing about how miserable I am right now? Why can't we literally do anything else? It took me years to answer these questions and even though I still think that Reid secretly laughs to himself when he knows that an Allagash cabin is doing Mud Pond, I now understand that at Kieve, we are sent out to do things like mud pond, like Mount Washington, or like the St. Croix because they foster growth and development like nothing else can.

Nostalgia

The feeling of missing the good old days or just wanting to go back in time. This is the feeling that I had as I drove out of camp after Maine Trails. Deep down, I knew that it would not be the last time that I was here, but I also understood that it would never be the same. For those of you that continue to come back, this will be a feeling that is pretty much unavoidable, but my best advice to you is to take advantage of the time you have here. Try a new activity, work hard to get that seemingly unattainable qual, and make the most out of everyday because before you know it, your parents will arrive, and you will be heading home.

O – The One

A heavyset man who had a cat with opposable thumbs that he kept tied to a string. He drove the bus for many kieve

trips, including my St. Croix and my Allagash trips. This man is someone who claimed to single handedly beat up a mob of angry Irishmen, he had no front teeth, and last I heard, he is living out of an orange Kieve bus up in Alaska while he pans for gold. One of the most absurd individuals that I have ever met and a memory that I will keep forever.

Perfection

Something that each one of you is striving for today in your cabin inspections, but it is something that I have found to be virtually impossible to achieve. There will always be that one spec of dust in the corner, that one motherload that no one could have ever thought of, or that one spot left on the commode. Despite perfection being nearly unattainable, I have learned that the harder you work, the closer you will get to reaching perfection. Just because something is hard, does not mean that you shouldn't do it. It just means that you may need to push a little bit harder, but if in the end, you can say that you put everything that you had into reaching a goal, there is no reason why you shouldn't be satisfied.

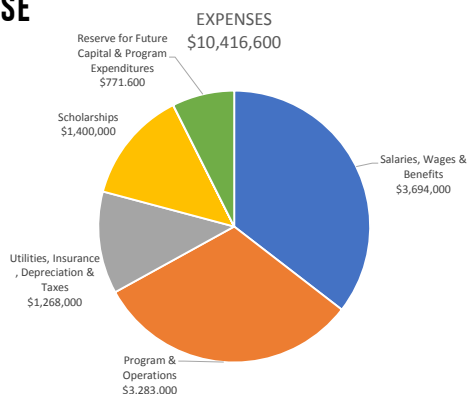
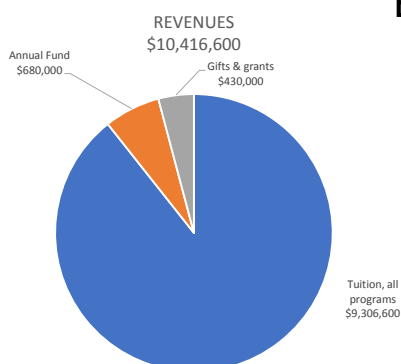
Qual Thursday

My favorite day in camp. It is the first time in twenty-two days that the entire camp comes back together as one. That one hour period between 5:00 and 6:00 in the evening is my favorite hour of every session. This is what I like to think of as the crescendo or the climax of camp. The moment where all of the work that everyone has put in is finally on display. This hour, when music is blasting, grillers are grilling, and spirits are high has always been one my highlights of each

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KIEVE WAVUS EDUCATION BUSINESS UPDATE

BUDGETED REVENUE & EXPENSE FOR 2020



KIEVE ANNUAL DEDICATION:

CAPTAIN BILL CHAPMAN



At Kieve Wavus Education, part of our job is to help people see the world through the eyes of children. Every day is a gift and a time of wonder. Arriving at KWE's Bremen landing and walking down the dock to the sound of flapping flags and lobster boats and the smell of saltwater and seaweed is

particularly magical. Since 2003, this has been Bill Chapman's office.

At the helm of Snowgoose III, Bill safely, expertly and exuberantly captained KWE and Audubon campers on unforgettable adventures all around Muscongus Bay. He loves pointing out seals soaking up the sun on rocky ledges, eagles nesting or flying above,

and especially helping kids pull up lobster traps. It just never gets old, seeing what's inside a trap as it breaks the surface - almost like discovering buried treasure!

Captain Bill, we are forever grateful for your many years with us and we will miss you very much in your retirement.



WAVUS ANNUAL DEDICATION:

TOM DORMAN



Thomas K. Dorman - Wavus Camper 1958-63; Wavus Council 1965-67; Wavus Parent 1996-2002; Advisory Board; Former Wavus Trustee

Tom Dorman is a humble steward and one of several alumni who joined together in 1992 to save Wavus Point from development and preserve it forever as a place where young people can stretch themselves, laugh joyfully, and become people of character. By helping to reclaim and revitalize Wavus Camps for future generations, Tom

honored the Dorman family's long and celebrated legacy which stretches back into the very early decades of Wavus.

A journey through our archives uncovered years of digitized annuals documenting generations of the Dorman family growing and teaching down here on Wavus Point. Each camper and counselor helped shape the culture and traditions of Wavus. The memories are as entertaining as those in our modern Wavus Annuals, and we invite you to visit this history at our website.

Tom Dorman served as the first executive director of the newly minted Wavus Foundation; however, his camper and counselor days offer a wonderful insight into the man he is and why we are proud to honor him and his family. *The Wavus Embers 1967*

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gold medal camper, in his ninth season at Wavus - sophomore at Amherst College - often found in boating and canoeing classes - a good organizer and leader, planning many Buff and Green meets - led the Buffalo cabin in competition for junior row honor cabin *The Wavus Embers 1965*

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Blanket and Paddle Tradition

Paddle

Kieve and Wavus campers who have been campers for 5 years and have completed one of the longest trips are gifted with a paddle embossed with the camp emblem at the closing Council Fire each session.



First Session: Front (L to R): Stephen Smith, Nic Valdes, Stephen Wright, Ben Meglin, Graham Abramo, Remy Erdman, Jamie McDonnell, Sam Elkins; Middle (L to R): Andrew Rittenberry, Vernon Wright, Alistair Nalle, Billy Kitcbel, Nick Marshall, Frazier Dougherty, Andrew Naber; Back (L to R): Charlie Gosk, Reed Falkenrath, Benny Sanford, Billy Marin, Chase Tilson, Myles Anderson, Zander DeLuca, Andrew DeLuca, Will Sullivan



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Second Session: Back row (left to right): Theo Walsh, Charlie Grunow, Campbell Holliday, Thomas Kisilywicz, Nathan Cimral, Brooks Walker, Will Kaufmann, Griffin Makovsky, Jack Begin; Front row (left to right): Beckham Yterdahl, Harris Proctor, Peter Del Col, Dillon Sutko, Gunnar Young, Vincent Shea, Henry Holt

Blanket

Wavus campers who have completed one of the longest trips are blanketed for their achievement at the closing Council Fire each session. The blankets are reminiscent of the type used by campers in the early years of the camp and are embossed with the Wavus emblem.



First Session: Long Voyage III Left to Right: Paige Wortman, Sammie Stevens, Guin Buono, Grace Lang, Kendahl Parker, Lily Webber, Ali Frazier, Lily Wike, Ockety Fries, Olivia Bagan



First Session: Long Voyage II Left to Right: Addie Brinkler, Lorna Peters, Lindsey Wolk, Cosima Curran, Sarah Casey, Ellie Thorman, Emily Cox, Sofia Penatver, Alice Moskovitz



First Session: Front (L to R): Will Sullivan, Billy Kitcbel, Nick Marshall, Frazier Dougherty, Andrew Naber; Back (L to R): Zander DeLuca, Billy Marin, Myles Anderson, Andrew DeLuca



First Session: Front (L to R): Vernon Wright, Alistair Nalle, Andrew Rittenberry; Back (L to R): Benny Sanford, Charlie Gosk, Reed Falkenrath



Second Session: Long Voyage I Left to R front row: Olivia Ames, Allison Eichler, Jane Tortorella; middle row: Ella McNeely, Taylor Fink, Adelaide Dixon; back row: Cassidy Dighton, Keegan Smith, Lizzie Valdmanis



Second Session: Long Voyage II Left to Right: Darcy del Real, Sam Stevenson, Addy Levine, Blakesley Bonanno, Emily Aarts, Molly Sullivan, Natasba Edwards, Zoe Eason



Second Session: Long Voyage III Paige Zamsky, Molly Gesner, Bridget Wilson, TC Choeyang, Sophia Rogers, Elizabeth Daub



Second Session: Maine Trails I Left to Right: Lulu Linkas, Maegan Paul



First Session: Maine Trails II Hannab Casey

OUR ONLINE ARCHIVES

As Wavus approaches the 100th Anniversary of its founding here on Wavus Point in 1922, we seek to honor alumni who have preserved the heritage and bestowed a gift upon future generations. We endeavor to remember this principle:

We build on foundations we did not lay
We warm ourselves by fires we did not light
We sit in the shade of trees we did not plant
We drink from wells we did not dig
We profit from persons we did not know

This is as it should be.

Together we are more than any one person could be.
Together we can build across the generations.
Together we can renew our hope and faith in the life that is yet to unfold.
Together we can heed the call to a ministry of care and justice.

We are ever bound in community.
May it always be so.

– Rev. Peter Raible

To that end, a journey through our archives uncovered years of digitized

Blankets and Paddles continued



First Session: Long Voyage I

Left to right Front row: Maeve Mullen, Lexie Jacobs, Annie Alderman; Middle row: Alex Toulaiatos, Isabel Clare, Bronte Levin; Back Row: Brooke Semler, Alex McVean



Second Session: Maine Trails II Left to right: Lily D'Oliveira, Maris Rice-Cameron, Julia Poggi

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Debbie Dorman – enthusiastic Jr. Life Save – 440 & canoe dumps – long remembered for her energetic moth in a bag – “I want to have a pillow fight... now!” – speedy winner of the hurdle event in Buff & Green track meet – natural nature girl – champion poncho post. (Narragansett cabin)

The Wavus Embers 1965

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Uncle Mike Dorman – A gold medal camper from Washington, D.C. – this year returned as a J.C. – helped in athletics, watercraft, archery, and water skiing – happy and capable. (counselor Bobcats cabin)

Ray Dorman – well-adjusted first year camper – worked on “D” – Little Leaguer – his favorite activities are tennis, riflery and watercraft. (Eagles cabin)

Steve Dorman – Second generation camper – working on gold medal – enjoyed climbing Katahdin and paddling down the St. Croix – shining smile

– willing worker (Stags cabin)

Scott Dorman – Good athlete – enjoys water skiing, basketball, and running – an efficient cabinmate and a willing worker – prize fast dancer at camp socials – the ham of the Elephant cabin – “Surf’s up!” (Elephant cabin)

Brad Dorman – Second generation camper in his fifth year at Wavus – aiming at his gold – good athlete – likes tennis and water skiing and the Allagash River. (Hippos cabin)

The Wavus Embers 1962

Tom Dorman – One of the cabin “sparks” during inspection – spend many hours on his projects – good athlete – pitches for the baseball team (camper Stags cabins)

Susan Dorman – A winning smile combined with a delightful sense of humor – aiming for her silver – capable captain of the Green team – always on the run – on of the famous St. Croix’ers (Mohican cabin)

Nancy Lee Dorman – Tousled pixie, with a smile full of charm – co-captain of the Buff team – nearing her goal, her gold medal – proud of the Honor Cabin sign – “It’s me, Nancy Lee.” (Mohican cabin)

Pine Whispers 1939

Uncle Wayne Dorman - is our blond sailing master from Washington, D.C. We all want to be “able-bodies seamen” and are more than happy to show up at his classes.

Drumlin 1936

Uncle Barclay Dorman – The first of the well-known and famous Dorman brothers. Uncle Bark is the swimming instructor here and teaches all of the boys how to swim and how to do it correctly too. We don’t envy him very much on those cold mornings down at the **SEE ARCHIVES—PAGE 17**

ABCS—FROMPAGE10 session. Within that hour, as we are just two nights away from parents day, I encourage all of you full session campers to take a minute to yourself and just soak it all in. look around at the smiles, the excitement, and the brotherhood. This is all the result of the entire session and each and every one of you had some effect on making that hour as special as it is.

Rolling with the punches

Whether it is being the last cabin to sign up for activities, or dealing with days of rain on your trip, roll with it, embrace it, and make the most of it. These are memories that you will have for years to come and while they seem terrible in the moment, these challenges and new experiences may eventually become the moments that you miss most later in life.

Sunscreen

Wear it! Your counselors, your parents, and especially your older self will thank you!

Team

I cannot express in words how much Kieve has taught me about being part of a team. The concept of being a part of a team is something that you gradually learn throughout each day of Kieve and it is a concept that is built up year after year. As younger campers, you enter as 13 individuals, focused on your own anxiety and discomfort, but as you come back year after year, get closer to one another, and face more and more challenges together, you gradually become a team. You begin to grow into a group of people who are willing to put their own personal interests on pause for the benefit of one another. This is a concept that I still try to work on each day, but I can confidently say that the foundation of my understanding of what being a good teammate means was built at Kieve. Putting others before yourself is something that becomes essential as you and your cabinmates face harder challenges together and something that will distinguish you from others in the world outside of Kieve.

Uniqueness

Embrace it! Be weird, be wild, and dance like nobody's watching, because if you embarrass yourself, so what? You are surrounded by family.

Victory

Something that I rarely felt in my 8 years at camp because magically each competition that I was a part of ended in a Kieve tie. As a competitive person, this frustrated me every time. Why couldn't there just be a winner? But it wasn't until recently that I began to understand that these competitive activities weren't actually about finding a winner and a loser. Each of these high energy competitions that are built up all day are simply about giving everyone the opportunity to run around with your friends and explore a place that you are only have 25 days to experience per year. They are about running free and thinking outside the box and In the end, having fun doesn't revolve around whether you won or not, having fun is about the experience itself.

What?

As in, What time is it? What is for dinner? Where are we? When are we going to get there?

These are questions that I asked far more than I should have when I was a camper. Whether it was out of anxiety, curiosity, or sheer boredom, I constantly pestered my counselors with these types of questions and more often than not, I would not receive an answer. At the time, I would always think to myself, "Why can't they just answer the question? It is literally a one word answer." But as a grew older, I gradually came to the realization, that these questions don't actually matter. What are they going to change? We know we are going to get food. We know we are going to paddle until we get there. And we all know that your counselors probably packed smores. But this idea of dealing with uncertainty is a concept that I still struggle with daily. When you do not know every little detail of what is to come, it is very easy to become anxious, overthink things, or act out. The feeling of not knowing is something that you will live with your whole life. Whether it is wondering how much more paddling you have that day or having to wait longer than you would like for your teacher to grade a test, there will always be reasons to be nervous. But one thing that I encourage everyone to do, whenever you feel nervous or uncertain in their life, is to take a step back. Look at the broader picture. You will be able to stop

paddling soon. And if you don't, so what? You have your brothers around you who are all dealing with the same thing. You will get that test back. If you fail, so what? You will have time to work harder, get help, and pass that class. And if you don't. so what? One class does not define you. As long as you are always working your hardest, you will find success and happiness in your life. I am telling you this, not to tell you to ask fewer camper questions. I completely understand how they can be very helpful, especially in uncomfortable times, like on your wilderness trips. But I would say that you should do your best to ask yourself, "Why am I asking this question, and what are the possible answers that I can receive." What if the lunch today is tuna? What if you have 10 more miles to paddle? And What if it is supposed to rain every day for the next week? You are in an incredible place, experiencing things that very few people can even wrap their head around. Enjoy the uncertainty and live in the moment!

X is for Exit

As in the red exit signs in every cabin that made it hard for me to sleep most night, but as I grew up, I learned that anything is better than a sopping wet tent.

You

Because it is you all that make this place so special. It is not the waterfront, it is not Pasquaney, it is not Kistler, and it is not the flag, it is each and every person who is here. The energy and dedication of everyone year after year is what has made this place so special to me. However, our experiences are not the result of just one years work, they are they the culmination of countless years of hard work by all of the campers and counselors that have come before us. I believe that Kiever could be able to offer everyone almost the same exact experience in many different places around the world, but Kieve would not be anywhere close to the place that it is without all of the people that have chosen to spend their time here.

Zoo

At Kieve, you should always be the fierce wild beast that you want to be and don't let anyone get in the way of you being you.

Center for Earth Light Healing

On April 20th, Dory Cote, a frequent workshop leader at The Kennedy Learning Center, hosted Sherri Mitchell, Weh'na Ha'mu Kwasset, an Indigenous rights activist, spiritual teacher, and transformational change maker, for a daylong retreat attended by 50+ men and women from throughout Maine and New England.

Sherri was born and raised on the Penobscot Indian Reservation in northern Maine. She speaks and teaches around the world on issues of Indigenous rights, environmental activism, and spiritual change.

With a soft yet powerful voice Sherri created a tapestry of modern day scientific knowledge, quantum physics, and the ways of our Indigenous elders, eloquently drawing the audience into a compelling view of the next steps we must take if humanity is to survive the rapidly declining state of our Earth. After speaking, answering many questions, and providing spiritual guidance to those in attendance disheartened by the continued deterioration of the Earth's limited resources, Sherri led a water healing ceremony culminating with the pouring of everyone's healing prayers into the waters of the Damariscotta. Feedback from all in attendance was extraordinarily positive and The Kennedy Learning Center was the perfect venue for this forum.

Sherri received her law degree and a Certificate in the Indigenous People's Law and Policy from the University of Arizona's James E Rogers College of Law. She is the author of a seminal book entitled *"Sacred Instructions: Indigenous Wisdom for Living Spirit-Based Change."* She is also the visionary



Sherri Mitchell and Dory Cote

behind the "Healing the Wounds of Turtle Island" a global healing ceremony that has brought thousands of people to Maine from all corners of the world and which will be hosted here

in Maine for the third consecutive year on July 12-15, 2019. For details about this powerful gathering, or to make a donation, please visit: <https://www.healingturtleisland.org/>

RENEWAL IN THE WILDERNESS

The Board of Directors of Portland-based Renewal in the Wilderness met at the Kennedy Learning Center for their first-ever board retreat in March. With comfort, professionalism, and access to the outdoors, the KLC was a perfect location for board members to cultivate deeper connections to one another while fostering their vision of the organization's present and future. Renewal in the Wilderness (RITW) connects people with wild nature in ways that strengthen their sense of purpose and sustain the spirit of compassion in their lives. Learn more about

how RITW "helps the helpers" at www.renewalinthewilderness.org.



Renewal in the Wilderness participants

A DISPATCH FROM THE PEANUT BUTTER PIT

By Henry Colt

Two p.m. on Thursday is a tricky time to be a T.L.S. educator. Your students know they'll be home in less than twenty-four hours; the hidden objective of your "Flash Games" (to get your group to circle up) has long since been uncovered; everyone's distracted.

But you press on, because you're en route to your group's last big objective of the week: the Peanut Butter Pit. To cross the Pit successfully, every member must swing on a rope across a pool of deadly molten peanut butter (actually wood chips) and onto an impossibly small wooden platform. If one person touches the ground, everyone starts over.

Halfway through the Peanut Butter Pit (which, in keeping with the week's environmental theme, you have clunkily rebranded as the Previously Frozen River), you feel confident. Your group, after a few failed attempts, has started using a modified version of the climbing commands they learned earlier in the week (*Ready? Ready. Swinging? Swing Away!*) and over half have made it onto the platform. You feel so confident, in fact, that when it's Kaya's turn to swing, you wave off the teacher who comes over to help her onto the rope. Kaya has less dependable muscular coordination than the rest of the group, and many of the week's activities have been challenging. But she is fiercely determined.

Kaya falls. Thunk.

She's fine, of course. It's only six inches to those wood chips. Still.

There's a flash of silence, and then Kaya's tears: big ones, unembarrassed ones.

When you tell everyone they need to start over because Kaya touched the ground, they look at you in disbelief.



Students on the Poisonous Peanut Butter Pit at Kieve

Maddie says *Wait, what?*, and Sylvia refuses to touch the rope again and says *I quit*.

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You ran track in college, which is a world of absolutes: every second lasts the same as every other, and you either beat someone or they beat you. But at the Leadership School, you're learning to navigate a strange new world where goals can be flexible. And where, in the middle of a rapidly deteriorating Peanut Butter Pit, they might even need changing.

So you make an announcement about algal bloom. The thing about climate change, you explain, is that it has a delayed onset. We are just now feeling the effects of some of our mistakes from fifty years ago. Which means, of course, that this Previously Frozen River has not only melted, but heated up to a point ideal for the survival of certain

microorganisms, which have become so prolific that they've formed a makeshift bridge (actually a plank you're laying over the wood chips) sturdy enough for two humans to walk across.

Though they're still mad at you for making them start over, the group begins to catch on, and Kaya, between sniffles, asks if she might be one of those two humans.

The entire group makes it across, most of them swinging, Kaya and Sylvia expertly tiptoeing over the bridge. There are hugs, high-fives, and frenzied recaps. There are compliments with no veiled criticisms or overtones of I'm-too-cool-to-care: *Kaya, you were AMAZING! I'm so PROUD OF US! We DID IT! We ABSOLUTELY did it!*

You realize that you don't need to circle up. You've already come together, right here, right now, in the Peanut Butter Pit.

Wild Children

Each summer I discover a reading – a poem or quote – that speaks to my heart. Mary Oliver, with her thoughts on mischief, and Maya Angelou, with her reflections on doing better, have each shared wisdom that makes me joyful and offers me insight as a leader. This summer was no exception, and Nicolette Sowder brought me tears of gratitude during Parent Day chapel in the summer of 2019.

Give me the wild children
With their bare feet and sparkling eyes.
The restless, churning climbers.
The wild ones using their outside voices,
Singing all the way home.
Give me the wonder-filled, glorious mess makers
Dreaming of mountains and mud,
Aching to run through a field of stars.

– Nicolette Sowder

I believe these words give voice to why Wavus and Kieve do the work we do



MT first session - Cavan Duffy and Caroline Sapir



Gash second session – Avery Packard and Julia Powell

each summer... bringing hundreds of inspiring young adults and over a thousand restless children to the shores of Damariscotta Lake to help these experiences become reality and to provide a balm of the natural world to their aching hearts. These children want to stretch themselves and grow, and they know that camp is the remedy for so much of our modern world. Wavus loves our ‘wild children’ – our girls who return each year to discover what strength lies within them. Here are a few images that capture the dozens of young women I thought about all summer each time I read this piece aloud.

Kirstie Truluck

ARCHIVES—FROM PAGE 13 waterfront, but he says the weather is fine and the ice seldom bothers him. Uncle Bark has been associating with Chief and Uncle Karl a good deal this year, and it is evident that he is going to be able soon to do anything that they can do.

Uncle Ham Dorman – Uncle Ham is in the same cabin with Uncle Jim Onthank and together they manage a fine bunch of boys. Uncle Ham is soon to become a Bates man and help

convert that college into the Dorman school. When the other two younger brothers get there, then the story will be complete. Uncle Ham takes after his big brother, Uncle Bark, in swimming, and from what they tell me, he really takes after him too.

Drumlin 1934

Parker Dorman - A typical southerner, slow drawl, side grin, flawless humor, with a truck full of “corn pone, hominy, and grits.” After a few more

years, it looks as though Parker’s swimming ability would equal that of his swimming-teacher-brother, Uncle Bark, although Parker beams modestly and says, “No suh!” (age 12; Stags cabin) - Father of Thomas K.Dorman

We invite you to visit Kieve Wavus Education online to explore the digitized annuals from both camps. Click the About link at the top of the page.

The Leadership School (formerly Leadership Decision Institute) is now and has always been based upon Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum. The experiential approach of the TLS curriculum makes it a highly effective mode of supporting young people in developing and mastering the SEL competencies that have been identified as critical to the success in school, the workplace, and in life in general.

There is currently a nationwide awareness of the need for SEL curriculum in schools and other education programs, which is the perfect opportunity for KWE to rise to the challenge to meet this need by sharing our expertise. Charlie Richardson and KWE will publish a book of our curriculum and methods as a reference for school teachers and other SEL educators, along with illustrations by TLS Educator Phyllis Sabattis.. The book will elevate and extend KWE's reputation for supporting young people, schools, and communities while developing compassionate, engaged educational professionals.

Blind Tree Find is one of our classic activities we do with many school groups throughout the year, and will be included in the book along with a variety of other activities.

Blind Tree Find

Objective: to encourage self-management and build social awareness, especially trust while also practicing observation skills

SEL Competencies: Self-Management, Social Awareness

Time: 20-30 minutes

Materials: blindfolds or bandanas

Framing: Define trust including what it looks and feels like. Remind the group of group norms including physical and emotional safety.

Procedure:

1. Bring the group to a wooded area.
2. Break participants into pairs. One student will be blindfolded and will be the "tree detective." Their partner will be their guide.
3. Explain that when the tree detective is blindfolded they must be holding someone else's hand/shoulder or a tree.
4. The guide leads the tree detective through the area and brings them to a specific tree.
5. The tree detective uses all their senses, except sight, to try and memorize the tree's size, location, and texture.
6. The guide leads the tree detective back to the starting point, takes off their blindfold and then the detective tries to locate their tree.
7. Participants then swap roles. Do at least 2 rounds in each role.

Processing:

1. When you were the detective, how did it feel not to be able to see?
2. When you were the guide, how did it feel to lead someone who was unable to see?
3. What did you do differently than normal when you were the detective? The guide?
4. Do you think that you guided differently after you had been a detective?
5. How does participating in this activity connect to trusting each other?
6. When in your daily life do you need to use similar skills?
7. What do you need to do to be your best self?



MAKING A CONTRIBUTION THROUGH A WILL OR TRUST

There are many easy ways to make a long-term “investment” in Kieve Wavus.

One option is to designate a portion of your assets in your will or trust to benefit Kieve Wavus Education, Inc.

Bequests made through wills or trusts are an important part of Kieve Wavus’ future because they enable individuals to make gifts that they may not have been able to make during life.

What you need to do

Your estate planner is your expert, but here is a sample codicil* paragraph that can be included in a will or trust document to make a bequest to Kieve Wavus:

“I give to Kieve Wavus Education, Inc., a Maine non-profit organization, located in Nobleboro, Maine, (*insert here the sum, description of property, percentage of residual estate, etc.*). This gift is to be placed in the Endowment Fund of said Kieve Wavus Education, Inc. from which a spending portion will be used to support Kieve Wavus’ activities and programs.”

What Kieve Wavus will do with the bequest

When Kieve Wavus receives your bequest, unless further directed by you, the spending portion will be used to support programs as determined by the Trustees. If it is your intention that a portion of the spending be directed into a specific program, please indicate by adding such language.

Simple ways to support Kieve Wavus programs and scholarships through your will or trust:

- Outright gifts of cash
- Appreciated securities
- Beneficiary for part or all of an IRA
- Beneficiary on life insurance policy

Speak with your estate or financial advisor for more information. Please let us know once you have added Kieve Wavus to your will or trust and we’ll include you in The Paddle & Thistle Society.

*Codicil = a supplement or an appendix to a will

Paddle and Thistle Society

THE FRIENDS LISTED HERE HAVE ALL MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO leave a lasting gift to Kieve Wavus Education. Deferred gifts, whether simple bequests, paid-up insurance policies, IRAs, or trusts ensure that Kieve Wavus’s mission will continue to be fulfilled beyond our lifetimes. (The Kieve and Wavus seals denote deceased.)

Dave  & Louise Abbot
Franny & Franny Abbott
Anonymous (3)
Evan Atherton
Tom & Ella Auchincloss
Marjorie Berry
Bob & Sally Bishop
John Blair
Steve & Kathryn Brackett
Sandy & Sissy Buck
Whip Buck 
Bob & Suzanne Burrows
Frank Carey 
Clayton Chambliss 
Morgan & Sonia Churchman
Duncan & Christina Cocroft
Jay & Misty Cooper
Charlie & Posy Dana
Jon & Mary Davis
Woody & Robin Davis
Max & Becca Dinning
Chris & Kolleen Dougherty
Candace Dyal
Denny Emory
Candice Falloon
Hill & Susan Ferguson
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Daren & Justyna Hudson
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Jackie Jones & John Gassett
Laura & Joel Kaplan
Ruth Keans 
B.J. Kennedy
Dick Kennedy 
Henry Kennedy

Nancy Kennedy
Jeremy & Diana LaCasse
Mary Lansing
Bain Lee 
Ernie Marriner 
Doug & Hanne Maxwell
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Carl & Gail Meier
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Ency Richardson
Charlie & Annie Richardson
Hugh Riddleberger &
Louise McIlhenny
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Dixon & Gail Thayer
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Charlie  & Daphne Townsend
Tom Townsend 
Rob Trippe
Ken Van Durand
Dave & Kathryn Villano
Bill & Margot Walker
Charlie & Tia Whinery
Betty Willey
Russ & Diana Williams
Fred Wood
Robert & Liz Wood

ALUMNI UPDATES



Adam Lucas (Kieve 1994-97, 1999, Kieve Staff 2004), a college professor in Kansas City, and his puppy Rhubarb stopped by camp for a visit!



Sam Kennedy, Oliver Mize (Kieve 2017, 2019), and **Henry Kennedy** cheering on the 'Tide at an Alabama football game in September.



Alumni **Andrew Roberts** (Kieve 1992-96, Kieve Staff 2001-04) and **Adam Haselkorn** (Kieve Staff 2002-04, 2006) stopped by Kieve for a visit with future campers Barrett Roberts, Eliza Roberts, and Katherine Haselkorn.



Aubrey Peterson (Kieve 1981-85) stopped by for a visit this summer and found **Sirous Loxton** (Kieve 2016-19) and **Henry Ledyard** (Kieve 2013-17, Kieve Staff 2019), who are sons of his former cabinmates!



Charlie Reis (Kieve 1998-2003, Kieve Staff 2007) and his wife Hannah were in Maine for a wedding. They live and work in Seattle.



Court Ebeling (Kieve 1974-77) and **George Woodruff** (Kieve 1974-77) with **LaaLaa** and **Henry Kennedy** while stopping by for a visit to Kieve in June.



Kievers **Charlie Burke** (Kieve 2014-19), **Sam Kaplan** (Kieve 1998-2001 and 2003, KW West 2004, Kieve Staff 2006-19), and **Will Sloomaker** (Kieve 2014-19) together at the Stevenson Greenspring Invitational cross country running meet this September in Maryland.



Kieve counselors **Eleanor Smith** (Kieve Staff 2019), **Nina Wilson** (Wavus 2008-09, Kieve Staff 2019) and **Sarah Burgin** (Kieve Staff 2018-19) on their first day of school!



JP McCurdy (Kieve 2004, 2006-09, Kieve Staff 2012-13) graduated basic training his year. He credited Kieve for getting him through!



Juniper Worthington (Kieve Girls Science Camp 1999-2003, Girls Camp Staff 2003-04) and husband Matthew Cully - Kieve Science camp inspired a career in the sciences!



Desi Sico (Kieve 2018-19) climbed Katahdin in September with his parents Michelle and decked out in Kieve gear! They ran into Sam Kennedy's in-laws, Susan Martin and Michael Welch, on the trail. Thank you, Susan and Michael, for the photo!



These KW West kids hadn't seen one another since the trip! **Lindy Perry** (Wavus 2006-11, KW West 2012, Wavus Staff 2013-19) and **Lexi Dorman** (Girls Camp 2005, Wavus 2006-09, KW West 2012). They chatted for hours as they toured Wavus, then floated around the lake.



Mistye Wilson (Kieve Staff 1999-2000) and **Sam Kaplan** (Kieve 1998-2001 and 2003, KW West 2004, Kieve Staff 2006-19), his 1999 Ritz Girl counselor, as she dropped off her 4 kids at Kieve and Wavus.



Morgan Huntley (Kieve 1992-95), who sells boats in Newport Rhode Island, came to visit. He hopes his kids will come to camp soon.



Owen Mathews (Kieve 2002-2008) stopped by for a visit this summer with his girlfriend Jeanette.



Nick Mead (Kieve 2003-10) was just picked for the USA men's 8 boat in the world crew championship. Great job Nick!



Kievers past and present celebrate at **Erik** (Kieve Staff 2010-12) and **Lucy Pelletier's** (Wavus Staff 2010, Kieve Staff 2010-12) wedding. The couple met on staff at Kieve and were married here in August!



Mates from the early days of Wavus Camp for Girls! Back- **Lauren Geddes** (Wavus 2006-08, Wavus Staff 2009, 2011, 2013-15, 2017-19) and **Mandy Mathias** (Girls Camp 2005, Wavus 2006-07, Wavus Staff 2011-12). Front- **Genevieve Spears** (Girls Camp 2005, Wavus 2006-07, Wavus Staff 2011-12) and **Courts Bliss** (Wavus 2006-12, KW West 2013, Wavus Staff 2014-19).



Toby Bright (Kieve 1992, 1998) welcomed future camper Theodore Ames Bright into the world this year!



Amanda Leonard (Wavus Staff 2008-10), now Amanda Gunn, visited Wavus and found two of her former campers! **Courts Bliss** (Wavus 2006-12, Wavus Staff 2014-19) was in her Ojibway cabins, and **Claire Benning** (Wavus 2007-12, Wavus Staff 2015-16, 2019) was in her Cheyenne cabin.



Katherine (Wavus 2008-15, CIT 2016, Wavus Staff 2017-19) and **Caroline Jessup** (Wavus 2008-15, CIT 2016, Wavus Staff 2017-19) honored by a gift to Wavus in their name!



Charlotte Perkins (Wavus Staff 2010-12) and **Alexa Fiszer** (Wavus Staff 2011-12) - stopping by Wavus ahead of Alexis' wedding.



Laurens Van Alen (Wavus 2013, 2015-18), **Carly Tilson** (Wavus 2011-18), and **Logan Truluck** (Wavus 2011-18) gather for adventure in Northeast Harbor.



Liam O'Brian (Kieve 1935-37) came by for a visit and a KWEST podcast interview.



Sarah Wilson (Wavus 2007-14, CIT 2015, Wavus Staff 2016-17) and **Caroline Wilson** (Wavus 2007-12, Wavus Staff 2014-15) climbing Half Dome with mama Wilson.



James Pinkham (Kieve 2001-03, Kieve West 2005, Kieve Staff 2006-13) and Sara Hahn got married on June 22nd, and Kieve was well represented! **Sam Kaplan** (Kieve 1998-2001 and 2003, KW West 2004, Kieve Staff 2006-19), **Robby Ford** (Kieve Staff 2008-13), **TJ Feagan** (Kieve Staff 2010-12, 2016), and **Charlie Hopkins** (Kieve 1998-2002, Kieve West 2004, Kieve Staff 2006-10) were all groomsmen in the wedding! L to R: Sam Kaplan, Charlie Hopkins, James Pinkham, Sara Hahn, TJ Feagan, **Kate Kaplan**, Robby Ford.

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Kieve Wavus Education

New American Scholarship Program

Kieve Wavus Education strives to help kids grow into resilient, independent, confident adults who learn how to be successful teammates and leaders. For many years, KWE has struggled to attract campers of color. Maine is not a very racially diverse state, but Maine and the U.S. are changing quickly; more people from different backgrounds are moving here. The changing demographics in our home state have underscored the urgency behind our effort to become a more diverse organization, and to do so mindfully. We have learned that we needed to attract younger campers of color – 8, 9, and 10-year-olds – to improve their chances of success at Kieve and Wavus. The early years at camp are the building blocks on which relationships grow stronger during those tough Allagash, Long Voyage, and Maine Trails trips.

Two years ago, a friend introduced Henry Kennedy to Claude Rwaganje. Claude is the founder and ProsperityME, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Maine's immigrants and refugees build successful, rewarding lives in their new homeland. Most of the Africans moving to Maine are from Somalia, Sudan, Burundi, DR Congo, Rwanda, and Angola. They are well educated but come from an economy that is primarily cash-based while the U.S. is bank-based. Claude (now a Kieve and Wavus parent) fled his DR Congo homeland in 1994 during the violent era of the African World War. He says of himself and of other African immigrants now living in Maine, "We are not here by choice, but because of what happened in our home countries. Unfortunately we can't be home, because of what has happened. I would love to be in my home country to give my knowledge and skills back, but I can't be there because it is too dangerous." The opportunity to welcome brand-new Mainers of color to our camps so that they could develop lifelong friendships with some of America's luckiest kids was almost too



Simon (Kieve 2019-20) and Queen (Wavus 2018-20) Mutunzi

good to be true. Perhaps we could help jumpstart these opportunities from a young age, changing the trajectory for their whole family and community.

When Henry met with Claude about the idea of welcoming 8, 9 and 10-year-old new American children to Kieve and Wavus, Claude lit up and suggested that his 10-year-old son be one of the first to join us. A few weeks later Claude gathered 3 more kids and their parents in the Portland area. Henry and Kirstie gave them a presentation about Kieve and Wavus. All four of those kids, two boys and two girls, were between 8 and 10-years-old and attended our junior session two years ago. They loved their experiences, were embraced by their peers at camp,

returned for another great summer in 2019 when four more kids from their communities joined for a full 26-day session. Again they thrived and want to return next summer.

Kieve Wavus Education provided full scholarships of \$6,900 per child for a total of \$55,200 in 2019. KWE hopes to offer 10 scholarships next year at \$7,100 per child for a total cost of \$71,000. Last summer a Kieve mom turned 40. When her husband learned about these scholarships he knew exactly what to give his wife so he contacted many of their friends and family about the idea of funding one of the scholarships for next year. The response was so immediate and enthusiastic that they raised enough for a child to come to camp for TWO summers!

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