

# KEEWAYDIN

A person is seen from behind, sitting in a canoe on a calm lake. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange glow and reflecting on the water. Several other small boats are visible in the distance. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds.

Parents Enter Here

# Welcome to Keewaydin!





## KEEWAYDIN CAMP

### *Wilderness Canoe Trips for Boys and Girls*

Established in 1893 and located on Lake Temagami, in Ontario, Canada, Keewaydin is the world's oldest canoe tripping summer camp.

Keewaydin remains true to its founding principles, introducing youth to wilderness canoeing and camping with minimum time spent in base camp.

Our base camp, cabins, dining hall, and lodge, serve as a jumping off point and a comfortable place for campers to return after each canoe trip. The primary time for campers at Keewaydin is spent canoeing and camping, traveling from lake to lake, and learning to make a temporary home in the wilderness.

**Our vision** is to blend our camp traditions with current best practices of experiential education, combined with passionate and experienced staff and an abundance of beautiful camping wilderness, which results in a rich summer experience that positively impacts the life of every camper. Keewaydin Camp is part of the Keewaydin Foundation, a non-profit organization located in Vermont, whose mission is to provide outstanding camping adventures for boys and girls.





## WHAT DO WE PROMISE?

Fun, empowering, and safe camping excursions for kids, building outdoor skills while fostering strength, leadership, self-reliance, confidence, and perseverance.

Groups of six to eight boys or girls become a team (section), each member essential to the group's success. Lifelong friendships are formed, and campers leave Keewaydin with a new stronger sense of self.

Our remarkable proximity to a myriad of canoe routes, within an easy push-off from our docks, affords our campers easy access to highly-coveted wilderness and pristine waterways.



**Life on a canoe trip** is filled with paddling, swimming, portaging, storytelling, singing, more swimming, hikes, cooking meals, fishing, and sunsets. The lakes are clean and beautiful, wildlife spotting occurs daily, and memories are made.

Campers learn to make a temporary home in the wilderness, becoming competent at pitching a tent, sawing firewood, baking and cooking over a fire, tying knots, and taking care of their equipment. Most importantly, campers find joy in living simply, without the distractions of technology.





## LIFE IN CAMP

Campers spend a short amount time in camp, but when they are there, the days are filled with variety of activities. In the first two days, campers are introduced to many camping and canoeing skills; learn to tie knots, paddle in the canoe, pack their clothing, and set up their tents. Campers help pick out and pack the food, they also learn about where they will be paddling, looking at maps and asking questions on what to expect. Family style meals are served in our dining hall three times a day.



## IN BETWEEN TRIPS

Campers share their stories at evening campfires, take a hot shower, wash their clothes, write a postcard home, and play some games in the lodge. In the middle of the summer, we hold events for campers to show what they have learned such as cooking and camping contests, swim races, and canoeing races. It is also a time some parents come and visit! Visitors spend a wholesome and relaxing time at our Ojibway Family Lodge.



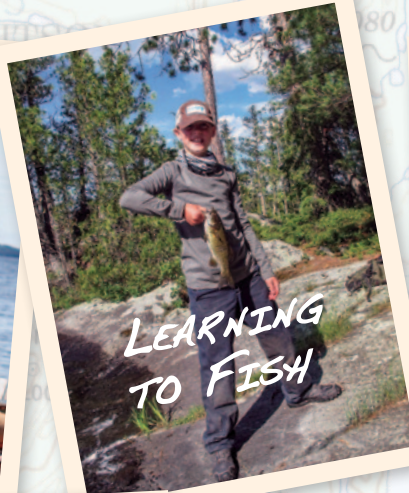








TEAMWORK



LEARNING  
TO FISH



MIGHTY CHEFS



STRENGTH &  
DETERMINATION



FRIENDSHIP









FIREWOOD  
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BUT READY



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LEAP  
WITH  
STYLE



## A QUICK FAQ

**Does my child need camping knowledge to attend Keewaydin?** No! We teach the skills, helping campers become comfortable and capable with camping!

**Does my child need to know how to canoe to attend Keewaydin?** No! We introduce campers to canoeing, teach techniques, and every day they improve their ability and build their confidence.

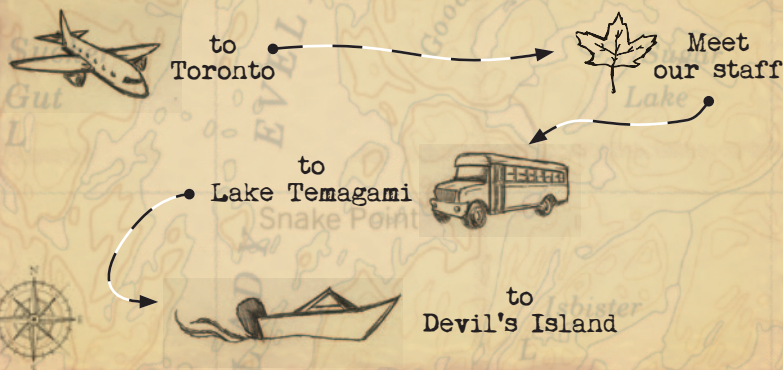
**Does my child need to know how to swim to attend Keewaydin?** Yes, spending a few weeks paddling on lakes means knowing how to swim is important. Take the time now to have your child learn to swim. Every camper will take a swim test at the start of camp.

**Do you wear Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs)?** Yes, staff and campers wear PFDs.

Wearing a PFD teaches campers to manage risk on the water and is in keeping with industry standards.



How does my child get to camp? It's easy.





## SESSIONS OFFERED AT CAMP

### **For ages 10-13, three or six weeks**

*Manitou* for boys or *Songadeewin* for girls

Combination of a 5-night trip and a 10-night trip, with time at basecamp between.

Staff to camper ratio: 1:2

### **For ages 12-15, six weeks**

*Algonquin* for boys or *Winisk* for girls

Combination of a 5-night trip and a 10-night trip, with time at basecamp between. Following mid-season, the last canoe trip is a 21-night trip—a supremely awesome adventure.

Staff to camper ratio: 1:3

### **For ages 14-18, six or seven weeks**

Keewaydin offers the opportunity for kids to grow with the program, returning for many summers, working toward bigger lake and river trip adventures. Experienced returning campers join full summer canoe trips with the final trip a 50-day expedition to Hudson Bay.

Campers are grouped together in “sections” based upon age, experience, and physical maturity.

First session three week and six week campers participate in our mid-season festivities. This includes cooking, camping, swimming, and canoeing contests, plus a mid-season show. Parents can visit and enjoy camp too.

Second session three week and six week campers participate in our end-season festivities. This includes a camp cookout, campfire storytelling, and sing-alongs. Parents can visit and celebrate the return of campers from their trips.





## WE WELCOME YOU TO KEEWAYDIN TEMAGAMI!

We have the privilege of working for an organization that has not only changed our own lives, but each summer impacts the lives of kind and courageous campers.

**Emily Schoelzel**, as Camp Director, is dedicated to the support and growth of Keewaydin campers. Emily first came to Keewaydin in 1999, helping establish the new girls' program. From there, after several years leading trips, she joined the Headquarters team as Associate Director. Now as Camp Director, Emily is committed to continuing Keewaydin's traditions that challenge and provide girls and boys the opportunity to stretch and learn in a simple and pristine outdoor setting.

**John Frazier**, as the Associate Director, works directly with Emily, bringing to this role his 15+ years of leading wilderness canoe trips with all age ranges at Keewaydin. His dedication to passing on his knowledge of canoeing and camping while inspiring youth and fellow staff is a testament to his commitment to Keewaydin's program.

We are supported by an experienced team, who are thrilled to connect with and support our campers and staff. As a team we are happy to welcome new families to Keewaydin, and we look forward to welcoming you.





## OUR TRIP STAFF

Keewaydin's best asset and secret ingredient! Over 95% of our staff have come through Keewaydin's program. They are dedicated, skilled, knowledgeable, and awesome mentors who are the heart of the Keewaydin experience. With an average of eight years at Keewaydin, our leaders are college students, and college graduates; many of whom are teachers. Most importantly, they love working with kids, sharing their experience, and helping their campers grow and learn to overcome challenges. They foster independence and teamwork, while cultivating a love of hard work and enjoyment of the natural world.



## KEEWAYDIN PREPARES!

Keewaydin's staff training focuses on the tools and skills trip staff need to be successful. All of our staff complete an 80-hour Wilderness First Responder course and a full day Wilderness Water Safety course, as well as training in leadership, risk management, and the social and emotional well-being of children. It is our top priority to help our staff develop a wealth of skills to manage risk, meet kids where they are, and help campers build confidence and self-esteem.



## WHAT'S NEXT? MORE!

**VISIT** [www.keewaydin.org/temagami](http://www.keewaydin.org/temagami)

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Fill out and return our paper application or hop online and with a few clicks enroll your camper at [www.keewaydin.org/enroll](http://www.keewaydin.org/enroll)

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