



# The TATTLER

Established 1893

Fall/Winter 2025



*Perfect evening for the opening campfire*

## From the Director

Each summer at Keewaydin, we prepare. We organize. We sort and plan. All for the goal to see young people discover what they're capable of; through challenge, teamwork, laughter, and the quiet magic of the northern wilderness. The goal extends beyond July and August when campers return home more confident, self-reliant, and joyful, carrying lessons that reach far beyond the canoe or campfire.

The staff carries the weight of past generations and relishes the shared understanding that our traditions matter. This past summer, the trip staff rose to the challenge by planning, preparing, teaching, re-teaching, and joyfully passing on our camp ways to this summer's

energetic crew of campers. We know how campers will change and grow over the 3, 6, or 7 weeks in a canoe. We know what each camper will develop through the cumulative hours in a simple living environment. The tick-ticking of home life's structured and pressing schedules slips away, making space for kids to think, observe, perceive, and reflect.

As a parent, you want your child to grow in ways that matter: to develop resilience, independence, and the ability to find joy in hard work and simple living. That's what we do best at Keewaydin. Our wilderness canoe trips offer our campers the opportunity to step away from screens and routines, and instead find strength and connection in nature and with one another.

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## Trip Reports 2025

Section A 2025

Trip Highlights

*By Peter Dutko '03  
Staffman of Section A*

The Nastapoka is the envy and awe of many Keewaydin trip staff and is famous among many northern paddlers. Having paddled the Great Whale, De Pas-George, and Clearwater Rivers, Hunter and I were excited to be heading to the Nastapoka for Keewaydin's fourth time on the river. The weather quickly became uncharacteristically warm for early-season northern Quebec, and the higher temperatures and clear skies brought out the horse-flies in droves. Dumping fly carcasses out of tents became part of the morning routine, and we even found a new rest/weather day pastime when near a moving body of water: horse-fly racing! Self-explanatory, the campers thoroughly enjoyed this inventive

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& learn to take risks.*

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*Pete Hare (Executive Director), Emily Schoelzel, and Jeff Howe (board president) welcome the Board of Trustees to Devil's Island*



*Board of Trustees tour the canoe shop and trip equipment building*

A promotional poster for Keewaydin Club Adult Trips. The background is a large image of a waterfall. The text reads: "PLAN FOR THE SUMMER", "ADVENTURE AWAITS", "Keewaydin Club Adult Trips". At the bottom, it says "Learn More &amp; Register at Keewaydin.org". There are two smaller inset photos: one of a lake with trees and a boat, and another of a woman smiling next to a canoe.



Keewaydin Staff ready for the season!

## From the Director

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We finished another exemplary summer, and the stories families share with us each year say it best:

*Matthew started Grade 6 this fall and seems to be settling back into routines. He had his first experience of ‘real’ hockey tryouts for U13 Rep hockey—three rounds of evaluations—and was thrilled to make the Regional Rep team.*

*Other parents commented on how well he was skating and said whatever I did over the summer paid off—implying hockey camps! I laughed and told them I sent him to canoe camp, and that’s what paid off.*

*I’m blown away by the stories he’s shared from Keewaydin—the routines, the weather, the food, the songs, the camaraderie. I was curious how he’d handle it, and I’m so happy he found his community. The camp gave him*

*all the intangible things I hoped for but couldn’t put into words: self-awareness, resilience, teamwork, leadership, joy, responsibility.*

### And from another parent:

*It was her first year at Keewaydin, and Clairra absolutely fell in love—with camping, with the wilderness, with herself. She came home happier, stronger, and more grounded. The staff and her section transformed her from hesitant to confident—her very first question after paddle-in was, Can I come back for six weeks next year?!*

### And from another parent:

*When I greeted Victoria after paddle-in, I realized Keewaydin had restored her essence. What she showed outwardly was what she felt inwardly—learned, self-assured, joyful, grateful, proud. Pure traits from an unadulterated experience, far from commerce and technology.*

Every camper’s story is unique, but their transformations share a common thread: a deepened sense of self and belonging that comes from living simply, working hard, and being part of something larger than themselves.

We know *a rough trail can reveal the smoothest hearts* (old guide’s saying). Boys and girls open the lock and lift open the lid of Keewaydin’s weather-worn and time-tested box. They peek inside and see the possibilities that adventure and doing hard things can offer them. We relish knowing more and more girls and boys become Keewaydin trippers each summer. The weather, the food, the songs, and the friendships are synonymous with what John Muir stated so beautifully: *In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks.*



## Trip Reports 2025

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game at Little Seal Lake, where we had a rest day on the iconic re-outfit site. We hiked one of the nearby hills that is visible from the water's edge, enjoying a view that, in three previous visits to the lake, I had yet to personally see.

From hot and dry in the first half, the weather shifted abruptly once we departed Little Seal Lake. For the duration of Big Seal and the lower Nastapoka River, the temperature rarely climbed above 45 degrees Fahrenheit. However, we were grateful, given that we had all heard stories and seen pictures of the tremendous clouds of black flies and mosquitoes that populated the Nastapoka when it was last paddled by Section A in 2018. As the old adage goes, "you never step in the same river twice." Paddling the river in these conditions had its own unique appeal; Barren rock hills faded in and out of view throughout the day as we wound our way downstream, their tops rarely visible above the slanting mist and low-hanging, persistent fog. Moreover, it was a reminder that we were nearing our goal, Hudson Bay and the Arctic Ocean, infamous for their unforgiving climate. It also made us all the more grateful when the clouds finally cleared on August 2, halfway through our final 8-kilometer portage to the mouth of the Nastapoka. This day followed a frustrating weather day, during which we stayed, hunkered down, at a bushed site near a water source and ice sheet. It began as the previous day had ended, with visibility limited to less than a hundred yards, living in a cloud. We followed Hunter further into the mist, flipping down in an endless field of lichen, retracing our steps

back to the campsite. As we walked with our wannigans, the clouds began to climb, slivers of blue appearing for the first time in days, the river's final bends visible at last. A few more pulls of the paddles led us to the final descent to our campsite, where we could, in theory, see the bay. Despite the electric blue skies and warming sun overhead, Hudson Bay was still shrouded in mist. We paused for a moment to take in the view, a few of us using Hunter's binoculars to hunt for any trace of saltwater, vying to be the first to see the ocean. Quebec finally rewarded us at our campsite, where we were treated to a view of the Nastapoka Islands, a hidden alpine lake tucked high behind the campsite, and a herd of four Musk Oxen whose grazing path led them ambling through the camper tents. It reminded me of the great lyric from Sturgill Simpson's *Living the Dream*, "son if you ain't having fun, just wait a little while."

We all remain humbled by the opportunity to paddle the Nastapoka River and travel through northern Quebec and Nunavik. It truly is a river and a wilderness like no other and worth every cold day, cloud of flies, relentless rain, and burst of sunshine. Hunter and I often



*Section A has the perfect view*

spoke of how strange it was that a place so remote and unknown to so many could feel so familiar. We also remain grateful for the support of our parent community, past Keewaydin trippers who paddled the Nastapoka (Alex Perkins & Tim Nicholson in '09, Sam Morris & John Frazier in '15), and Base Camp's guidance and support. This summer flew by due to the section's dedication and gumption. Hard to believe it went so fast, it feels like we were just there. Good yard, boys!

## Section B 2025 Trip Highlights – Lac Icebound to Menihék Lakes

*Staffman Matt Barnes '05*

The trip followed a well-planned itinerary from Lac Icebound, near Brisay, Quebec, to Menihék Lakes in Labrador via the McPhadyen River. The section traveled through the rugged and remote terrain of



*Section B: proud and happy*

northern Quebec and Labrador, ending their journey at a dirt road that leads to a train in the middle of nowhere. With one reoutfit and heavier loads than previous trips, the crew paddled prospector canoes—weathered from years of service in the Keewaydin fleet—and faced the challenges of rain, cold, and long travel days typical of a Section B route.

The landscape of Quebec and Labrador presented rocky hills, cold and rainy conditions, and remote stretches of water. High water levels allowed the crew to line down or even run many of the features that other sections had portaged in the past. On one remarkable day, they were in the river all day—never more than a few meters from shore—witnessing the river’s growth from a narrow 20-meter stream to a kilometer-and-a-half-wide flow.

Despite the reputation of Section B as one of Keewaydin’s hardest trips, this season’s journey felt smooth and rewarding. Almost every day ran like clockwork: camps were struck efficiently, portages and long paddles were completed with ease, and the section arrived at campsites with time

to spare. The leaders remarked that it was the most rewarding trip they had ever been part of—each camper showing remarkable strength and resilience. One of the trip’s defining experiences was the final full day on the McPhadyen River, described as “epic.” With perfect water levels, the group ran nearly continuous rapids and spent the day fully immersed in the river, surrounded by stunning northern scenery. The paddlers moved in unison, with intelligence, skill, and trust—canoeing in a “flow state” that captured the spirit



*Section 2’s spare fly gets it done*

of Keewaydin tripping. The trip closed with deep pride in their accomplishments, a shared sense of brotherhood, and excitement for what lies ahead on future journeys. “Section A! Here we go!”

## **Section 2 2025 Trip Highlights – Northern Quebec Expedition**

*Staffwoman Katie Paine '06*

Man, what a summer we had!  
A truly blissful canoe trip.

Section 2’s route carried them deep into the wild beauty of northern Quebec, beginning on Lac Icebound where they honed paddling and river skills before joining the Rivière de L’Aigle and coasting down the broad La Grande Rivière. Days of big water and sweeping crossings led them to their re-outfit site—marked by cheers as they received their first float-plane resupply.

From there, the section wound through Lac la Salle, the Rivière Mukukawakastikw, and into Lac

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# SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



*Moose!*



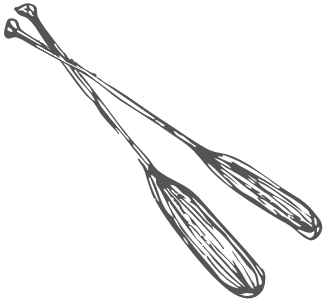
*Resupply from the main dock*



*Campfire stories*



*Paddle in, summer's ending*



End Season anticipation



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Camper Arrival, yeah!



Around the island camp paddle

*“The wilderness holds answers to questions we have not yet learned to ask.”*

Nancy Wynne Newhall



*Section 3 is ready to rock and roll*

Mukutawakaassii, where they turned north into uncharted Keewaydin territory. The early lakes—tiny “puddles” through burn and wildflowers—soon opened into Lac Kamusaawach and a chain of pool-and-drop rivers, each several kilometers long with rapids and portages that demanded strength and teamwork. Once we passed the slippery rock garden guarding the river’s edges, the girls made it all look so easy.

Their exploration carried them to Lac de la Corvette, northwest to the Corvette River, and finally down the Pontois River toward the Trans-Taïga Road. The last week brought epic portages and cascading waterfalls, a breathtaking close to a remarkable journey.

Section 2 is about learning how to become a gentle leader and a steady influence while also embracing the mindset of a lifelong learner. Through laughter, silliness, and steadfast effort, the group met the wild north with grace and joy, returning home more confident,

capable, and connected to each other and the land. Their next adventure will bring them to Hudson Bay and the journey to get there will be rich with more stories and epic terrain.

### **Section 3 2025 Trip Highlights – Minchin Lake to the Ottertail River**

*Staffwoman Kera Zegar '07*

Our trip began with three long days in the van, and by the time we reached Minchin Lake, everyone was relieved to finally be paddling. The route was a true Section 3 classic—a long stretch of lake-hopping to settle into the flow of travel and refresh tripping skills. Early on, we discovered we were in a low-water season: lakes that looked passable on the map had become shallow and narrow, and islands close to shore felt like extensions of the land.

When we reached the Albany River, we found it shallow and rocky, filled with chances to line and to practice

the careful skill of “read-and-run” paddling—running rapids slower than the current to choose our path downstream. Even without the big splashy waves the Albany is known for, the low water shaped our learning and made us stronger.

Later in the summer, we traveled upstream on the scenic Opitchuan River, tackling our longest portages. It was amazing to see how much more efficient and comfortable the section had become by that point compared to the start of the season. Our last paddle down the Ottertail River came too soon.

This trip asked the section to become more self-reliant, to move at the pace of long trip, and to sharpen campsite and whitewater skills. Even if the rapids weren’t the big splashy waves the Albany is known for, the character of a low-water season shaped the bulk of our learning. Water levels can dictate choices to run, line, or portage. This section became significantly more skilled in lining and portaging. It was a summer of patience, teamwork, and quiet pride earned in the hard miles of the north.

### **Section D 2025 Trip Highlights – Northern Ontario Expedition**

*Staffman Liam Gray '14*

This summer’s Section D journey ventured deep into the wild, rugged landscapes of northern Ontario—a route defined by endurance,



*Section D's river camping at its best*

challenge, and beauty. The section began its trip with heavy wannigans and difficult portages, immediately thrown into long-trip mode with no warm-up period. Over forty days of navigation, they traced a sweeping and intricate path through Ontario's northern waterways: starting on the Bow River, following it downstream to the Otokwin River, then turning up the Marten Drinking, Attwood, and Witchwood Rivers, crossing the vast Ogoki Reservoir, and finally descending the Ogoki River to their takeout.

Each new stretch brought its own tests — shallow channels, rocky carries, and tangled portages from fallen trees and low

water — but also a deepening rhythm and cohesion among the group.

The land was rugged and wild — long expanses of pine, spruce, and lichen-covered rock, with rivers running low after a dry season and portages obstructed by blowdowns from the winter's ice storms. Progress was slow, each carry demanding patience, strength, and persistence. But amid the strain, the section found their stride: laughter echoing

through the forest, shared jokes, and mutual effort carrying them forward through every obstacle.

The challenges of the terrain became a unifying force — transforming the physical trials into moments of camaraderie and pride. There were no easy miles and no short days; yet through the steady rhythm of work — portaging, paddling, splitting wood, and navigating long routes — the group developed confidence and resilience that marked them as true long trippers. It was harder than I expected, but I am extremely thankful for these boys. We could not have had such a great summer without their skill, grit, and connection with one another.

Through forty days of northern rivers, rocky carries, and laughter in the woods, Section D 2025 embodied the heart of Keewaydin — tough, joyful, and bound by the shared rhythm of the paddle.



## THE KEEWAYDIN ANNUAL FUND



*Last summer at camp was amazing!*



Your gift to the Annual Fund today keeps Keewaydin strong and ensures every camper has the chance to make memories and learn lessons that will last a lifetime.

Please make your gift today at [Keewaydin.org/give](https://Keewaydin.org/give)



## ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni and their campers from summer 2025! **Matt Busenhart '90, Connor Burke '96, Cam Sterling '88, Tim Nicholson '88, Gordon Carr '88, Nick Dinsmore '94, Joey Artioli '92, Alexander Saint Armand '88, and Eric Deeds '87** with their kids,



who were campers in Manitou, Songadeewin, and Waubeno this summer. Great photo from Midseason!

**Derek Pleasants '09** graduated from Northwestern Kellogg School of Management in 2025.

**Carder Gilbert '12** was recently promoted to Senior Strategist at

global branding agency King & Partners, where she leads brand strategy for clients including Chase Travel, Auberge Resorts, and Abercrombie & Kent. Based in Bozeman, MT, she works remotely and spends her free time skiing, hiking, and canoeing.

**Katie Warner '12** is a Master's in Public Administration Candidate at Montana State University - Bozeman.

**Darren Barr '19** is attending Kent State University to pursue a career as a pilot.

**Kristina Cash '16** is currently a freshman at George Washington University, and she's planning to major in exercise science with a pre-physical therapy concentration.

**Nate Beck '99** and **Garrett Kephart '95** enjoyed an 8-hour slay-fest during the record Kenai River (Alaska) sockeye salmon run in late July this year!

## Providing Internship Opportunities

We face a pressing challenge. Our young trip staff have a deep desire to return to Keewaydin but often have the pressure or requirement to obtain an internship for their college degree. Let's create a network of Keewaydin alumni who can offer internship opportunities. Could you provide a 1-month internship from mid-May to mid-June? This would help some incredible young people, and Keewaydin, meet our needs. Each summer we succeed because of

our experienced, high-quality trip staff. Last year, one of our staff benefitted from a professional Keewaydin connection. Corbin DeVilbiss '19 shared a synopsis of his internship.

*"My internship with Wells Blaxter '83 was an incredibly educational experience that helped shape my future career goals. It gave me the chance to immerse myself in the legal field, and confirm what I wanted in my future career journey."*

*The internship also allowed me to spend time working at my favorite place in the world—Keewaydin—while strengthening my résumé with meaningful experience. Since then, I've been able to highlight this professional experience in job interviews, discussing how it complemented the leadership and interpersonal skills I developed over the summer at camp on staff."*

If you are open to providing an internship, please send an email to the camp director, Emily Schoelzel, at [emily@keewaydin.org](mailto:emily@keewaydin.org)



Richard Turner (left) at the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary Peerade

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

### In Memory of RICHARD TURNER

Richard Townsend Turner '85, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2025, at the age of 87, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Born on May 2, 1938, in Rahway, New Jersey, Richard was a kind and gentle man, embodying strong values of family and an unwavering work ethic throughout his life. Richard dedicated his professional life to caring for others as a Physician Assistant. His compassion and skill

touched countless lives, reflecting his deep commitment to helping those in need.

Beyond his career, Richard found immense joy and purpose in his passions. He was a true champion for wildlife and the outdoors, finding solace and inspiration in nature. Richard also possessed a remarkable ability to fix nearly anything and spent many contented hours in his machine shop, where his ingenuity and precision shone. He was an avid amateur radio operator for many years, and was a longtime member of two local amateur radio groups.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce Turner; their devoted sons, Robert (Meredith) Turner and Jonathan Turner (Vanessa Segura); and his five cherished grandchildren.



Men's trip enjoying a great campsite

Richard will be remembered for his gentle spirit, his strong character, and his enduring love for his family and the natural world. His legacy of kindness, dedication, and practical wisdom will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him. Keewaydin Camp benefited from Richard's volunteering as a medical personnel in the Scovil Infirmary from 1985 to 2012. We are grateful for his loyalty to Keewaydin.

### Keewaydin Club: Adult Canoe Trips

Keewaydin hosted two groups of adult trippers to the shores of Devil's Island. An 8-day men's trip and a 5-day women's trip comprised of alumni, current parents, and new to Keewaydin trippers. They tumped, portaged, paddled, and enjoyed the splendor and rigor of a Keewaydin canoe trip. Like all Keewaydin sections, these paddlers became a unit, fast friends, and relished in their "trip humor." Participant, Erin Croom shares, "We really hit the jackpot on the women's trip—campers & guides."

*Smiles all around for the women trippers!*





*Building raised*

## KEEWAYDIN MAINTENANCE SHOP

With patience, sweat, cement dust, shovels, rakes, focus and joy we set a new structure into place. The skill set of our team led to an immensely gratifying experience while supported by the knowledgeable timber framer Ray Gibbs. The frame was delivered and on August 15 we began. In two and a half days we had the frame raised and shifted to closing in the roof and sides of the building. It stands a few feet taller than the original shop, to provide more accessible storage on the second level, but it sits in the exact spot of the old building. The interior is bright and will, with time, age and settle into a warm brown. The walls will eventually be covered in tools and storage and the old work bench returned to the west facing windows. Many hands brought this project to life.

Deep gratitude to our patient, skilled, and unwavering lead



*Raising crew!*

builder, Shane Hewitt, whose knowledge and steady guidance anchored every stage. Thank you to **Dylan Schoelzel** and **Hudson McCubbin** for their consistent presence from permitting and planning through sawdust, cement dust, strategy, and swing-of-the-hammer execution.

Our cement and rock raking crews set the literal foundation—thank you **Dylan Schoelzel**, **Matt Busenhart**, **John Frazier**, **Greg Shamitko**, **Sara Robbins**, **Bill Seeley**, **Sade McClean**, **Hudson McCubbin**, **Emily Schademan**, and **Jay Parker**. And appreciation to **Tom Mathias**

for leading the effort on heavy lifting and maneuvering during many critical junctures.

The frame raising — equal parts celebration and precision — brought together a powerhouse team: **Peter Dutko**, **Liam Gray**, **Nicole Howe**, **Kera Zegar**, **Kyra McClean**, **Tilman Phleger**, **Harri Seeley**, **Hunter Craighill**, **Tristan Gray**, **John Frazier**, **Dylan Schoelzel**, **Hudson**



*Closing in for the winter*

McCubbin, Jason Pigeau, Michel Jodoin, Sade McClean, Katie Paine, Meredith Craighill, Jay Parker, Liam Gray, Peter Dutko, Kyra McClean, Tilman Phleger, Nicole Howe, Bronson Schoelzel, Harry LeBoutillier, Emily Schademan, Jeremy Jarecki, Michael McKane, Anson Walker, and Kera Zegar.

Together, they turned timbers and teamwork into a moment worthy of Keewaydin's storied tradition of building with heart and hands.

Thousands of board feet of pine now wrap the structure, sealed and ready for winter's hold. Jody Becker laid the shingles with care, ensuring our new shop is safe, snug, and ready to welcome us back for the next chapter.

To all who lifted, leveled, dug, mixed, measured, steadied, encouraged, or simply showed up — thank you. This building is not just wood and joinery; it is the spirit of our community made visible. We look forward to returning in June to continue the work, with pride in how far we've come and joy in what remains ahead.



Reunion time. July 9-12  
Special rates included.

It's time to turn the page and reconnect with the place and people who changed your life. This summer, we invite you back to Devil's Island for a reunion filled with stories, laughter, and the timeless spirit of Keewaydin.

Gather around the campfire, paddle the waters you once knew so well, and share memories with old friends while creating new ones.

Accommodations will be at Ojibway Family Lodge, offering the perfect blend of comfort and closeness to the camp we all call home.

Whether it's been years or decades since your last paddle stroke on Lake Temagami, we can't wait to welcome you back. Let's celebrate the friendships, adventures, and moments that continue to bind us together.

Save the date, spread the word, and join us on Devil's Island. Because once Keewaydin is part of your story, it's always a part of you.

Visit Ojibway Family Lodge's website to register. [www.ojibwayfamilylodge.com](http://www.ojibwayfamilylodge.com)

## RETURN TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

For so many, Keewaydin was more than a summer camp—it was where we learned who we were. The friendships, the challenges, the laughter on a Hudson Bay trip—all of it rooted in something lasting within us.

This July, we're inviting alumni back to Ojibway Family Lodge for two Hudson Bay Trip Reunions, **July 9-12, 2026** — celebrating **40 years** since the 1983-1986 trips and **25 years** since the 1999-2002 journeys north.

Stepping onto the island again will conjure up the rhythm of the paddle, the smell of pine, and

the adventure that shaped us.

Reconnect with the people and place that started it all.

Learn more on the Alumni Page at [keewaydin.org](http://keewaydin.org) or email [emily@keewaydin.org](mailto:emily@keewaydin.org).





# MIDSEASON

The halfway point in our summer season was an absolute blast. Parents anticipated those first glimpses of their campers, filled with wonder and pride, as our sections executed a paddle-in during a morning downpour. We were all smiling from ear to ear as we watched the strong and competent campers return. The rain lifted, and the sun returned. It was a busy time – races, contests, and gear drying out filled the next two days. Sections also shared highlights of their summer during some rowdy campfire stories. We heard about wildlife sightings, muskeg adventures, best baked cakes, and monster rock mishaps. Our staff led parents and campers in our camp’s favorite songs, from “Goodbye Abitibi” to “Mr. Staffman;” we sang our hearts out.

Additional highlights from this summer’s Midseason were the all-camp paddle around the island on the last afternoon. Parents were invited to join in on the paddle. The sounds of laughter and conversation passing around the island were such a delight. Plus, so many canoes in the water at the same time was a sight to see! Ridgeway Lodge was filled with beautiful and positive energy as we closed out Midseason with our Midseason Show! Smart and funny skits from each section caught the audience’s attention, and the music from many Keewaydin staff members rounded out a wonderful few days. We appreciate the attention and effort of all our volunteer judges in helping our Midseason events succeed. Thank you to all the parents of the first session and 6-week Basecamp campers for spending a few days



*Midseason “radio” show hosts*



*Stories from Moosonee*



*Presentation to the judges*



*Meal looks delicious!*



*Teamwork for Abitibi*

# OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

You're Invited! KEEWAYDIN OPEN HOUSES

(Fall → Winter)



*Join us in person (or online) to swap stories from trip, Devil's Island, and meet our awesome hosts.*

## SCHEDULE (Chronological)

- ◆ Jan 4, 3:00–5:00 PM ET Coatesville, PA Hosted by the Kaplan, Stenta, & Brewer Families
- ◆ Jan 15, 7:00–8:00 PM ET (Virtual on Zoom) Join from anywhere
- ◆ Jan 20, 6:30–8:00 PM ET Atlanta, GA Hosted by the Fischer Family

You know what makes Keewaydin special. This off-season, we'd love for you to help us share that with others: bring camp stories, connect with Keewaydin and pass your excitement along to new families.

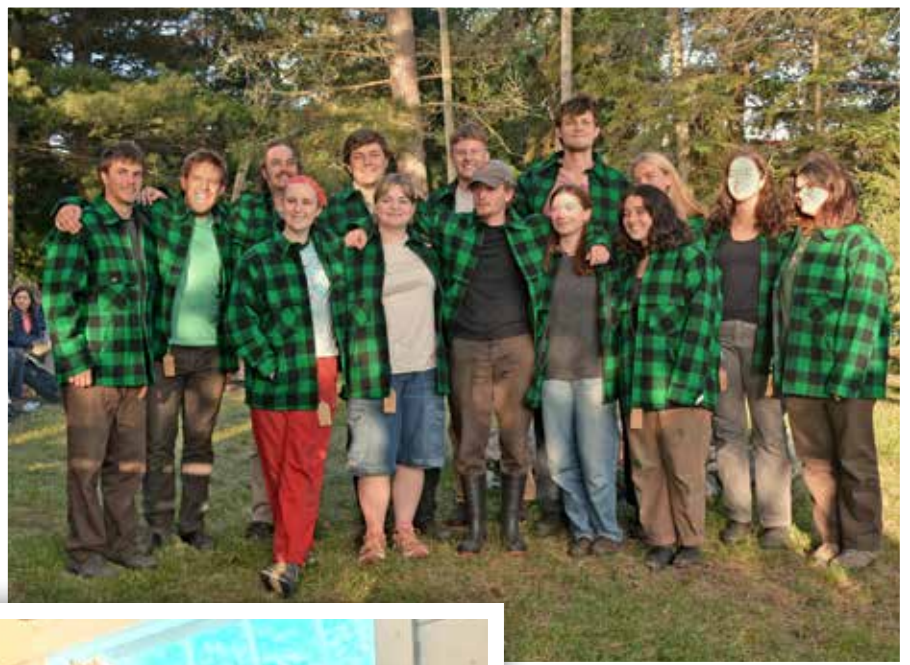
Word of mouth is how our community grows, so, if you can't attend, refer a family at our website!



# Notable Awards

## CHIVERS AWARD

Congratulations to the Keewaydin's Associate Director, **John Frazier V '96**, for receiving the Chivers Award. **Sandy Chivers '54** shared John's story and his 17 years of leadership as a member of our trip staff, as well as his 5 years as Associate Director. Friend and former partner from Section A, **Sam Morris '06**, wrote a thoughtful dedication for Sandy to read at the final campfire. John loves Keewaydin deeply and works hard, showing up for staff and friends alike! His steady and thorough work is appreciated, and we are glad to have him join a special crew of Chivers Award recipients. Thank you, Sandy, for continuing to share the meaning of the Chiver's Award with Keewaydin.



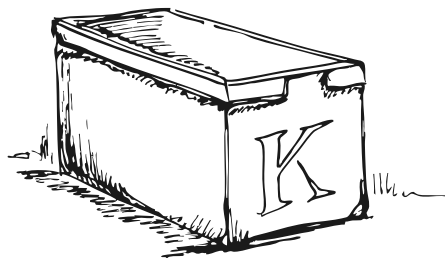
Staff jacket crew!



Cooper Charyna received a hearty Keewaydin cheer!

## GUNN CANOE COMPETITION

**Cooper Charyna '19** of Section B won the Gunn Canoe Trophy! Congratulations to Cooper. This year's competition was as special as always. With the wind coming out of the south, Ojibway hosted the event in front of the Red Pine cabin. The camaraderie and support shown between all participants are what this competition is all about. We are proud of each participant and their demonstration of paddling and portaging skills.



20 year jacket for Erin Parker!

# TRIP PREP



Tump care for Makobe



Canoe Prep



Patently passing time

*“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving them.”*

Henry David Thoreau



Roll set up session



*Tamping practice*

*Paddles for everyone*



*Outfitting tutorial with Erin*



*Rolling tightly*

# 2026 Schedule · Keewaydin Camp's 132<sup>nd</sup> Season

June 21	Section 1 & A arrives	July 20	First three-weekers depart a.m.
June 22	Section 1 & A departs	July 21	Second three-weekers arrive p.m.
June 27	Outpost campers arrive		Waubeno & Winisk paddle out
June 28	Regular Season commences		for 21-day trips
	Ojibway Family Lodge opens	July 23	Welcome Campfire
	Long trip & basecamp	July 24	Second session campers paddle out,
	campers arrive		first trip
June 29	Section 2, B, 3, D, & OutPost	August 2	Islander Pot-Luck Dinner @ Ojibway
	campers depart	August 9	Families arrive for Endseason
June 30	Welcome Campfire	August 10	Final Paddle-in Day & Campfires
July 1	Basecamp sections paddle out,	August 11	Final Competitions & Campfires
	first trips	August 12	Campers depart
July 9-12	Reunion Weekend	August 15-18	Late Crew
July 16	Families arrive for Midseason	August 18	Keewaydin closes for the season
July 17	Midseason commences	August 31	Ojibway closes for the season

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