

The Weekly Pineneedle



Week 8 At A Glance

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Week 8 was one full of bittersweet moments. To start, the Blue/Gold Cup continued on through Tuesday night, with campers competing fiercely against one another striving for victory.

The Blue/Gold Cup ended with the final Big Powwow of the summer, and then Wednesday afternoon included long blocks of open areas as campers tried to maximize some of their times at camp.

On Wednesday morning, camp essentially came to its conclusion, as campers spent time packing and doing cabin time before ending in a Banquet-style dinner and the presentation of various awards.

Finally, on Thursday, campers said their final goodbyes before going their separate ways, scattered far and wide until they meet again.

Campers of the Week

Guiding Principle: Spirit

As the summer of 2024 came to a close, it was more important than ever to make the most of our time on the shores. These campers kept their energy high until the very end, and truly embodied Kawaga's pillar of spirit.



Chippewa
Gideon
Korach



Sioux
Leon
Cohen



Mohawk
Ben
Wurtzel



Oneida
Jordan
Mohktarian

Week 8 Special Feature: Excerpt From Associate Director Jeff “Kappy” Kaplan

As the Associate Director at Camp Kawaga, one of my responsibilities is to train, support, and coach our staff throughout the summer. One of my favorite parts of this role is meeting with each staff member for their end-of-summer evaluation. Amid the fast-paced, energetic life of camp, it's easy to get caught up in the daily rush and miss moments for reflection. These evaluation meetings are a valuable opportunity to pause and look back on the remarkable summer of 2024.

Before our discussions begin, each staff member completes a self-evaluation, reflecting on their performance throughout the season. Their responses, both in the surveys and during our in-person conversations, clearly show how deeply they care about their campers and how they take pride in their growth and achievements. Many of our counselors were once campers themselves and cherish the chance to offer the same incredible experience they once enjoyed. Because they were in their campers' shoes not long ago, they can empathize deeply and guide their campers effectively.

Counselors set goals with each camper and work hard to help them achieve these goals throughout the summer. They take great pride in describing their campers' progress and accomplishments. In our evaluation meeting, one of our new international counselors mentioned the goal oriented nature of Kawaga being the key aspect that made Kawaga stand out compared to other camps. The way that campers strive for Mawanda and Sachem makes goal setting, growth, and achievement a key aspect of everyone's summer.

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Our staff often focuses so intently on their campers' success that they may overlook their own growth. We encourage them to reflect on their development and share specific examples of their progress that we've observed. We also discuss how their experiences as counselors will benefit them in the future. Personally, I share how my experience on staff was instrumental in my success in college, my career, and as a father. Kawaga is a unique environment that fosters growth for both campers and staff. The level of responsibility our staff takes on is exceptional for their age and helps them develop into capable, thriving individuals.

The end of summer is a time for reflection and appreciation. There's truly no better place to spend a summer than at Kawaga, and we are all incredibly fortunate to have experienced it. Thank you to the parents for entrusting us with your children. Thank you to our outstanding staff for dedicating yourselves to making camp an unforgettable experience. And thank you to our campers for being the heart of Kawaga. Each summer on the shores is a precious gift, and we cherish every moment of it.

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Jeff Kaplan



Jeff "Kappy" Kaplan is Kawaga's Associate Director. After being a camper and counselor for a combined fifteen years leading up to 2013, Kappy returned to the shores in 2022 to take the position of Associate Director. He holds a masters in educational curriculum, and serves as an instructional coach at a Chicagoland elementary school during the off season.

The Blue/Gold Cup

Block 1

Oneida A Ultimate: 19-13 Blue
Oneida B Ultimate: 19-7 Gold
Oneida C Ultimate: 7-5 Blue
Mohawk A Basketball: 52-31 Blue
Mohawk B Basketball: 33-29 Blue
Mohawk C Basketball: 22-17 Gold
Mohawk Handball: 15-5 Gold
Chip A Football: 46-40 Blue
Chip B Football: 33-26 Blue

Block 2

Oneida A Basketball: 75-55 Blue
Oneida B Basketball: 70-39 Gold
Oneida C Basketball: 23-13 Gold
Mohawk A Football: 26-25 Blue
Mohawk B Football: 33-6 Gold
Mohawk C Football: 19-13 Gold

Block 3

Oneida A Soccer: 3-2 Blue
Oneida B Soccer: 4-2 Gold
Oneida Volleyball: 2-0 Blue
Mohawk Handball: 18-15 Gold
Mohawk Flickerball: 41-25 Gold
Mohawk Ultimate: 19-6 Blue
Sioux A Hockey: 5-1 Gold
Sioux B Hockey: 6-2 Gold
Sioux Football: 25-7 Gold
Chip A Basketball: 20-14 Blue
Chip B Basketball: 8-6 Blue

Block 4

Oneida A Softball: 4-1 Blue
Oneida B Softball: 8-7 Blue
Mohawk A Dodgeball: 3-2 Gold
Mohawk B Dodgeball: 4-2 Blue
Mohawk C Dodgeball: 4-0 Blue
Sioux A Football: 40-22 Gold
Sioux B Football: 25-15 Blue
Sioux Flickerball: 20-4 Gold

Block 5

Oneida A Dodgeball: 3-1 Blue
Oneida B Dodgeball: 4-3 Gold
Oneida C Dodgeball: 4-3 Blue
Sioux A Newcomb: 2-1 Blue
Sioux B Newcomb: 2-0 Blue
Sioux Hockey: 10-2 Gold
Chip Gagal: 2-1 Gold
Chip Flickerball: 16-11 Blue

Block 6

Mohawk A Flickerhoops: 45-30 Gold
Mohawk B Flickerhoops: 41-28 Blue
Mohawk Futsol: 2-1 Blue
Sioux Crossfire: 3-0 Gold
Chip A Soccer: 6-1 Blue

Block 7

Oneida A Football: 26-7 Blue
Oneida B Football: 13-6 Blue
Oneida C Football: 18-13 Blue
Mohawk A Volleyball: 2-0 Gold
Mohawk B Volleyball: 2-0 Gold
Mohawk Garbage Ball: 8-3 Gold
Sioux A Basketball: 34-22 Blue
Sioux B Basketball: 26-18 Blue
Chip A Hockey: 9-2 Blue
Chip B Hockey: 4-2 Blue

Block 8

Oneida A Flickerhoops: 66-43 Blue
Oneida B Flickerhoops: 31-25 Gold
Oneida Hockey: 7-6 Gold
Mohawk A Hockey: 5-0 Gold
Mohawk B Hockey: 4-3 Blue
Mohawk Softball: 9-4 Gold
Sioux Soccer: 4-0 Gold
Sioux Flickerhoops: 26-14 Gold
Chip Basketball: 32-24 Gold
Chip Ultimate: 9-0 Blue

Note: Each game is worth 10 points

The Blue/Gold Cup Cont.

Block 9:

Sioux A Ultimate: 19-5 Gold

Sioux B Ultimate: 9-4 Gold

Sioux Newcomb: 2-0 Blue

Chip Dodgeball: 4-3 Blue

Chip Flickerball: 24-13 Blue

Block 2:

Mohawk A Soccer: 75-55 Blue

Mohawk B Soccer: 5-2 Gold

Sioux A Dodgeball: 4-2 Blue

Sioux B Dodgeball: 4-0 Gold

Sioux C Dodgeball: 4-1 Gold

Chip A Newcomb: 3-1 Blue

Chip B Newcomb: 2-0 Blue

Capture the Flag (50 pts.):

Chip/Sioux: 4-0 Gold

Mohawk/Oneida: 4-2 Blue

Hunts:

Chip (40 pts.): Gold

Sioux (40 pts.): Blue

Mohawk (75 pts.): Gold

Oneida (150 pts.): Blue

Relay (200 pts.): Gold

Tug-O-War(100 pts.):

Chip: Blue

Sioux: Blue

Mohawk: Blue

Oneida: Blue

Staff: Blue

Musical Chairs (0 pts.): Gold

Beast Tug-O-War (20 pts.): Blue

Swimming (50 pts.): Blue

Staff Volleyball (10 pts.): 2-0 Gold

4th of July:

Blue: 70 pts.

Gold: 130 pts.

Final Score:

1220-1125 Blue

Cup Standings

Senior Tennis:

1st: Eli Goodman
2nd: Gavin Batt
3rd: Kol Leibowitz

Senior Paddle:

1st: Tyson Daube & Caleb Rosenfeld
2nd: Josh Feig & Andrew Zemnick
3rd: Will Garibaldi & Dominick Tanzi

Senior Pickle:

1st: Drew Steckler & Ezra Gould
2nd: Will Garibaldi & Santiago Madrazo
3rd: Josh Feig & Jonah Nakisher

Senior Archery:

1st: Caleb Teitelbaum
2nd: Dean Menfi
3rd: Philip Kaplan

Senior Swimming:

1st: Sam Rahimzadeh
2nd: Caleb Rosenfeld
3rd: Philip Kaplan

Senior Skiing:

1st: Andrew Colianni
2nd: Ezra Gould
3rd: Aaron Levey

Sailing:

1st: Vinny Colianni & Grant Levison
2nd: Caleb Teitelbaum & Caleb Rosenfeld
3rd: Beau & Parker Pomerantz

Junior Tennis:

1st: Alex Miller
2nd: Vinny Colianni
3rd: Max Noren

Junior Paddle:

1st: Asher Bell & Asher Klaff
2nd: Connor Klerk & Max Muslin
3rd: Miles Wright & Brody Lorber

Junior Pickle:

1st: Reid & Des Kinast
2nd: Alex Miller & Bo Sagan
3rd: Max Noren & Jack Linton

Junior Archery:

1st: Gabe Kaufmann
2nd: Toby Stiller
3rd: Max Noren

Junior Swimming:

1st: Toby Stiller
2nd: Henry Konar
3rd: Noah Marks

Junior Skiing:

1st: Vinny Colianni
2nd: Miles Banks
3rd: Max Kalish

Wakeboarding:

1st: Corey Guthman
2nd: Gavin Batt
3rd: Ashton Daley

Chip Tennis:

1st: Harvey Colianni
2nd: Marvin Sundick
3rd: Brody Benowitz

Chip Paddle:

1st: Harvey Colianni & Theo Zoranksy
2nd: Jude Holzer & Mason Weiner
3rd: Ty Pomerantz & Josh Seeskin

Chip Pickle:

1st: Harvey Colianni & Casey Malach
2nd: Aaron Weil & Hudson Zabrin
3rd: Mason Goldberg & Max Mysel

Chip Archery:

1st: Jude Holzer
2nd: Brody Benowitz
3rd: Ben Cohen

Chip Swimming:

1st: Brody Benowitz
2nd: Hudson Zabrin
3rd: Theo Zaransky

Chip Skiing:

1st: Harvey Colliani
2nd: Marvin Sundick
3rd: Brody Benowitz

Triathlon:

1st: Sam Rahimzadeh
2nd: Nicholas Frey
3rd: Bailey Glickson

Honor Trophies

At the conclusion of each summer on the shores, the staff conducts a vote to select a camper deserving of each of the nine honor trophies, each symbolizing a core Kawaga value. Receiving such a trophy is one of the highest honor a camper can obtain, as they each go out to a camper who represents what it truly means to "Be Kawaga".

Sportsmanship
Kol Leibowitz

Fellowship
Tyson Daube

Enthusiasm
Jacob Stillman

Senior Spirit
Philip Kaplan

**Best All Around
Camper**
John Menfi

Junior Spirit
Simon Busch

**Most Improved
Camper**
Sawyer Alexander

Coach's Cup
Corey Guthman

CIT Service
Jarett Goldblatt

Banquet Night 2024



Other Awards

Soccer

Senior

Will Garibaldi

Intermediate

Michael Moxsin

Junior

Jonas Hirschfeld

Volleyball

Senior

Tyson Daube

Intermediate

Mason Hirschfeld

Junior

Decklyn Daube

Hockey

Senior

Phil Kaplan

Intermediate

Max Kalish

Junior

Marcus Carrow

Skiing

Most Valuable

Andrew Colianni

Most Improved

Ezra Gould

Wakeboarding

Most Valuable

Corey Guthman

Most Improved

Ellis Burk

Sailing

Most Valuable

Jacob Stillman

Most Improved

Case Reagles

Swimming

Most Valuable

Sam Rahimzadeh

Most Improved

Jacob Stillman

Running

Most Valuable

Eli Goodman

Most Improved

Corey Guthman

Softball

Senior

Tyson Daube

Intermediate

Oakley Daube

Junior

Chase Adair

Basketball

Senior

Gabe Rosen

Intermediate

Isaac Levin

Junior

Wesley Saber

Football

Senior

Tyson Daube

Intermediate

Isaac Levin

Junior

Harrison Frei

Leagues Final Standings

Chip Blue/Gold:

- 1st: Golden Apples
- 2nd: Golden Bananas
- 3rd: Golden Nuggets
- 4th: Golden Kawaga Kings

Chip Breakfast:

- 1st: Sizzling Bacon
- 2nd: Breakfast Burritos
- 3rd: Bagels On Prayer
- 4th: Cerealicious

Sioux Meat:

- 1st: Saber with a chance of meatball
- 2nd: Moo Cow
- 3rd: English Muffin or Sausage
- 4th: Let them Lead by John U. Bacon
- 5th: Da Meat Market
- 6th: Im gonna meat the wholllee thing
- 7th: My shoota pescatarian but eat the beef
- 8th: Sausage Squad
- 9th: M.C (Hammer)

Sioux Blue/Gold:

- 1st: The Golden Goon Squad
- 2nd: Golden Aura
- 3rd: Blue to the 4 seasons orlando
- 4th: Gold Gold Sky
- 5th: Bluerack Goldma

- 6th: Blues gonna carry the boats

Mohawk Fish:

- 1st: Gimme Red Trout... Trout... Trout
- 2nd: Ben Fishers Final Affect
- 3rd: Chaz the Bass with the Bag
- 4th: BBL Fishy
- 5th: Hawk Tuna
- 6th: Erm What The Fishma

Mohawk Blue/Gold:

- 1st: Say Drake I hear you like em Gold
- 2nd: Metro Blue-man make it Bloom
- 3rd: Elis Blue Anthem
- 4th: Bluschies Goldcut

Oneida Cheese:

- 1st: Im on that Gouda Swiss and Provolone
- 2nd: Lily Fang runs the S E BRI
- 3rd: Ocheesta
- 4th: Tiktok Wizz Party
- 5th: Im on that good good provolone
- 6th: Skibidbri
- 7th: Caseoh
- 8th: Yo Final Challenge, let yo Bri go thru yo phone.

Oneida Blue/Gold:

- 1st: To Be Bluetermined
- 2nd: Blue are My Sunshine
- 3rd: Make America Gold Again
- 4th: We Still Dont Like Blue
- 5th: Baylor Blues
- 6th: We still gold trust blue

Notable Achievements

Birthdays

Charlie Rago (12)
Asher Adler (10)
Max Myzel (9)
Asher Schlachet (10)

Miracles

Grant Connolly (S)
Brody Breman (2s)

Note: For the miracle portion, 2S denotes a 2-ski miracle, D denotes a drop-ski miracle, and S denotes a Slalom miracle.

A Look Into Next Week

After Week 8, all campers will have scattered far and wide, waiting for the day that they meet again once more on the shores.

Be Kawaga.

CK Leisure Corner

Funny Photos This Week



Shadow Puppets



Kawaga History Blurb



The Boys of Kawaga Raising the Flag, circa. 1950s

Weekly Forecast

Mon 12	76°/52°		Partly Cloudy
Tue 13	80°/54°		Mostly Sunny
Wed 14	80°/58°		Mostly Sunny
Thu 15	72°/60°		Rain
Fri 16	71°/57°		Rain

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