

Kieve-Wavus Education, Inc. (Kieve) – Kieve Veterans Camp

Kieve seeks support dedicated to sustaining and expanding our Veterans Camp program for previously deployed Service Members and their families.

Mission Statement

Kieve-Wavus Education empowers people to contribute positively to society by promoting the values of kindness, respect for others, and environmental stewardship through year-round experiential programs, camps for youth and adults, and guidance from inspirational role models.

Background

Kieve-Wavus Education, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation located on the shores of Damariscotta Lake in the mid-coast region of Maine. Begun as a boy's camp, Kieve has an 86 year history of success and has grown to offer a wide range of experiential programming through: The Leadership School, Wavus Camp for Girls, The 9/11 Family Camp, and Kieve Veterans Camp. Each year Kieve-Wavus touches the lives of approximately 10,000 men, women, boys and girls and has an annual budget of \$7 million.

The Kieve Veterans Camp

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The Kieve Veterans Camp offers free programs that support veterans and their families, giving them a chance to relax, reflect and reconnect, in the tranquility of the Maine woods.

Background

Since 2009 Kieve-Wavus has welcomed veterans home by inviting them and their families to the tranquil woodlands along the shores of Damariscotta Lake in the mid-coast region of Maine. Arriving at Veterans Camp our guests are greeted with genuine friendship, heartfelt thanks, and the opportunity to participate in a broad range of physical, creative and healing activities. The connective camp environment encourages veterans and their families to develop a network of support with others who have experienced the same challenges that a wartime deployment can present. Veterans Camp is offered free to veterans and their families and is a drug and alcohol free program.

Our gesture of thanks and support has grown significantly over the past three years. Our outreach now includes veterans groups from all eras of conflict, spanning from Vietnam to the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. In an effort to enhance our support of returning veterans who have served America so selflessly, our team has worked hard to create strong and effective bonds of partnership in collaboration with the V. A., Vet Centers, centers of higher education, and veteran-oriented employment resources to help these men and women, "reconnect" with their families, "re-integrate" with their communities, and make a positive transition from wartime to peace.

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Welcome to spring! The ice on the lake has gone and small flowers are starting to blossom all around the campus. I'm happy to report another wonderful year of thanks and support for veterans and military families of all eras of conflict. In just three short years Veterans Camp has grown to be more than we could have imagined and I'm grateful that our grassroots effort has taken hold.



This past fall we held two of our Veterans Camps just up the lake on our Wavus campus. It was wonderful to see the families together participating in archery, ropes, and target shooting on the range. The smiles said it all. It was a great winter session back at Kieve and following our Women Veterans Only camp we received an especially touching note from a guest who had deployed to Grenada in the early 80's. It read in part:

“Sorry to make this so short but our communal journey together at Women’s Veteran Camp finds me completely drained of all the traumatic military stressors that have kept me frightened, lonely and not able to sleep safe and sound for most of the past 30 years. Before I rest my head on my pillow, I just want to thank you for inviting me to your gorgeous campus, the tasty food and putting me in the company of so many extraordinary women veterans. I appreciate the confidence and joy I now have from all the loving kindness, respect, honor and faith everybody generously gave and especially for how well you all conscientiously worked together at helping me to resurrect the soul I lost in the service to our country. “

Thanks to our generous donors, tireless volunteers, veteran-services partners, Leadership School and Veterans Camp staffs, a spiritual spring seems to have arrived for these brave men and women as well.

Henry R. Kennedy, Executive Director
Kieve-Wavus Education, Inc.

Since 2009, Kieve-Wavus Education, Inc. has reached out across the nation to Combat Veterans and Military Families of all generations recovering from the emotional wounds of war. We hope you will support our grassroots effort to provide physical, creative, and healing activities to those who have sacrificed so much and asked for so little in return. Your generous contributions will help to fund these very valuable camps for years to come. Please take a moment to visit our Veterans Camp website: www.kievewavus.org/veterans.