



- To have an overall great camp experience in a Christian environment Exceeded expectations!
- Reinforce Christian values in a fun environment where she can experience an instant bond with other Christians Yes
- To get 3 out of 4 kids out of the house the same week! ☺
- For her to gain some independence- experience something totally on her own in a safe Christian environment. Yes
- Become more independent and learn more about God in a social environment Yes
- “in favor of them to experience what I did. To grow closer to Jesus and make incredible memories.” Yes
- “My goal originally for her to have a safe, traditional summer camp experience with friends. Achieved? Far beyond my expectations. She returns year after year, a happier more inspired, mature young woman comfortable and confident in her walk with God.

**THOUGHTS/FEELINGS PRIOR TO CAMP and THOUGHTS FEELINGS AFTER CAMP**

PRE- Excited -35  
 POST- Loved it/Sad it was over

PRE- “A little anxious but excited.” -2  
 POST- “Awesome experience. They can’t wait to return!”

PRE- “Nervous but interested”  
 POST- “Good time but some disappointments- waterfront and older cabin mates”

PRE- “Happy and anticipating a good time, very confident that she would make new friends, brief moments of nerves but not too much.”  
 POST- “Estatic, elated, euphoric (I think she had a good time)”

PRE- “Excited and apprehensive”  
 POST- “I’m so coming back next year.”

PRE- “Nervous about homesickness”  
 POST- “Had a great time”

PRE- “Anxious about being so far from home”  
 POST- “She was happy and excited”

PRE- Apprehension/excitement  
 POST- “It rocked!”

PRE- “Excitement about activity areas making new friends and reconnecting with old ones”  
 POST- “The 2 weeks went by very quickly!”

PRE- “Always looks forward to camp- enjoys seeing old friends and makes new ones”  
 POST- “Doesn’t share thoughts and feelings as she grows older”

PRE- “She was very nervous but excited”  
 POST- “She loved it, wants to come back for 2 weeks, but out pocket book says no.”

PRE- “Excited”  
 POST- “Fun, grew spiritually, developed good relationships.”

PRE- “Excited she always wanted to go to camp.”  
 POST- “I think that over the years Tapawingo has become a special place of spiritual retreat where she can deal with some of the issues that she might push to the back burner during the year.”

PRE- “Always great anticipation- and confidence”  
 POST- “Continuously upbeat”

PRE- "Nervous- first time"  
POST- "Cried because she missed her counselors"

PRE- no comment written  
POST- "She was a bit disappointed"

PRE- "Fearful yet excited"  
POST- "Felt there was not a lot of 'down time.'"

PRE- "Each year she gets more excited"  
POST- "Loved it, wanted to stay longer"

PRE- "Anxious, nervous about swim test"  
POST- "So many exciting things to share, experiences with cabin mates and other campers"

PRE- "I (parent) was fearful that she would get homesick"  
POST- "Had a wonderful time, learned to swim better and her confidence increased"

PRE- "Afraid- she knew no one, but loved the Adirondacks"  
POST- "She loved it and wants to return next year"

PRE- "Excited but a little nervous about going away for 2 weeks"  
POST- "She wanted a long shower but once she got home we talked about all she did, accomplished and enjoyed!"

PRE- "Not excited about going, especially for 2 weeks"  
POST- "She loved it, had a very positive attitude toward the camp"

PRE- "Excited. Looking forward to the year ahead"  
POST- "Tapawingo is a great place to grow closer to God"

PRE- "Always some excitement, some apprehension and some anticipation"  
POST- "Had a great time this year. She spoke non stop about her counselors, friends and cabin time"

PRE- "First year she was afraid. The second year she was looking forward to it"  
POST- "She loved it"

PRE- "Pretty excited"  
POST- "She had a really great time somewhat"

PRE- "Uncertain but positive, hopeful"  
POST- "Well pleased, blessed, blessed, blessed"

PRE- "Excited and a little nervous"  
POST- "It was the most spiritual week of her life. She wants to do it again"

PRE- "Anxious, didn't know anyone"  
POST- "Loved the place and the people, wants to come back for 2 years next year"

PRE- "She was very excited and a bit nervous since she had never been in a camp situation before."  
POST- "She totally loved it!"

## CIT COMMENT

PRE- "She's always excited but a bit apprehensive before going to camp- at time wrestles with whether the Lord has new things to teach her at Tapawingo since she has been there several times. But after the 3 weeks on CIT, I think she gets it the Lord always has more to teach her at Tapawingo!"

POST- "Tremendous gratitude for the women on staff there who were such a godly example. She loved it and drew tremendously from her CIT time."

## **MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**

- Counselors- 7
- Banana Boat- 9
- Friendship- 10
- Vespers- 2
- Songs- 4
- Lessons Learned- 2
- Vespers on Rocks- 3
- Waterskiing- 5
- Horseback riding- 2
- Hikes- 6
- Camping Outside- 7
- Wakeboarding- 2
- Nightly Devos- 2
- Activities- 2
- Everything- 3
- Rain made it fun because of the games as an entire camp- 2
- Crafts-2
- Mealtimes- 2
- Campfire- 3
- Skits- 2
- Water
- Bible Studies and Worship Time
- Her CIT
- Counselors going in the lake
- Guys coming to serve at the Banquet
- Swimming
- "She said that everyone was her friend. There were no cliques or being left out."
- "Spiritually speaking, I think it was the first summer when she started to forgive the father who abandoned her at the age of 3."
- Passing the swim test at the highest level
- Dressing up for the banquet
- Cabin Bonding
- Sailing
- Watching the sunrise
- Earning a badge in waterskiing
- View at the top of the mountain
- Miss Angie
- Counselor one on one
- Camping at Puffer Pond
- All water sports and getting a badge
- "She loved Miss Gemma and all the activities."
- CIT experience- "opportunities to lead groups of campers, day alone with the Lord, time with fellow CITs and the soul-bonding that took place. It really has decreased her loneliness."
- The Baptism
- 13 mile run

## **CHARACTER CHANGE SINCE BEING AT HOME?**

- Not Noticeably- 13
- Desire to read her Bible- 2
- Having a daily Quiet Time- 8
- She gave her heart to Jesus at Camp! 'I thought I knew before, but I didn't', she wrote.
- She takes her faith much more seriously.
- More confidence in going away from parents
- Some improvement in peer interactions
- More polite
- She has gotten stronger
- Understanding what a Christ centered relationship is
- Independence, but a little "snooty" - she was a little full of herself
- Looking for books with more of a Christian message
- They have extra joy and creativity
- "I think that camp has helped her over the past 8 years to challenge her. She's a good kid and very devoted spiritually, but Tapawingo has always helped to push her further in her walk-getting outside of her comfort zone."
- Willing to communicate more and a little more self confident/mature.
- Willing to try new things
- "I've seen her mature in her faith in a way that spills over into her everyday interactions."
- More confident as a leader
- More considerate of others
- "Felt she wanted to work on her way of dealing with girl problems. Felt she could ask Jesus for help. Felt she is never alone with her problems/emotions."
- She is more appreciative of being at home
- "When she had a peer pressure issue we were able to refer to camp, 'What would have happened at Tapawingo?'"
- She is more active in her church group
- She is very respectful and wants to keep her quiet time with God.
- Wants to be more like Christ and be a more godly young lady.
- Seems more mature
- She reaches out to other kids that aren't considered the popular ones.
- "Is making an even greater effort to keep her attitude open and submissive (obedient) to us."
- "She has always been a deep spiritual thinker, and what she learned while at Tapawingo deepened her faith more."
- "Nothing super noticeable but she has seemed to appreciate the things we do for her more."
- Seems more self assured
- More independent. More hungry for God's Word
- She always returns with great ambition to follow God's Path
- Better Behavior

## **WANT TO RETURN IN 2007?**

**YES-** 69

**NO-** 2- feel too old

**Not sure-** 7

Comments-

- Wants to return for 2 weeks- 7
- Wants to return for 3-4 weeks
- Wants to return for 8 weeks!
- Inviting more friends- Great job Angie and crew
- It is and always has been a fantastic experience.
- Loves the counselors and activities; feels really safe there.
- She can't wait!
- They had so much fun- the environment was so positive
- Absolutely. She loves coming there and especially loves being there with her friend. They plan to be counselors together there someday.

- She loves it.
- Wants to return- in fact, if Tapawingo offered a 9 month girls boarding school opportunity, she'd sign up in a heart beat.

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Average	Below Average	Very Unsatisfied
Overall Camp Experience	70	11	2	1	
Cabin Mates	52	23	3	1	1
Counselors	61	19			
Food	60	31	7	1	
Program/ Activity Areas	59	19		2	
Bible Teaching	61	15	2		
CIT program (if applicable)	2				

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Average	Below Average	Very Unsatisfied
Interaction with staff prior to arrival	44	22	2	1	1
Interaction with staff upon arrival	45	18	8		
Registration of your camper	39	17	7	6	5
Check out of your camper	48	19	1		
Quality of Cabins	48	18	4		
Quality of Camp Grounds	51	16	2		
Overall Camp Experience	55	15	2		

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?**

- "Rain put a damper on things, otherwise she would have been very satisfied."
- "Loved Power Hour"
- "She was with girls in grades younger than her and this was disappointing to her."
- "When she missed her mom the cabin mates helped her so much"
- "Camp Tapawingo is not just "fluff". I appreciate the high standards that Tapawingo sets for the girls."
- "I loved the confidence she came away with!"
- "Loved it! Thank You!"
- "She was so pleased with the cabin she was assigned to. She met and made friends with everyone and commented that even though they were different from each other they respected one another and learned from each other."
- "Great job and thank you"
- "Keep doing what you're doing! We want to model some of the youth programs at our church after Tapawingo's style!"

#### **SPIRITUAL TRUTHS YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CAMPER TO LEARN WHILE AT CAMP**

- Purity and Modesty- 2
- Grace- 3
- Love- 4
- Learning to Pray and Study the Bible- 4
- The Gospel- 3
- Faith- 3
- The tongue being sinful
- Repent and believe
- God is always with you
- Growing closer to God is a daily choice
- God answers prayers but He is not a genie granting wishes
- Humility

- Fruit of the Spirit
- That Jesus loves her no matter what her home life is like.
- The daily dialogue with God to meet each challenge- the Work of the Holy Spirit as counselor and guide
- Obey, sin, salvation
- Compassion
- No gossip
- World Missions
- Back to basics, Christian life and living
- Jesus is her friend who will not fail her
- Christ is always willing to help others.
- Learn more about morals and Christian values, to reinforce what we teach at home and to help her deal with social pressure.
- God loves you just as you are.
- Christ acceptance, love and forgiveness. Christ's consistency
- Unfailing love of God, that being a Christian isn't about being perfect, but being a faithful follower
- Being a strong women of God
- Love and acceptance- relating in a godly manner
- How to be a Christian woman in a world that has turned away from the Lord
- Honor and reverence for the Holy God
- Applying God's Word to everyday life
- Develop and solidify a Christian world view and be able to identify various non-Christian worldviews.
- God's will for their lives
- How real God is and how we can depend on Him to guide our lives
- Character qualities- self application
- Spiritual purity- standing up for ones own faith
- "I would love you to directly present the facts of a Christian world view to the campers in light of todays postmodern world view."
- "I am very impressed with the Scriptural doctrine she learned while in the CIT program- very helpful for fundamental growth. I am somewhat sad she did not learn it from our home or own church."
- "Continue to help them 'walk the talk' and help them face the battles they encounter back in school and growing up taking personal responsibility/prioritizing, spiritual disciplines- your theme this year was awesome!"
- "You did a great job at this"
- "Growing deeper in her relationship with the Lord- owning her own faith."
- Fearing the Lord, comfort that comes from serving God
- How to grow in relationship with Christ, spiritual motivation

### **WHAT WORLDLY/CULTURAL INFLUENCES ARE AFFECTING YOUR CAMPER TODAY?**

- Peer Pressure- 16
- Music- 10
- Fashion/Materialism- 7
- Television- 7
- Boy/Girl relationships at an early age- 3
- Body Image- 3
- Popularity- 2
- Sexuality- 2
- Gossip- 2
- Computer- 2
- All the normal adjustments of an adolescent girl- 2
- Pressure to look pretty in a certain way- 2
- Internet- 1
- Watching the 'Hollywood' scene

- Home-schooled so not as much in the world right now
- Body piercing, tattooing, drugs and drinking and Immodesty
- Self-focus
- Including others
- Cliques
- Fresh mouth
- Must have items (technology)
- “Odd girl out” behavior
- phones
- Romance Novels
- Video Games
- ‘Dumbing down of girls’
- No protection from sex, drugs and society in general
- Pressure at school to grow up to fast
- “Keeping up with the Jones”
- Violence against children- abductions, etc.
- Relationships
- “Lesbian friends at public school have been the nicest and most welcoming to the girls as new kids at school.”
- “Taking a stand in a classroom where even teachers are allowing students to participate in ungodly situations.”
- “Meanness and bullying from other girls, even Christians.”
- “Being a teenager in a highly cynical world sometimes causes her to question her beliefs, but she always come back stronger.”

#### **WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE SHE NEEDS TO WORK ON IN HER WALK WITH THE LORD?**

- Continuing Daily Devotions- 22
- Staying Strong in the Faith- 4
- Deeper Prayer Life- 3
- Find close Christian friends, pride, confidence in faith and deeper roots- 2
- What love is and what it looks like
- Importance of integrity
- More accepting of other’s spiritual needs, as they may differ from hers
- Seek God’s will not hers
- Focus on inner self vs. appearance/popularity
- Understands the value of a walk with the Lord and what is a priority
- She is walking strong- places like Tapawingo encourage and strengthen that walk in all areas- Thank you!
- Living what she believes
- Confidence in the saving grace of God
- Sticking to what she knows is right, using her popularity for good, not evil
- Consistency
- Obey and Living for the Lord
- Very critical of others, stubborn. Would like to see her calm down and listen
- How to share faith
- No to forget to turn to Him. In the midst of her day to day life to pray and rest assured
- Making a more personal commitment to God
- Leadership- not only stand up for what she believes, but influence others to do the same
- Her self-worth and I think positive experiences like Tapawingo help so much
- Gentleness with friends
- The need to bring Him in her life on a daily basis, not to just save it for Sundays
- Understanding how amazing God is
- Choices/social problems as she nears the teenage years
- Asking for forgiveness, confessing sin to the Lord
- She’s doing well- disciplined, reading, praying, memorizing scripture
- Witnessing

- Trusting God with all her heart and relying on Him for strength, comfort and everything
- Applying Spiritual truth to daily life, interaction with others (esp. siblings!)

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR?**

- Would like to see more vigorous experiences longer hikes, building fires, etc. like Deerfoot
- Identifying individuals “gifts” from the Lord
- A community service activity
- More variety in food
- Don’t change a thing! We love the strict ‘no cliques allowed’ rule.
- “I think you are doing a great job. But the setting is limited- which places a lot of limits on program. Tapawingo needs to relocate!”
- Check in process too long
- More shower time
- “You do a wonderful job and we really appreciate you.
- Feedback on her walk
- Improve the cabins
- Maybe some more unstructured time built into camp during the week.
- More fruit and vegetables. NO CANDY!
- More one on one time with counselors
- Disposable cameras in your shop
- “You guys are great!”
- “We Love Tapawingo!”
- “Camp is such a positive week for her! It is awesome!”
- Enhance stayover program.
- Only complaint was a cold shower
- “I would have like for there to be more continuity for 2 week campers- same counselor and same cabin”
- “For the older girls (13 and older) it would be great if there was time to discuss issues they face everyday. (Dating, focus on looks, music they listen to, how God is personal to them)”
- “My daughters’ only request was for more time between activities. She felt very rushed in the morning to get ready/clean the cabin, etc. before breakfast.
- My daughter would love to see soccer added as an activity.
- “None, I was so impressed with your program. Thank you!”
- No suggestions

### **WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TAPAWINGO TO FRIENDS?**

**VERY HIGHLY-** 54

**HIGHLY-** 14

**AVERAGE-** 2

**NEGATIVE**

**NOT AT ALL**

### **ANY OTHER COMMENTS?**

- “I am so thankful that Tapawingo continues to be a God centered camp. A camp that desires to see young girls become godly women. My girls love their time there and we are blessed to be able to send them for such a wonderful experience each year.”
- “We feel there was a more loving environment at camp this year than in previous years.”
- “Summer camp has such potential to influence a child because their spirits are open to the new experiences. It is such a joy for me as a parent to know that those ‘new experiences’ are grounded in the loved of the Lord. The emotional safety and spiritual growth opportunity are invaluable to the development of a healthy worldview for these girls. Thank you.”

- “Thank you for your godly examples and counsel. I know it has meant so much to my daughter through the years. I’m sure eternity alone will reveal the full impact your mission has had on girls like my daughter.”
- “Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!”
- Thank you for a job well done! My daughter volunteers at a pre-school near our house- she teaches all the little ones the Tapawingo songs!”
- “She loves going and looks forward to it all year long.”
- “Angie- Congratulations on an outstanding counseling staff! She could not speak highly enough about all the counselors.”
- “Her past experiences have been wonderful at Tapawingo. She frequently brings it up and loves to share memorable times with my husband and I. She loves how there is a ‘no-gossiping’ rule at the camp. We appreciate all the time, prayers and planning the staff puts in before the summer begins. Please keep it up. This is a very special place and unique in so many ways. We thank the Lord for you!”
- “I love that you have the ‘older’ cabins connect with the younger girls cabins because I believe that contact helps the older girls develop an awareness of the importance of mentoring and of developing personal leadership skills.”
- “Her dad and I continue to be very thankful to Camp Tapawingo for your God honoring standards, for the no gossip rule, for coming alongside my daughter once again and modeling Christ. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.”