

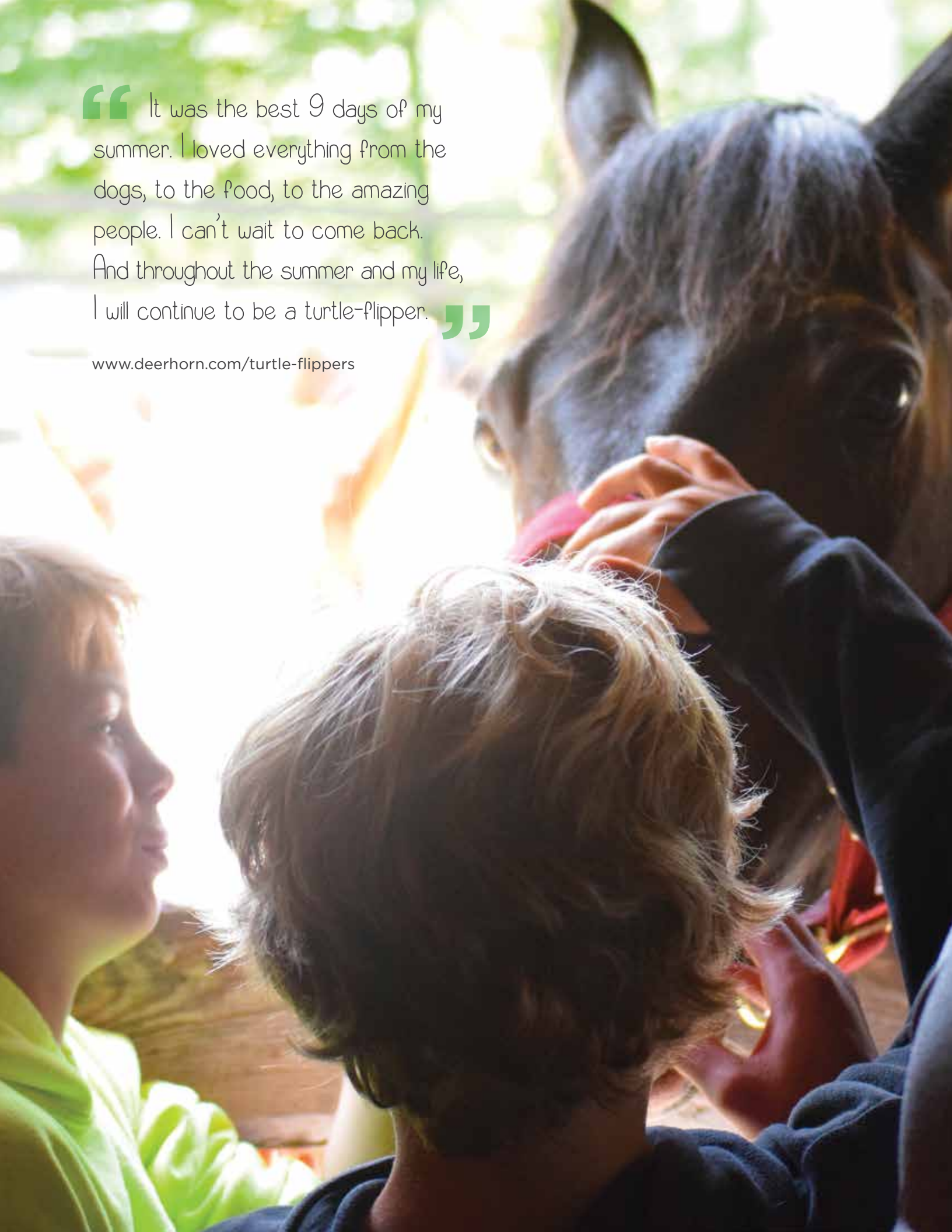


CAMP ★ DEERHORN

A Boyhood Adventure | Established 1930



**Camp Deerhorn is set within 100
acres of woodlands carved out of the
Wisconsin wilderness and is more fun
than you ever dreamed possible.**



“ It was the best 9 days of my summer. I loved everything from the dogs, to the food, to the amazing people. I can't wait to come back. And throughout the summer and my life, I will continue to be a turtle-flipper. ”

www.deerhorn.com/turtle-flippers



What We Do

We consider our activities to be lifetime sports, and our main focus is improvement in those activities. Improvement in social skills is also an integral part of Camp Deerhorn. Making friends and working with counselors and peers toward common goals allows each boy to grow as an individual.

The following are a list of activities, special programs, and trips that comprise the Deerhorn experience. Details descriptions can be found at deerhorn.com.

Daily Activities

Campers experience a schedule of six activities on M/W/F, and a different six activities on T/Th/Sat. The only activity they will have every day is Sports and Games, and the only choice campers will have is to do either horseback riding or golf.

Water Sports: Swimming, Sailing, Kayaking, Canoeing, and Water Skiing

Individual Sports: Biking, Golf, Tennis, Horseback Riding, and Crafts

Shooting Sports: Riflery and Archery

Team Sports: Basketball, Ice Hockey, Sports and Games

Learn more about our activities at deerhorn.com/about/activities/

Leadership Programs

VOYAGER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Fifteen year-old campers who choose this program spend 5 weeks at Deerhorn, during the B & C session, learning about wilderness ethics, leadership, and teamwork. The program culminates in an 8 day sea kayaking expedition in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

PIONEER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This program is for 15 year-olds as well, and also 14 year-olds if space allows. Campers will also be at camp for 5 weeks, during the B & C sessions, and they will spend 5 days backpacking on the North Country Trail. Pioneers will prepare for their trip with classes in wilderness ethics, leadership and teamwork.

Learn more about our leadership programs at deerhorn.com/about/programs/

Father-Son Camp

We have four Father Son camp sessions, two that kick off our season in June, and two that wrap up the season in August. These four day/three night programs are laid back and relaxed, with families able to choose the activities they want to participate in throughout the day. We end each day with a Father Son activity, like Capture the Flag, and finish it off with a nightly campfire. Father Son is a wonderful way to introduce your son to camp and help him grow confidence to stay for a session by himself the following summer.





Camp Deerhorn Creed

Dr. Don C Broadbridge wrote the Deerhorn Creed in 1930, but it has never been more relevant than it is today. It is the foundation upon which all of Camp Deerhorn is built, and provides the framework for the most important lessons Deerhorn has to teach. It is embraced by campers and staff alike, as we all strive to “Live the Creed.”

Explore the Deerhorn Creed, a philosophy interwoven throughout everything we do.

Learn More at deerhorn.com/our-creed



“It’s an incredible transformation to see your son in his element, and hard to describe, but the confidence just radiates from him.”



To enjoy the Great Outdoors
as one of the gifts of life



"He loves Deerhorn. It is his happy place, an amazing gift that he gets to be there every summer!!! I know he is in great hands. He can't wait to be up at Deerhorn, outside, learning, having fun with old friends and making new friends."





To greet the dawn with a smile
and the mess call with a laugh





"A big thank you from our family for a wonderful first sleep-away camp experience for our son! Every letter home started with 'Deerhorn is awesome.' He came home full of enthusiasm and confidence, and asking for more. He loved the activities, the lakefront, the koogeas, and the whole Deerhorn experience with old friends and making new friends."



To spread sunshine and good cheer,
just for the fun of it





"I'm so grateful to the Broadbridges... for providing the annual outside support, environment, and guidance (Creed!) in raising our son to be this way! My boys are all so happy and full of love. We hold you dearly in our hearts!"



To play every game on the level,
win modestly, lose gracefully, and have
a kind word for the opposing side



"I just wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for over a decade of memories, fun, growth, and friendship. I would not be the man I am today without the guidance and love of Camp Deerhorn. Deerhorn has changed me in ways I can't yet put into words. My summers as a counselor and camper are ones that will remain close to my heart for the rest of my life."





To speak the truth and
to think the truth





"All I can say is that you really have a special place. I get it, remember it from my own childhood, etc. but those special places are rare. And so few people even know what you're talking about because so few have ever been lucky enough to have one during their formative years. You should be so proud of what you have built."





To cooperate with other campers and
find pleasure in lending a helping hand



“To see these boys become campers, who become counselors, who then become
dads who bring their sons as campers, and so on, is just so amazing and wonderful.
They learn and live the Deerhorn Creed (which I also love) at camp, and then bring it
home and share it here. Thank you for all you do. We are Deerhorn campers for life.”



To try to see the other fellow's side
of the question and strive for harmony





"He LOVES Deerhorn. Thank you for welcoming him every summer, taking such good care of him, building his confidence, teaching him all the outdoors has to offer and instilling the Deerhorn Creed! It all makes me smile."





To be kind, because
manliness requires kindness





“The boys had yet another amazing camp experience and we are just so grateful. They love to be with you and we are always so impressed with the rich experience you are able to give to so many kids.”



To be strong, because self-reliance
is born of strength





"I've just returned from dropping my son off at college. He's excited, confident, and well prepared. Your family and the camp experiences have been so important in the development of my sons. Thinking of you as partners in raising these guys. Hard to believe they were about 8 and 10 when they started at Deerhorn. Many of the skills and values learned as campers and counselors have come to light as they both begin a new chapter."



To be careful, because recklessness
is the admission of unwise judgement



"We are so grateful to your family & the entire Deerhorn staff for all you do to create such a healthy, happy, safe environment for all of the campers!"



To be too generous to bear a grudge and
too good natured to pick flaws in others





"Our son came home from camp and had the best three weeks of his life. In addition, he was more talkative, confident, and helpful around the house. I don't know what your secret sauce is at Deerhorn, but you do it right."



To aim for self improvement





"Thank you again for another amazing summer for my son.
He comes back a finer young man every year."



To be a 'regular fellow,' a pal to other campers,
a friend in manner and deed, a booster rather than a knocker,
an optimist rather than a pessimist, and a gentleman
under all conditions and circumstances





"Thank you for SO much more than 10 days. Your Creed reflects our family beliefs so accurately. Generations old and still relevant to the core."



Facilities

The grounds of Camp Deerhorn are an incredible mix of history and modern updates, nestled in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. While our lodge was built in 1932, Deerhorn has added many facilities to camp over the years, including Deerhorn Hall in 2018, our rec hall and storm shelter. Our koogees are rustic, with no electricity, but beautiful wood floors and screened windows. Our waterfront boasts a brand new waterslide and a 20 foot water trampoline.

Learn more about our facilities, explore our interactive camp map, and take an aerial tour of camp at Deerhorn.com/about/facilities/





Waterslide



The Lodge

Staff

Most of our staff were Deerhorn campers themselves. They grew up at camp, learning the Deerhorn Creed, and now as adults they truly “live the Creed.” Most of our staff are still in college and are young men and women with great energy, enthusiasm, and compassion. It is one of our great privileges to watch our campers grow into amazing counselors who give back their spirit and love to camp.

Learn more about our staff at Deerhorn.com/about/directors-staff





Directors

Blaine & Barbara

Blaine has spent every summer of his life at Camp Deerhorn and he would be the first to tell you that there is no better place to grow up. As a counselor, his specialty was horseback riding. Blaine graduated from the University of Kansas in 1983 and began a 9 year career as an elementary school teacher in the Wichita, Kansas school system. He retired from teaching in 1994 to work for Deerhorn full time.

Barbara is originally from Kansas City, and she graduated from the University of Kansas in 1983 with a Bachelor's degree in Education, and in 1985 with a Masters in Community Health. She has lived at Camp with Blaine and eventually their two daughters, Taylor and Kiana, every summer since 1986 while working in the corporate world as a Healthcare Executive. She is passionate about helping others in need and volunteers for numerous organizations. Barbara joined the Deerhorn staff as a Director in 2000. Blaine and Barbara live in Lakewood Ranch, Florida during the winter. Taylor & Kiana are teachers in Colorado and Florida, and spend every summer at Deerhorn.

Patrick & Amy

Patrick spent most of his summers as a camper and counselor at Deerhorn. After spending the summer of 1991 in Alaska with the National Outdoor Leadership School, he returned to Deerhorn determined to develop the Voyager Leadership Program into not only a wilderness expedition, but leadership training as well. This is one of Patrick's true passions. Older campers have been treated to some excellent outdoor education in addition to having fun on their trip. Patrick is a 1991 graduate of DePauw University.

Amy is a native of Clinton, Indiana and a graduate of DePauw University with a BA in Elementary Education. She spent 3 years as a 4th grade teacher in Wilmette, IL, before coming to work for camp full time. Amy worked at camp for 7 summers as the waterfront director before she and Patrick were married in 2003. Her love for children and for camp has been evident since her first year on staff. She has years of experience working with children of all ages, and her ability to relate to even the oldest campers made her a natural to help lead the Voyager Leadership Program for 3 years before their son, Ryder, was born in 2006, and their daughter Rowan in 2009. Patrick, Amy, Ryder, and Rowan live in Verona, Wisconsin during the winter.

Our History

Dr. Don & Kathryn Broadbridge founded Camp Deerhorn in 1930. Dr. Don had worked at his sister's camp, Bryn Afon, for many years and wanted to begin his own camp for boys nearby. He was a dentist in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and he would leave his practice every summer to run Camp Deerhorn. He and his wife, Kathryn, were a vital part of camp through the 70s. His son, Don Jr, and his wife Cynthia (Skeeter) took over operations at Deerhorn in 1958. In 1994, Don and Skeeter passed leadership of Camp Deerhorn on to the 3rd generation of Broadbridges, Don, Blaine, and Patrick. Don and his wife, Susan, retired from daily camp life in 2013, but are a vital part of the continued success of Deerhorn. As we watch the 4th generation of Broadbridges take on more responsibilities at Deerhorn, we are eternally grateful to be able to carry on the important work that Dr. Don and Kathryn started so many years ago, bringing Boyhood Adventures to countless new Deerhorn campers.

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FAQ's

More answers can be found at **Deerhorn.com/faq**

Can I call home?

You can correspond with your parents by mail. Parents are welcome to call or email a director if they have concerns about their son. No electronics or cell phones are allowed at camp.

Who does laundry?

Deerhorn has a laundry service from town that will pick up your laundry once a week and return it to you the same day or the next morning.

Do I have to write home?

Yes, once a week. We'll let you know when letters to your parents are required.

Do I have to go to all the camp activities?

You are responsible for attending all of your activities. Participation in those activities is WAY more fun than sitting on the bench. In almost every case, you end up really having fun in the things you thought you wouldn't like!

Is Deerhorn a very competitive camp?

Competition is definitely here for the boys who thrive on it, but it is not something that is forced on any of our campers. While we do offer most team sports, such as baseball, basketball, and soccer, the facts remain that Deerhorn places greater emphasis on lifetime sports such as tennis, water skiing, sailing, archery, golf, and riding. Nearly all of our awards presented the last day of each session are based upon improvement. You do not have to be a great athlete to enjoy Deerhorn!

How's the food?

“Awesome, better than I expected, great, super.” These are the opinions of the great majority of boys. You'll have hot and cold cereal, fruit and yogurt bar, and a hot item like eggs, pancakes, or french toast for breakfast. For lunch, you'll enjoy a salad bar, and things like pizza bagels or grilled cheese sandwiches. For dinner you might have baked chicken or spaghetti. You will have ice cream, cookies, fresh fruit, apple crisp, chocolate cake, and other delicious things for dessert.

What is a typical day like at Deerhorn?

7:15am The bell rings. This is the time for you to get dressed, brush your teeth, and clean up your area in the koogee. 8:00am Breakfast in the lodge. 9:00-11:35am Three activity periods. 12:00pm Lunch in the lodge. 1:00 Rest Hour in koogees. 2:10-4:45 Three afternoon activity periods. 5:00pm General Swim/Free time. 6:00 Dinner in the lodge. 7:00 After dinner activities. 8:30pm Milkline. 9:00 Lights out for youngest campers. 10:00pm Lights out for oldest campers. Sundays are a little different at camp. We sleep in an hour later and do not have regular activities. Instead, we have an all-camp activity in the afternoon, a cookout on the beach, and a campfire to end the day.

Contact Us

Please contact us by phone or email to answer any questions you have about Camp Deerhorn. We look forward to hearing from you!

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CDH Fast-Facts

- Deerhorn is a medium sized camp
- Ages accepted are from 6 to 16
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 or 9 week sessions
- Focus on improvement in lifetime sports
- Inherent social skill improvement
- Wilderness Leadership Programs

This summer your boy will grow. This is the keynote of our responsibility at Camp Deerhorn. We see a boy's need for growth physically and mentally. We have planned and built for his fun today and for his development tomorrow. This camp is conceived as a bivouac of friendship and fellowship.

It is equipped with all those external facilities that make a summer's vacation in the open a thing of joy for growing boys. But we like to think that Camp Deerhorn carries to your Boy something richer and more permanent than a sun tan, stronger muscles, clearer eyes, inches, and pounds.

We believe that he will take back with him, and possess through the years, the prizes of character, courage, self-reliance, self-discipline, the capacity for friendship and consideration-in brief, those ideals of manhood which every parent seeks to realize in his boy. This is our constant objective, as we shape the season's program for his health and pleasure.

—Dr. Doc C. Broadbridge, 1932