

At first glance, this appears to be just another summer camp, filled with children racing from one event to the next, playing as only children can play – but Geneva Glen is an anomaly... it offers young people goals to strive for, traditions to uphold, values to clarify and deepen, leadership opportunities, and the experience of working to be your best-self.

"Friends like this are hard to find, so I am lucky to have a place with so many of them."

"I learned the people I want to have in my life."

# the fruitage of the Glen

Recently, GG has undergone a transformation: inward growth and fruition, an enlarging of the character and heart of GG, a strengthening of that intangible, yet undeniably palpable spirit called the "magic of the Glen." Honoring nearly a century of meaningful traditions, and our deep commitment to being stewards of the future, camp prepares young people to be leaders, by creating a place of love and acceptance for every child, both young and old! GG derives its strength by honoring the great diversity found in every aspect of the place: the program, the leaders, the land. It is undeniably counter-cultural: in today's world of caution and uncertainty, camp is decidedly "high-touch," grounding, and provides a nourishing haven of safety and possibilities. The outward demonstration of affection and trust transforms camp friendships into life-long relationships that flourish into generations of camp family.

## Geneva Glen 9-11 Graders

- 99% felt confident in their friendship, independence, teamwork, self-confidence and responsibility skills
- 100% felt that camp helped them be more independent
- 97% felt more responsible as a result of Geneva Glen
- 100% felt more confident in themselves after attending camp

"I learned to be myself and love who I am."

"Geneva Glen is a place where I feel inspired to be a better person..."

## Geneva Glen 6-8 Graders

- 95% felt that camp helped increase their ability to be a friend
- 93% felt more connected to the outdoors
- 93% felt more responsible
- 95% felt more confident

## Geneva Glen 2-5 Graders

6 out of 7 campers felt that they learned "a little" to "a lot" about friendship, independence, teamwork, self-confidence, responsibility as well as other values.

"Geneva Glen is one of the best things that ever happened to me!"

## What Parents Said?

"Counselors come heart first."

- 92% were "very satisfied" with their child's camp experience
- 99% will recommend GG to a friend or relative

## Parents talked. We Listened!

To better serve your camper, we redesigned our check-in and check-out procedures. We also increased our communication with parents through emails, surveys and phone calls.

"My life consists of camp & not camp. At camp I am forced to be myself, to better myself and to love myself. Outside of camp I want to do all of the above so I am worthy of my time spent here."

"The lessons I have learned this summer are innumerable and invaluable. I have learned how to be a better person, a better friend, a better leader and a better follower."

"My girls told me that the stones the fairies gave them on the overnight helped them sleep and helped their stomachs feel better."

"Every summer that I've been here, this place has forced me to grow up in some way that I needed at that particular point in my life. It's ironic to gain maturity from living with and acting like children, but this camp has always pushed me: in discovering who I am, what I can do, and what I need to do for myself and others."

"I have learned how to show up heart first. At how just being around - quality time with campers can mean the world. Life comes quickly. It's easy to be tired, negative, passive, etc., but shake your head and live in the moment, each moment."



## *Cherishing the past, seeding the future*

With years and reams of anecdotal evidence that Geneva Glen really does change lives, this summer, we sought out the science. We prepared a program that allowed us to gather this evidence on paper, to demonstrate camp's efficacy toward building better leaders and citizens. The results were bountiful and fruitful! Here are just a few of hundreds of statements and results arrived at from our campers and staff who recognized within themselves what GG does. We invite you to share with us the excitement that this brings to all of us, and to the future of one of the most important places on earth for a child and young adult, as you sample "The Fruitage of the Glen."