



# TAPAWINGO

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*Place of Joy*





# WELCOME TO THE ISLAND



Tapawingo is a Christian girls' camp located on an island in the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York. It serves girls ages 9-17 and is unique because of its beauty and Biblical standards of excellence. Campers and staff alike are encouraged and inspired to find meaning and fulfillment in a hurting world.

Operating between the end of June and the end of August, Tapawingo offers eight one-week sessions that run from Sunday afternoon to Saturday morning.

Tapawingo has been called, "a haven of rest and refreshment," by our campers. It is a place where girls are free to be girls without the pressures and expectations of society. A place where young women have the chance to discover God's unconditional love for them through Jesus Christ, grow in a deeper understanding of God's Word, and see His best for their lives!

## Our Mission

Our purpose is to clearly and lovingly glorify Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through personal example, meaningful activity, Biblical direction and Christ-centered relationships in a safe and friendly environment that promotes healthy growth and development in all areas of a young woman's life.

## Our Vision

Tapawingo seeks to provide a safe place for young women to discover who God is and His best for their lives. It's in this setting of unconditional love, structured challenge, healthy living and uplifting role models that we hope to help girls discover the truth about the Lord and His love for them, and to give them a vision for their future walk with Him.







## Our Staff

We believe that Tapawingo Staff are some of the finest women of God! Our staff members are wonderful role models who are committed to pointing campers to Christ. They are disciplined, enthusiastic women who love the Lord and make each week special for campers. Each staff member goes through an intentional application and interview process. Once hired, staff participate in three weeks of extensive training and become certified in Wilderness First Aid and Lifeguarding as needed. We focus also on equipping counselors spiritually and practically through homiletics, activity, and mental health support training.



## Our Campers

Tapawingo campers are ages 9-17 and come from diverse backgrounds and circumstances. Campers have the opportunity to form new friendships, create lasting memories, and become shaped by camp experiences that are truly life changing.



## Our Program

Campers love the activities and events offered at Tapawingo! In many activities they can earn badges, which allows them to work through a progression of skills to master the activity. Staff to camper ratios never fall below 1:8.

# ACTIVITIES

- × Archery
- × Banana Boating
- × Bible
- × Canoeing
- × Campcraft
- × Crafts
- × Drama
- × Fishing
- × Fitness
- × Hiking
- × Rock Climbing
- × Sailing
- × Swimming
- × Tennis
- × Waterskiing
- × Wildlife



# ADDITIONAL

## C.I.T. Program

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In conjunction with Tapawingo's mission statement, the **Counselor in Training Program** exists to equip 16-18 year old women with Biblical knowledge, foundational Christian principles, leadership, and wilderness skills. This takes place in an environment of intensive study, experiential education, and group living. Our desire is that the CIT Program would raise up godly women, future leaders, and future Tapawingo counselors.

The CIT program is 4 weeks in length and can have a total of 12-18 girls per session. Each CIT participant spends several days on wilderness excursions in the High Peaks of the Adirondacks. The rest of their time is spent on the island receiving further leadership training through Bible studies, group discussions, initiative activities, and hands-on opportunities to lead and share their spiritual gifts. They are also given opportunities to lead all-camp activities and increase in their program area knowledge.



# PROGRAMS

## TAP Adventure Program

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The TAP Adventure Program offers a different challenge to campers ages 13-15. Through many outdoor adventures campers will experience God, push their comfort zones, learn basic outdoor skills, deepen friendships, and grow in their faith. While still a part of the rest of camp, TAP Adventure campers enjoy special off-island excursions in the Adirondacks!

Campers will learn a variety of wilderness skills that include: backcountry cooking, camping and tarp set up, canoeing, basic climbing and rappelling skills, and Leave No Trace principles. Outdoor adventure trips include: climbing and rappelling, canoeing, overnight camping trips, hiking, and caving.







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