

Have Fun Changing Your World!

The world is changing. Colleges, workplaces, and organizations are increasingly more diverse; often people lack the tools to communicate and work together toward common goals. At Camp Kupugani, your child will maximize their potential whether they are destined to be a future leader, valued team member, or confident individual on their own path. Through a challenging multicultural experience, your child will build self-confidence, teamwork skills, & community so that they can prosper in a multicultural society. Most importantly, they will make life-long friendships that will expand their mind & heart.

Our Natural Home

Camp Kupugani is located just two hours west of Chicago, Illinois. It boasts 120 acres of magical forest, multi-use trails, a swimming pool, rock climbing walls, game fields, a 5-acre lake for swimming and water activities, and almost a mile of canoeing through the property. On a daily basis, campers see wildlife and wildflowers galore, breathe the robust smell of pure woods, and fall asleep with a twinkling night sky above. Most importantly, you can relax knowing that your child is safe — Camp Kupugani is certified by the American Camp Association.



Our Staff

Our staff comes from as many different backgrounds as our campers. They are carefully selected from hundreds of applicants for their strong leadership, problem solving skills, love of working with children, and ability to model our mission. All applicants are thoroughly screened and participate in comprehensive pre-camp training and orientation. Our counselors love to play and have tons of fun, and are great people to go to if you ever have something you want to talk about.

What Makes Kupugani Unique?

- We help children move beyond common school dynamics where they interact in homogenous groups, often divided by ethnicity.
- Children are offered a challenging and transformative experience that helps them develop vital interpersonal tools they will carry with them into future endeavors.
- Campers of varied backgrounds live, play, & work together, creating friendships built on trust.



The Directors

Camp directors Kevin Gordon and his wife Natasha have decades of experience working with children as directors at residential camps, and as counselors, school teachers, entertainers, and sports instructors. They each have graduate degrees in addition to Kevin's psychology degree from Harvard University and Natasha's psychology minor from the University of Manitoba. They are so confident that your child will have fun while growing and learning that they even offer a money-back guarantee!

EMPOWERING. CHALLENGING. DIVERSE. FUN!

"When I see how my child's face lights up when speaking about camp, it's a priceless experience!"

"Kupugani touches on all the core values and enrichment that we hope to instill in our child. My husband and I absolutely love Camp Kupugani."

"I have never come in contact with such a wonderful group of people at a camp before. Everyone did an outstanding job, the camp was so organized, it was unbelievable."



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"The level of experience and diversity among the staff was exceptional."

"Everyone...was just so, so personable, kind, and the kind of person I want my daughter looking up to and spending time with."

Kupugani for Girls

WE EXIST FOR GIRLS AS THEY ARE...SO THEY IMAGINE THE WOMEN THEY CAN BECOME.

Empowerment

We focus on diversity and communication skills in a fun and supportive atmosphere; girls are challenged and enjoy unparalleled opportunities to grow and maximize their potential to change their world.



Friendship

Your girl will enjoy an inspiring experience living with, learning from, and befriending others with whom they may not usually interact. Together in a beautiful setting, they can recognize their commonalities, and respect and appreciate the uniqueness of all individuals, including themselves.

Amazing Activities

We offer camper-tested and approved activities like rock climbing, river walking, playing under waterfalls, and hiking under the stars. The daily schedule provides a comfortable and structured routine, including many opportunities for campers to have a self-determined experience by choosing from a range of camp activities.



Teamwork

Each week also brings special activities and interactive games emphasizing diversity, empowerment, decisionmaking, assertiveness, and communication skills — building up to The Ultimate Group challenge! Every girl plays together and learns from others reinforced by everyday cabin life supervised by attentive counselors.

"There's lots of activities and you can make new friends and everyone there is loving, caring and joyful."
"It is the most positive environment I have ever found. The people are amazing, and, even after eight years, I'm still learning."
"I love Camp Kupugani because we have amazing food, the best counselors, and it's awesome here."
"I love Camp Kupugani because it's a home away from home."



Mother Daughter (Parent-Child) Weekend

Got Mother-Daughter Time?

Time flies. Before you know it, your baby girl has grown up and you wonder where the time went. Mother Daughter Weekend celebrates and enhances the essential relationship between a mother and daughter—providing quality time to make special connections.

At Kupugani, moms and daughters of varied backgrounds live, play, and work together, instilling and reaffirming bonds of friendship and trust between you and your daughter and among other dynamic women and girls. You and your daughter gain a life-altering experience that helps you connect in amazing ways.

Connect with Moms

Moms need time with other moms. Mother Daughter Weekend allows you to share hopes and challenges with others who understand. You form lasting relationships with other great moms and share thoughts about raising empowered daughters. Our special relationship-building activities include "mom time" with targeted mom-mom activities.



"I was able to bond with so many amazing women; the activities were a blast; the staff is full of incredible SPIRIT; & I loved having quality time with my daughter!"

"I spent a lot of time with my daughter doing things that we had never done before, and she was so happy."



Build Community

We all must fine-tune our skills to thrive in a multicultural society. Helping build an inclusive community with a diverse group of other moms and daughters—you can model how you'd like your world to be.

You enjoy an inspiring experience connecting with each other—by learning from and befriending others with whom you may not usually interact. Together, in a beautiful, natural setting, you recognize commonalities, and respect and appreciate the uniqueness of all individuals, including yourself.

Learn and Play Together

The schedule allows both daughters and moms to be comfortable with structured programs yet individualize your schedule with a range of great activities like rock climbing, river walking, campfires, playing under waterfalls, and night hikes under the stars. The weekend also brings special interactive activities emphasizing relationship building, diversity, team building trust exercises, and empowerment, and reinforced by the guidance of our excellent staff.

Empowered Moms, Empowered Daughters

As a mom, you sometimes don't get sufficient time for yourself—to challenge yourself... or to just relax and play! Mother Daughter Weekend gives you both!

Through our empowerment and camp activities you do things you didn't think you could do; you get to explore, get dirty (optional), have fun singing camp songs, and make lasting memories with your daughter.

Kupugani for Boys

WE EXIST FOR BOYS AS THEY ARE...SO THEY IMAGINE THE MEN THEY CAN BECOME.

Play

At Camp Kupugani, your boy will get to do super cool activities he can't do elsewhere—like rock climbing, dam jumping, mud volleyball, GaGa, river floating, crate stacking, playing under waterfalls, and much more. He will get to explore, get dirty, and live life to the fullest every day!

Lead

Your child will excel by developing leadership and teamwork skills while building and maximizing confidence.

Challenge

In a fun and supportive atmosphere, he'll have the adventure of a lifetime; on a quest to become his personal best, he'll discover untapped courage, strength, determination, and will. He will also learn to trust and value others, and work as an integral part of a team.

Connect

At Camp Kupugani, boys of varied backgrounds live, play, and work together. Campers have a transformative experience that leaves them with lifelong interpersonal tools. Through the camp experience, campers gain the profound experience of uniting with diverse campers to build an inclusive community. Campers gain respect for themselves and others—fostering friendships with new lifelong buddies.

"I love Camp Kupugani because it has lots of fun activities and I meet a lot of new and interesting people."

"The most important thing I learned at camp was that alone we can accomplish little but with a team we can accomplish anything."

"I can't think of anything to make camp better and more fun."

"Camp Kupugani helped me challenge myself."

