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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator:	Kippewa for Girls (Winthrop, Me.)
Title:	Kippewa for Girls Records
ID:	SpC MS 0280
Date [inclusive]:	1961-2004
Date [bulk]:	1967-1974 (bulk)
Physical Description:	8.25 cubic feet (13 boxes)
Physical Location:	
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection contains records of Kippewa for Girls, a summer camp located on Lake Cobbosseecontee in Winthrop, Maine.

Preferred Citation

Kippewa for Girls Records, SpC MS 0280, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Historical Note

The Kippewa Camp is a summer camp located on Lake Cobbosseecontee in Winthrop, Maine.

Kippewa was established in 1957 by Martin and Sylvia Silverman. The property on which the camp is located had been used as a resort from about 1917, when Kippewa Kamps, with a main lodge and cabins, was built. It later became Kippewa Lodge, catering to families primarily from the New York area. Significant damage to the site occurred during Hurricane Carol in 1954, and the lodge was not able to re-open. In 1957 Martin Silverman and Frances Axelrod, wife of the owner of the property, founded Kippewa for Girls, and it opened in 1958 with about 60 campers. In 1959 the Silvermans became the sole directors of the camp.

Martin Silverman received a B.S. degree from Springfield College and an M.S. in Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University. A professional social worker, he served for 14 years as executive director of the Cambridge Jewish Community Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and as a member of the Department of Pupil Personnel Services in the Quincy, Massachusetts, public schools. He also worked as a consultant on youth and group work programs and as a member of the fieldwork faculty of the School of Social Work at Boston University. Sylvia Silverman received a B.A. from Oberlin College and did graduate study in education at Case Western Reserve and Northeastern University. She was an elementary school teacher and was active in the Cub Scouts and Campfire Girls.

Kippewa for Girls offers programs in horseback riding, studio and performing arts, gymnastics, tennis, field sports, water sports and wilderness camping trips. Its enrollment is limited to 160 girls between the ages of 6 1/2 and 16. Its emphasis is on activities that are not readily available at home and that use the camp's many specialized buildings and lakeside setting. Martin and Sylvia Silverman remain as founding directors, with Jon and Paul Silverman serving as second-generation directors.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains primarily financial records and a large number of photographs of camp activities.

The financial records include check registers and invoices, 1967-1974, for goods and services used by the camp each summer. The photographs include copy sheets used in preparing the camp's yearbook, Driftwood, as well as copies of the yearbooks themselves, 1963-2002. Most of the extensive photograph collection is undated and shows unidentified campers and staff engaging in a variety of outdoor activities. The collection also contains a few administrative records of the camp office, including correspondence, camp brochures and drafts, and a staff manual.

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Conservation Note

The collection has been re-housed in acid-free folders and boxes. Selected photographs have been interleaved with acid-free paper.

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Restrictions on Access

Kept at Fogler Library's offsite storage facility. One week's notice required for retrieval.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift from Martin Silverman in 1975 and 1976.

Use Restrictions

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Controlled Access Headings

- Camps -- Maine
- Camping -- Maine
- Winthrop (Me.)
- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Slides (photographs)
- Financial records
- Registers (lists)

- Invoices
- Manuals
- Yearbooks
- Kippewa for Girls (Winthrop, Me.)
- Silverman, Martin
- Silverman, Sylvia

Collection Inventory

Contents of Boxes

Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence, outgoing, 1975	Box 1 Folder 1
Correspondence, incoming, 1960s, 1970	Box 1 Folder 2
Camp brochure	Box 1 Folder 3
Camp brochure: drafts, etc.	Box 1 Folder 4
Camp logo	Box 1 Folder 5
Camp newsletter	Box 1 Folder 6
Camp songbook	Box 1 Folder 6a
Programs of activities, 1976	Box 1 Folder 7
Kippewa staff manual	Box 1 Folder 8
Sales journal, cash receipts, cash disbursements (located physically in Box 14), 1961-1964	Box 1 Folder Oversized
Check registers and invoices, 1967-1968	Folder 9-19
Check registers and invoices, 1968-1970	Box 2

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Check registers and invoices, 1970-1971	Box 3
	Folder 1-15
Check registers and invoices, 1971	Box 4
	Folder 1
Invoices, 1972-1974	Box 4
	Folder 2-14
Invoices, 1974	Box 5
	Folder 1-4
Yearbook copy sheets, 1971, 1973-1975	Box 5
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Yearbook copy sheets for order #1567, undated	Box 5
	Folder 15-16
Yearbooks, 1963, 1966, 1969-1986	Box 6
	Folder 1-6
Yearbooks, 1987-1996	Box 7
	Folder 1-5
Yearbooks, 1997-2004	Box 8
	Folder 1-4
Camp photographs, undated	Box 9
	Folder 1-9
Photo of Jesse W. Jones, camp chef, undated	Box 9
	Folder 10
Camp photographs, undated	Box 10
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Camp photographs, undated	Box 11
	Folder 1
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