



Hello Camp Hochelaga Families and Community,

For nearly 100 seasons, Camp Hochelaga has been a place of adventure, self-confidence, empowerment, and social connection for so many girls and women. The Hochelaga Spirit is alive and thriving! Throughout each summer we see campers and counselors of all ages take on new challenges, connect with each other across differences, build confidence, support each other, and appreciate the beauty of unplugged outdoor experiences. As we look forward to celebrating 100 years of camp in 2019, we are excited to say that Camp Hochelaga is ready for the next 100 amazing seasons to come!

Coming from a professional background of camp leadership, experiential education, and community outreach, I wholeheartedly believe that positive, outdoor-focused camp experiences that are socially, emotionally, and physically safe can have a powerful and lasting impact on kids of all ages. Each session at Camp Hochelaga we strive to create a place where girls can step beyond their comfort zones with confidence, embrace appropriate challenges, and collaborate with one another across differing backgrounds and life experiences.

There are many components that combine to create Camp Hochelaga's strong, positive and memorable camp experiences on the shores of Lake Champlain. But there are a few elements of particular focus, energy, and importance to us. At Camp Hochelaga we hold inclusion as a core value in all that we do. We welcome campers and staff from all over Vermont and the globe. We intentionally take time to acknowledge unique life experiences and embrace differing perspectives. Our staff team engages in training and ongoing dialogue to ensure that we are all equipped to provide individualized support to our campers. We work together to create a safe place where girls and women can recognize the power of their voices, take on new challenges, become positive leaders, and advocate for themselves and for one another all while having a blast exploring the outdoors together.

I am incredibly honored by the opportunity to be Camp Hochelaga's Camp Director. I truly believe that 'Laga creates spaces of social safety and empowerment for campers and staff that are unique and special. I am excited to be able to lead, grow, and support the magic of this place, the lifelong friendships that are fostered here, and the traditions that have lived at its core for nearly 100 years. Thank you for being a committed part of our 'Laga community!

Sincerely,

Hannah Bogard, Camp Director

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