

C.I.T Goodbyes

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“Saying goodbye to Long Lake is heartbreaking. I have never loved a place so much in my entire life. My first year coming I had no clue how much this camp would change me as a person. I have made friendships with people all over the entire world and somehow feel closer to them than anyone else. Not only does this camp offer you anything you can imagine, it has helped me grow and become the person I will be for the rest of my life. I don’t think I can get any closer to heaven than this place. Each summer has offered me something new, different, and challenging and each month of the year I count down to the three weeks I spend here at Long Lake”.
Libby.H. 3 years at Long Lake.

“At Long Lake, I have been a rock star, a magician, a beauty pageant host, a sailor, a superhero, dancer, and 20 minutes ago, a cook. I have experienced things in 3 weeks I never thought I would have experienced during my whole life. Thanks to what I consider a hugely supportive family.”
Paul.D. 3 years at Long Lake.



“When I was twelve, my parents were searching on the internet for an arts camp when they stumbled upon Long Lake Camp for the Arts. That’s when fate stepped in. That summer, after camp was over, I slid into my car and said to my parents, “I’m coming back. No question.” The reason behind this change of heart? The reason is that Long Lake is the closest to a home away from home on Earth”.

Rebecca. B. 4 years at Long Lake.

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“Seven years ago I stepped onto the teardrop at Long Lake a scared, shy, confused nine-year old girl. Today I sit here as a strong, confident and changed person, for which I have Long Lake to thank. To try to explain this, let me start by saying that Long Lake Camp is more than just an arts camp; its laughter, friendship, smiles, tears, side-hugs, memories and hope. To all of you who are reading this, please let Long Lake do for you what it has done for me. Let it help you grow, improve, laugh more, smile more, love more, and be a better person. Only Long Lake is capable of doing this for you, just as I know it’s done for me. I’ve been coming to this camp for three weeks for almost half of my life, and whatever the next years have in store, I know that because I came to this camp, I am a stronger, brighter, better person than I ever was”. Alyssa M. 7 years at Long Lake.



“When I came my first time 3 years ago, to LLC, I almost didn’t speak a word of English. I quickly realized that thanks to the welcoming love of Marc and Susan, Geoff and Carolyn, all the other staff and the wonderful campers, there really was no need to be scared at all. Although I live across the ocean, I made some of my best friends here in LLC”. Beni-B. 4 years at Long Lake.

“I don’t think I can even begin to describe how important this place has been to me. Every summer has changed me so much. I’ll miss everyone, especially all the CITs ’10. The only thing I wish was different was that I could come back. These have been the best three summers of my life. I’ve gotten to do everything I wanted and more”. Adam.D. 3 years at Long Lake.

