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How to Create a Private Adirondack Summer Camp Experience

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Still waters on Lake Kora.

Friends and family can spread out on Lake Kora's upstate grounds.

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During the Gilded Age of the late 1800s and early 1900s, Rockefellers, Vanderbilts, and the rest of [Manhattan](#)'s elite relocated upstate every summer to host elaborate parties and sporting competitions at sprawling lakefront estates – the Adirondack Great Camps. One of those original camps, [Lake Kora](#), is now an exclusive-use retreat for travelers. Only available from July through October, Lake Kora hosts up to 24 guests in accommodations across the 1,000-acre estate, from cottages with stone fireplaces to private rooms in the main timber-walled lodge.

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Dining at the boathouse dock.

The self-catered pursuits leave little room for boredom: There are canoes, kayaks, sailboats, and electric wooden boats for enjoying the 500-acre lake; a field for ball games; a tennis court; and badminton, croquet, and volleyball equipment. Activities continue indoors, with a squash court, Ping-Pong and casino tables, and even a vintage two-lane Brunswick bowling alley. A culinary team handles all meals, including lunch barbecues, daily cocktail hours, four-course dinners served at the original table in the Great Hall Dining Room, and twilight s'mores at the lake's edge. Anything else guests want – a massage, a babysitter, live musicians, fly-fishing guides, yoga instructors – is a quick request away. *Virtuoso travelers receive all meals with exclusive use booking.*



Splashdown at Lake Kora.