

# KABEELO LODGE LINE



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## 2014 SEASON | BIG FISH & LOTS OF FISH

We are grateful for yet another safe season of fishing, hunting, vacationing, visiting with friends and developing new friends. While late ice-outs are seemingly becoming a customary event, they thankfully have had minimal negative impact on our operations - fishing this season was unsurpassed by any prior years evident in the size and numbers of our anglers catches.

Can you believe the **BIG FISH** recorded for the season was a 42-11/32" Northern and a 29" Walleye! These were some of the largest fish **caught and released** on our lakes. The Barkmeier team stole the spot for the largest Northern on Jeanette Lake, while the Falco team earned credit for the largest Walleye caught and released on Bertha Lake. We THANK YOU for supporting Kabeelo' trophy fish policy "let'em go and let'em grow".

**LOTS OF FISH** : 1,578 fish caught in 5-1/2 days by 4 anglers...can you IMAGINE! The Barnes party fished Bertha Lake long and hard, there's no disputing those numbers!

In the words of our 6 year old (Winston) "we like having guests visit KaBeeLo because we like flying them and hearing their stories - we hope they like the lakes they go to and enjoy their fishing trips & relaxing at the cabins. I hope to see you next year." Could not have said it better ourselves.

## Service Fee added to 2015 licenses

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has introduced a \$2 service fee on:

- Outdoors Cards
- Hunting and fishing licenses

The additional revenue will be invested through the Fish and Wildlife "Special Purpose Account", a program which currently supports ~2/3 of Ontario fishing & hunting opportunities.

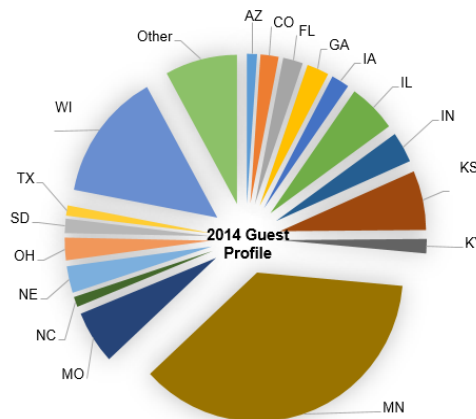
Fish & Wildlife programs improve fishing and hunting in Ontario through licensing, enforcement, scientific research and fish stocking.

\* **KaBeeLo does not issue licenses** \*

## ARE YOU IN OUR CIRCLE?

KaBeeLo guests travel from near and far to experience the serenity, beauty and adventures unique to North Western Ontario. The infographic to the right provides insight to the "roots" of Kabeelo's 2014 guests: 31 of the 50 Great States are represented at KaBeeLo!

Don't see your State? Call us to see how we can change that for 2015, we'd love to have you be part of our circle! If your state is represented, we challenge you to increase that slice of the pie!



The "other" category is made up the following States, each representing less than 1% of our guests in the 2014 season.

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| • Alabama    | • Dakota         | • Virginia      |
| • Arizona    | • New Hampshire  | • West Virginia |
| • California | • Nevada         | • Wyoming       |
| • Mass...    | • South Carolina |                 |
| • Maryland   | • Tennessee      |                 |
| • Michigan   |                  |                 |
| • North      |                  |                 |

## PROJECTS - pending & completed

- A new 8'x60' pressure treated dock was constructed at the main base, now connecting the 2 plane docks making it easier to manage the loading and unloading of guests and gear and support future building projects.
- Dead Dog suffered dock damage from the winter freeze/thaw. A new dock was completed in the in the spring.
- Keep on the lookout for online Credit card payments!!!!
- You may notice some trees missing in our upper parking lot - several were cleared out to make room for two new 1,000 gallon aviation fuel tanks. In addition, 2 new 1,000 gallon diesel tanks will be plumed this spring.
- New brochure format! The goal of which is to complement the new website, and provide our existing & prospective guests a fresh look at our services.
- New propane filling station at the main base - installed and maintained to code, to keep the outpost fridges, BBQs, fish fryers & water heaters humming along with the main lodge necessities!
- A fair amount of time and resources were invested this summer in a long overdue facelift to Ann & Harald's Lodge residence. 30 years of minor fix-its finally caught up with us.... Their new roof, flooring, kitchen, siding, insulation, windows & doors should keep them warm and comfy as they "dabble" in retirement.
- New Signs!!! New KaBeeLo signs were designed and installed on Hwy 105 and the entrance to KaBeeLo. Keep your eyes peeled for another to appear on Hwy 502!

# 2014 HUNT NEWS

What another great hunt season! The weather was cooler yielding more moose sightings, along with extremely healthy bear and grouse populations. Give us a call to develop a custom hunt/fish package!

## Bear Hunt

KaBeeLo's Bear Hunt success was once again fantastic - with a harvest rate of 85%. This year's largest bear came in at 325 Lbs.

Many people ask us what can be expected of a bear hunt, one can expect to sit for long stretches of time and enjoy the silence & serenity while watching for bears. Bears typically scour the forest for new smells, however they can't seem to resist the aromas from the bait buckets - consisting of chocolate, peanut butter, gummy bears etc. We are proud of our strong success rate and aim to maintain strong harvests by limiting the number of hunters in a season.

## Grouse Hunt

KaBeeLo's abundant hunt area of boreal forest, power lines & clear-cut areas generated LOTS of grouse sightings. Commonly known as a challenging bird to hunt, this year's hunters had fun capturing their limits of bird; while reaching their daily limits was not overly difficult, an extra ATV in the group will be considered for their next hunt.

## Moose Hunt

Mother Nature provided cooler weather this year allowing for multiple Moose sightings within our hunt zone, numerous shots were made with no success.

The Ontario Ministry made some drastic cuts to resident tag allocations, and changes to non-resident tag allocations, subsequently the 2015 rates have been adjusted

## 2015 Sportshow Circuit

We'd love to see you and your family at one, or all, of our sportshow venues!

- ⇒ **St. Paul, MN | Sportsmen's Show:** January 8-11, River Center
- ⇒ **Green Bay, WI | All-Canada Show:** January 15-18, Radisson Conference Center
- ⇒ **Kansas City, MO | Boat & Sportshow:** January 22-25, Bartle Hall
- ⇒ **Omaha, NE | Sportshow:** February 19-22, CenturyLink Center
- ⇒ **Minneapolis, MN | Northwest Sportshow:** March 25-29, Minneapolis convention Center

## Questions & Answers

Throughout the season, many of our current - and prospective - guests bring forth a multitude of questions, thoughts and ideas that we want to share with YOU! Don't forget to check our website for updated "worthy news".

### Q: Are Erik & Allysson going to continue with taking over the business?

A: YES! We continue to address the transition step by step to ensure nothing falls through the cracks. Allysson completed and passed the "operations manager" exam and transitioned this past season into the role of Operations Manager for KaBeeLo Airways.

### Q: What's the deal with catch & release?

A: GREAT question! This is a concept that is catching on with more and more people and groups. KaBeeLo is a strong promoter of catch & release and encourages the use of **conservation license**, we also have published release limits in each boat, however some key tips include; Remove hooks quickly and safely, hold large fish with TWO hands, never hold by the gills or eyes, stringers are for keepers only.

### Q: I noticed new timber cut areas - should I be concerned about lake access by other anglers?

A: NO - KaBeeLo strives to have all access roads destroyed after being re-planted. Each access road in the Trout forest area (KaBeeLo's turf) forbids lake access and carries hefty legal repercussions if violated.

### Q: How about adding other outpost lakes?

A: The answer has not changed...yet....instead of "new" lakes we continue to direct our short-term efforts and finances towards construction and modernization of existing outpost cabins to match the view of guests who appreciate excellent fishing with excellent accommodations. We hope to soon turn these resources towards the main base cabins and lodge buildings. Acquiring additional lakes falls into our long term strategy.

## PRICING | 2015

2014 presented KaBeeLo with a variety of cost increases: staff salaries, aviation fuel, meat & food prices, land use permit rates and aircraft maintenance. Historically KaBeeLo has kept price increases, on average, to less than 3% - we have done the very best we can to follow that trend with our 2015 package prices. THANKS for understanding!

We are thankful that 2014 showed a boost in guest attendance. This growth, coupled with the economic glimmers of hope and our modest price increase, keeps us optimistic that Ontario tourism will grow and guests will continue to visit KaBeeLo Lodge.

## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services and products

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## Techy Bites

- 2014 marked the successful launch of our newly designed website. We continue to update the content and designs to keep the news, pictures and prices as real-time as possible.
- This past summer we upgraded our customer data into a more robust database, allowing us to "slice and dice" our guest profiles and KaBeeLo visits. Our first "targeted" exercise will be a short email survey—please take the time to complete. This will help us identify changes or improvements to KaBeeLo's services.
- While we'd love to be active on all of today's techy platforms, we prefer to take our time and evaluate each site and select those that best display KaBeeLo's features & services and complement the dynamics of our guests. So on that note, we are excited to explore the next Techy avenue: ONLINE PAYMENTS—yes....we hope to begin accepting 2015 deposits online, stay tuned for details!