# **KABEELO LODGE LINE**

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#### **45 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE**

Can you believe that 2017 marks 45 years of providing KaBeeLo Lodge guests with the very best "fly-out" adventures in NW Ontario? We interpret this milestone as having the right "mix" of people, product and value.

As with any business, each season carries its own set of challenges and opportunities, it is our goal to ensure we provide YOU with a quality experience at an affordable price, and the opportunity to leave "life's stresses" behind (for a few days at least).

As a THANK YOU to all the guests who have supported our success through the years, we continue to research tokens of appreciation in recognition of our 45th year in business. While we have yet to come to a final decision, we want to share with you some of our random creative (and in jest) ideas.

- \* 45% discount on trips or apparel purchases
- \* Free hat &/ commemorative pin
- \* Reduce supplied food by 45% (just kidding)
- \* 45% off minnows
- \* Compose a soundtrack on a vinyl 45.

Have a better idea? We encourage you to share your creativity with us: info@kabeelo.com



#### DID YOU NOTICE?

Those who visited KaBeeLo this past season saw and experienced our new Turbo Beaver - commonly referred to by her tail letters EWP. For those yet to see or ride in the new plane, here are just a few features to bring you up to speed: Faster, smoother, different sound, improved efficiencies for larger groups, moves more passengers & cargo per run.

This impressive piece of machinery has been a great addition to the airways—while an expensive investment, we can only hope it was a wise investment and the correct decision has been made.

## What Kind of Bait Should Luse?

Each season we are asked many questions, however one that seems to be most frequent is "what kind of bait should I use?". In an effort to simplify the answer, and help with your decision process, we have developed a "Bait Matrix" outlining the pros and cons of common bait options, season availability and the best times use along with some basic **RULES FOR USE**:

- 1. Be flexible get sufficient quantities of each type of bait
- Be reasonable cost of bait is only a small part of your fishing experience
- 3. Be rational fishing is just that, fishing
- Set goals are you going fishing or "grocery shopping?"
- 5. Be prepared clothing, equipment & supplies
- 6. HAVE FUN! ANY DAY OF FISHING IS STILL BETTER THAN THE BEST DAY AT WORK!

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Live	#1 in food pyramid	fragile	\$\$\$	All	All season
Minnows	readily available	storage concerns		season	
	live	illegal to import			
Salted	easy to handle	lack of taste/smell	\$	All	All season
Minnows	durable	import restrictions		season	
Night	easy to handle	import restrictions	\$	Limited	All season
Crawlers	live	fragility		in Canada	
Leeches	durable	illegal to import	\$\$\$\$	June, July	Mid
	live	storage concerns		early Aug.	Summer
Artificial	durable	limited effect	\$\$	Year	All season
	readily available	not live		Round	

## WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

**Up, Up & Away:** Our main base Lodge building was lifted 12"-20" above her cribbing! Why? To even out some of the settling humps. How? With 4 commercial 50-ton airbags, each with only 10psi, and some extremely dedicated and hardworking staff, the underside of the 45 year old structure was purged of ancient cribbing and railway ties (9 truckloads to be exact).

**Laundry/Shower House:** New roof, new siding, new decking and more visible signage is what you'll see when driving onto KaBeeLo's Main Base.

**Boats & Motors**: In our ongoing quest to provide guests with quality operating equipment, the reach of the new 4-stroke Yamaha motors includes Perrigo, Jeanette, Betty & Bertha along with brand new 14' Lund boats on Bertha.

BASS? Yes - a species of bass was discovered this year by some of our avid anglers on Bertha Lake. Goggle bass to be exact (rock bass or redeye bass in Canada). Very similar to a smallmouth bass but quite a bit smaller and is essentially a feeder fish for our native Walleye and Northern Pike. While the counts

were very low, just be aware that you might find something other than a walleye or Northern at the end of your line!

12V & USB Chargers: In 2016 we experimented with portable charging devices on Betty & Jeanette. The units consist of one or two 12V cigarette lighter outlets and USB ports, giving guests the ability to charge portable devices like depth finders, cameras & iPads etc. We plan to have these charging devices installed in all outpost cabins by this coming spring. Please use them conservatively as they rely on solar power.

## 2016 HUNT NEWS

#### What a great hunt season!

#### **BIRD HUNT**

With wind, rain and blue skies the bird hunters came and went with excellent success. Trucks, dogs, walking, hiking and bush whacking are what this year's groups implemented to enjoy great bird hunt expedition. The great outdoors however did make for some tired hunters and dogs. We look forward to seeing our new bird mount in the spring donated by Kuyava father and son. Thank you!

#### **BEAR HUNT**

Once again, KaBeeLo's bear hunt success rate was top notch. While the MNR (Ministry of Natural Resources) made late season changes to the bear hunting landscape by imposing new bait stand distance requirements, KaBeeLo still had a great hunt. We firmly believe the best time for bear season is late August - early September, during which we continue to see successful hunters due to our large population and vast management area coupled with limited pressure practices. Thank you 2016 bear hunters!

#### **MOOSE HUNT**

As a whole, the weather, temperatures and winds cooperated. Both guided and unguided groups did well at KaBeeLo's outpost lakes.

Many people want to do a moose hunt. If you are wanting or waiting to try a moose hunt, sooner than later is the best advice that we can give as North America's moose populations are still in flux. The future of moose hunting is in our hands as humans. Trees, or lack of trees, clean water and human population into areas where moose live are reasons the great moose populations are changing.

### **Contact Us**

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

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## FLY-OUT PACKAGE ADJUSTMENTS

3 PM ARRIVAL. INCORPORATING THE "EARLY ARRIVAL" INTO OUR FLY-OUT PACKAGES WAS SUCH A HUGE SUCCESS THAT WE NOW NEED TO DEFINE "FLY-OUT UPON ARRIVAL TIMES". ALL PACKAGE RATES REFLECT A FLY-OUT UPON ARRIVAL OF 3PM OR LATER. ANYTHING EARLIER WILL BE PRO-RATED. SETTING THIS TIMELINE ALLOWS US AND OUR STAFF TO REGENERATE, PREPARE THE CAMP/OUTPOSTS FOR INCOMING GUESTS AND TEND TO CAMP PROJECTS - ALL KEY COMPONENTS TO MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING OUR GUEST'S EXPERIENCE AT KABEELO. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERA-TION AND UNDERSTANDING!

## AMP FLY-OVERS ... WHEN?

At KaBeeLo, our guests' safety and well being are amongst our top priorities.

While we take each guest's situation into consideration when establishing flight plans, it's important to emphasize the outpost fly-overs have evolved from daily to RANDOM. What does that mean?

Rarely will a group of guests go unattended while at an outpost, random means there is a chance that circumstances may prevent a fly-over.

**A**rbitrary. Please keep in mind a "fly-over" may be on your 1st, 3rd or last day at the outpost.

Never say never.

Depends. Weather has a strong hold on if we can fly, it also impacts our flight paths meaning you may hear us but might not see us.

Occasionally we may stop at your outpost.

More and more people have requested satellite phone rentals—each year we increase the number of available units.

## **SPORTSHOWS**

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

- ⇒ St. Paul. MN Sportsmen's Show: January 12-15, River Center
- ⇒ Denver, CO Sportsmen's Expo: January 12-15, Co **Convention Center**
- ⇒ Green Bay, WI All Canada Show: January 19-22, Radisson Conference Center
- ⇒ Kansas City, MO **Boat & Sportshow:** January 19-22, Bartle Hall
- ⇒ NEW: Novi, MI Outdoorama: February 23 - 26, Suburban Showplace
- ⇒ Minneapolis, MN Northwest Sportshow: March 23-26, Convention Center

Share the Passion: KaBeelo is excited to be selling Gift Certificates! Certificate value is determined by YOU! And they aren't just for Christmas—we are making them available all year long—for every holiday and day of the week that ends in "day." Great for employee recognition, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries—the list is endless! What better way to share your passion for KaBeelo.