

# THE OLD DAM INN

## A few kind words from our guests

"Wonderful family and place. Thank you for all."

Elizabeth and Dan – St. Louis, Missouri (2013)

"What a lovely, charming Inn. I can't wait to come back and stay longer."

Mary – Fremont, Michigan (2013)

Your home is amazing! Every room has so much personality and character. Lovely!"

Donna – Boise, Idaho (2013)

"This house made our wedding weekend even more special. LOVE your vintage style and thoughtful accommodations."

Dan – Fremont, Michigan (2013)

"So happy with my stay for my daughter's wedding. Hope we can make it back."

Carolyn – Pellston, Michigan (2013)

"Amazing place! Thanks for sharing."

Sue – Fremont, Michigan (2013)

"We had an amazing time staying at your beautiful house. Our little boys had so much fun with the playroom, movies and outside activities. Hope we can come back again!"

Rick and Emily – Oxford, Michigan (2013)

"Thanks for the great time. Very clean, nicely decorated and interesting layout. The more we looked around the more interesting details we noted, especially the kitchen!!"

Rod and Patty – Harbor Springs, Michigan (2013)

"An amazing comfortable and warm environment to stay in. This place is absolutely perfect. We can't wait to come back for another visit!"

Elin, River and Vega - Neenah, Wisconsin (2013)

"What a kool house."

Chuck and Sue - Ludington, Michigan (2013)

"Awesome job. Thanks for a great weekend."

John and Selia - Dearborn, Michigan (2013)

"Thank you for making family memories. Bless you. Happy New Year."

Den, Wanda, Jason, Jenelle, Pat - Saginaw, Michigan (2013)

"Glad we made it to such a fabulous place. Thank you. Loved the décor and the woods"

Jim, Cathy, Jamie, Sean, Melanie, Arron – Traverse City, Michigan and Montana (2013)

"This house is an adventure. We're having a great time"

University of Michigan Solar Car Team - Ann Arbor, Michigan (2014)

"Great Place! Could not have been better, well, unless I had found a Morel mushroom. The house is lovely. Had a blast being here for the weekend. Lava Lounge Rules!"

Raye, Dave, Anna, Matt, Silvano, Carol – Mississippi/Michigan/Mexico (2014)

"Beautiful place – beautiful weekend."

Bob and Renee, -Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (2014)

"We had a great weekend. The house is fantastic and we look forward to coming back again."

Aaron and Patricia - Hastings, Michigan (2014)

"First night here, so far so good. The view is incredible and the atmosphere is nothing I could put into words. This is exactly what I needed."

Dave and Family – Grand Ledge, Michigan (2014)

"Our stay here was a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift from my children – with all our family, grandchildren 2-18 years old. The place is beautiful. We had a wonderful time. Kids had fun fishing, boating, playing. Spacious and beautiful. Your hospitality was fantastic."

Dan and Lorie - Hastings, Michigan (2014)

"Had a GREAT family weekend! Fishing, kayaking, volleyball, bonfires, s'mores and family time. Thank you!"

Darrell, Val, Jason, Jessi and Robby – Hastings, Michigan (2014)

"The house is fantastic. Nicely decorated and interesting layout. Thanks for everything."

Sandeep and Family – Chicago, Illinois (2014)

"The house is amazing. The kayaking and boating were very helpful and entertaining."

Jose and Family – Chicago, Illinois (2014)

"The house is fantastic. Nicely decorated and interesting layout. Thanks for everything."

Sandeep and Family – Chicago, Illinois (2014)

"Thank you for sharing your beautiful Inn. We celebrated our 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary here this week, surrounded by the beauty of the lake and four generations of our family. Seventeen members in all."

Jim and Barb and Family – Grand Ledge/Lansing, Michigan and Santa Ana, California (2014)

"Great house and wonderful setting for our family gathering. Enjoyed the army trays and utensils. Paddleboat and kayak were used frequently."

Mindy and Daniel – Phoenix, Arizona (2014)

“Our children arranged a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary family get-together. All 20 of us enjoyed the house and surroundings. Nice Week!”

Larry and Ann – Portland, Michigan (2014)

“Nice relaxing area and perfect for the little kids. Thanks!!”

Steve and Ori – Indianapolis, Indiana (2014)

“We had a wonderful experience in this house! The Inn is extremely comfortable and so much space for our family. Having instant access to the boating was a great bonus. Thank you!”

Jon and Sarah – Centerville, Ohio (2014)

“Beautiful place! We loved the views and were intrigued by all the fun themes in each room. This was a wonderful place for all 17 of us to enjoy time together. Thanks for sharing!”

Phil, Jamie, Ella, Natalie, Jackson and Paige – Westphalia, Michigan (2014)

“It is a lovely home and we had a great family reunion here. Thank you for opening up your well-appointed, everything thought of, place to us. We’ll cherish our experience forever.” “What a wonderful place you’ve made here! Every detail is so thoughtful and appreciated. Beautiful house and amazing yard. We especially loved the maps in the family room and using your many boats for ‘sunken barge’ adventures. Thank you so much!!”

Basima and Mona and more– Flint, Michigan and Visalia, California (2014)

“Great place for family gathering. Cool, eclectic decorating. Nice attention to details.”

Judith and Family – Muskegon, Michigan (2014)

“The girl weekend was just wonderful – great place.” “Mother – daughter weekend. We had a fabulous time despite the rainy weather. Still got to take in the beauty of the area... having a house with so much character allowed us to converse about interesting things. Truly enjoyed ourselves! Thank you.”

Seconda and Family – Muskegon, Michigan (2014)

“Early Thanksgiving. Had a wonderful celebration with friends and family from many states. We love this house and plan to do it all again someday! Thanks for providing such a wonderful location for our festivities!”

Crystal and Family – Hillsdale, Michigan (2014)

“A masterpiece! You cannot just go into a room and sit down. Each room is a study. Look, read, think. A history lesson? Intriguing – Yes. Everyone in our family loves this place.”

Dick and Family – Saginaw, Michigan (2014)

“The place is incredible. I find something different that is amazing every time I turn around. The thought that goes in to each room is awesome. Kitchen amazing! Thanks for everything. Family loved it!”

Teresa and Family – Saginaw, Michigan (2014)

“Our favorite room was the Map Room... so many maps to explore! We enjoyed the story that went with each room and each decoration. Thank you for the fresh eggs – they were delicious!”

Chris and Shea – Livonia, Michigan (2014)

“We had an absolutely awesome stay during our Christmas time! We didn’t have even one complaint. Couldn’t believe how nicely stocked the kitchen was. Hope to see you again in the future. Merry Christmas.”

Linda and Family – Saginaw, Michigan (2014)

“Great place for a 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration! Beautiful place and property and a great time with friends.”

Paul and Melanie – Brighton, Michigan (2015)

“Here for a family wedding!! Heart-filled weekend. New life begins – the journey continues.” “Here’s to life, new beginnings and to beautiful moments. The setting was all worthwhile for a family reunion as well.”

Amy and Kevin and Family/Guests – Lansing, Michigan (2015)

“Thank you for everything! We had a great weekend!!”

Fred, Janet, Mike and Gloria – St. Clair, Michigan (2015)

"15 adults, 9 children aged 6 weeks to 17 years. Had a great time in this OLD Dam Inn – great week of memories. Thanks!"

Jim and Betty – Saginaw, Michigan (2015)

"I loved the serene setting over-looking the river (Penoyer Creek Channel). Loved the stately trees. Thank you for sharing all this beautiful area."

Helen and Family – Saginaw, Michigan (2015)

"Lots of fun fishing, paddling, swimming and boating the lakes – tubing the (Muskegon) river. Campfires, ice cream and puzzles. Perfect weather and good times for all. Thank you!"

Andrea and Jack – Norton Shores, Michigan (2015)

"Lovely location. Nice views and water scene. Small town Newaygo is cute and enjoyed the coffee shop and wine store. Fun, family time."

Ann and Family – Norton Shores, Michigan (2015)

"A great time with our big family. The setting by the water was perfect. Lots of walks and boat rides. Somehow we had perfect weather. Thanks!"

Claude, Alicia, Claudia and Maddy – Silver Springs, Maryland (2015)

"I slept with the fish pillows. Enjoyed walks around the lake, casting, worming. Lots of space for nieces and nephews. Visits to the sweet shops taking off in Newaygo. Sitting reading, sitting eating, sitting looking at the trees."

John, Nancy and Francis – Minneapolis, Minnesota (2015)

"Awesome location for paddling and leisurely family fun. We had a fabulous time sharing The Old Dam Inn on our extended family vacation. The kids ran themselves silly. The grown-ups had fun catching up. Thanks for everything. This stay exceeded my expectations."

Angie, Brian, Carter and Thomas – Kalamazoo, Michigan (2015)

"We had the best weekend here. It is beautiful. Also, we got married in your beautiful house! Thank you."

Taran and Joshua – St. Louis, Missouri (2015)

"I took pictures of every room. These five days changed the lives of some 25 people for the better. Thank you for hosting and your amazing hospitality."

Kody and Daniel – St. Louis, Missouri (2015)

"Our family had a great time in your Inn. We had everything we needed and plenty of room. Our kids were never bored. Our teenage boys didn't play the video game they brought even once! Thanks!"

Suzanne, Craig, Gretchen and Families – Brighton, Michigan (2015)

"Six families. Age range 7 to 75 (including) 3 grandmas. Had a simply fabulous time this weekend. The house was perfect, comfortable, secluded and plenty of room for everyone to hang out in various groups doing their thing. The kids had a blast paddling and kayaking, volleyball, pool, s'mores around the bonfire under star filled night skies. The Inn had every convenience we needed, perfectly organized down the last detail. This is the place to make memories – we laughed, played and ate to our heart's content. All we can say is – we're coming back! Thanks Heather and Kurt."

Six families – Farmington Hills/Novi/Northville, Michigan, plus London and Dubai (2015)

"Four families – annual reunion for four fun-filled days. The house and space was perfect! The kids aged 7-15 really enjoyed the fishing and the paddleboats. The kayaks were great and provided many hours of fun and time with parents and grandparents. It is a beautiful place! Thank you Kurt and Heather."

Jim, Anne, Krista, Eric, Calvin, Lucy (and many more) – Brazil, Indiana (2015)

"Being together! The best things in life are the people we love, the places we've been and the memories we've made along the way. Thank you for providing a wonderful meeting place for friends!"

Anne, Allen, Cynthia, Gary, Paulette and more ("The Canadians") Ontario, Canada (2015)

"We got all of our friends and family together for an awesome weekend, and we got married somewhere in there too. Thank you for creating an amazing home to celebrate in!!"

Jess and Adam – Grand Rapids, Michigan (2015)

"Had a group of eleven guys. Had chili, went on Muskegon River fishing for salmon. Good Day – brought some fillets back and grilled/smoked them (very good). A little wet the next day but another good day of fishing. This was a work/fun thing and your place worked out perfect. Thanks!"

Mike and fishing friends – Perry, Michigan (2015)

"This is our second year in a row that we've spent our Christmas vacation here Awesome! The house is decorated so well for the holidays. It's so large that our family of 17 isn't falling over anyone else and that's a big plus! Clean and Spacious. Thank you."

Linda and Families – Saginaw, Michigan (2015)

"Heather and Kurt – Thank you for opening your Inn and hosting Dick's retirement party. It is such a lovely location for a special day. We appreciate your kindness!"

Public Schools Staff – Fremont, Michigan (2015)

"A great place to bring children and grandchildren. Joy and happiness prevails throughout our visit. This is grandma's and grandpa's Christmas gift to all in the family – no packaged gifts – just a gathering place to bring us all together. Thanks!"

Dick and Gerry – Saginaw, Michigan (2015)

"A wonderful gathering of friends: Seventeen musicians, artists, teachers, activists, laborers and entrepreneurs from Lansing, Chicago and around the world. Food was plentiful, drink did flow, and a very merry time was had by all!"

Dylan and Jeana-Dee and Crew (2016)

"This is the perfect place to end our evening (after the "Emerald Open" - Charity Golf Outing on frozen Emerald Lake). Thanks for a great time and thanks for everything coming together. Such a great day and even better evening." "What an awesome location! We had a great time and really enjoyed the spacious house!"

Jeff, Myles and Glenn and more – Newaygo/Grand Rapids, Michigan (2016)

"Thank you Kurt and Heather for the most fantastic place to Roast and Toast our Master Recycler! The two of you are the most gracious hosts (retirement party)."

Public Schools Staff – Fremont, Michigan (2016)



“Amazing place, great fishing and many memories.”

Mike, Landyn and Avery – Midland, Michigan (2016)

“We enjoyed everything in The Old Dam Inn. We played chess, skittles, pool and some games we brought. The Map Room was very interesting. We left a pin in one map for our condo in Bay Harbor (Petoskey). We were here for our granddaughter’s wedding at Camp Newaygo.”

Dave and Jean – Brighton, Michigan (2016)

“The perfect place to celebrate our parents 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We had a wonderful family weekend and enjoyed our time together in this lovely setting. Thanks for your hospitality.”

Chris and Jean – Fremont, Michigan (2016)

“We have enjoyed five wonderful days here celebrating a family reunion and 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Your neighbors made all the arrangements with you, making it so accommodating and close to their home so we could all be together.”

Cliff and Jean – Independence, Missouri (2016)

“What a lovely piece of the world you have here!! We have thoroughly enjoyed our five days of fun and relaxation. Blessings on this home!”

Kevin and Family – Blue Springs, Missouri (2016)

“Gathered to celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays and 60 years of marriage. Children, grandchildren and great grandkids were all here. Wonderful and unique property that we enjoyed. Who knows, we may return for 90 and 70!”

Robert and Extended Family – California, Michigan and South Carolina (2016)

“Thanks for a grrreat time!”

Ed, Helen and Brian – Ft. Worth, Texas (2016)

“Perfect spot for a family gathering (21<sup>st</sup> annual family reunion). Kids loved the kiddie pool, fishing off the dock and bridge and just running around the great yard! Thank you so much!”

Bill and Vickie and Family – Alpena, Michigan (2016)

“Very nice place. Accommodations for all of us. Thank you!”

Jim and Letitia – Midland, Michigan (2016)

“28 of us here celebrating our grandparent’s 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Fabulous time with lots of laughs and fun. Lots of happiness shared! Until next time!!”

Emerald and Elia and Family – Lincoln Park, Michigan (2016)

“Your home is lovely. We enjoyed our stay with all our friends. Many memories made.” “Wonderful home and great memories.” “The place you have is perfect in every way – Thank you for sharing it with us.” “What a great weekend with friends. Twelve adults, ten kids and two babies and we were all perfectly comfortable and at home. For our family, specifically, we loved this room! (Whitetail Point). Plenty of space for a pack-n-play and what views! Thank you for making this Labor Day weekend a great one. Your attention to detail is enviable! We are already talking about next year.”

Douglas, Lyzz, Jim, Lilly, Caelen, Kristin and Families – Chicago, Illinois (2016)

“Great weekend! Six siblings and spouses for a weekend retreat! What a great venue for this. Love – enjoyed – blessed!”

Jim/Connie, Steve/Linda, Mark/Renae, Paul/Deb, Dave/Karen – Michigan/North Carolina (2016)

“Beautiful place, enjoyed it greatly.” “Beautiful.” “What a great weekend and what an awesome place.” “Truly and amazing place.” “Enjoyed fishing BigMo (Muskegon River) even though catching was not so good.” “Great place, Great location.” “Great accommodations and location to all the fishing in the area.”

Fly-fishing Group: James, Steve, Tammy, Elmer, John, Todd, Michael, Tom – Michigan (2016)

“Nicest family on this side of the state! Thanks for welcoming a Western Michigan University student as one of your own!”

Dane – Ann Arbor, Michigan (2017)