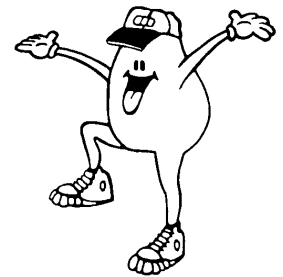


Kinneret Highlights

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July 10th and Friday July 11th.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE GREAT KINNERET SLEEPOUT

The Great Kinneret Sleepout for session one will take place Friday, July 18th. See all of the attached sleepout info for details!!!!

WEEK #1 EXCITEMENT

The first week of camp was a great success! We met new friends, learned new songs and had a fun-filled week of first bullseyes, introductions to horses, dips in the pool, games of Ga-Ga, creative camp crafts, and lots more. Don't forget that you can read these weekly Kinneret Highlights by going to campkinneret.com and clicking on "Enrolled Families" on the Navigation bar, and then select "Newletters".

4th-7th GRADE OFF-SITE AND BEACH TRIPS/CIT BEACH TRIPS

The NAVAJO tribe participates in beach trips and off-site adventures. CITs also go to the beach on one of the same days as the Navajo groups. The beach trips are scheduled for next Tuesday, July 8th and Monday, July 14th. The Navajo group counselors are: Zander, Andrew & Ethan, Greg S, Stephanie, Rachel D, and Kira. Campers should wear their bathing suits under their clothes on the scheduled beach day. Sunscreen should be applied in the morning and sent in campers' backpacks for reapplication throughout the day. Campers should also bring an extra change of clothes, a towel, sweat shirt (in case it is chilly), t-shirt, and a lunch that will not spoil without refrigeration. Please leave boogie boards, radios, mp3 players, gameboys, and money at home. We have a blast with the equipment we bring, the sand and sea!

PHOTO DAYS NEXT WEEK

Bring your biggest smiles and wear your Camp Kinneret t-shirt because our camp group photos are Thursday

SPECIAL DAY LAST WEEK

We had a fun special day last Friday as all of our campers went on a Staffenger Hunt! It was a chance to learn lots of wacky facts about all of the great counselors and instructors at camp!

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

This week's special day is Thursday, July 3rd. It is our annual Apache Relay day to celebrate July 4th (*because we are not at camp on July 4th*). As part of our annual tradition, camp is divided into Red, White and Blue Teams, and campers are encouraged to **wear their team color**. The counselors for each team are:

Red: Sami, Lissa, Barry, Lara, Karen, Victoria/Katharine, Ed/Greg Y, Kiara/Alyssa, Stephanie, Greg S, CITs

White: Samantha, Max, Danny/Gabe, Lindsay, Michelle B, Stuart/Sam, Charla/Rachel M, Rachel D, Andrew/Ethan, CITs

Blue: Michell M, Erik, Katie/Andy, Amy, Summer/Erin, Bryan, Robert, Zander, Kira, CITs

TIE-DYE NEXT WEEK

All next week, July 7-11, we will be tie-dyeing in Arts & Crafts. Campers are scheduled to tie-dye on different days, but will certainly do so once during the week. **Please send 1 extra labeled t-shirt with your camper every day next week.** (Your Camp Kinneret shirt works great!) This way, your camper will be ready each day in case the group has Arts & Crafts scheduled. (Once your camper has tie-dyed their shirt, there is no need to continue sending an extra t-shirt for the rest of the week.)

PLEASE WRITE YOUR CAMPER'S FIRST AND LAST NAME ON THE T-SHIRT TAG!!!!

It is a good idea to have your camper wear something that you/they wouldn't mind getting dye on - sometimes the tie-dyeing process results in splashes and/or drips!

Hint: After tie-dyeing a shirt, soaking it in a bucket of cold water and 2 tbsps. vinegar for 20 minutes helps it to retain its color.

TRANSPORTATION

It felt great to see our campers arriving in the safety of our big yellow school buses. Thank you for your patience during the first week as our bus counselors got to know you so that they could release your campers more quickly. Please help us speed the process by being at your stop ready to be identified by your bus counselor at the end of the day. Thank you for your understanding!

ABSENCES AND MAKE-UPS

Thank you for calling us early about your camper absences. If your camper wakes up ill, call as soon as possible. If you can call by 7:30 a.m., we can speak with our bus captains before they begin their day.

Make-up days: To schedule a make up day, please call camp. It is best to call between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If you would like to try to schedule a make-up for the very next day, **you must contact us prior to 1:00 p.m.**, as this is when we finalize make-up days for the following day. If you need to make a transportation change, please call the office as soon as you know about it. (Please do not put notes into your camper's backpack. They often never make it to the office.) **Just a reminder that for campers enrolled in session one only, all absences must be made up during session one.**

SESSION TWO ENROLLMENT

Session two is right around the corner! There are still some day combinations available in some groups. Session One campers may enroll for a minimum of any two weeks out of the 4-week session. If you would like to check availability for your camper's group, call the camp office today.

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT... THE GREAT KINNERET SLEEPOUT!!!

Traditionally, the Great Kinneret Sleepout is the BIG EVENT of the summer for members of our Camp Kinneret family. Campers enjoy an exciting night sleeping at camp under the stars, creating and performing skits, and sharing a traditional camp fire of songs and stories. As always, our caring staff creates a family atmosphere which allows children to feel safe, secure, and happy. Campers of all ages are invited to participate in this special overnight opportunity!

For some campers this will be their very first time away from home or their first time sleeping outdoors, while others may have more experience with sleeping out. The Great Kinneret Sleepout has been a super successful night for lots of children over the years! You may have some questions about the sleepout such as: What will it be like? What should I bring? What's for dinner? We're glad that you asked! This special sleepout packet was designed to help answer some of the more commonly asked questions about the sleepout. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to call us!

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

To fully enjoy all that the sleepout has to offer, it is important that campers bring the right equipment. The following is a list of supplies to send along with your camper(s). **Clearly label all of the articles that your child(ren) bring to camp so that we can help campers bring their own things home.**

Please pack all of the following in a large, heavy duty garbage bag (or duffel bag), clearly marked with your child's name and his/her counselor's name. If your child rides on a camp bus, your bus counselor will instruct you which day to bring your equipment; if you drive your child to camp, bring their sleepout bag on Thursday or Friday of sleepout week. **We strongly suggest leaving favorite stuffed animals and/or blankets at home – we would be very sad if they were to be lost or left behind (sending a 4th or 5th favorite is best).**

1. SLEEPING BAG All of our campers and staff sleep outside on the grass. Even during warm summer days, the nights here at camp can be quite cool. It is important to send an outdoor type sleeping bag that will provide warmth for your child. (Typically a light weight cloth sleeping bag does not keep children warm enough when spending the night outdoors.)
2. GROUND TARP Because we sleep on grass which becomes damp at night, it is important that our sleeping bags are situated on top of waterproof ground tarps.
3. JACKET A very warm sweatshirt may also do the trick; it can get chilly and it's nice to have warm clothes to wear and even to sleep in. (We sleep in our clothes too.)
4. FLASHLIGHT It does get dark and flashlights sure help us find our sleeping bags after the campfire. They also help light the path to the bathrooms. (Be sure to write your name on it!)
5. TOILETRIES Tooth brush, toothpaste, and any other necessary articles.
6. A SMILE The Great Kinneret Sleepout is FUN!!!

If your camper regularly attends camp on Friday, please put the following items in your camper's regular Friday camp bag instead of their sleepout bag:

*[This does not apply to our youngest campers (those entering pre-k and kindergarten).
They do not take an extra swim in the afternoon.]*

7. LONG PANTS All campers put on their long pants in the late afternoon before it gets dark.
8. EXTRA TOWEL & BATHING SUIT We go for an afternoon swim and like to have a dry suit and towel to use.

ANSWERS TO THE 7 MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SLEEPOUT

1. **Will my child's regular camp counselor be there?**

YES! Most of our staff are with us at the sleepout and we wouldn't do it any other way. Our staff are the people who make camp great and they are the people who allow the children who attend the sleepout to feel safe and comfortable while having fun.

2. **Where does everybody sleep?**

All of the campers and staff sleep on the main grass area below Good Morning Mountain. Campers sleep with their group and their counselors. Members of our Leadership Team are awake all night tucking in children who wiggle out of their sleeping bags, helping children find the restrooms, and generally just being there for any child that may need or want our reassurance or help.

3. **Should/Can we come visit?**

While parents are always welcome to visit Camp Kinneret, we request that you do not visit on sleepout night. For a child who is having one of his/her first experiences away from home, it is difficult for him/her to separate from you when you say goodbye earlier that day; if you come to visit, it will force them to separate a second time which is even more difficult and sometimes unsuccessful. This is their big night and they are going to be just fine! You have permitted them to attend this special evening and you will hear all of the stories when you see them on Saturday morning. Please rest assured that if there is a child who is tearful or who is not having a Great Kinneret Sleepout we will comfort them and, if necessary, we will call you (regardless of the hour) to let you know that it just isn't working out. You as a parent need to feel comfortable about the sleepout or you may be the one who suffers from separation anxiety! If you have these types of concerns please call us so that we can discuss them.

4. **Is my child ready for this?**

Only you and your child can really determine if they are ready for the sleepout. We make every effort to create a warm family feeling at camp and nowhere does that exist more than on the night of the sleepout. Your child knows the other campers in their group and knows his/her counselor like a big brother or sister. Over the years the sleepout has been successful for the children who have attended. If you have questions about whether or not your child is ready, please call us so that together we can help make the decision that's best for your child. Our philosophy is that a child who is feeling reluctant about attending the sleepout should not attend; there are lots of summers in a child's life and while some children are ready to attend the sleepout this summer, others will be ready in future summers.

5. **What will my child be like on Saturday morning?**

Children will come home excited to tell you about their big night away from home! They will have eaten a nice warm, hearty breakfast and will feel proud about the accomplishment of having been at camp all night. A good strategy (depending on your family's weekend schedule) is to leave Saturday unscheduled. Plan on a shower or bath when they arrive home, washing some dirty clothes, and maybe an afternoon nap!

6. **Why did my child say that he woke up all wet on Saturday morning?**

One of the tricks of nature is condensation! When we wake up on Saturday morning there is some dampness that has settled upon us during the night. Some nights are more damp than others but even the clearest and warmest nights bring fresh morning dew.

7. **What if my child does not regularly attend camp on Friday?**

Children who are not regularly scheduled for camp on Fridays CAN attend the sleepout! Plan to drive your child to camp on Friday afternoon (bring sleeping bag and other supplies with you) and join us between 3:00 - 4:00. Your child's counselor and group will be waiting for him/her at Friendship Hill. Please be prepared to "drop & go" as we need parents to head out quickly to make space for others arriving to drop off their campers.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

(Actual schedules will be different for each group; this gives you some idea of the basic structure)

Friday

3:30 - 3:55	Afternoon Snack
3:55 - 4:35	Set up your group's sleeping area
4:35 - 5:15	Grass Games
5:15 - 6:00	Afternoon Swim (Except for entering Pre-K and Kindergarten age groups)
6:00 - 6:40	Eat Dinner (fried chicken, pasta, salad, and rolls...yummy!)
6:40 - 7:15	Practice group skit for evening performances
7:15 - 8:45	Skit Performances
8:45 - 9:10	Cookies and Milk (some younger children will go to sleep at this point)
9:10 - 9:45	Campfire
10:00ish	Night Night!

Saturday

6:15 - 6:40	Wake up and pack up (with help from your counselors)
6:40 - 7:30	Breakfast (Scrambled eggs, bagels and cream cheese, cantaloupe, Cheerios, orange juice)
7:30 - 8:45	Finish packing and play quiet games
8:45 - 9:30	Saturday Morning Friendship Hill
9:45	Buses leave
10:00 - 10:15	Parents who drive their children, pick them up

GREAT KINNERET SLEEPOUT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

1. GREAT KINNERET SLEEPOUT - Friday Night, July 18, 2007 to Saturday Morning, July 19, 2007.
2. Meals: Traditional Kinneret dinner of fried chicken, pasta, salad, and rolls; a hearty Kinneret breakfast featuring scrambled eggs, cereal, and bagels; and snacking galore!
3. Fee: \$84.50
4. CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING THE SLEEPOUT WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR REGULAR AFTERNOON BUS STOPS ON THE REGULAR AFTERNOON SCHEDULE ON FRIDAY, JULY 18th.
5. EQUIPMENT NEEDED: These items are the only necessary ones. a) Sleeping Bag b) Waterproof Ground Cover c) Jacket or Warm Sweater d) Long Pants e) Extra Towel and Bathing Suit f) Working Flashlight g) Necessary Toilet Articles h) Good Mood! (Reminder – leave favorite stuffed animals/ blankets at home!)
6. This equipment is to be readied for delivery to camp preceding Sleepout Day. Be sure every item is clearly labeled with camper's name. Put all equipment in a HEAVY - DUTY garbage bag and label the bag with the camper and counselor's names. Bus Captains will instruct your child as to what day the equipment should be brought to camp. On some buses we will ask you to send it as early as Tuesday of sleepout week.
7. IMPORTANT FACTS:
 - a) Children attending the Sleepout whose regular day is not Friday, July 18th, should be brought to camp between 3 P.M. and 4 P.M. on Friday. They should bring their sleepout equipment with them at that time.
 - b) Saturday morning, all children who are regularly transported on camp buses will be taken to their regular afternoon meeting points. Buses depart at 9:45. Please see schedule on the back for Saturday morning stop times.
 - c) All Sleepout Reservations **MUST BE CONFIRMED BY RETURNING THE ATTACHED CONFIRMATION SLIP TOGETHER WITH PAYMENT. RESERVATIONS MAY NOT BE MADE BY PHONE, AND MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CAMP OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY JULY 11th**.
 - d) **Parents who transport their own children will need to pick up their children from the sleepout between 10:00 & 10:15 A.M. Saturday.**
 - e) There is very limited availability for make-up days not already scheduled for Friday, July 18th.

**Sign Up Slip & Bus Drop Off
Times are on the Back!!!!**

Sleepout Saturday Morning Bus Drop Off Times

Please be at your stop a few minutes early.

Route	Route Name	Drop Off Time
Route A	Studio City / Sherman Oaks	
Stop 1	Beeman Park (Milbank & Beeman)	10:49
Stop 2	Riverside Dr. Elementary (Riverside Dr. & Ethel)	10:37
Stop 3	Van Nuys Blvd. Gelsons (Rear parking lot side- Corner of Milbank & Sylmar)	10:26
Route B	Encino / Tarzana (east)	
Stop 1	Libbitt Park (Libbitt Ave. between Ventura Blvd. & 101)	10:34
Stop 2	Encino Elementary (Addison St. 1 block west of Balboa)	10:22
Stop 3	Nestle Ave. Elem. (Tarzana St & Nestle Ave. - Across from El Cab Country Club)	10:10
Route C	Tarzana / Woodland Hills (east)	
Stop 1	Wilbur Ave. Elementary (Crebs St. between Linnett & Wells)	10:27
Stop 3	Serranie Park (Wells Dr. east of Serrania)	10:10
Stop 4	Round Meadow School – Front of School (Hidden Hills)	9:58
Route D	Calabasas (Mulholland to Pkwy Calabasas) / Woodland Hills (west)	
Stop 1	Chapparal School	10:19
Stop 2	Park Ora at Park Jazmin (AM)/ Park Sorrento at Park Ora (PM)	10:07
Stop 3	The Commons (Bus turn out on Calabasas Rd. across from Baby's R. Us)	9:59
Route E	Calabasas (The Oaks/Bay Laurel / Paseo Primario)	
Stop 1	Trellis Park (inside the Oaks)	10:34
Stop 3	Consuelo at Paseo del Rancho	10:22
Stop 4	Paseo Primario (Between Via Halcon & Calle Canon)	10:03
Stop 5	Bay Laurel School – Last AM stop, 2 nd PM stop	10:07
Route F	West Hills / Hidden Hills / Woodland Hills (north)	
Stop 1	Pomelo Elementary	10:38
Stop 2	Temple Aliyah – 6025 Valley Circle Blvd.	10:23
Stop 3	Babies R Us AM & PM (on sidewalk next to store near magazine racks)	10:06
Route G	Lang Ranch (Thousand Oaks) North Ranch / Oak Park / Agoura (Kanan Rd.)	
Stop 1	Lang Ranch School (Sandhurst side adjacent to parking lot)	10:24
Stop 2	Red Oak School	10:10
Stop 3	Doubletree west of Deerhill (In front of church next to Medea Creek Middle School)	9:58
Route H	Newbury Park / Thousand Oaks / Westlake Village / Agoura (Reyes Adobe area)	
Stop 1	Dos Vientos Community Park (Bus meets on Via Ricardo side)	10:32
Stop 2	Circuit City (Lynn @ 101)	10:18
Stop 4	Westlake Village (Townsgate at Village Glen - Taco Bell)	10:05
Stop 5	Vons Shopping Center – Kanan Rd (Between Bk of Am. & Baskin-Robbins)	9:52

-----Tear-Off-----

Please return this tear-off with a \$84.50 check payable to *Camp Kinneret* for each attending camper
OR

Write your credit card information below

_____ Credit Card Number	____/____ Exp. Date	____-____-____ Security Code
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*** | * RETURN BY FRIDAY JULY 11^h 2008! * | ***

Camper's Name	Counselor's name	Will you be sending special medication for your camper to take during the Sleepout?	Please list the name of the medication, the dosage to be given, and the time(s) to be given. Give all medication to your bus stop counselor on Friday or the sign in staff at camp if you are driving your camper to the Sleepout.
1.		Yes No	
2.		Yes No	

Camper's who **are normally transported on camp buses**, on Saturday morning (Please check one):

_____ **My child(ren) will ride the bus to their regular afternoon bus stop on Saturday morning. I will meet them at the adjusted pickup time listed above (please arrive 5 minutes early) on Saturday morning. (We leave camp at 9:45.)**

_____ **We will pick our child(ren) up from camp between 10:00 - 10:15 am on Saturday morning.**

Parent's Signature