



# Kinneret Highlights Fall Edition

Memories from our 57<sup>th</sup> summer  
at Camp Kinneret Summer Day Camp!

## WHY A FALL HIGHLIGHTS?

For most of us, the summer of 2011 feels like it ended so long ago! This edition of the *Kinneret Highlights* is a chance to think back and remember all of the special times that we shared together at camp. It's fun to remember all of our favorite camp activities, songs, games, and of course our friends and counselors. This *Kinneret Highlights* was written by our camp staff for all of our camp families to read and enjoy!!!

***Be sure to find the section where your counselor wrote a note to your group!***

## CAMP KINNERET ENROLLMENT FOR 2012

Already? No, not yet, but in just a few short weeks!

Although it may feel like a long way off, next summer will be here before we know it and returning family enrollment begins Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>! As a returning Camp Kinneret family, you have priority during January. You should receive your paper application by Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. New families can begin to submit their online applications on January 16<sup>th</sup> and should call us today to be added to our mailing list and to request information about our online application process.

## END OF SUMMER SURVEY

We recently mailed information about an online survey to all 2011 camp families. We thank those of you who already completed surveys; your input is very helpful in our planning process. If you have not yet completed your survey, please do so when you can! Visit [campkinneret.com/2011familysurvey](http://campkinneret.com/2011familysurvey) or just give us a phone call. We value your input and opinion!

## OUR GREATEST ASSET: OUR STAFF

### **Did you know that...**

- Every year, our staff recruiting efforts lead to hundreds of prospective staff inquiring about positions. In 2011, we interviewed over 225 people to fill fewer than 30 open positions.
- We believe that our camp staff must be totally focused on our campers. We have mandatory pre-employment drug testing for all of our senior staff members.
- We conduct professional background checks on all of our new and returning staff.
- Our staff members attend a 33-hour staff orientation and training prior to the first day of camp. We also have regular weekly staff meetings throughout the summer.

## SAM AND ROCHELLE HOFFMAN MEMORIAL CAMP KINNERET CAMPSHIP FUND

Sam and Rochelle Hoffman founded Camp Kinneret over 55 years ago. They had a vision of a child-centered, safe, and nurturing camp where children could learn and play throughout the summer. Although Sam and Rochelle are no longer with us, their dream lives on. A campership fund was established in their name to help enable children to attend who otherwise would not have the opportunity to enjoy a summer at Camp.

If you would like to contribute to the fund, please see the enclosed flyer.

*Donations are tax deductible.*

## SHARING SMILES TOY DRIVE

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, approximately 45 Camp Kinneret families gathered gently used toys, clothing, and household items to donate to our annual Sharing Smiles event. 14 staff members and 5 drivers from our summer bus company (Atlantic Express) volunteered their time to pick up the donations and deliver them to MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity). It was a great way to celebrate all of the lessons of the Thanksgiving holiday and the whole winter season. Thank You to all who participated!



**Camp Kinneret is a proud sponsor of The Great Race of Agoura Hills**

For information about how to participate in the  
Camp Kinneret Family Fun Run visit [greatraceofagoura.com](http://greatraceofagoura.com)

### **The Doodlebugs**

Hello Doodlebugs. My summer with you as a Doodlebug was filled with many smiles, laughs, and fun. It seems like it was just yesterday we were making our way up to the lemonade tower to get some of that delicious lemonade from the mermaids. I am so glad I got to meet each and every one of you and experience camp the Doodlebug way. I hope you are having a great school year and have started the countdown to summer!

DOODLE DOODLE....BUZZ BUZZ!

Love, Cathy

### **Cubby Koalas**

Hello Cubby Koalas. I can't believe how fast the time has passed since camp. Although it is no longer summer I still think of all the fun times we had swimming in the pool, singing Tarzan up to ponies, and having adventures up to the Lemonade Tower. It was great to spend time with you and learn all that I did being a Cubby Koala. I hope you are having a great school year and are looking forward to another Camp Kinneret summer!

KOWALA WALA.....BING BANG!

Love, Cathy

### **To the Super Silly Surfers,**

How's school going? We hope you are having fun (even though it's probably not as much fun as camp). We're in college now and have so many memories from those fun-filled weeks with all our Surfer friends. Not a day goes by that we don't think about all the fun times we had being super silly together!

Whether we were catchin' a wave to the surfer spot, singing the baby shark and froggy songs in the pool, coming up with the best riddle answers in camp, playing Surfer Sam, getting sunscreen tattoos from Joe the tattoo artist in Miwok Village, or drawing some crazy silly pictures for all our friends around camp – this was definitely the best summer ever!

We'll never forget a single moment of it. We hope you have some great memories of our time together and all the friends we made. We're counting down the days 'til summer, 'til camp, and 'til we see you again! We miss you so much and wish we could just skip the year and have it be summer again!

Love, Laurel and Dylan

### **Funky Sea Monkeys**

Wow! I can't believe how fast this year is flying by! I hope you guys are having an awesome time in preschool and kindergarten. I just started my first year of college, and I'm missing camp like crazy! Every day I think about all of the silly things we used to do. Not a day goes by where I don't miss your smiley faces and Camp Kinneret spirit.

We had so much fun this summer. From playing our funky dancing Gaga games, to oinking like piggies, to blue tongues from yummy blue-raspberry juicebars, to singing the bean song and making up the silliest beans ever—it seems like we were always laughing! Remember when the Jolly Green Giants won Olympics week?! Remember our hikes to the Lemonade Tower? And what about the super fun Carnival? Every time I start to miss camp, I think of all of the fun times we had together. Each of you made our group extra special, and the memories we have shared together will last forever!

I miss you guys so much, and Joe the crazy sunscreen tattoo man told me that he misses you too! I hope to see you guys back next summer so we can have some silly times again.

STAY FUNKY!

Love always, Dylan

### **Hey Rockin' Rollie Pollies & Funny First Mates!**

I hope you're having a great school year; I know I am. I miss your smiling faces and hope to see you all back at camp next year. I had so much fun playing with you guys and really miss the cool activities we did. I especially miss getting to swim everyday. How cool was that?!

Lately I've been doing a lot of singing. I wish I could say it was camp songs, but my teacher won't let me sing them in my lessons. If I had to pick a favorite song it would be Princess Pat. I know you guys loved to sing and that was one of the reasons we had such a wonderful time together. You were such a great group, always laughing and having a good time. You all have such spirit and are so amazing. I hope to see you next year.

See you soon! -Savvy

### **Hi Snowball Buddies!**

I can't believe how quickly summer passed us by. It seems like yesterday we were having lunch in our igloo and

playing Freeze Gaga and Weatherman! Remember all of those times we melted all over camp! I miss you so much, but I just know you are having a wonderful school year and are learning a lot of cool stuff. You'll have to tell me all about it next year! You made every day at camp so fun and special for me. I love gaga, swimming, and archery, but YOU are what made my days so much fun! I hope to see you next summer at camp. Never stop smiling! Freezy Cold! Freezy Squeeze!

-Lissa :)

### **Hi Coral Reef Critters!**

Summer went way too fast, don't you think? I remember all those days spent in our reef having lunch, and playing Eat Lissa Gaga and Swimmy Steve. I miss waterballing all of you in the pool! We had so much fun! I hope you are having an awesome time at school. I can't wait to hear about it next summer! You helped make my summer so wonderful and special. I love playing gaga, going swimming, and arts and crafts, but YOU are what make my days at Camp Kinneret so much fun! I miss you, and I hope to see you next summer. Never stop smiling! High Tide! Squishy Fish!

-Lissa :)

### **Silly Stars**

Hey Super Silly Stars! How great was our summer? Every single day I think about Juice Bars and what color I wish I was eating. Do you remember when we used to play Copy Cat at archery? You guys were always so good at guessing who was "it"! I miss camp so much and I'm already excited for next summer! How great was hiking to the Lemonade Tower? You guys always drank ALL of that delicious lemonade. One of my favorite parts about this summer was playing chase the counselor with you guys, all of you were WAY too fast, I could never get away! I hope you are enjoying school. See you next summer!

~ Devyn

### **Hi Coral Kangaroos!**

We cannot believe how quickly our time together came and went. We remember hanging out in the Underwater Bouncy House for lunch, and hopping all over camp with our pouches! We had so much fun! We hope your school year is going great. We can't wait to hear lots of stories next summer! You know, we really love

swimming, shooting bows and arrows, and cooking, but do you know what made our days at camp truly fun and special? YOU! We really miss you, and we hope to see you next summer. Never stop smiling! Swimmy Swim! Bouncy Bounce!

-Hannah and Lissa :)

### **Rainbow Playful Puppies & Yellow Hopping Kangaroos**

Hello my puppies and kangaroos! I hope you are all enjoying kindergarten and that it's going great! I miss spending time with you and all the laughs we had. Whether we were playing "Puppy Gaga," making our best puppy or kangaroo faces while jumping off the diving board, or wearing our kangaroo pouches, we had a memorable camp experience.

I look back at these experiences and smile, thinking about how each of you made my summer so fun. It was such a joy to see each of you grow. By the end, you could all show me where everything was around camp. We all could also participate in the lunch game since we knew the other campers so well. You guys even knew me so well that you could make the "Hannah face."

I miss you all and the fun we had at camp! Once again, I hope your school years have been amazing and I hope to see all of you again next summer!

Love, Hannah

### **Hey Rocket Boys!**

How are you guys doing? I hope school is going well for all of you. I miss hanging out with you guys every day. Remember how we always ate at the space station? That place is the best. I loved playing Space Gaga with you guys. All of you were so good at it! Lady Gaga Gaga was awesome too. We sang everything from camp songs to Taylor Swift to Michael Jackson. It was so much fun! Do you guys remember when the red team won Apache Relay? It was probably because we had so much team spirit!

Thanks so much for making this summer so amazing Rocket Boys. There was never a time when I didn't have fun with you guys. All of you are creative, funny, goofy, and awesome. I hope you guys are counting down the days until next summer because I know I am!

Love,  
Jacob G.

### **Dear Green Fiery Ninjas**

We can't believe how fast time is flying by us. We are already back at college and you are at school too. As much fun as we are having in college, nothing can beat the time we had together as Green Fiery Ninjas at Kinneret this summer. We hope you're having a wonderful time in school, but please do not forget the wonderful time you had with us this summer.

Do you remember our amazing games of Ninjas and Dragons on the field and at grass or even the times we saw Walaroos on our hike up to the Lemonade Tower? Remember all the fun times we had playing I-Spy and Indian Chief in our volcano. Yet the best part of the summer was definitely becoming friends with all of you and becoming one giant Green Fiery Ninja family. Hopefully you all have an amazing school year and we cannot wait to see you next summer!

Kinneretly,  
Jason and Stephen

### **Rock and Roll Raptors**

We will always remember the summer of 2011; it was without a doubt one of our favorite summers in memory. You Rock and Roll Raptors made every day fun with your smiles and laughter. This summer was more than just playing Rock Star Gaga, Raptor Running from activity to activity, or awesome belly flopping off the diving board. It was a time for us to spend every day with a group of the most awesome 5 & 6 year-old boys we have ever met. There is not a day where we don't recall a silly knock-knock joke that one of you told us, or a song that we sang together – there is not a day where we don't think of all the great memories that we created this past summer, memories that will be with us forever.

So, to our Rock and Roll Raptors, thank you: thank you for putting a smile on our face everyday, thank you for making us laugh harder than we ever have in our lives, and thank you for being a group of campers that made Camp Kinneret a better place each and every day. We hope that your school year is going well and that you are continuing to enjoy yourselves. Always know that summer is never too far away, and that camp is waiting for all of you to return.

Rock on,  
Jason and Jacob

### **S.S.S.N.L.M. & Color Changing Scientist Pirate-O-Sauruses**

Hey! It's only been a couple months since camp ended, but already it seems like a really long time, and even longer 'til next summer! We hope you're all enjoying school and are learning a lot. We're having a lot of fun right now, but let's talk about camp. Even from far away, we can remember all the fun times we had at camp, and we're sure you do too.

There were all those games of Ninja Freeze Gaga, and looking for blue flying Walaroos on trips to visit the Lemonade Tower. It's still hard to believe that mermaids live in there, but we heard them, talked to them, and drank their delicious lemonade! Remember all those times we snuck around camp like spies, and no one saw us until we got up and surprised them by shouting their name... that was fun! We know for a fact, in case anyone doubted it, that we easily won the "latest group to swim" award. We were having so much fun doing other stuff, that we were never able to make it on time...oh well.

Do those of you from Session One remember the Apache Relay when Jared painted his face blue and we all ran in the track meet to help our team? And how about that day Session Two when that weird guy (was his name Rex?) came from camp Red Rock on Mars. He seemed like a lot of fun (if very strange). Adam was very confused when he heard about that weird white shirt and tie!

But do you guys want to hear something cool? The thing that we remember most is how excited we were to see your faces each morning, ready to have an awesome day at camp. We never had so much fun as when we were running around, doing something crazy with you!

We hope all of you guys are having a great year... take care,

-Adam and Jared

### **CDIC Beat-Boxing Apple Snappers & The Sitting Ducks Who Eat P.S.**

It seems like just yesterday we were at Camp Kinneret, singing songs, playing Gaga, and swimming. I miss hanging with you guys so much. College is fun, but it sure isn't as fun as Camp Kinneret! It's a little colder too!

Not a day goes by where I don't think about all of you guys and our fun adventures. Whether we were going on a

hike to the Lemonade Tower, talking to the Mermaids, swimming in the pool, or eating lunch at the Beat Lab or the Duck Pond, we always had so much fun. It was certainly a memorable summer; I am sure we broke just about every activity record at Camp! Do you guys remember our awesome Sleepout skits? They had the whole camp laughing all night! We really were the Coolest Dudes In Camp (CDIC), and we certainly could be heard quacking from a mile away.

I hope you guys are enjoying school. Don't worry, it will be over soon enough, and then it will be time for camp again! I hope to see you all very soon. Take care and be sure to be the funny, smart, energetic, creative dudes I got to know for nine awesome weeks.

Thanks for all of the laughs and memories. - Steve

### **Sophist-O-Bots & Jungle Thunder**

Wow, it's been such a long time since we last hung out and it still feels like only yesterday. You guys are the ones responsible for making this summer such an amazing experience for me, your peers and your friends on the buses! You're all so amazing and interesting!

Hey Sophist-O-Bots, remember when I would say "Ohhh Sophist-O-Bots!?!?" and you would respond with "MYEASSSSS??" and then we would all go "ASSEMBLE!!!" and do the robot dance over to me until we were all together? Hahaha that was so much fun to do, I got such a kick out of seeing all your dance moves!! Or what about when we played Robo-gaga, those were all such fun times!!

And hey Jungle Thunder, remember when we would always get in random Jungle Thunder vs. other group name cheer-offs? We probably Jungle Thundered just about every group at camp. Or what about when we said Jungle Thunder HUAH for every riddle cheer?? Hopefully we didn't get on anybody's nerves! You guys were all such great sports and it was awesome for me to see how well you all worked together, and at the end of the summer it felt so nice to have such a strong group bond.

Even though you are all in school now and probably doing some pretty boring school stuff, you can always remember what we did last summer and even keep our Sophist-O-Bot and Jungle Thunder spirit going by being an awesome sport

and always looking out for your friends and peers! Thank you again for being the coolest kids I know and making my summer such a wonderful experience!

Stay on the sunny side! - Nolan

### **Super Coyote Brothers & Spying Flying Flubbernuggets**

*Coyote Bros-* Where are my Coyotes at? Haaawoooo! Hope your school year is as fun as mine! College is fun, but we don't have recess here, so enjoy it while you can! Every day I think about summer and how much fun we had. We were definitely the loudest coyotes in camp. I miss our coyote cave where we would eat and reenergize for the day. I always loved switching names at lunch, and I'll never forget that day we spilled milk 6 times. We have so many good memories taking hikes, playing gaga, and even that time on the field when we played that game with the parachute and 2 gaga balls. I'll always remember coyotes! I hope you all kept your Coyote Coins!

*Flubbernuggets-* Flubbernuggets TURN UP THE BASS!!! We had so much fun in Session Two! I loved playing volleyhandsketball and seeing all you amazing swimmers in your flubby green wristbands! We got lots of bullseyes and really had fun at Olympics! I loved our sportsmanship and teamwork all session. The science lab was always a great place to make flubbernuggets and eat some good lunch. I'll always remember you guys bouncing around everywhere...NOW STOP! And wiggle your tushie!

*All my campers-* Here are a few things I'll never forget! High pants days, playing Captains & Sea Monsters at boating, the mermaids at the Lemonade Tower (who always found a way to tell you my schedule), slam dunks at basketball, and never forget my Ariel towel!

I'm really proud of you guys! You all improved at each activity because we practiced and participated every day. We also grew to be better people. We learned about sportsmanship, good choices, treating others the way you want to be treated, and much more. It was an amazing summer full of fun, growth, accomplishments, goofiness, sports, swimming, bouncing, howling, and the list goes on and on! I'll never forget my B4 boys of 2011!

Howling and Bouncing, Brandon

### **Rockin' Pizza Pack & Pickle Pickers in PJs**

Wait!...it's been half a year already?! Wow! It seems like only yesterday that I was playing mafia, running obstacle courses, and playing blog tag. All the memories I have from summer are overwhelming! Just think, in only a few more short months, camp will be starting again. I can't wait to see you all again and look back on the fun we had during summer 2011. You all made my summer incredible and all of you guys made me laugh. I came up with some nicknames for everyone, they are as follows:

Mariooo (Dario), The Riddler (Ryan), Cyborg Grasshopper (Justin), Sneako Dellareaper (Nico), Goldeneye (Jake G.), Mini Kobe (Jonah), The Joker (Jared), Birthday Boy (Blake), Socrates (Samuel), Professor Nichols (Dylan), Rainman (Rueven), Danimal (Daniel), Mr. Stencils (Ian), Nicholi (Jake V.), Gentleman (Jackson), Screech (Hunter), Twin 1 (Tyler), Twin 2 (Trevor), Ninja (Evan), "Amanda Gee is number 7!" (Jeremy), and The Singer (Gaven).

I had an amazing summer with everyone and I hope you're having a great time at school! I'm ready for it to be summer again and I hope you are too!

Sincerely, Tyler

### **Jumbo Lava Sharks & CRNSC**

I can't believe it's already been so long since camp. It seems like yesterday we were playing gaga and acting silly. I'm at school now and I'm missing camp so much because I'm now going to class every day instead of hanging out with you guys at camp. I'm already counting down until next summer when I can be back at camp. I hope you guys have an awesome school year. I won't ever forget this summer with you guys and hopefully you won't either. Have a great school year. See you next summer.

Your Counselor, Jake

### **Loco Taco Blasters**

Summer is far away, but all of my memories of our group are still very fresh. I really enjoyed our Taco way of shooting at archery, along with the art of drawing the perfect taco on the tables at Arts & Crafts and Nature. And, oh what I would do for one more Taco Walk around camp with you guys.

School is going well for me, and I hope it

is for you too. I am already counting down the days until next summer when we will be reunited. I hope the remainder of school flies by, and we will see each other very soon.

Your Fellow Taco Blaster, Ethan

### **Fluffy Muffin Boys**

First of all, FLUFFY MUFFIN. I hope that you replied with, "BOYS!" in your head as you were reading that. Summer may be over, but you can bet that I remember our awesome times together very clearly. I really miss our lunches in the shade of our muffin oven and our deep discussions about food. I also haven't forgotten about our great pool races and our really funny skit at the Great Kinneret Sleepout.

School is going well for me, but it doesn't compare to the fun that we had together. I am very anxiously awaiting next summer until I see all of you again. I hope that school isn't too rough, and that the Fluffy Muffin Boys will be together again soon.

Your Fellow Muffin Boy, Ethan

### **Magical Cheeseburger Gremlins**

Hey guys! I hope you each are having an amazing time at school. I'm also in elementary school finishing up my degree so I can be a teacher. There were too many good things about this summer and because you were my main group this summer, it makes me realize how cool each and everyone of you really are. Just think of this letter as the half way point 'til next summer and hopefully I will see you all back at Kinneret...Grem grem beeeeyyaaahhh!

-Jared W

### **The Electric Mayhem**

I hope all you guys have been having a great school year so far! It wasn't too long ago that we were all at Camp Kinneret enjoying our summer together. You guys are such a great group, with awesome skills in each activity. I still think of you guys any time I hear "Dynamite" or "Firework" on the radio. I will never forget the song we made with Nyla at Drama, or the fun we had playing soccer, at off-site, at gaga, or archery.

Keep having a great school year! I miss all of you guys!

Alex H

### **THE GROUP THAT GOT THE RIDDLE RIGHT!**

And The Group That Got The Riddle Right Was...We hope this letter finds you all succeeding in school and having a great time. From our Questions Of The Day, to crazy beach trips, to Buffalo Training, and one of the best Sleepout skits of all time, we had the best summer with you guys. You always kept us on our toes and we hope you had a great time with us too! Have a great school year and take care.

You are the best! Jared W & Alex H

### **HAROLD: The Group,**

I hope school is going well and all of you are being the DIGNITARIES we at HAROLD sought out to be. I had a great time hanging out with all of you Second Session at camp! Whether it was at High Ropes, Gaga, Field, Swim, or just hanging out at lunch, you guys always made camp a fun place to be for all the other campers, as well as David, Sam, and myself. You guys are a great group of campers and I hope you all continue to have a great school year!

Alex H

### **CITs**

Hello CITs! I'm writing this to the lovely and talented group of wonderful middle-schoolers I had the privilege of having in my group this summer. Let me just say how proud I was of each of you and that I'm sitting here wishing I could be back in that cup stacking room right now! Ah, the air conditioning, the self reflections, and cups among cups of plastic joy. I'm hoping you're all looking back thinking "Man, Gabe was right, I do miss going out into groups and playing animal gaga for the millionth time." I hope school is engaging and fun and I hope all of you are planning to come back as CITs and CILTs next year! I can't wait to see all of your continued growth and I hope that you've been able to take the leadership skills you learned and apply them in your daily lives. Have a year and I cannot wait to see where you all are next summer!

Yours truly ~ Gabe

### **Zoo Crew & Dancing Rock star Divas**

How are all my beautiful girls doing? I hope school is going fabulously! Being away at school now makes me miss Camp Kinneret so much! I miss each and every one of you every day! I miss singing songs super duper loud and dancing all

over camp! I miss our games of animal gaga, diva and rock star gaga. Also, it's just not the same without seeing your super silly faces every morning and singing Jig-and-Go almost every afternoon on Friendship Hill. Do you all remember your first days at camp and being so nervous and excited? I am so happy that we all came out being best friends and having one of the best summers ever! I hope to see you all back at camp next year! Have a fabulous school year my gorgeous girlies!

Love, Markie

### **Jolly Lollies**

To my beautiful Jolly Lollies,

Wow! I can't believe it's already fall and we are back at school instead of at camp. I would do anything to have one more game of Lollipop Gaga or share one more lunch at the Candy Shop with you girls! Every time I see Jolly Ranchers and lollipops I always think of you girlies and all of the wonderful camp days we shared together!

I can picture you all now singing "We're awesome" and dancing around camp with such pizzazz! I can also still hear you girls cheering with pride when we were on the White Team for the Apache relay! And who could forget learning that the mermaids' names were Jewel, Sparkle, and Barbara on our magical trip to the lemonade tower!

Thank you to all my Jolly Lollies for a summer filled with laughs, smiles, and a million memories! Even though camp is over, the memories we created in the Session 1 Jolly Lollies group will last a lifetime! I hope you all have a wonderful school year and re-mem-mem-ber all of the times we shared together! Always remember: JOLLY-LOLLY!!

Love always, Taylor

### **Precious Chocolatey Pixie Stix**

Hello my beautiful Precious Chocolatey Pixie Stix! I can't believe how much time has passed since our last Pixie Stix adventure! I will never forget all those times we turned into Pixie Stix around camp and sang silly songs together! It seems like just yesterday we were playing Pixie Stix gaga and enjoying beach parties at the Chocolate Factory. I wish I could be back at camp being silly and eating candy with all of you!

Every time I look back on the summer, I

think of all the wonderful memories we had. Whether it was supporting our Blue Bubbles team in Olympics or being visited by Lulu & Lola from Camp Red Rock, this summer was filled with laughs and smiles! I want to say thank you for such a fabulous, candylicious Session 2! I hope you girlies had a summer you will never forget, I know I won't! Thanks for the wonderful memories; I hope you have an amazing school year! And on a final note: PIXIE-STICK!!!

Love always, Taylor

### **Crazy Cupcake Cuties**

Hey Crazy Cupcake Cuties! How are you girlies? I miss you all and wish we were back at camp acting silly and eating cupcakes! Remember when we ran around saying "Hi!" to everyone super loud? That was so much fun! I hope to see you all next summer.

Love, Erin

### **Funky Fluffy Splendiferous Flamingo Starbursts**

Hello Funky Fluffy Splendiferous Flamingo Starbursts,

I hope you girlies are doing well! I sure do miss camp, how about you? I miss singing silly songs with you girls and acting like Flamingos!

LaLaLaLaLaLaLaLaLa! I hope to see you all next summer!

Love, Erin

### **Sparkling Rainbow Girls**

Hey Sparkling Rainbow Girls! I hope school is going well for you, and that this new school year is everything you had expected. I am sitting in class right now remembering all of the good times we shared last summer, especially all of the fun songs we sang around camp! Remember all the fun initiatives we played, like the Skittle game and Skis challenge? I do! I also remember how much fun we had in the pool. Those are some of my favorite memories.

Whether we were making up crazy new versions of gaga and what time is it Mr. Fox or coming up with fun cheers to say at Friendship Hill when we got the riddle right, we sure had one amazing summer!

I really miss sharing lunch and juice bars together, always having a blast at gym, and all the many other memorable moments we shared. Most importantly

though I loved watching you blossom into such wonderful friends. Remember all those talks we had about friendship? Well, I am so glad we all were friends at camp and got to know one another!

Thank you girls for a great summer, filled with many wonderful memories and plenty of laughter! I hope you are having a great school year and don't forget to count down the days until next summer!

Love, Allison

### **Funky Fruity Fro-Yo Girls**

Hey girls-I can't believe how much time has already passed since I've seen you all! Since the last few days of Session 1, I've really missed you girls and the amazing summer we all had together. I enjoyed watching you all blossom into young ladies and seeing each of you succeed in different activities. It was wonderful getting to laugh, dance and play every day at camp and I'll never forget all the goofy moments we shared together.

Even months after I left for school, I still find myself telling stories to all of my college friends about the hilarious and entertaining summer we spent together. I had an amazing time at the Great Camp Kinneret Sleepout 1 and miss reading stories under the stars and giggling at all of the skits the other groups preformed. Most of all, I hope you girls had a great summer and enjoyed hanging out with me as much as I did with you all. Don't forget about me and the great friends that you made this year and I look forward to seeing you next summer!

-Kelsey

### **RAD Dancers & Reeses Pieces Funky Monkeys**

Hope you are having an awesome school year! Somehow I'm pretty sure it couldn't be as fun as camp. Looking back, I've got to say it was one of the best summers of my life. There is nothing cooler than being a kid again and hanging out with campers. I loved learning new hand games and songs, playing tricks on the Leadership Team, watching people get different wrist bands, and trying my first belly flop ever. Yes, I must say my favorite part of the everyday was always trying to figure out a new goofy response when we got the riddle right.

Keep those creative minds working and I hope to see you next summer!

Peace out, Ariela

### **Pink Panthers**

We miss all of our panthers so much! We can't believe that summer is over and how fast our time at camp together went by. We are enjoying our time at college but would rather be playing panther gaga with all of you at Camp Kinneret. We'll never forget our scavenger hunts, playing fox and hounds, and the making of all the colorful friendship bracelets. We loved watching all of you make new friends and go on crazy adventures. We made so many great memories together as Pink Panthers and we hope your summer was as fun as ours!

Love, Lindsay and Carmen

### **S.S.S.G**

Completing missions at camp was always so much fun - Especially when they involved confusing the Leadership Team or making a specialist laugh. Now all of my missions involve finishing homework and helping with chores, and I am sure your missions are similar. Time went by so fast this summer and I am sure it's because of all the fun we had!

Do you remember when we confused the Leadership Team by starting a sentence but not finishing it? Or how about when we played capture the cone at field and got all wet in our bathing suits? All these memories are what made my summer so amazing and special! The thing we loved most about summer was becoming friends with all of you. Hope you have a wonderful school year and we will see you next summer!

Mission Complete, Carmen & Allison :)

### **S.K.I.T.T.L.E Gals**

How are you gals? We hope that your school year is going well and that fourth grade is as awesome as camp! We're back in school now too. Taylor is enjoying her first year at college, and Nikki is continuing her second year. We both miss our Taylor Swift song sessions and random dances so much! Do you all remember the cupid shuffle and the Macarena? How about Skittle archery? We know you were all excited by our dance moves! (Even if they were a bit embarrassing) You're all dancers at heart!

We had a great first year in Navajo and hope you did too. The beach trips, high ropes, and offsite trips were always a blast and it was great to see you try new things. You gained so much confidence and made so many new friends

throughout the summer. You always remained positive, even if at an activity that you didn't like! Thank you for having such open minds and being accepting of each other. Every time we eat a Skittle we think about summer! Have a Skittletastic school year! We hope to see you all next summer. Taste the RAINBOW!

Love, Nikki and Taylor

### **Magical Mystical Monarchs**

I can't believe it's already time for the Fall Highlights letter; it seems like just yesterday when it was the first day of Session 2 and we were deciding on a group name. I hope you all are having a wonderful time in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and keep thinking about all the fun times we had this summer; I know I do.

I loved spending the first year of Navajo with you girls. Seeing you conquer your fears and get further and further on high ropes was definitely one of the highlights of my summer. I also loved going on beach trips and playing Rold Gold and Chameleon at offsite. You girls are some of the fastest runners and best hidlers that I've ever seen. I also loved teaching you guys all about the Backstreet Boys and N\*Sync while you guys taught me all about Victorious and iCarly. We had a lot of fun singing different songs and telling jokes all over camp. I hope you're all having a fabulous year and I hope to see all of you next summer. I can't wait!

Love, Nikki

### **L.A.U.R.E.N.'S Poppin' Rockin' Pop Rocks & Funkalicious Rainbow Pizookie Eating Unicorns**

Hey girls! To my Rockin' Poppin' Pop Rocks: I bet nobody can figure out what L.A.U.R.E.N.'S stands for, we were just too tricky! Enjoy some pop rocks once in a while as a special, yummy way to remember our group, I know I sure do. To my Funkalicious Rainbow Unicorns: Our summer was so funkaliciously fun and whenever I think of our super silly "Unicorn Huah!" poses, I laugh.

I hope all of you are having a great school year. Not a day goes by that I don't think of the fun times we had at camp. Whether it was Sleepouts, beach tips, Olympics, or just plain gaga, I'll never forget the silly and fantastic time we had (and I'm sure you won't either!)

I'm counting down the days until camp!

Kinneretly, Lauren

### **Tutti Fruttis**

Tutti Frutti girls! Wow words can not explain how much I miss your spunky personalities. I feel so lucky to have had each and every one of you this summer! I hope school is going well and you're loving middle school.

Rachel

### **Uh-oh Oreos**

Uh Oh Oreos! From day one you all had me laughing and even crying from cracking up so hard. You girls rock and are some of the most fun ladies I have ever hung out with. I hope middle school is as awesome as each one of you! Miss you tons!

Rachel

### **Swimming**

Swimming was so much fun this summer!

We can't believe so much time has already passed since last summer.

It is incredible how many more memories we will make this summer.

Miss you all at the pool everyday!

Love, Swim Staff

### **Nature**

Hey Tree Huggers! We hope you're having a fantastic school year. We miss seeing you all in Nature. Remember all of those really cool projects that we got to make together? We had a rainforest week where we learned about tagua nuts and seed beads. Some of us got to be archeologists at the beginning of the summer. We also had some weather related projects like the cloud catchers and the sun prints. It was so hot the week we made our sun prints that it made the paper change color super fast!

We can't believe how the time has flown like a bat outta the nature nook! It seems like yesterday we were planting the seedlings of nature appreciation... and also the pine tree seedlings (how are they doing by the way?). Now it's almost time for you to put your weather windows to use and start identifying some of those storm clouds. That's pretty Tagua NUTS! I hope you're not too RATTLED by your METAMORPHOSIS from campers to students. We'll always smile when we think about Nature at Camp Kinneret. We hope you wear your rainforest seed bead bracelets to school, and hope that if your teachers have any

bones to pick, they are bones from an owl pellet. But seriously...how are those pine trees?

Whether it was while making one of these projects or one of the others, we were always impressed by your enthusiasm and creativity.

Jamie & Ali

### **Music & Drama**

It's only Fall and I'm already wishing I was back at camp! Remember how you would always say how lucky I was to be in the air-conditioned room all day? Well, while the cool air was nice, the real reason I was so lucky was because I had the chance to spend my entire summer with you all! Everyday I looked forward to hearing the words, "Nyla, may we please come in?" because it meant I could open my doors and play lots of silly drama games with you all. I loved playing the bells and making songs with you too! I hope that you have brought all the fun memories and skills you've learned here back to school with you! I'll surely miss ending my days with our maraca game, and job interview games. With that said, continue to have a great school year!

-Nyla (or Baby Nyla)

### **Offsite**

Dear Navajo: I hope you are all having a wonderful school year. I've been busy at work and some days I wish I was back at camp having fun with you.

Remember our trips to Peter Strauss Ranch? I hope you had fun during our 5 senses activities. I laugh when I think of the day we square-danced in the amphitheater and the day we took a 5 minute hike. Did any of you see the Pickle Weasel? Can any of you still make a Peacock sound?

Do you remember our trips to Reyes Adobe Park? What activity was your favorite? I miss playing Rold Gold, you were all so determined to get my Cow, Moosie. :) Can you still remember your favorite hiding spot for Chameleon? You all were very good chameleons.

Well, I hope you all had as much fun as I did. Thank you for making offsite so FUNTASTIC! I was a little nervous at first because it was my first year as offsite specialist but you were all amazing. I hope to see you all again next summer!

Cristhy

## High Ropes

Hey there, Navajo! I finally get my chance to thank you for a wonderful summer at High Ropes! I miss my trees and ropes, and I really miss all the wonderful climbers and helpers (that's you)! Did you know that together you all climbed over 500 times? You are all awesome, thank you for everything! I hope that you all had fun at High Ropes, and I also hope that you all gained self-confidence along the way. You're all so unbelievably brave! All of you did such a great job pushing yourselves to go further even when the courses were really challenging, and I'm so proud of your accomplishments.

Speaking of accomplishments, I hope you are all doing really well in school. School is cool and everything, but personally I'm still counting down the days until camp starts again. I hope I get to see you all at Kinneret next summer!

Belay on and climb on, Alexander

## Rovers

Hi there! How have you all been? We bet awesome! Wow, how time flies! We can't believe that it's the school year now. We think about camp and you guys all the time. Remember all the fun things we got to do at camp? I know we do! Remember going in the pool, singing silly songs, playing lots of games and eating those yummy juice bars! Those were some great days at camp we had together! We all had such a good time getting to know all of you. Take care and we will be counting down the days till next summer. Have a great year!

-Your Rovers :)

## Gym

Dear CK campers: I cannot believe that our summer at Camp Kinneret ended weeks ago! It feels like just yesterday we were playing musical hoops, freeze dance, and gym baseball!!! I will never forget acting silly and dancing with you all everyday. You are all part of my summer memories now, and you all helped me find time to be crazy and act like a kid again. I hope you all have an incredible time at school this year! Make tons of new friends and memories! I can't wait for the activities and surprises waiting for us next summer! Have a fantastic school year!

With summersaults of Kinneret spirit, Amanda (a.k.a. Flips & Giggles!)

## Ponies

Dear Camp K Kiddos: What can I say? It was a beautiful summer. All of you guys amazed me with how quickly you picked up on horsey skills. By the end of both sessions, pretty much everyone knew all of my rules by heart, which was really impressive. A lot of you conquered your fears and pushed your limits with the ponies, and I'm so proud of you for it. Even though they're ponies, their size is still really intimidating, and you were all so brave. Great job!

Now I am across the country, studying in the library in the snow, but I'm still thinking of the amazing summer I've had with all of you.

(How do we hold the reins? Like an ice cream cone!) I miss you all so much!

Love, Becca.

## Climbing Wall

Hey campers! How are all of you doing? I hope that school is going well. I had such an amazing time with all of you this past summer. Getting to see all of your bright and smiling faces made my summer one of the best that I have had in a long time. Thanks for making my time at the Rockwall so much fun! I loved being able to see all of you achieve your goals and make it all the way to the top of the wall. And for all who did not make it to the top, remember to keep trying and to keep challenging yourselves.

Have a great year, Justin

## Animals

Greetings from Petting Farm! Al, Mabel, Billy, Jo-Jo and Luna say hello and hope you are having a wonderful school year! I had so much fun spending my summer with you and getting to do lots of animal activities. Do you remember when Luna came out to play with us? She loved to lie down in one area of our bunny circle and fall asleep! It was neat when she would lie on my lap so we could pet her on her tummy. Remember, two bunny fingers! And petting Billy the goat was fun too, especially when he wiggled his tail when we touched it. The happy goat face he made when we petted him was fun to see. Al sure did love those apple snacks! Giving him showers and seeing him do his rain dance was definitely special!

I had a wonderful time watching you all get to know our animals at Petting Farm, from feeling Luna's heartbeat to feeding

Al for the first time - it tickled! The animals sure loved seeing you when you came to visit, and can't wait to see what next summer holds. Don't forget to look around every now and then to see what kinds of animals you can find, just like the animal scavenger hunts we did! Have a wonderful school year, and I hope we'll see each other again soon!

Kinneretly, Heather

## Arts & Crafts

"Arts and Crafts, may we please come in?" "Yes you may!" And in you came, ready to have a fun and relaxing time. There were so many projects we created in the summer. Squish Art, coloring Sea Animals with markers, Rainbow Scratch Art, colorful Kaleidoscopes, Sand Art, Maracas, Sun Catchers, and Lanyards. Remember Olympics Week and the Team Banners? It was wonderful seeing all of you working together to create your team banners. They were all awesome!

Let's not forget Tie Dye Week. Seeing all those tie dyed items hanging up, each one having its own unique design was beautiful. Arts & Crafts was just full of all the colors of the rainbow and campers having fun. It was really exciting to see some of you change the projects a little by adding your own creative touches to them. Oh, and there was something special about Fridays in Arts & Crafts. We had a special name...it was called.....?!!

Who had fun at the Game Table playing Speed Tic Tac Toe, and the Kinneret 500? That was a fun place to play if you finished your projects early. Do you remember how Arts & Crafts was turned into an arcade for the Carnival? We had a decorated arch for the entrance, colorful streamers inside, and had fun playing Ping Pong, Ice Fishing, Connect 4, and trying to figure out ESP.

How many of you remember that beautiful spider web at the entrance? Even spiders love Arts & Crafts! FUN TIMES!! We're back in school now thinking back on the memories of a wonderful summer. We hope your school year is as much fun as Camp was. Keep using your creativity in everything you do, so when summer comes around again, you'll be ready to go. It seems like it's a long way off, but it'll be here before you know it. And Howard and Dave will be there waiting to hear you say: ".....?"

-Howard and Dave