

# KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS

## Fall Edition



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MEMORIES FROM OUR 62<sup>ND</sup> SUMMER!

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### **WHAT'S IN THIS EDITION OF THE KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS?**

This special fall edition of the *Kinneret Highlights* was written by our summer staff for all of our campers and their families to read and enjoy! There are notes from all of your specialists and group counselors. You can read their messages and remember everything you learned and experienced during the summer of 2016!

*Campers, find the sections that your counselors wrote especially for your group!*

### **CAMP KINNERET ENROLLMENT FOR 2017**

Although it may feel like a long way off, next summer will be here before we know it. Returning family enrollment begins Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>! As a returning Camp Kinneret family, you will have priority during the entire month of January. You should receive your enrollment information by Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. New families can begin to submit their applications on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Ask your friends to call us today to be added to our mailing list and to receive information about our camp program and our application process.

### **CAMP KINNERET CAMPSHIP FUND**

Each year our campership fund enables children to attend Camp Kinneret who otherwise would not have the opportunity to experience a summer at camp. Named for our previous directors, Sam and Rochelle Hoffman and Harold Gordon, this fund allows us to share their vision of a child-centered, nurturing camp with children of all backgrounds. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please see our website for more information and ways to contribute: [campkinneret.com/camp-kinneret-giving](http://campkinneret.com/camp-kinneret-giving)

Our campership fund is one of many administered through the American Camp Association (ACA). This October, fifteen of our staff members helped to raise campership funds by pledging to run, walk, swim, or bike as part of the ACA's annual Camp Moves Me fundraiser. As of the printing of this newsletter, they have raised over \$3500! We want to extend a huge thank you to the camp families, staff members, alumni, and friends who supported us through their donations.

### **THE CAMP KINNERET STAFF**

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

- In 2016, we received over 125 applications to fill 30 positions not held by returning staff.
- We re-interview all returning former staff each year to ensure that they will continue to have a positive impact in camp.
- Senior staff members participate in a mandatory pre-employment drug testing program and are subject to random testing throughout the summer.
- We conduct yearly professional background checks on all of our new and returning staff.
- Our staff members attend 35 hours of staff orientation and training before camp begins.
- Our senior staff members are required to attend weekly evening staff meetings.
- Our CILTS (high school interns) attend pre-camp training and orientation as well as 1-on-1 goals meetings and weekly group meetings.

### **Group Photos**

In December, we will mail your group photos along with another personalized letter from your counselor to your group members! Look for them in the mail!



***Make sure to check out  
the last page of this newsletter  
for information about our annual Thanksgiving  
weekend "Sharing Smiles" donation drive!***

## *From Group Counselors:*

### **Star Buddies**

Hey guys, how are you all doing?! I hope your school years are going well, mine has been really fun so far (although I'd much rather be at camp again with you). I'll never forget the fun times that we had, we all shared so many laughs and good times together. Do you remember the time that we set the record for the longest round of red-light green-light in the pool? I still can't believe we pulled that off!

Not a day goes by where I don't think about all the fun times we had last summer, and it just makes me want to start camp all over again! It didn't matter what activity we were at, whether it was gym, field, gaga, or arts and crafts, we always found a way to make that time special. And how can I forget the hike to the Lemonade Tower? The mermaids' lemonade was the best that I've ever tasted.

Thank you guys for making every day at camp a great day, always finding new ways to make me laugh, and making this last summer one of my favorite times in my entire life. I hope you are all having a wonderful school year, and I can't wait for camp to start again next summer! You are all stars and I am so thankful that I got to know every single one of you.

Love always,  
Jacob

### **Lucky Charms**

How are all of my Lucky Charms doing?! I hope school is off to a wonderful start, mine certainly is. Even though school is going well I think about camp all the time. I will never forget all of the fun memories that we made together last summer. Do you guys remember that day where we had to find all of those hidden pizza boxes, or when we hiked all the way up to the Lemonade Tower and talked to the mermaids? Or how about when we had Olympics week- we got so many points for the yellow team, I still can't believe we got all of those points at archery!

I loved getting to know all of you guys this summer, you all really made this last

summer one of my favorite times in my life. No matter what activity we were at, you guys always found silly things to laugh about and make each individual day special.

I cannot remember a time where there was more laughter and pure happiness than this last summer, you guys truly did open my eyes up to a new meaning of the word fun. I hope that you all have a fantastic school year and I can't wait for camp to start again this coming summer. Thank you guys so much for such a fun and joyful summer, I will remember it always.

Love always,  
Jacob

### **Og's Potato Pals**

Hi Og's Potato Pals! How are you guys doing? I hope you're all having a great time in school and having so much fun! I miss camp and getting to hang out with you guys every day so much! We had so much fun being super silly during all of our games of potato says. You guys were so fast when we raced through camp with our jetpacks, and when we pretended to be cheetahs. I remember how much you enjoyed juice bars every day, and we had so much fun being able to make them and then feed them to the animals! I bet the goats Buzz and Woody really enjoyed them. I miss hanging out in the cold, Miwok Village air conditioning and getting to build those awesome towers and race tracks in Box World!

I hope you guys have an amazing year! It was amazing getting to know all of you over the summer, and I bet you're all learning so much and having such a fun time in Kindergarten this year. Hope to see you next year!

Love,  
Phoebe

### **Funny Froot Loops**

Hey Funny Froot Loops! I can't believe we're all already back at school; camp feels like just yesterday! I miss spending my day having so much fun with all of you guys hanging out at camp. I know I had so much fun laughing and playing with all of you! Even though I love school, I miss all of our fun activities at camp. Shooting bows and arrows at archery was

super fun, and you guys were amazing swimmers during our games of Red Light Green Light at the pool. Playing with you guys in Miwok Village was always such a blast, from pretending to be kittens, playing with all of the food, or buying everything in there with the awesome cash register. Even though camp was such a blast and I never stopped laughing when I got to hang out with you guys, I know you're all having such a great time at school and I know I am too. I hope you guys always remember all the funny times we shared as the Funny Froot Loops, and I hope to see you guys next summer and hear about all your funny stories!

Love,  
Phoebe

### **Storybook Buddies & Pancake Pals**

Hey Storybook Buddies and Pancake Pals! How is school going? I hope you are all enjoying it and making some new friends. I miss you all so much. We had so much fun together all summer long. Remember hiking to the Lemonade Tower and talking to the mermaids? And going swimming in the pool every day was so much fun. Of course I loved all the games we played like foxes and hounds and run and scream gaga. I loved telling stories and talking about breakfast and being super silly with you guys all summer long. I miss making storms for you all at boating and helping you choose your colors for tie dye. I still remember a lot of the jokes you guys told me. You guys were just too funny! And we can't forget about playing on the whale watch or playing games on the grass. I also loved putting on our jetpacks every day and riding our skateboards to get up good morning mountain. I am still working at camp, but I am the office now getting things ready for next summer. It doesn't feel the same to be at camp without you all here. I'll tell Og hello from you all! I miss you all so much and I hope your year is going well. Keeping being creative and keep smiling!

Love,  
Callan

### **Goofy Guppies**

To Our Goofy Guppies, We hope you are having a wonderful time in Kindergarten!

Even though it's not camp, hopefully school is just as fun! Last summer, we treasured watching you learn and grow. Each one of our guppies brought so much light to the group. You have each brought a smile to our faces. We loved your crazy riddle cheers and all of the funny stories you shared. Watching you swim like little fish and hanging our towels up by Mike Wazowski every day were such highlights of the summer. We are so proud of all the progress you've made and can't wait to see what else you accomplish in the years to come. We are counting down the days until next summer and hope you are too!

No, you hang up first!

Love,  
Gaby and Grace

### **Fabulous Fruity Friends**

To the Fabulous Fruity Friends, We hope you are all enjoying your year! We cannot believe that you're in Kindergarten now. Not a day goes by where we don't think about all of the incredible times we shared at camp. Last summer was such a blast. Every single one of you brought something very special to our fabulous fruit salad. We loved getting to know you all and seeing how much you each accomplished throughout our time together. Your willingness to be silly and crazy made every day an adventure! We enjoyed watching you try new things like feeding Al the alpaca or boating in the pond. You all have made so many friends within our group and outside of it as well. Do you guys remember how many counselor and CILT friends we gave special names? We made friends like Raspberry Dan (Dr. Dan Webbin), Captain Mooma, Doorknob, Coach Jacket, Flower, Grass, Hans, and so many more! We miss you guys so much and can't wait to see you next summer! We're looking forward to hearing all about your Kindergarten adventures.

Love,  
Brick and Plant  
(Grace and Gaby)

### **Safari Explorers**

How are our explorers? We hope Kindergarten is treating you well! We'll never forget our summer of 2016. We just loved exploring camp together, from boating to nature we were always having a good time.

We had so much fun singing the lemonade song and measuring the tower while we had our Miwok Mountain Adventures! It was so exciting to talk to the mermaids and have their lemonade!

Just hanging out at camp was a lot of fun too! We loved playing with you in Miwok Village, whether we were building in Box World or just reading a story.

Thanks for making this such a wonderful summer! We hope to see you at camp next year!

Rachel & Jenna

### **Friendly Frosted Flakes**

Hey Frosted Flakes! Campers, what are we? We're grrreat! I know you can't forget all the great memories we made at camp this summer. We played mushroom, hug, run, and cereal gaga. Remember those hikes to the Lemonade Tower and that delicious lemonade while we got to talk to the mermaids? It was so fun when we got to give Pickles and Jax mud baths to cool them down.

Some of our favorite days were when we played Captain's Coming or got to balance on the Whale Watch. Do you remember that one time when we were allowed to run down hills at field so we could get more fuel from the fountains and bring it back to Earth (me)?

We had such a blast, and I know that it wouldn't have been the same without each and every one of you! Thank you for making the summer of 2016 such a memorable one!

See you at camp next summer,  
Rachel

### **Stegosaurus All-Stars**

Hey guys! How are you all doing? We really hope that school is going super well! There is not a day that goes by where we don't think about all the super fun times we had at camp and how much we really miss each one of you guys. We really did have such a crazy time being both dinosaurs and sports fans at the same time. Whether it was walking like dinosaurs to different activities or posing as baseball players as we began games, we always knew how to be the silliest ones at camp. Those hikes to the Lemonade Tower and swimming away from you guys in the pool as you tried to chase us will never be forgotten. We truly miss each and every one of you and hope

to see you all next year!

Love,  
Brian and Teddy

### **Fitness Friends**

We're here! (To pump you up). How are our Fitness Friends doing? We don't think anybody can run as quick as us or do nearly as many jumping jacks as we can! Our games of Fitness gaga or just running from one activity to the next were truly special and we know that everyone at camp knew how fitness-y we were. Do you guys remember how crazy it was when the two of us showed up the first days of camp dressed in all fitness gear? Or how about during Olympics week when we were the green team and we all wore so much green and even got third place! All of these moments and so much more are the reason that we love camp so much and miss each and every one of you.

We hope that you guys are having a wonderful school year and are enjoying everything there is about it. Before we know it we will be back to camp for another amazing year! We hope to see every single one of you there.

Love,  
Brian and Teddy

### **Build-a-Racers & Aquatic Ninja Duck Scouts**

Hello Racers and Scouts! I hope that you're all having a great school year. I think about camp and all of you boys every single day. I always remember how we raced and quacked to our activities, and all of camp would know that we were approaching. We tried so many new things at camp and always found a way to have fun wherever we were. Who could forget doing our very own Good Morning Mountain and Friendship Hill within our group and learning many cool facts about each other.

We proved that we didn't even need any equipment to have fun by playing games like invisible soccer. And we really flexed our brain muscles trying to figure out brain games and solving so many riddles each day (even Navajo ones!).

I will never forget how we always read the juice bar wrappers and told camp about the funny ingredients in juice bars, like purple sweet potato juice and beet juice. Some other highlights were taking tours around the boating pond, tasting all

the delicious fruits and veggies from the garden, and hanging out with the animals at the Kinneret farm.

I hope that when you think back to your summer at camp you can remember all the fun times we had as well as the little and big goals each of you achieved by never giving up. I hope that like me you are also counting down the days until summer starts so we can be at camp once again.

Love Always,  
Stephen

### **Wacky Waving Inflatable Wobble Wiggle Boys**

How are my Wacky Waving Inflatable Wobble Wiggle Boys doing? I hope that first grade is going well for all of you. My summer with you was so amazing as I was able to watch all of you grow into such capable and independent boys. Everyone in the group always tried their best at every activity, and throughout the summer you all got a little bit further at some activities, and threw a little farther at others. Remember how we went on a quest for the world's first wobble wiggle boy? I loved how all throughout camp we would sneak up behind groups and wiggle our hardest, until we got caught and told the group how they "Got Wiggled."

I'll always love how we had almost 20 attention getters that all of you knew so well and were so excited about. We had so many fun times together and I am so proud that I was able to be your counselor! Until next summer!

Waving and Wobbling,  
Colin

### **eL Tea**

Hey everyone! I hope that you are doing fantastic and enjoying your school years. The Leadership Team at camp has been telling me all year how much of a big help we were at camp this summer. With all of our walkie talkie themed attention getters, our highlighting and hole-punching skills at carnival, and how we were able to act as such great role models for the younger friends at camp! Remember how our LT member Gabe would radio us all the time? Yeah, we are a pretty important part of camp. I'll never forget our crazy adventures through camp like our trips to the mermaids at the Lemonade Tower, the brand new

games we would make at field, and how we somehow always made it to swim right on time! I couldn't have asked for a better group of boys to spend the summer with and thank you all for making it so special for me. I can't wait for next summer!

With Leadership and Tea,  
Colin

### **The Pickled Sports Boys**

Hey boys! We can't believe how fast summer flew by! It means we were having fun and enjoying the sun. Remember playing some intense games of gaga and how we would dodge and move like spider monkeys? Good times! We vividly remember screaming "I'M A FLUFFY BUNNY" all day long around camp and doing the Pickle Wiggle together -we know that it's going to be the new dance move of the year! Even better was having fun in the pool, doing cannonballs and diving for rings, and just cooling off after our lemonade hikes. Searching for Wallaroos is exhausting because they camouflage so well!

We hope all of you learned some amazing new things and made new friends. We sure did! Remember when it was the first day of camp and we were introducing each other and saying what our favorite ice cream was and our favorite sport? Some of us even liked the same flavor and sports! After a day or two we became great friends, learning about each other, laughing out loud at jokes, high fiving, and even making awesome handshakes. What we loved the most is watching all of you grow day by day, finding the confidence to do something new, and keeping an open mind. Remember that making mistakes is okay. You learn from it and grow. You were all such amazing campers that were full of energy and spirit. Seeing all of you showing camp how hard you can pickle wiggle during Sleepout was definitely the highlight of our summer!

Thank you so much for making our first summer as counselors so amazing! We hope you guys had as fun of a summer as we did! We miss you all and thank you again for the most amazing memories that we could ever ask for!

Enjoy a cool quote from Dr. Seuss himself:

*"So be sure when you step, step with care*

*and great tact. And remember that life's a great balancing act. And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 & 3/4 percent guaranteed) kid, you'll move mountains."*

--Dr. Seuss

Love,  
Charlie and Lily

### **The Amazing Hilarious Heroic Helpers**

Dear Amazing Hilarious Heroic Helpers, We can't begin to tell you how much fun our summer was with all of you. We had so many great times jam-packed into just a few short weeks. Whether it was our amazing quest searching for Jim the Lemonade Dragon, hanging out while we built the hall of heroes, all the games of Ultimate gaga, or even our mini this or that debates on our way to activities, there was never a shortage of fun to be had on a day-to-day basis with our group.

It wasn't just the things we did or the games we played. It's each of you that made the Amazing Hilarious Heroic Helpers so special. Throughout the session, we were always so impressed with what a good team you all made. Everyone really seemed to not only have fun with each other, but also have a real knack for giving each other a hand when anyone needed it. Having the word helper in our name truly suited us. And of course there were the jokes. So. Many. Jokes. Sharing our joke of the day with the other groups was always an awesome way to celebrate getting the riddle! And finding out our riddle answers were wrong even if they were super clever never failed to disappoint us! (How clock-o-dile isn't the animal best at keeping time still amazes us!). The Amazing Hilarious Heroic Helpers wore a lot of hats. We were jokesters, heroes and helpers, but above all, we were an awesome, super fun group. Thanks for an unforgettable summer, boys.

Love,  
Charlie and Ethan

### **Morphing Marshmallow Men & Meeping Magicians**

Dear Morphing Marshmallow Men and Meeping Magicians, We hope you are all enjoying the school year! We can't believe that a couple of months have already passed since summer. We miss sitting with you all at Good Morning Mountain, playing gaga, and hiking to the Lemonade Tower all together. We wish we could fly

back to camp and sing “we got the spirit” just one more time with you all. We especially miss playing pirates in the boating pond and turning our names inside out. Captains Nahnah and Ouie miss you a lot.

Both the Great Kinneret Sleepout 1 and 2 were definitely some of our favorite memories. Remember the JC Penney and Meeping skits?! Oh! And playing Sleepout gaga where we ran around the court super fast?!

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Relay and Olympics were also highlights of the summer! Remember when all of the leadership team jumped into the pool and we won the gold for the red team?!

Watching you all grow throughout the summer, try new things, and make new friends was so great and made the summer that much more special. We hope you all had the summer of a lifetime and had as much fun as we did. Thank you all for making every day so different and so much fun! Can't wait for next summer!

Kinneretly,  
Hannah and Louie

### **The Second Thing**

Going into our first year as counselors, we were so excited to experience what it was like to help a group of boys blossom. Not only did we watch you boys grow, but you boys helped us grow and develop new skills every day.

Although we experienced some very hot days, we managed to get through them because of our genuine love for camp. As much as playing tag or swimming with all of you was always fun, more than anything it was the little things. The way you'd all light up when we said it was time for gaga. The clear excitement you boys would show if you had a particularly tasty lunch that day. Those are the distinctive moments we think of when we look back at first session with you boys.

Let's not forget to give credit where it's due. You boys took one moment that you found particularly funny at the pool and turned it into our group theme for the session! Boys, we think we were the first group in Kinneret's history to name our group after a towel rack!

We want to thank all of you for an unforgettable summer. Although we

revolved many things around the number two, such as sitting on the second step, or emphasizing the second rule, there will only be one Second Thing.

Love always,  
Ethan and Rebecca

### **Dancing Clapping Fanny Pack Boyz**

Well, well, well... if it isn't the Dancing Clapping Fanny Pack Boyz!! It's Ryan and Rebecca, hoping that you're all doing well. Wow, camp was a really long time ago. We can't believe that there have been a few months since we were chilling out at Kinneret. Remember the times when we played gaga, hung out at swim, and simply relaxed with our fanny packs? Good times!

We all had lots of great moments together back in the day. The Olympics were awesome; representing the yellow team was great, and we loved how we got that yellow pride going all week. We spent a lot of time with fanny packs; we talked about them, played games with them, and us, your counselors, even wore them every day! Of course, we loved how we all formed friendships together as a group. There were a lot of us in the Dancing Clapping Fanny Pack Boyz, and it was amazing to see you all get to know each other, play with each other, and form friendships that meant a lot.

As the school year rolls on by, we hope that you all take the time to relax, be yourselves, and remember the things you did last summer. We are both so proud of all of you, and think that you have grown so much during the course of last summer. Camp might have been months ago, but the memories, experiences, and feelings that you all shared are still with you. Have a good one; you are all honorary Dancing Clapping Fanny Pack Boyz for life!

Love always,  
Ryan and Rebecca

### **Wacky Wonderful Whale Sharks**

Hello there, Wacky Wonderful Whale Sharks! It's Ryan here. I know it has been a while since the last time we were all together as a group, but honestly all of our times together feel like they were just yesterday. I hope all of you are doing well; I really miss the moments that we shared as a group, from the lemonade hikes, to the games of gaga, even when we were just chilling at the pool during

swim. Those times were AWESOME, and I'm glad we went through them together! Going through the many activities at camp with you guys was great. One of my favorite parts of the day was trying to answer the riddles we received correctly. So many of those riddles were honestly really hard! Swim was a lot of fun too; the water-basketball games, cannonball contests, and lessons we had were always totally rad, especially with such great folks like you! Looking back, I loved the crazy shenanigans we went through day by day.

I know you're all at school now. I, too, am in the middle of school, working through my second year of college. I bet we're all doing a lot of the same things, such as waking up early, doing our homework at night, and hanging out with friends in between class time. Even if you feel far away from the friends you made at camp, we're still all in this together, doing many of the same things. Camp was a long time ago, but you are all Wacky Wonderful Whale Sharks forever!

Wishing you all THE VERY BEST,  
Ryan

### **Navajomies**

Navajomies! How are our beloved Navajomies doing? We have missed you all so much since our summer at Kinneret came to a close. We love thinking back to all the times we spent dunking in the pool or having bulls-eye competitions at archery. You boys were all so fun and such great company to have over summer. We could not have asked for a better group of kids. We hope you all have been enjoying the rest of your summers and that you have a tremendous year in the 4th or 5th grade. We will always remember the memories the Navajomies shared this summer and how we come together to win the independence relay. Keep having fun and hopefully we will see you again next summer!

Kinneretly,  
Jesse and Bella

### **Sushi Donuts**

Sushi Donuts! How are our favorite sushi-filled donut friends? We have missed seeing your lovely shining faces every day. We will never forget all of your fantastic jokes and all of the great memories we made together. You were

such a wonderful group and we miss you so much! Don't forget...Ethan Bradberry! Have a wonderful school year and we can't wait to see you next summer!

Kinneretly,  
Jesse and Bella

### **SPACE GOLF & Kung Fruit Salad**

Space Golf and Kung Fruit Salad, We hope you are all enjoying your school year and learning new things as much as we are! It feels like just yesterday we were all meeting for the first time at good morning mountain.

While we are enjoying school, we find ourselves wishing we were back at camp with all of you. We will never forget the memories we've made: Battling waves at the beach trips, Carly being loud on the beach bus until she couldn't speak anymore, conquering our fears at high ropes, making our cup stacking tower taller than Greg, and so much more. Greg was sitting in his apartment the other day and spotted a Wallaroo out the window, and couldn't help but smile and let you guys know (Minnesota Wallaroos are white like the snow).

We are so proud of all that we accomplished together as a group and the improvements that we showed throughout the summer. A perfect example of this growth is archery! At the beginning of each session we could barely hit the hay, and by the end, a day didn't go by where our group didn't see a bullseye.

We would do anything to be back with you at Sleepout looking at the stars and singing by the campfire. We hope you guys have a great rest of the year, and continue to count down the days until next summer!

Peace and love,  
Greg and Carly

### **LARB**

Hey there LARBs! What an amazing summer we had! I'll never forget our awesome games of Ultimate Football, Volley Handsketball, and that crazy hockey/ dodgeball/ basketball/ bowling/ quidditch game we played at the basketball court. We also had our LARBanian Embassy in the wilderness, which in my opinion is the best wilderness spot ever created. We literally carved out steps in the mountain to make it easier to get to our spot. Pretty

impressive! It was also a blast going to other groups and LARBin'g them ("you've been LARBed"). Every camp day was fun, energetic, creative, and always a bit random. We may have set a record for the most cheers in a session! "I'm a big T-rex" "Invisible Steve" "Brothah" "Quack Quack... Aflac" were just some of the 20+ cheers we had. You guys definitely made my summer one of the best I've ever had. I hope you all had as great a time as I did. Have a good school year and hopefully I'll see you next summer!

Your Brothah,  
Brandon

### **The Legend**

Hey guys! First off, we wanted to say how awesome it was to have all of you in our group. It was such an amazing and fun summer and we can't believe how fast it went by. We loved how everything we did was legendary and sometimes a bit weird... Like when we called gaga "coco puff," and gym "myg," and swimming "orble snorkel," and many more. We can't think of a single day where we weren't laughing and having tons of fun. Plus, our riddle cheers were always great! You guys definitely made this the most legendary summer ever! We hope you're all having a great school year, and we hope to see you next summer!

Sincerely,  
The Legend of Brandon & Harrison

### **CPKS**

How are my pizza tossing CITs doing?!?!? Sorry for being a little "cheesy" haha, I'm so funny. On a serious note though, I miss you all so much! I think about you guys all of the time, especially when I look up to the moon and try to figure out if the man on the moon really does have a well-defined chin. I can't believe how long we have been out of camp already, but I still miss spending every day with all of you....even if you were not so nice to my hair, which was always on point! I still remember that one day, back when I did not know the trick to "Johnny Whoop" and I came back to you all sitting in a circle and you did the entire Johnny Whoop routine in unison, and I had no idea what was going on. I find myself dreaming about boating at camp all of the time, we literally went to boating for every special day when we had different schedules. I had so much fun with all of you in that small boating pond, and I

really can't believe that we all fit in there. It was always fun watching you all try to maneuver those tiny boats and eventually sinking.....myself included in that.

It feels so weird to me still that I am not using the phrase "ROLE MODELS" multiple times a day anymore. I got so used to it being part of my everyday vocabulary. I am sure that you are all continuing to be great ROLE MODELS in your everyday life at school, and I really appreciate that you worked hard at doing that this past summer. I've been really enjoying my new job as a school guidance counselor, but I still really miss you all a lot!

Anyway, I hope that you are all enjoying your school year, and I really hope to see you all back at camp next summer! 2016 CIT'S!!

-The young and stylish Joey Hernandez

### **Squirrel Squad**

SQUIRREL SQUAD! How are my role model CITs doing?! I miss you all so much! I can't believe how long it has been since we were spending every day together. I hope you are all having a great school year. I'm really enjoying my new job as a school guidance counselor, but it feels really weird to me not going back to school as a student this year. The other day I was thinking about how on the day of sleepout a group of you guys made a version of the song "Hi, my name is Joe, and I work in a button factory" and changed the words to "Hi, my name is Joey, and I work as a guidance counselor...." And you guys performed it in front of me. That was so hilarious!

Remember that time we hiked to the Lemonade Tower and the mermaids accidentally gave us soap flavored lemonade instead of regular lemonade? Haha, it took a while to get that taste out, but at least they were nice enough to give us a brand new fresh batch of lemonade! It was also really fun we went boating during sleepout. Even though you guys went straight to splashing my hair and trying to get the "grooming cream" out. Those boats always brought out the highest levels of your energy. I really miss hanging out with you all every day! It was also really cool getting to do Kinneret grams with you all at the carnival! You all worked that booth really well. I believe

that we were a better delivery system than UPS, FedEx, AND Amazon! I really miss you all, and I am really proud of how hard you worked this past summer in groups. It was such a blast being your counselor this summer. Have a great rest of your school year, and I really hope to see you all back at camp next summer! 2016 CIT'S!!!

-The young and stylish Joey Hernandez

### **Lollipop Flamingo Friends**

Hi Lollipop Flamingos! We hope you girls are loving first grade! We miss you lots and often think about how much fun we had over the summer! It feels like we were just playing around camp, counting down the minutes for us to get in the pool. Whether we were hiking to the Lemonade Tower to visit the mermaids or hanging out and eating juice bars, you girls made each moment so much fun! And we can't forget acting like lollipop flamingos! We made so many unforgettable memories throughout the session whether they were from special days like Sleepout and Independence Relay or simply playing gaga and bubble burst. We love remembering all of our silly times together. Remember saying "silly Brooke and Jordan" all the time? Each and every one of you made our time at camp so special. We loved watching you girls grow and make new friends this summer. We still think of the many memories and laughs we shared together and we hope you will always remember our summer as the Lollipop Flamingo Friends. We hope you girls are having a great year and counting down the days until next summer!

Take a Lick!

Jordan and Brooke

### **Jet Pack Jellyfish**

How are our Jellies? We hope first grade is going great! We think about you and our amazing summer together all the time. From Arts and Crafts to Ponies we were always having a lot of fun! Even walking between activities playing the Jelly Fishing game or using our Jet Packs was fun!

There were so many unforgettable moments, from special days like the Sleepout and Carnival to everyday fun like playing hair salon by the pool. And who could forget our hikes to the Lemonade Tower, shouting "We Got the

Spirit" to camp below and drinking the super yummy lemonade.

We hope first grade is going great and we can't wait to see you guys next summer!

Your Mama Jellies,  
Jenna and Jordan

### **Jungle Pals**

Hi Jungle Pals! I had such an awesome summer with all of you and I am missing all of the fun times that we shared! It was so fun getting to know each and every one of you! I hope you are all having a great time in 1st grade and learning lots of new things. I loved being your counselor this summer and I can't stop thinking about everything that made this session so memorable. You girls are mushroom partner gaga champions and great shmolf (golf) players. The Fourth of July track meet (go red!) was so fun and our jungle adventures were always a blast. I was so proud of all of your creativity when we did tie dye and I always had so much fun in the pool, especially when I would spin you girls around or when we played Marco Polo! I really enjoyed watching all of you try new things and make new friends this past summer. It was a pleasure to watch you all grow, and thank you girls for making every day so much fun. Have a great school year!

Love,  
Lanna

### **Fantastical Mini Growers**

Hi Fantastical Mini Growers! We had such an amazing summer with all of you and we are missing being at camp with all of your smiling faces! It was so fun getting to know you all and learning so many awesome things about each and every one of you! We hope school is going great and you are all learning lots of new things.

Being your counselors was so much fun. You girls were always so enthusiastic about singing the "we got the spirit" song and our riddle cheers were always so silly. One of our favorite memories was singing "I'm a Little Piece of Tin" all around camp for all to hear! :) It was so much fun planting gummy bears and seeing what sprouted from the ground! The pool was always a blast, whether we were watching you girls jump off the diving board or we were all swimming around together! Every time we look at our fanny packs, we

will remember the magic that happened this summer! We hope that every time you see a fanny pack you think of us and the memories we all created together!

We loved watching all of you grow, try new things, and make new friends this past summer. We hope you all had as much fun as we did, and thank you girls for making every day awesome! Have a fantastical school year!

Catch a butterfly!

Love,  
Jillian and Lanna

### **Fancy Disco Animals**

Hi Fancy Disco Animals! I had such a fun summer with all of you! Learning about each and every one of you and experiencing camp together was so much fun! Coming to camp every day to your bright and smiling faces made each and every day better. I hope that you all are having a great school year and learning a ton of new things!

I have so many fun memories of us being different animals as we went from activity to activity! You girls were always so full of energy and giggles. It was so much fun playing three balls gaga with you and showing our disco moves around camp! One of my favorite memories was hanging out in the pool with all of you on Fun Friday and singing super loud to all of our favorite songs!

You all grew so much throughout the summer and I enjoyed being a little part of your journey to being the most amazing people! I can't believe how fast summer flew by, but I hope that you girls always remember the fun we had and the friends you made!

Show Me Your Moves!

Love,  
Jillian

### **Sunshine Donuts & Giggly Goofballs**

Hi Sunshine Donuts & Giggly Goofballs!!! We can't believe how much fun we had with each and every one of you girls this past summer! Whether it was eating donuts as a group or building a race track at blocks, our days were so exciting and adventurous!

Activities like boating or swimming make us smile just thinking about them. You girls brought so much energy and happiness to camp each day, that every activity was a blast! Playing Revenge gaga,

chasing after the ball and cheering for our friends to get us back in the game was such a great part of the camp day! Swimming was so much fun being able to jump off of the diving board, and trying to touch our feet in the pool! And with Courtney as our lifeguard, red light-green was a great game to play and you girls always got our hair wet with your powerful kicks and splashing!

We can't forget about the Lemonade Tower because those mermaids were so amazing to talk to and wake up by banging on the tower! And remember the animals? We got to paint the ponies and give the pigs mud baths... SO SILLY!!! And on those hot days, we all loved running through Gabe's water rainbows to cool us down... So much fun! But how can we forget about all the times we had gym with April and all the spy academy missions we went on; we even reached GOLD level!

You girls always showed your silly sides at camp and made the funniest riddle cheers and were so helpful by reminding us to turn them in by 1:10!! But most importantly, you girls were all so nice to one another and made everyone in the group happy each day. We all became such great friends and this summer is one that no one could forget. This has been one of our favorites because of you amazing girls! The Sunshine Donuts and Giggly Goofballs were such great groups to be a part of... We're already counting the days till next summer when we can see you all again!

Love,  
Libby & Ilana

### **Dancing Dolphins & Dazzling Ice Cream Donut Divas**

Hey Dolphins and Divas! We are already counting the days until next summer; however, you girls made this past one unforgettable. Whether we were rolling like logs down the hill at field or playing cat's cradle all the time, we were always having so much fun! Even though you girls ALWAYS beat us counselors when we would play Bubble Burst, we wouldn't trade this past summer for the world. As we sit in school, we think back on all the yummy (and not so yummy) pizzas we made in the pool and all the games of Dancing Dolphin and Donut Divas.

Our favorite part of the summer was

watching all of you form friendships with the rest of the girls in the group. When we talked about our favorite memories on the last day of each session, it warmed our hearts to hear you guys say you loved spending time with the group the most. We would not change anything about this summer; each and every one of you hold a special place in both of our hearts. Never forget that each of you have qualities that make you dazzle and that it is okay to be silly and dance like a dolphin! We hope that we left as great an impact on you girls as you left on us. Watching you grow last summer to become more caring, kind, and confident young ladies is something we will cherish forever. Always remember to be your fun, silly selves even as you get older! (You are allowed to like Frozen and sugary foods!)

Until next summer, ladies!

Lindsay and Sana

### **Magical Giraffes from Candyland**

Hi Magical Giraffes from Candyland! I am missing camp so much now that I am back in school and I bet you are too. School is fun but not as fun as you! I hope you're learning so many cool things in third grade.

If only we could be back at camp right now, learning about nature with Monica and Diana, drawing pigs at sidewalk chalk, and hanging out at Row Lopes. I miss watching you girls reach your goals at Climbing Wall and having story time in the shade. Remember cheering on the white team at Independence Relay? I was so proud of all of you! I always think of the good times we had singing High School Musical really loudly in Music & Drama or employing that lizard to work in our wilderness area. Come to think of it, he never did return from his lunch break...

You were all an absolute joy to be around all the time. I think our group was probably the silliest and most fun in all of camp! I laughed so much with you all and went home smiling every day, even the days that were a little toasty. While school might not be as silly or weird as camp I hope you're having a good school year and just remember that summer will be here before you know it! I miss you all so very much!

Love,  
Emily (and Cheesy Pasta!)

### **Super Silly Sloths**

Hi Super Silly Sloths, high-two! I still cannot believe how quickly summer flew by! I know you are all having a fantastic time in third grade and learning so much! College is fun, but not as fun as camp and hanging out with all you Sloths.

At least while you're in school you have lots of memories of our fun times at camp like being ducks in the boating pond, hiking to the Lemonade Tower, shooting arrows at archery, and "painting" rocks at our lunch spot. You were all so amazing and spirited during Olympics and that week was such a blast! Go Black Knights!!!!

I could not believe how funny and silly you each were, every day was a blast. You were all so creative and clever that I knew my group was one of the best in camp. Even on those days when it was hot outside you never stopped telling stories about mermaids or coming up with new ways to cross the Row Lopes courses. I was always stunned by how sweet, kind, and caring you all were while you made new friends in the group. I wish we could have a big group hug right now but don't worry, summer will be here soon! Miss you lots!

Love,  
Emily (and Cheesy Pasta!)

### **Pop Rock Pop Tarts**

Sizzle Sizzle! Hey girls, I hope you are all having so much fun in the third grade. I think about all of you all the time when I'm sitting in class, doing homework and working, and wishing we could all play one more game of handball or go swimming. Remember our hikes to the Lemonade Tower and all the yummy lemonade that the mermaids gave us? Pink lemonade is definitely my favorite! It was also really cool when our group got the most riddles right too. I probably had the smartest campers in all of camp, and definitely the silliest and most fun. I can't wait for you girls to come back next summer and make even more memories. I hope to see all of your smiling faces soon! (:

Lots of love,  
Megan

### **D.R.E.A.M. Team**

Hey now! Hey now! This is what dreams are made of! Hello, girls. I hope you are all having an amazing school year and



loving the third grade. I loved all of our days filled with your smiles and laughs with all of the fun that we had going to boating or relaxing at cupstacking. My favorite was the Olympics and cheering for the black team aka Knight Time! Remember when we got the silver medal for Whale Watch? The black team winning second place was also pretty great. I still have my silver medal and look at it all the time and think of all the fun memories that we had together. I cannot wait to see all of you girls again and hope to see you all next summer. (:

Lots of love,  
Megan

### **Whosamawhatsits**

Whatchamacallit? Whosamawhatsits! We sure wish we were back at camp with all of you goofy girls! School isn't nearly as fun as balancing water bottles on our heads and learning how to juggle! We wish we could play another epic game of gaga together!!

Remember how we confused all of camp with our ridiculous words of the day? And how we always thought of some random noise to make instead of passing the spirit at juice bar time? We were probably the silliest group in all of camp!

You all accomplished so much over the summer, whether it was at archery, in the pool or at high ropes! We are still so proud of how willing you ladies were to try new things and how supportive you were of each other.

We hope you lovely ladies are having the best time in fourth grade, but we also wish that we could also hang out with our pet dragon in the wilderness again, walk in French fry formation and share one more homemade milkshake together!! Thanks for such a memorable session full of laughs and silliness!

Much love,  
Laura and Angie

### **The Zen Masters**

Ohmmmmmmmm. Oh hey, Zen Masters! Now that we're back at school studying for tests and writing papers, we desperately miss hanging out with the chilliest group in camp and having such a wonderful summer together! Belting out the words to the desperado song and playing endless games of strawberry lightbulb was so much fun!

Remember how well we showed off our green team spirit during Olympics week? And all the laughs we got from our hilarious Sleepout skit? What about the time we laid on each other's stomachs and told jokes? Who could forget all of Laura's little tidbits of camp history and Angie's effortless messy buns!

You ladies impressed us when you pushed yourselves with new challenges at high ropes, improved your diving skills at the pool, conquered Og's Throne, and built massive cupstacking towers together. You accomplished so much!

We hope you guys are loving school this year, but that you're also counting down the days until next summer! Thanks for making every day fun and giving us such positive, lasting memories!!

Much love and Namaste,  
Laura and Angie

### **SSSSSpudBots**

Hello there fellow sssspudbots!!! I am currently 25% of a baby potato and loving it! I miss so much our days playing spud and slowly watching you all become full grown potatoes! Bobby Spudbot would be proud! I miss playing gaga, doing spy academy in the gym with April, swimming in the pool and watching you all do the wiggly man off of the diving board! Thank you so much for another wonderful summer at KINNERET! I had so much fun being emus at the beach trip, and counting stars at Sleepout with you all! Hope you are all having an amazing time in the fifth grade!! Hope to see you all next year!

Love always,  
Emily

### **Carpet Enthusiasts**

Chickpeas, chickpeas! (drop the beeaans) Oh man, how I miss you all! I hope that you're learning lots and eating lots of yummy salads with chickpeas. I'm happy to be back at school but I think about our fun times over the summer almost every day. Remember how at the pool you would all wait in line and do funny jumps off the diving board and holler about garbanzo beans? That always made me laugh. Or during "this or that" day when we had to see how many counselors you could dance behind? And how can we forget playing sleeping pandas in gym? Good night panda Popo! I loved how you could take the simplest game or task and

add a new, unique (and usually chickpea related) twist to it. Even at carnival, we had people clean a carpet, and it was more hilarious than I could have imagined! I am also so proud to look back on the summer and remember how much you grew and flourished. Some of you reached new goals in high ropes (welcome back to earth, uh!), and some improved in swimming, or other specific areas. But all of you grew in creativity (especially by running the Carpet Café down in wilderness, or experimenting with tie-dye at arts and crafts), courage in trying new things (such as singing wild songs around camp, or attending sleepout), and kindness. It was way cool to see everyone embrace your fellow chickpeas and encourage each other to have a fun summer. You girls changed me a lot over the summer with your silliness, bravery, and kindness. I miss all of our goofy times, but even more so, all of your personalities remind me every day to include others, be positive, and look for ways to make people smile. You chickpeas always made this garbanzo bean smile! Thank you for always being your unique and wonderful selves. Remember how at lunch we would take turns saying a word to describe how we felt? Sometimes we made up crazy combinations of words, I always smiled at how cool and creative those were. Well, the best word to describe how I feel about you all is thappilly- thankful, silly and happy. I'm also a little hungry, but that's a bonus word, remember?

P.S.- just as I was finishing up this letter I accidentally spilled donuts, toast crumbs and garbanzo bean soup on my carpet. Oh well.

I miss you girls 700 garbanzo beans worth (and that's a lot). Count down the days until next summer!!

With much love and so many chickpea hugs, Alyssa, Garbanzo Bean (& Emily!)

### **S.I.T.**

Hey S.I.T. Squad! We can't believe we're back in school already! As we're writing this letter, we're thinking about this summer and how many amazing memories and hilarious moments we had. Whether it was playing tunnel tag in the pool, eating lunch at the couch, going after the counselors at gaga, or just thinking of funny puns at different activities, we had the most amazing

summer hanging out with all of you! We gave the most piggy back rides ever, laughed until we cried, and had more fun than we could have ever imagined. We hope you are all having an awesome time in middle school, and that you have wonderful memories of squadding up, rolling out, and being a chair!

Much love, Erin and Gabrielle  
(Sasquatch and Zucchini)

#### **J.K.E.**

To the ladies of JKE! We hope that you are all enjoying school so far and learning lots of interesting things. We are enjoying ourselves at school but there isn't a day that passes when we aren't instantly reminded of memories from the amazing summer we all had together. From sticking clamps on each other at woodworking, to throwing the counselors in the pool, we so enjoyed every moment that we got to spend with all of you. Your adventurous and humorous attitudes made for such a fun summer filled with incredible memories. We will forever be thankful for the good times that we can fondly look back upon. You are all very special individuals who we are so lucky to have gotten the chance to get to know.

With love, Erin and Gabrielle  
(Sasquatch and Zucchini)

### *From Specialists:*

#### **Rockwall**

Hey everyone! I hope you are having an amazing school year. Lately I have been thinking about camp and how much I miss getting to help everyone at the rock wall. From helping someone finish the hardest route to watching someone conquer their fears by just approaching the wall, you guys made me so proud every day! Don't forget: if at first you don't attain your goal, keep trying! Thanks for an awesome summer.

Sincerely,  
David

#### **Gym**

Hi guys! I hope you're having fun at school. Remember all the fun we had in gym? From Spy Academy to Gym Baseball, I had a blast watching you guys grow and develop new skills. I can't believe how fast summer flew by! Thanks

for making me smile every day. I miss you guys and I hope to see you soon!

-April (Dr. Noodle)

#### **High Ropes**

Hey Navajo! I hope school is going well for all of you. I always think about the wonderful times we shared together at high ropes last summer! I loved watching all of you grow and conquer your fears as the summer went on. It was so rewarding to me, and I'm glad I was there to see you all progress through all the elements and challenge yourselves. Like I said at the beginning of the summer, high ropes is meant to be challenging. Seeing you all push yourselves and accomplish your goals meant so much to me, and I hope that you're all as proud of yourselves as I am of you. I can't wait to see you all next summer and create new memories and accomplish new goals. Have a great rest of your year everybody!

Sincerely, Eric

#### **Cooking**

My little chefs! How have you been? Learn any new cool tasty recipes?! I was just reflecting on the yummy things we made like fresh guacamole, salsa, and granola bars. Those were all so good! You guys did a great job helping prepare each item. I hope you're having a great time in school. I know I wish we could be back at cooking right now. Learn lots for me though. Maybe a few new recipes for next year's group of cooks? Thanks!

Yours truly, Chef Gilet (aka Jon aka Doggy Jon aka Doctor Jon aka Chef aka Teacher)

#### **Kinnereteering**

Why hello there my Kinneret Engineers! I guess I could just say Kinnereteers, huh? I can't believe it's already fall! I remember watching those balloon jets fly on the string... More like gliding. The solar ovens you guys made to melt that wax was so fun! You became chefs, but not really. I really hope your school year is going well so far. I'm missing Kinnereteering right now, so I know you guys are too. Have a great rest of the school year!

Yours truly,  
Mr. Kinnereteering (aka Jon G.)

#### **Science**

My scientists! There you are! I hope the school year has been treating you well. We had some fun this year doing different projects with water, like

watching water crawl up... remember? UP celery! That was awesome. Oh, and watching milk flee from the dish soap was so "magical." I hope the rest of your school year is going well. I sure miss science right now. I'm sure you're learning some new cool science activities in school that you can teach me next year. Remember, it's not magic... It's SCIENCE!

Yours truly, Dr. Science (aka Jon G.)

#### **Drama**

Hey campers!!! Ohhhhhh my goodness, I miss you all so much. Camp this year was SO much fun that I'm missing it already. I'm currently at school, but I cannot stop thinking about all the wonderful memories we made together. Whether it was imagining we were princesses, knights, dragons, and unicorns in Medieval Week, battling it out in Box Wars, roaring like ferocious lions, tigers, and dinosaurs, creating new beats with drum circles, singing and playing camp songs with musical instruments, or acting as shape shifters traveling to new lands, spending time with you all in Music & Drama was the absolute best. Who could forget our awesome dance parties? I know I never will, especially when they involved running to the blue line, turning into rocks, laughing in slow motion, and my personal favorite: TREE, TWO, ONE! I hope you are having a wonderful school year, and are thinking about next summer like me. Until then, make sure to keep being your amazing, creative selves, using that great imagination I know you all have. And definitely make sure to start randomly singing and dancing every once in a while, since you all proved to have some great dinosaur dance moves.

Stay Dramatic! Shelby

#### **Animals**

Hey guys and gals! Farmer Alec and I miss you guys so much and know the animals do too! How is school going? I'm sure all of you are making a bunch of friends that you laugh and play with all the time. Maybe you could tell them about how you gave Pickles and Jax the pigs a nice and relaxing mud bath! Or how you got to give the goats a walk around the farm for Fitness Friday at the farm! I know Alec and I had so much fun with you guys this summer and we hope you did too!

We also wanted to give you guys and

update on the animals. In late August Buzz and Woody started kindergarten and are learning how to read and how to write, which has proven to be slightly difficult considering that they have hooves. But they are super determined to learn! Jax got an A+ in his public speaking class and Pickles started to struggle in his math classes but luckily Brownie said she would tutor him! He has been doing so much better and we are so happy for him! Al still continues to be a straight A student as he is just finishing up his first semester as a 5th grader. What about the sheep you may ask? Well the sheep have been practicing really hard to get on their track team at school and I am pleased to say that not only did they make the team but both Sequoia and Montana have set new records in the high jumps! Alec and I and the animals miss you guys terribly and can't wait to see you next year!

-Rachel, Alec, Jax, Pickles, Woody, Buzz, Sequoia, Montana, Brownie and Al

### **Swim**

Thank you for a fantastic summer at the Kinneret pool! All the lifeguards agree that things went rather swimmingly both sessions, and we just want to take a moment to mention a few things we really enjoyed this summer. First of all, thank you for coming to Camp Kinneret and giving us the opportunity to get to know you. Even though this is a group letter, every single one of you stood out in a way different from your fellow campers. We loved seeing your excitement towards swimming, your eagerness to learn a new stroke, and your happiness at achieving something you may not have been able to do at the start of summer. One of the most rewarding things is seeing you go off the diving board for the first time and watching fear turn into pure excitement. We had so much fun playing Red Light Green Light, Sharks and Minnows, having relay races, and teaching you new skills in the water. We've watched you guys learn and grow, and we're honored to have been a part of that process. You guys have made an impression on us that will last for a long time and we only hope that we made one on you too. Have a wonderful year and just keep swimming!

Love, the Lifeguards:

Rachel, Emaan, Courtney, Angel, Teresa, Bella, David, and Liad

### **Ponies**

Howdy! How're my cowboys and cowgirls doing? I bet y'all are making tons of new friends at school, you're so great at that! Chance is enjoying his time off this year, that old man just gets so tired after hanging out with you guys all summer! But he told me he really misses being painted by y'all and he can't wait for next summer! Pepper has made new friends with a dog named Blue.... hey maybe that's why he licked us all summer!!!! And of course, Misty is finally back from her vacation in Hawaii! She had so much fun and said to give you all her love, she said she even saw a few of you on the big island during the summer! You know, my first summer at camp Kinneret went by so fast, I hope the rest of the school year goes by even faster so I can see y'all again! Keep doing great things my friends, work on those horseshoe throwing skills and lassoing some bulls! Hope to see you guys soon!

-Hailey

### **Nature**

Wow. This summer has been absolutely incredible. You guys made our first summer at camp so much fun and one to remember. Teaching you cool facts about nature and getting to know you was an honor. In session one, we learned about trees, composting, spiders, nocturnal animals, and fossils (more importantly dinosaurs & sharks!). In session two, we learned about birds, beating the heat with your stylish neck coolers, sundials (that also doubled as shields, laser beams, & umbrellas), and hieroglyphics! Your teachers at school will be impressed with everything you've learned. On top of that, you gave us so many unforgettable moments from the hilarious things you said to the amazement on your faces when you learn something new.

Some of you also saw us outside our natural habitat. Sometimes we were hiking up to Og's throne or watering a garden with you. From the pizza plant to the licorice and candy plants, we know they'll miss you as much as we will. You've all done so much growing up, and we're so proud of the little seedlings and sprouts you've all become. Make compost stew and plant a Mariah blueberry, and above all, remember that your mistakes were always great to us. Thank you for being the most wonderful

part of summer for us. We hope you guys have been having a fantastic school year and we hope to see you all next year at camp!

And don't forget, come as you naturally are. All the best, Diana and Monica

### **Arts & Crafts**

By now you've been back in school for a few months, hopefully doing your best in your classes and having fun. Do you remember the fun we had in Arts and Crafts, all the wonderful projects we created? We had our traditional crafts- Tie Dye, Lanyards, String Art, The Fort Banners and The Scarecrows, the Wooden Snakes, and Sand Art. How about the Olympic Banners- KNIGHT TIME and the GUAC n GECKOS and BLUEGA WHALES had a feast of MAC N CHEESE and RED HOT ICE POPS. Sounds delicious. We had some new projects last summer too: Wiki Stix, Foil Art, Lacing, the Moppets and Candle Making. In second session we made THE GREAT KINNERET SLEEPOUTS sign on Friendship Hill. Did you see your group's letter? But do you remember our biggest project, which involved painting? That's right- Jackson Pollocks 1 and 2- Camp Kinneret style! It was amazing to see all your creative additions to the canvas, which started as a plain white sheet, and gradually turned into a masterpiece. Did you have fun splattering the paint on the canvas and yourselves? Some of you looked like a Jackson Pollock painting when you were done! We had a wonderful time in Arts and Crafts this year. Thank you for sharing your creativity and smiles with us. Continue to have fun in school, study hard and we'll see you all next summer.

-Dave & Harrison

### **Wilderness**

Hey campers! I hope that all of you are having a wonderful school year and learning lots of cool new things. I'm back at school too, but I'd much rather be learning about some cool wilderness facts with you guys - remember those luffa vines and oak apples? Those things were always around when we were building cool stuff in the wilderness.

Sometimes when I am out and about, I see some rad sticks and think about all of the fun times we had imagining, exploring, and creating last summer.

Stay wild, Schuyler

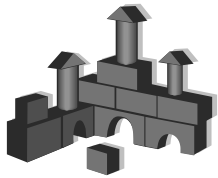
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*\*All items should be used but in good condition and contain all of their pieces/parts.*

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