

# KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS



## Weekly Edition

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### A WONDERFUL SLEEPOUT

What a great night!!! The Great Kinneret Sleepout 1 was a huge success for all in attendance. From our 4 year olds to our 14 year olds, this special event was filled with good times. As always, camper skits were very creative this year and lots of fun. After a snack of milk and cookies, we transitioned into our traditional campfires, complete with stories and songs.

We hope that all of the campers that participated enjoyed their night under the stars. For some it was their first night away from home. For others it was the first time they'd slept outside (*same for some of our staff!*). A special thanks to everyone for making it a fun night for all.

### HOT DAYS

We share your concern about activity levels on really hot days. When the temperature rises, so do the number of changes we make to each group's schedule as we shift to a "Fun-No-Run" approach to the day. We play many more water games and modify or cancel the high-energy activities, including hikes. We also have a "water consumption challenge" where we see how much water each group can drink during the day to help keep everyone hydrated. We still have lots of fun, just slower!

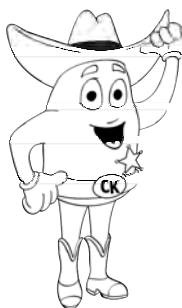
### SESSION ONE GOODBYES

It is hard to believe that Session One is drawing to a close this Friday. It seems like just yesterday that we were having our first Good Morning Mountain. We would like to take this opportunity to say a special goodbye to all of the campers who will be leaving camp and heading off to other fun summer activities. We hope to see you all at camp next summer!

During the fall, you can look forward to receiving a special copy of the *Kinneret Highlights - Fall Edition* that will be written by all of our counselors at the end of the summer. We will also send you your group picture around the winter holidays.

We hope that you have a great year at school and we can't wait to see you next summer for Camp Kinneret 2018!

### DID YOU KNOW...?



On the night of the sleepout, our bus drivers sleep over at a local hotel so that they are available to come to camp on a moment's notice in the unlikely event of an emergency.

We hire a security guard to stay awake all night and watch the front entrance of camp at each of our sleepouts. We have never "needed" them, but it's nice to know they are with us just in case.

### IMPORTANT INFO FOR FAMILIES CONTINUING IN SESSION TWO

Session Two will begin next week (*July 24<sup>th</sup> - August 18<sup>th</sup>*). Along with all of our continuing campers, we look forward to welcoming our new Session Two campers who have been off doing wonderful summer things during the first half of the summer. These campers will be joining camp groups and bus routes starting next Monday and Tuesday.

Just as the first couple of days of the first session took a few extra minutes for children to board the bus in the morning and get off the bus in the afternoon, the same will be true for Session Two. Please be patient if the bus is running a few minutes behind on the first couple of days. Once new campers learn the routine (*you can help them at the stops*) and staff get to know the people to whom our new campers will be released in the afternoon, we should run right on schedule.

### SESSION TWO ENROLLMENT

If you are interested in extending your camper's enrollment into Session Two, we still have some space available in some groups. Please call the office today for more information!



## JPL Had Us Reaching For The Stars!

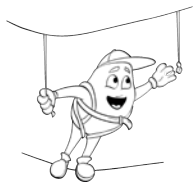
Last week at Sleepout, our Navajo groups had the chance to study the planets and stars with some friends from Jet Propulsion Laboratories. They set up high-powered telescopes after the campfire and we got a fantastic view of the skies. The cloud-free night allowed us to see Saturn and Jupiter! We also learned the relative sizes of all the planets in our solar system!

## Lost any items this summer?

We'd love to get those belongings back to you! You can call the camp office and have us check our Lost and Found cabinet or you can drop by for a visit and take a look! At the end of this week, we will be displaying all of our lost and found items so that the campers may spot their own belongings. Remember, any items with names on them will be quickly returned directly to your camper, so labeling is a huge help!

## The "Magic" of Camp...

As Camp Kinneret experiences its 63<sup>rd</sup> summer, we continue to stay tuned to current child development trends, looking for opportunities to help our campers to grow and develop. While there is often a lot of talk about the "magic" of camp, our campers, counselors, and families sometimes have a hard time explaining just what makes the experience so special. To help, we decided to label the skills that campers practice all summer by categorizing them as the Kinneret Roots: Independence, Teamwork, Creativity, Friendship, and Community.



Each Kinneret Root encompasses many valuable life skills that campers can use as they grow and mature. Here are just a few examples:

<b>Independence</b>	<b>Teamwork</b>	<b>Creativity</b>	<b>Friendship</b>	<b>Community</b>
confidence	active listening	adaptability	empathy	inclusiveness
decision making	conflict resolution	individuality	trustworthiness	active participation
responsibility	collaboration	curiosity	patience	sportsmanship

During staff orientation we lead several discussions and workshops to help our staff with how to more intentionally integrate these important values into our daily program. After meeting their campers each summer, our staff choose to focus on one of the five roots with their group or activity area. Their root is built into elements like their group theme, their daily activities, and their discussions with their campers.

While we believe that camp should continue to be a fun and nurturing environment, we hope that incorporating these necessary life skills into our program will help all of our campers, CILTs, and staff members to develop into the best versions of themselves each and every summer!



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