

KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS

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OLYMPICS WEEK!

Today marked the opening of the 33rd annual Kinneret Olympics! Our Olympic commissioner has planned great times for everyone with four days of exciting & friendly competition. The fun started as we assembled for the Opening Ceremonies and awaited the arrival of a special guest... Poseidon! He administered the Olympic Oath to all of the campers and judges, and the games were officially underway!

The Olympics have become an awesome tradition at Camp Kinneret with events like track meets, swim meets, and so much more throughout the week. The excitement of the events is heightened by team banners, cheers, statues, and awards ceremonies. We wish the best of luck to all of the Olympians. At press time the Olympics were just getting into full swing, so next week we will provide you with a full report of the activities and results from our week of fun and games!

CILTS ARE CHANGING

Many of you have probably heard your campers talk about their CILTs when recapping their camp days. You've probably also wondered what a CILT is! CILT (*pronounced silt*) stands for Camp Internship for Leadership Training. These special high school volunteers have been chosen to participate in our training program. They are learning the skills to become great counselors in the future. In most cases a CILT stays with the same group for two or three weeks. They help the counselor create the fun that makes Camp Kinneret special. The current CILT rotation ends this week and next Monday most will join new groups for the remainder of the session. Please remember that sometimes getting used to the change of faces takes some time, especially for younger campers.

PLAN AHEAD FOR MAKE UP DAYS!

There are just three weeks left of our 2017 camp season. Please plan ahead when choosing the day you would like for a makeup. Calling early (even before a planned absence) provides the best opportunities for scheduling desired days. All absences must be made up during this summer, and cannot be carried over to 2018. Please plan early!

COME VISIT US!

It really makes the day extra special for campers when you can come for a visit and we love meeting all of you! Pick a day, put on your shorts and tennis shoes and come to camp. We look forward to seeing you! (Please remember next Friday August 11th is the one day we ask you not to visit because of the Sleepout.)



OLYMPICS TEAMS:

Wear your team's color all this week to show your Camp Kinneret Olympic spirit!

Red Team: Jenna, Grace & Lindsay, Harrison & Zack, Schuyler, Taylor A, and some CITs

Black Team: Sana & Abby, Jordan, Nelson & Libby, Ilana & Taylor F, Bella, and some CITs

Blue Team: Lauren, Greg, Brittany & Sam, Jon & Madison, Alyssa, and some CITs

Yellow Team: Phoebe, Jacob, Adam & Maya, Olivia, Megan, Sienna, and some CITs

Green Team: Gaby, Becca & Madelyn & Hannah, Daniel, Teddy, Gabrielle, and some CITs

A NOTE ABOUT BEACH TRIPS:

On beach trip days please remember to send your Navajo and CIT campers to camp wearing their bathing suits. (On beach trips, sandals are okay as well!) Pack a lunch that does not need refrigeration, as well as sunscreen, an extra T-shirt, a towel, and a sweatshirt in case the beach is overcast that day. There is no need for your campers to bring money, boogie boards, iPods, radios, cell phones, or beach chairs -- we bring all of the equipment we need to have a great time! (CITs have some exceptions.)

CALENDAR

**Beach Trips for
CITs & Navajo Campers:**
(4th - 9th grades)

Wed., Aug 2nd & Tues., Aug. 8th

Miwok Mountain Adventures:

Phoebe, Sana/Abby,
& Jenna will go:
Aug 4th & Aug 10th

Gaby, Becca/Madelyn/Hannah,
Lauren, & Jacob will go:
Aug 7th & Aug 15th

The Great Kinneret Sleepout 2:
Fri., Aug. 11th - Sat., Aug. 12th

Carnival:
Wednesday, Aug. 16th

HIKING TO THE LEMONADE TOWER & OG'S THRONE

Hiking is one of the special outdoor activities at Camp Kinneret. Parents and campers often have lots of great questions about hiking at camp...

3rd graders and under hike to a water tower (otherwise known as the Lemonade Tower) located on the hill behind camp. Hiking to the Lemonade Tower is a wonderful adventure. Each hiking group brings up lots of water and once they are at the tower, some of the water magically changes to lemonade! Some groups insist that this magic is done by the mermaids that live inside the tower and sometimes groups even get to talk to the mermaids! It's fun to look down over camp from the Lemonade Tower! The trail has been cleared (about 8-10 feet wide), so campers hike in their regular clothes. Although the hike is an adventure for little legs, the hike takes about 8-10 minutes for adults. All Miwok and Chumash groups (*pre-k through 3rd grade*) are scheduled for hikes at least once during the session; however if it gets too hot, we will cancel hikes and try to reschedule one later in the session.

Og's Throne is a hike specially designed for the Navajo tribe (campers entering 4th grade and up) and is incorporated into our Nature program. These campers will visit Captain Jack's lookout point, identify native plants along the way, and will have a great view overlooking the hills of Agoura once they reach the throne. Some groups have already been on the hike and others will be going later in the session.



REMEMBER:

You can find this and all other *Camp Kinneret Highlights* from this summer online by going to **campkinneret.com**. Click on "Current Families" and then on "Newsletters."

FUEL YOUR CAMPERS WITH BREAKFAST EACH MORNING

Please help ensure a great day by encouraging your camper to eat a hearty breakfast on camp mornings. We're on the go all day and a full tank to start the day makes a huge difference.

Also, send a healthy and substantial lunch with your camper each day. We are very active and need lots of protein and carbohydrates to keep us going. You may be surprised, but your campers will probably eat more during the summer than a regular day at school, so please pack a little extra in their lunch. Of course, we are drinking lots of water throughout the day to keep us hydrated as well!

TIE-DYE NEXT WEEK

All next week, August 7th–11th, we will be tie-dying in Arts & Crafts. Campers are scheduled to tie-dye on different days throughout the week. Please send an extra white T-shirt with your camper every day next week until it comes home dyed. Your Camp Kinneret shirt works great! *Once your camper has tie-dyed their shirt, there is no need to send another.*

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

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

Hint: Please read the instructions that come home with your shirt to help it to retain its color! You can also find instructions at campkinneret.com under "Current Families" and then "Forms."

SLEEPOUT REMINDER: More information at www.campkinneret.com/camp-enrollment/forms/

Just a reminder that last Wednesday & Thursday we sent home a special Kinneret Highlights that included the information and sign-up form for the August 11th Great Kinneret Sleepout II. Please go to campkinneret.com/camp-enrollment/forms/ and click on: "Sleepout Two Information Packet" to find the sign-up form and all the Sleepout information! **The deadline to sign-up for the Sleepout is this Friday, August 4th.**

Saturday Morning Pickup

On Saturday morning buses will be returning campers to the following locations.
Buses will NOT be going to all regular bus stops. On the sign up form, select one of the following options.

| Stop # | Saturday AM Pickup Options | Stop Description Details at: www.campkinneret.com/sleepout.pdf | Time | Suggested for campers usually at the following stops |
|--------|------------------------------------|--|-------|--|
| 0 | At Camp | 29646 Agoura Rd. – just west of Kanan Rd. | 10:00 | E5, C4, G3 |
| 1 | A2 – Rear of Van Nuys Blvd Gelsons | SW Corner of Milbank & Sylmar | 10:30 | A1, A2, A3 |
| 2 | B2 – Nestle Ave School | Rear corner at Doman Ave. & Tarzana St. | 10:22 | B1, B2, B3 |
| 3 | F6 – The Commons | On Calabasas Rd. in the bus turn out directly across from Babies R Us | 9:57 | F1, F2, F5, F6, E4 |
| 4 | E3 – Bay Laurel School | Front of the School | 9:57 | E1, E2, E3, E4 |
| 5 | G1- Lang Ranch Elementary | Front of the School | 10:19 | C1, C2, G1 |
| 6 | G2 – Red Oak School | Front of the School | 9:54 | G2, G3, C4 |
| 7 | H2 – The Oaks Mall | Parking lot closest to Lynn & Hillcrest | 10:19 | C3, H0, H1, H2 |
| 8 | H3 – Village Homes HOA | Across the street from Evenstar Park | 9:54 | C3, H3 |