

# KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS



## Fall Edition

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MEMORIES FROM OUR 63<sup>RD</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 2017!

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

### **CAMP KINNERET ENROLLMENT FOR 2018**

Although it may feel like a long way off, next summer will be here before we know it. Returning family enrollment begins Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</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 28<sup>th</sup>. New families can begin to submit their applications on January 15<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 CAMBERSHIP 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/giving](http://campkinneret.com/giving)

Our campership fund is one of many administered through the American Camp Association (ACA). Throughout October our staff members help to raise campership funds by pledging to run, walk, swim, or bike as part of the ACA's annual Camp Moves Me fundraiser. In 2016 we raised \$6782! For more information about supporting this year's efforts, visit <https://acacamps.rallyup.com/cmm-2017> and find the Camp Kinneret page. (You just might find a way to show your bus spirit as well!)

### **THE CAMP KINNERET STAFF**

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

- In 2017, we received over 140 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 36 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!



Sharing smiles

***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:*

**Boating Buddies**

Hi Boating Buddies! 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 every day! We had so much fun being super silly during our games of Grizzly Bear and Pictionary. You were so fast when we raced through camp like cheetahs, and were super sly when we played the spy game.

I remember how much you enjoyed having snack every day, and going to archery all the time. Remember when I shot an arrow all the way to the house on the hill? That was so silly! I miss hanging out in the cool Miwok Village air conditioning, getting to build those awesome towers in Box World, and making all those super colorful cards.

I hope you all have an amazing year! It was so fun 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 school this year!

Love, Phoebe

**The Very Hungry Caterpillars**

Hey Very Hungry Caterpillars! 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 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. Having dance parties with Sol at the pool was super awesome, and I miss playing Uncle Sam with you. Remember that time I went to Camp Red Rock on Mars for the day and you hung out with Cat the Caterpillar? That was so silly! Playing with you in Miwok Village was always such a blast, from pretending to be puppies, playing with all of the food, or buying everything in there with the awesome cash register.

I hope you always remember all the

funny times we shared as the Very Hungry Caterpillars, and I hope to see you guys next summer and hear about all your funny stories!

Love, Phoebe

**Beluga Buddies & The Wizards of Og**

Hello, friends! We hope you are all doing well in school and having fun! We think about the fun times we shared together this past summer all the time. We loved splishing and splashing around with our Beluga Buddies and walking the yellow brick road with our Wizards of Og. We remember all the cool adventures we went on together, such as our trips to the lemonade tower to see the mermaids. We remember how fun it was playing with you in the pool and how much you all enjoyed swimming!

We really loved seeing you all grow and make new friends as well as try new things. We are both back in college now, just like how you are in school. We want you to learn a bunch of stuff there and grow your brains super big! Thank you for making our summer fabulous, and we can't wait for next summer! We hope to see you all soon!

Love, Abby and Sana

**Planet Pals & Green Eggs and Ham**

I still think about our time together in the Kinneret sun. Our summer together was one I'll never forget and I hope it was the same for all of you.

*Planet Pals:*

From Arts and Crafts to boating to washing machines in the pool, every day we were together was memorable and fun. Not only were the activities at camp fun, but so were all our silly times together. From singing in the changing room to using our jetpacks to get up hills we never had a dull moment.

*Green Eggs and Ham:*

I never had so much fun talking about eggs before I met all of you! From Egg gaga to the spy game posing like eggs we sure had an eggcellent summer! I loved watching all your smiling faces as

people guessed what kind of eggs you were being. I miss you guys and I hope you're all having a great year at school.

XOXO, Jenna

**Dapper Doodle Detectives**

Detectives Investigate! OOOH! Hey kiddos! How's your year going so far? How's kindergarten? I hope you're having a blast and that you're continuing to explore and detect a gazillion new things with all your friends! Didn't we have a fabulous summer? Remember when we painted Pepper the pony for July 4th? Or when we all worked together to build racetracks at blocks? I can't believe the session went by so fast! I remember that we used to love solving mysteries all around camp- like when we had to put on our disguises and find Otis! We had all our bowties, magnifying glasses, and even mustaches on while we hunted for clues. I'm still laughing at the fact that Al the alpaca took him! Anywho, I hope you are all doing so, so amazingly well. I'm counting down the days until next summer!

Love, Gaby

**The Jiminy Cricket Crew**

Jiminy! Cricket! Jiminy! Cricket! Hi goofballs! Long time no talk! I hope you're all having a FABULOUS year in kindergarten! I miss each and every one of you so much! You all brought so much joy into our days at camp, and I am so, so lucky that we got to spend all of Session 2 together! Remember when we were "The Green Glass Doors" for Olympics? And we competed in all those super silly competitions? Or when we had rainforest beach parties? That was so much fun! I remember that we used to love to play with all the toys in Miwok Village! Remember when we had a puppet show in there? Or when we made OUR OWN puppets? We were just like the people from Pinocchio! I hope you are all learning so much in school and making so many wonderful memories! Can't wait until the summer!

Love, Gaby

## **Rainbow Star Buckets**

Hi guys, how are all of our Rainbow Star Buckets doing?! We hope you're all having a super amazing time in pre-K or kindergarten! We are back in school now too, and while we're having so much fun in college, nothing can compare to the amount of fun we had at camp with all of you.

Each and every one of you helped to make our first summers as counselors at camp unforgettably amazing. Playing games and singing songs with you each day inspired so many laughs, smiles, and heartwarming memories that will last forever!

Do you guys remember hiking to the lemonade tower for the very first time? We saw so many Wallaroos and even got to talk to the mermaids! And what about playing chase the counselors, and all of our jetpack adventures through camp?! We will never forget how many smiles and laughs you put on our faces each and every day. Getting to know you all this summer was so much fun and we feel so lucky to have been able to share so many hugs and memories with you.

You are all so special in your own ways and certainly have a special place in both of our hearts forever. We miss you so much, and thank you for such a memorable and amazing summer.

Keep catching stars,  
Becca and Madelyn

## **Humpty Dumplings**

Dear Humpty Dumplings,

We hope you are all having a great time in kindergarten! We can't believe that a couple of months have already passed since summer. We miss you all so much and wish we could go back to camp for just one more day to play together. From playing with the boxes in Miwok Village to improving our skills at archery, this summer was definitely one to remember.

The Sleepout is definitely a favorite memory. Remember when we sang a silly Sleepout version of the muffin song and had cookies before the camp fire?! We especially loved playing

Sleepout tag where we ran around the grass to catch our shoes!

Competing on the green team in the Olympics was another highlight of the summer! We remember racing across the pool and at track meet. Our favorite part was getting to roll that HUGE ball down the hill on the field for points. 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 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,  
Becca, Madelyn, and Hannah

## **Coral Reef Friends & Peter Pandas**

I can't believe how long it's been since I've seen all your shining faces. I miss having my balls of energy around every day. I hope you're all having an absolute blast in pre-K and kindergarten. My summer with you was more fun than I could have ever imagined and I think about it all the time. Hot summer days flew by, how in the world did we fit in all the activities?? Remember racing and chasing the counselor up at boating? Oh! And the crazy storm that would come along and rattle us up? What about those sideways surfer feet we used coming down from the lemonade tower? We became pros at using those by the end. How much fun did we have at Miwok Village building homes and racetracks in box world? We can't forget all the MasterChef-worthy frog tacos that we cooked. How about our favorite grass games, Cut the Cake and the classic Dry Dry Wet? More like Dry Dry Waterfall when we had a go at it. Remember my best buddy Al up at the farm? Man, I miss that guy and his sticky tongue.

Some of my favorite memories happened in the pool, especially when we would have insanely fun Moana and Lion King dance parties. We can't forget changing out of our swimsuits and

singing the silliest changing song of all time. I think it was meant to make us move faster, but really it made us move twice as slow. I will also never forget all the crazy animal noises we made at Performing Arts and how many super awesome superhero names and powers we were able to come up with.

My summer with you all was absolutely unforgettable, and each and every one of you made it that much more special. I can't wait to see you all back at camp next summer and hear about everything I missed. Baluhas unite!

Hugs from your favorite counselor,  
Lauren

## **Ocean Explorers**

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 guys). I will never forget the fun times that we had last summer. 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! Or how about the Independence Relay, our team is what?? RED HOT!

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 performing arts, field, gaga, or arts & crafts, we always found a way to make that time special. How can I forget the hike to the lemonade tower? The mermaid's 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

### **Garden Gnomies**

How are all of my Garden Gnomies?! 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 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 and won the gold!

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. And what about Red Rock Day? When I went to Camp Red Rock you guys kept telling me about how some person named Gnomeo was your counselor for the day, I wish I could have been there!

I cannot remember a time where there was more laughter and pure happiness than this last summer, you 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. Thank you guys so much for such a fun and joyful summer, I will remember it always.

Love always, Jacob

### **M.M.J.J. & The Adventure Spy Boys**

Hello M.M.J.J. and The Adventure Spy Boys! I hope that your school year is going very well and that you are excelling both in and out of the classroom. Every day that goes by I am missing the times that we shared at camp. I am constantly reminiscing on the many games of joke gaga, of making it across low ropes, or creating "storms" in the boating pond. When looking back at the summer, some of my fondest memories would have to be at the pool. It was truly remarkable to see how much growth we showed in our swimming skills and of course in

our diving board jumping. I know that I will be thinking about those times throughout this whole school year, especially when I'm enduring the freezing Minnesota winter.

*To M.M.J.J.:* I will cherish the many games of "Uncle Mushroom" that we played, and always being the best Jell-O jumpers that camp has ever seen. I hope that your school year has been filled with laughs and fun, just like all the days that we shared at Kinneret. The many days of games, lemonade tower hikes, and funny jokes will be what I am thinking about throughout this whole year, and I hope that you will do the same.

*To The Adventure Spy Boys:* Hello to the sneakiest group that Kinneret has ever seen! I keep reminiscing on the many missions that we went on as a group, the wacky games that we played, and of course that one day where I visited Camp Red Rock and rode a slug. I know that you will continue to be the nicest spies in the world, and will always be looking for fun adventures to go on.

Much love, Greg

### **The Beach Boys & The NICE Guys**

Hey boys! We miss you all so much already and hope you are having a good time in school. There may not be a lemonade tower but we hope they at least flavor the water.

It was so much fun doing all the activities with you like whale watch where we kept setting records or feeding the animals and even pretending to be some during animal charades. We will never forget how well we did on the yellow team during Olympics and the blue team during Independence Relay! You were all very good at physical challenges but we were the most impressed by how you all tried new things.

We got so lucky having such polite and helpful boys this summer! We know that you will make everywhere you go better and always be willing to help those around you! We hope to see you next summer!

- Adam and Maya

### **The Time Traveling Pirates**

Walk the plank (get in line) pirates to our daily dose of camp. Do you guys remember sea monster? He still lives in our boating area! The mermaids still make the best lemonade, even if the pool staff never heard us tell them that we had the spirit. Do you guys remember how good and refreshing the lemonade is? Did you guys know you still have a smellson made out of Nelson? That's awesome. Remember, you guys made each other's summer better. Pirates you gave me a warm and loving experience and I thank you for that. You guys definitely confirmed I'm destined to work with kids. Have a great school year. Re-mem-member to walk the plank for your teachers too.

Kinneretly, Nelson

### **The Little Miners**

Hi Little Miners!!

We can't believe how much fun we had with each and every one of you this past summer! Whether it was building a race track at blocks or mining for gold at the sandbox, our days were so exciting and always a fun time!

You boys brought so much energy and laughter 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! We also loved when Jesse and Efrain came to play with us; this meant it was campers versus counselors!!!

Boating was so much fun with you boys too! We would have such a crazy time making huge storms in the water and rocking the boats so that we'd all get wet. Another fun activity was the whale watch! We were so good on that; we could balance it so quickly and even won an award during the Olympics because we could do all of the tasks like moving in a circle while keeping it balanced!

Most importantly, you boys were all so nice to one another and made everyone in the group have a great day. Between cheering each other on

during low ropes and having conversations to make someone laugh, you boys were truly amazing. We loved our summer because you Little Miners were true gentlemen and so much fun to be around! We're already counting the days till next summer when we can see you all again!

Miss you all, Libby & Nelson

### **Lightning Meatball Rocket Role Models & Umm...**

Summer of 2017 will be stuck in our memory for quite a long time. This summer has been filled with unforgettable moments. Every day had its own stories to tell. Our exciting conversations ranged from ostriches to wormholes, and there was never a boring day. You all impressed everyone that hung out with our group with your intelligence and humor. We looked forward to each day because of how exciting you made every activity. The lack of words to describe the intensity of our gaga matches goes to show how much fun we all had together.

Remember that time we balanced the whale watch for over a hundred seconds? And who could forget the special game of handball we played with everyone in at once. We think that this year's Independence Relay was the best ever!! And the Olympics were a sight to behold.

You guys were so creative coming up with riddle cheers and all the great ways we asked specialist to enter their activities. We are thoroughly impressed with how smart, creative, and unique you all are. We know that you will all do great things and hope to see you at camp in the future. We couldn't have asked for a better group of guys this summer.

Thank You, Harrison and Zack

### **The Stegosaurus Sports Squad & The Hotdog Ninjas of Kinneret**

Whatsup my dudes! I hope everyone is having an awesome school year and is ready for next summer! Since I'm in school too, I am definitely looking forward to summer again. I remember

so much from this summer since it was my first summer at camp, and we made so many memories. My very favorite was when we had pool and would play silly games and I got to throw you guys- that was a blast! I really miss having lunch with all of you too, since we all got to catch up and get excited for the rest of our day. Let's not forget about the Sleepouts too! Both Sleepouts were so much fun and were an awesome mini vacation from home. Other favorite parts of camp were having you dudes as my campers. Not only did I see you all have fun and become friends, but you showed me the best time and helped me grow as a person.

Although Camp Kinneret was only nine weeks, I value those nine weeks as one of the best summers of my life. All those laughs, riddle answers, gaga games, feeding Brownie, and races up Friendship Hill are going to stick with me for the rest of my life. So thank you for being awesome campers!

Peace out my dudes, Daniel

### **The Questioners**

Hey Questioners! How are you guys doing? Hope you're doing well! I wish I was back at camp with you guys asking people silly questions like "road signs or electrical tape?" Or "What's a VHS?" I miss having our lunch time talks about vegetable oil and playing soccer with you guys out on the field! I also miss singing the "everything song" with you around camp. Everyone at camp thought that song was so funny. I also had a blast at archery with you guys, even though I never got close to hitting the target. Unfortunately I haven't figured out who gave all my food ideas to Burger King so if you guys have any clues then let me know. I want to know who keeps taking my ideas! Anyways, I hope you all are well and are having a great school year!

- Teddy

### **The Fortune Cookies of Kinneret**

Hey boys!! Hope you're having a great school year! I had so much fun hanging

out with you guys this summer! Remember when we would always tell other groups their "fortune of the day"? I always thought it was so much fun! I still can't believe that I spent that crazy day in Camp Red Rock while you guys hung out with "Tedy" back at camp, he sounds like he was a crazy counselor! I also had so much fun with you guys on the green team during the Kinneret Olympics! We did so well finishing in the top 5! Also, in case you guys were wondering, my dog Flapjack has been doing wonderfully, even though everyone else calls him Gizmo. Well I hope you are all doing great and having a wonderful school year!

-Teddy

### **The Golden Chicken Guardians of Kinneret & Cheese Whiz-ards**

Hey guys! I hope you are all having an awesome school year. I've been thinking about camp recently, and just wanted to say that I've been missing all the great times we had together. Whether we were eating juice bars or playing another round of return gaga, it was always so much fun to hang out with you all.

And then there were the activities, so many activities! We learned cool things (and made even cooler things) at nature. We built cool things (with sticks!) in the wilderness. We made some pretty sweet tie dye thanks to Dave and Lesley. We even built some amazing teamwork at the whale watch! Every day was an adventure, and helped create a memory that will last a lifetime.

Even though every day was super fun, there are some days in particular that stand out to me. Do you guys remember Red Rock Day? Que So, that guy from Mars that looks just like me, still talks about how cool you all were. And how about the lemonade hikes? It was so worth the work to get that sweet sweet lemonade.

Anyways, I hope to see you all at camp next summer, have an amazing year!

Kinneretly, Schuyler

### **Funky Pickle Gladiator Brothers**

Gentlemen! How's school going?! I hope you're enjoying your 4th grade year so far. I know this school year has been crazy busy and eventful for me!

Thank you all so much for the fun summer. I more than enjoyed myself, and I hope you had as much fun as I did. I definitely enjoyed sitting in front of our giant fan (get it? yea?!) in the Hall of Pickles, or the beach trip when we won most creative and theme-like design in the sand! Got to say, that was impressive and the teamwork was AMAZING! OH, and we almost got a bullseye every time we went to Creek Archery! So many good memories from Session 1- I'm glad we were able to share those.

I hope to hear you're all back at camp next summer, and if you're not able to, I hope you're going to enjoy all the new fun adventures in store. Ok, on the count of Brothers, go enjoy the rest of your school year! Funky ... Pickle! ... GLADIATOR!! ... BROTHERS!!!!!!!

From the desk of Mr. Gillette (a.k.a Jon)

### **FRE-SHavacados Space Racers**

This past summer was not just full of fun games and activities, but also new friendships and beginnings. Each and every one of you brought something different to the group! Who could forget when we were the Big Blue Waves in the 2017 Camp Kinneret Olympics?! We won 2nd place! Or what about those crazy fun beach trips we went on? Fun times like singing silly songs, gaga, wax museum, down by the banks and period will greatly be missed.

Keep an ear out for some new commercial jingles to sing, and we hope to see you all back next summer! Hope you're having a great year!

Kinneretly, Madison and Jon

### **Behind the Scenes**

Happy Fall you all! "Lights, Camera, Action!" How is everyone doing? School is back, but remember all those fun times we had together playing jokes on the LT? Like when we saw Steph

around camp, we would give her heavy imaginative objects and when we saw Danny, we would pretend that he had special powers of invisibility. I cannot stop thinking of all the fun times we had together. Camp was such a fun place with each of you in it.

Oh! Remember when we would take a hike to Og's Throne and we would scream at the top of our lungs "We've got the spirit!?" Remember when we had the Independence Relay race!? You guys ran so fast that it blew me away. You were faster than ME... WAIT. How can I forget, HANDBALL!? Every time you would win 2 games with a camper, you could choose either me or a CILT to play against. Every time you would beat me! I am still practicing on my very elite Division I handball team at my school... Just kidding! You caught me, I am just too good to even be on a handball team.

Now that I am back in school as well, the memories of our gaga playing and swimming still race through my mind. I hope you are having the best listening ears and eyes for your teachers and making their days special like you did for me. I miss the hugs and smiles from each one of you! Keep traveling, keep smiling, keep being you, because everyone else is already taken. See you soon my friends! "That's a wrap!"

-Sienna

### **The Pun People**

What did one leaf say to the other leaf when it jumped off high ropes? "I beleaf in you. Don't be afraid of falling!" #Puns! BOYYSS, hi. How are you doing? Back in school and running around with your school friends? Have you seen anyone from camp at your school? (If you do, you should totally just start "we've got the spirit" at recess one time... see what everyone's reactions are). I sure miss saying funny puns with you all.

You know what I just thought of? PENNY. Earlier today, when I was in class, Penny helped me pass my test! Remember during the summer when she went missing after just one week in

our group!? We spent 2 weeks trying to find her. She ended up in Pennsylvania. Go figure! She is a bit shorter now, but her age sure gives her more wisdom. Hey! Remember when we were Lemonheads, and WE won 1st place in the Olympics? That goes down in history books. And how could we forget about the Great Kinneret Sleepout?! We sure do have some fun memories of looking at Saturn in the telescope, eating a big dinner, and looking up at the stars together at night.

Now that we are both back in school and having a different kind of fun, I will always remember the times we had together. Thank you for making me smile with your puns, jokes, stories, enthusiasm, and faces. I challenge you all to impact your teachers, parents, and friends like you did in my life. This summer sure was a new experience for me, and I am thrilled that it was with you. Keep smiling, keep helping others, keep cheering on others, and keep making new friends! Wait, one more pun please...What did the buffalo say to his son when he left for school? "Bison!"

-Sienna

### **GName & Dawgs... with Hats**

Hey boys! How are you? I miss all of you very much and I will always cherish our time spent together as a group. Both GName and Dawgs...With Hats not only taught me how awesome it was to get to hang out with 6th and 7th graders, but also imparted upon me more Jake Paul knowledge than I ever needed to know. I will never forget my time in the Bumper country or how fun it was to talk like surfers and fancy people. Even though I'm being silly, I'm still going to send this letter to all of you in the hopes that it brightens your day. I miss camp everyday bro even though England is my city. Now that I no longer have any other Jake Paul things to say I only have one more thing for all of y'all to remember: not all heroes wear capes...some wear bandaids.

Have a great year! Bella B

## **CIT Walks &**

### **C.I.T (Cucumbers in Tuxedos)**

How are all of my wonderful role model CITs doing?! I hope you have all been doing well since camp ended. I definitely think about camp on a daily basis, and all of the fun I had with you guys. I remember that these past two Sleepouts ended up being the least amount of sleep I have ever gotten at any of my Sleepouts. I still can't believe that we were able to be functional the next morning. I have to say though, one of the things I really miss the most is giving you all your self-evaluations at the end of each day after you went into groups. I also remember how we would come up with a riddle cheer together and then somehow between juice bars and Friendship Hill you all changed the riddle cheer on me and I would be thrown off by the new riddle cheer you guys came up with. It did not take long each session for me to just let you guys come up with the riddle cheers on your own. You were all so silly. In all seriousness, I do really miss every single one of you a lot. I hope you all have an awesome school year, and hopefully I will see you all continue to be amazing role models at camp next summer.

Your young counselor with the stylish hair, Joey

### **GRL PWA**

Hi Ladies!

How are all of you? I hope your school year is going well. Mine has been a bit crazy so far but I am enjoying grad school! I don't love it as much as camp though and not a day goes by where I don't think about all the fun we had this summer. I think about how much fun we had with our CILTs Nico and Paige and about our hikes to the lemonade tower where we got to talk to the mermaids. I remember us having so much fun at activities like ponies, swim, and arts and crafts, just to name a few! Gaga was always a great activity, especially when we were creative and played "run and scream" or "vehicle" gaga. But my favorite part of our whole summer was getting to

know all of you! Watching each of you grow and enjoy your days at camp is what makes me smile most. I hope you all remember our group and camp with happy memories too! Have a wonderful rest of the school year and I hope to see you soon!

-- Lindsay

### **Giggly Gummy Bear Girls**

Hey there Giggly Gummy Bear Girls! I hope your school year is going great! Are you enjoying first grade? Is it everything you wanted it to be, and more? I hope it is! I miss playing gummy, gummy, gummy bear with all of you and swimming in the pool like mermaids! Do you remember our relay races on the Fourth of July? Those were so silly! The juice bars were so yummy that day! Our group's favorite juice bar, by far, was the tropical flavor. Speaking of juice bars, do you remember all of our awesome riddle cheers? They were always so funny. Our riddle cheers were definitely a fan favorite! We came up with so many cheers and songs that I lost count! Do you remember our trips to the lemonade tower and how we sang the lemonade tower song the whole way there? We got pink lemonade from the mermaids and it was so delicious! Anyways, I hope everything is going amazing at school and you all are working super hard and having fun!

Your gummy friend, Grace

### **The Real Otter Pops**

Hi Friends!

How are you all? We hope you are well and that you are enjoying school! Currently we are both in school but we are definitely missing camp. We had so much fun being silly with all of you and wish we could go back to summer at Kinneret right now. We loved the Olympics and cheering on our Fresh-N-Ready Red Team. All of the events were so fun and we are so proud of you all for being amazing participants. Do you remember when counselor Grape came to visit us from Camp Red Rock? We hope you all had a great day

showing her around Camp Kinneret! Grace enjoyed her trip to Camp Red Rock as well even though she missed all of you. Carnival was another special event we had all together- probably one of our favorites. We loved getting to know all of you wonderful ladies and we are so happy we got to spend part of the summer together. Have a great rest of your school year and we hope to see you soon!!

-Grace and Lindsay

### **The Super Fun Silly Smiling Avocados**

Hey Avocados! How are you girls doing? I hope you are all having the best school year ever! My summer with all of you was unforgettable! I loved playing the avocado and refrigerator game walking to our different activities and seeing all you girls smiling and being silly with each other. Whether we were shooting at archery or playing in the pool you girls always knew how to put smiles on each other's faces. Playing animal freeze gaga and having dance parties in the pool are memories I will never forget. Watching you all grow and learn this summer was amazing and I hope that you are all continuing to grow and learn throughout the school year. Thanks for making my summer so unforgettable! Hope you guys have so much fun this year and are counting down the days until next summer!

-Jordan

### **Hawaiian Surf Squad**

How's my Hawaiian Surf Squad doing? Hopefully you are all doing great and having so much fun at school! Not a day goes by that I'm not missing all of the fun adventures we had at camp this past summer. One of my favorites was hiking to the lemonade tower to visit the mermaids and have some of their yummy lemonade. It was super fun when we tried to yell "we got the spirit!" down to the pool to see if they could hear us. I loved all those silly riddle cheers we came up with and all the fun call and responses we would yell around camp. Some of my favorite

memories are from all those sunny, hot days spent playing in the pool with lifeguard Ally or playing in the boating pond. I loved watching all of you make new friends and get to know each other this summer. I hope all you girls had as great of a summer as I did! Surf's up!

-Jordan

### **Dazzling Wonder Girls**

Hi girls- I hope school is going well and that you had as fun of a summer as I did. There are so many memories that I have kept from this year, like how we were able to use our own unique powers for good to make our day so much more fun, even if it was hot outside. Do you also remember when y'all would be goofy and lie down on the floor to make me pick you up? I had so much fun but boy were my arms tired, especially when you kept me busy throwing y'all in the pool. I'm so glad y'all were able to get to know each other more and make friends when we would go around at the end of every day and talk about something that someone did that was nice for us. It always made me happy to know we all cared about each other and how we wanted to use our powers for good. I hope to see y'all soon and I cannot wait for next summer to roll around quickly so that we can make even more memories.

-Olivia

### **Queen of Hearts**

Hey girls- I hope you are having an amazing school year and hope you had an amazing summer just like I did. Each of you was an important part of the group and made so many memories with me. Do you remember how we would have the queen of the day and go around talking about what we love about that queen, or when we would act out stories during field? We got every riddle right, and you made sure everyone felt included with your amazing hearts. I loved watching y'all grow in such a small amount of time while also making so many new friends

just by being your amazing selves. I also loved how we all loved to dance and sing in swim whenever it was thrilling Thursday or fun Friday. We all supported each other no matter what, whether it was at low ropes as we would spot each other, or at arts and crafts where we would compliment each other's projects. I also had so much fun at Carnival, and don't forget hanging out with Queenie during Red Rock Day. She loved spending the day with her little queens. Now I'm sure y'all are doing amazing in school, but I can't wait for another summer to roll around and for you to make even more memories.

-Olivia

### **Treehouse Puppy Friends**

How are our Treehouse Puppies doing? We hope school is going well and is exciting and fun! Not a day goes by that we do not think about you guys! We will always cherish our memories together at swimming and gaga! My goodness were you guys good at gaga! You would always get us counselors out! Oh, and remember that one time at Independence Relay when Brittany got water poured on her but Anam stayed dry?! We were all laughing so much! We hope that school is going great for all of you! You guys have grown so much at camp and we hope that your awesome personalities radiate for others to see!

We truly miss seeing each and every one of your faces. We are so happy that we got to spend our summer with you - we cannot remember a time where there was more happiness, laughter, and smiles in our lives! We hope that you are having an amazing school year and don't worry, the school year is almost done! That also means that camp is also near! Can't wait to see all of you again!

Puppy Love! Brittany & Anam

### **Marshmallow PETS**

Hey Marshmallow PETS!!

What an amazing summer of 2017. One of the best ever! I hope you all are

having an amazing time in second grade (probably not as amazing as camp, haha) and making a bunch of cool friends!

Every day of camp was so much fun, whether it was building our gorgeous one room home with a garden and pool out back in Wilderness or just goofing around in the real pool, each day felt special because we got to spend it together.

We will never forget the ridiculous games of Frankenstein gaga we played where we would combine as many versions of gaga into one to make "running and screaming animal noise return gaga" or "compliment mushroom gaga." And we definitely won't forget all the silly phrases and cheers we came up with. We feel like we will always have "boom boom bakaroo!!" stuck in our heads!

So, thank you for an amazing summer. Thank you for making us laugh and allowing us to be silly and play. We are so proud of the Powerful, Empathetic, Ready to Try, Silly young ladies you have become (P.E.T.S). You all grew so much this summer and we loved watching you blossom.

Wishing you a great school year, we are counting down the days till next summer!

Marshmallows, we stick together!

Brittany and Sam

### **SWEET**

Hi SWEET!!

Remember me and all the fun times we had this past summer!? I hope you are having an incredible school year so far and that elementary school is as fun as camp was!

I can't stop thinking about the fun times at golf when Inspector came to visit (I think she finally learned all your names) or when we would all play revenge gaga. Who could forget the memories we created at boating when we would all get soaked or when we finally got to hike to the lemonade tower and spotted different colored Wallaroos on the way up?



Not only did I love all the activities we did, but also how kind you all were to each other. It was so great to see how encouraging you all were towards one another at activities like climbing wall and how comforting you were when any of your friends was having a difficult day.

Please continue to be the kind ladies that you are. I hope to see you all next summer! Until then, enjoy school!

Love, Ilana

### **Hip Hop Hamsters**

Hey Hip Hop Hamsters!

How is the new school year going!? We hope everyone is enjoying their time at school and learning something new every day! We have been enjoying our time in college, but definitely miss seeing all of your smiling faces at camp!

Looking back at all the memories we made at camp puts big smiles on our faces. Inspector and WalkieTalkie still talk about how great of a time they had with each and every one of you at golf, and we definitely miss solving the Spanish Word of the day with all of you! (Can anyone tell us what "Og" is in Spanish?).

From seeing who would get the famous sinking boat at boating to playing our version of "hip hop gaga," you ladies have given us an amazing summer to always remember and memories that we will keep forever. We hope each and every one of you continues to have an amazing school year and hope to see you for another year at Camp Kinneret!

Love, Ilana & Taylor

### **The Oreo Allstars**

Oreo! Milk's favorite cookie! Hello girls, I hope you are all having the best time in third grade and learning lots of cool and new things! I think about you girls all the time when I'm sitting in class, doing homework, and studying for tests. I'm always wishing that we could play a game of handball or go to arts and crafts one last time. Remember

our hikes to the Lemonade Tower and all the yummy lemonade that the mermaids gave us? Pink lemonade is definitely my favorite (and it also tastes way better than regular lemonade). It was also really cool that our group got the most riddles right! 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 you can make even more memories. I hope to see all of your beautiful faces soon!

Lots of love, Megan

### **And The Riddle Answer Is...**

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 smiles and laughs and all of the fun that we had going to boating or playing gaga. My favorite was the Olympics and cheering for the yellow team! I also loved being able to share the laughter and fun of winning gold for the Lemonheads! I still have my gold medal and look at it all the time and think of all the fun memories that we had together. Remember when we got the silver medal for basketball? I think that was super fun, and I was very impressed with how athletic you all were. Not a day goes by that I don't think of sitting on Friendship Hill with you girls waiting to say our riddle cheer and watching another group do a "random dance party." I hope you are loving school and are looking forward to another wonderful and amazing summer at camp! I cannot wait to see all of you girls again very soon.

Lots of love, Megan

### **Fancy Rainbow Hamsters & Ancient Eggplants**

Hi Fancy Rainbow Hamsters and Ancient Eggplants,

I hope you ladies are having a fun school year! I so enjoyed having all of you in my group and loved all the fun activities we did as Navajos. Remember in first session, all the goals that we would set and accomplish? My favorite part was; "don't forget to be fancy"

\*clink\*! Also, remember in second session, when I went to Red Rock and you all had Miss. Ooberzheen as a guest counselor? She still contacts me and shares her eggplant recipes to try. I miss you all and can't wait for all of you to come back to camp this upcoming summer!

Love, Taylor

### **The Mooing Walruses**

Hello walruses, or should I say- hey hey hey!! I hope you are having a wonderful school year! Personally I am loving all that I am learning, but reminiscing on our happy, silly days at camp. Remember the birthday song we made for Alexander, or all the games of spud we played? I miss migrating in the pool with all of you- those were fun, happy times! You know who I also miss? Our mascot and one-of-a-kind friend, Wilfred! What a nice mooing walrus.

But most of all I miss spending time with all of you and watching you challenge yourselves at high ropes, come up with creative games and ideas, and make new friends. I hope you are making your school year just as fun and filled with laughter as our summer was.

I hope to see you next summer!

-Alyssa

### **Mythical Fruit**

Hello mythical fruits! Happy fall! I hope all of you are doing well and enjoying school. As much as I love school, I have been thinking a lot about all of our times together at Kinneret over the summer. I miss being shipped to exotic locations every day, or having lots of tiny counselors, CILTS, LT, and CITs to help me out during the day. Remember dancing together at the pool to all those Disney songs, meeting Melissa on the beach trip, playing games while waiting at rockwall, and our awesome blue pride during Olympics? So fun!

I miss all of you and I hope that your fall is just as great as the summer. Keep spreading your infectious smiles, positive attitudes, and creative ideas to all those around you. Enjoy the

present, but never forget all the fun times together, and keep looking forward to the coming summer. More memories are yet to be made!

I hope to see you all next summer!

-Alyssa

### **SS Sloths**

Dear SS Sloths,

I can't believe we are all already back in school, it feels like just yesterday we were playing at camp and creating the craziest memories. I think about you ladies all the time and the incredible summer we had together. Remember when we would play harbor patrol around camp and when you guys would teach me all different types of handball? Or when we would have singing parties in the rainforest? I think about these memories (and many more) all the time. When you think about this summer, I hope you have nothing but fond memories and inside jokes that still make you laugh. You are all very special girls with such unique and fun personalities and I am so grateful that I got to spend time with all of you.

Love, Gabrielle

### **Potato Potato**

Dear Potato Potato,

I hope you are all enjoying your time at school so far and learning new and interesting stuff each and every day. As I'm writing this letter, I can't help but think about the wonderful time we spent together. Some of my favorite memories were when we would play prisoner in the pool and tell riddles and jokes together during lunch. We definitely wrote the funniest answers to riddles, played the most creative types of gaga, and made each other laugh the hardest. Aside from all of the fun activities, I absolutely loved getting to know all of you. You are all wonderful ladies with positive attitudes and goofy personalities. I am so glad I got the chance to hang out with all of you!

Love, Gabrielle

## *From Specialists:*

### **High Ropes**

Hey everyone! I hope school is going well! I miss all of you and the fun times we shared last summer. When I look back on the summer I remember all of the accomplishments that you made and growth that you experienced. I'm so proud of how all of you grew from day one of high ropes all the way to your last days.

I know high ropes is challenging, so I was excited to see you demonstrate such perseverance and determination. I hope that you felt as rewarded as I did when you accomplished your goals. Hopefully you've been able to apply the things you've learned at high ropes in your lives outside of camp! I wish you all the best in school and all other endeavors that you decide to pursue. And remember you belay commands!

Climb On! Eric

### **Ponies**

Hey campers! We hope everyone is enjoying their time at school! We have been enjoying our time in college, but definitely miss seeing all of your smiling faces up at the barn. We know that Pepper, Salt, and Polly all miss you too! Pepper told us he was going to miss giving you each licks on the hand, and Salt still reads the cards you all made him! Polly also says how much she misses all of you since you all welcomed her with open arms! From feeding them to riding them, you gave the ponies an awesome summer and because of you they will have memories to keep forever. We also will always remember the good times you gave us up at the barn, whether it was telling us your favorite activities at camp or laughing at the ponies rolling in the dirt right after their bubble baths! We hope each and every one of you continues to have an amazing school year and hope to see you for another year at Camp Kinneret!

Love, Katy and Taylor

### **Performing Arts**

Hello everyone! I can't believe summer is over! Not only was this my first summer at Camp Kinneret, it was also the most memorable summer I've ever had. I won't forget all the fun we had in performing arts together playing keeper of the keys, the machine game, I let her go go, and your favorite, charades. Yoga was so much fun with all of you, doing the yogi poki and trying as hard as we could to balance on one leg. I'll always remember how much fun we had pretending and laughing and just being ourselves. This summer I really got to see all of you blossom and open up and become creative, goofy, amazing individuals. Thank you for making this an amazing summer. I'll never forget all of you machine-making animals!

Thank you for your time this summer!  
Namaste, Kristen

### **Animals**

Hey there animal friends!

We are working hard to make sure the farm is in tip top shape for next summer! Al won't stop bugging us about seeing his camper friends, and Buzz can't wait for snack time! In the meantime we are having fun re-mem-mem-bering the fun times we had in 2017! That's all for now, can't wait for next summer!

Baaaa, Yesenia and Carol

### **Cooking**

Hello Miwoks!

I hope you are having a wonderful school year! Cooking with you was so much fun last summer! I can still taste the delicious pancakes we made Session One and the hummus we made Session Two. So delicious. I loved how we all helped each other to end up with amazing results. What great team work! Are you helping out in your kitchen at home? It's so much fun! I hope you have a great winter and spring season.

Sincerely, Harrison

## Swim

Dear Campers,

We hope you are all having bunches of fun at school! We're all having fun and studying hard at our schools right now, but we miss being at the pool with you guys. We loved seeing all your awesome jumps off the diving board and dancing with you during Thrilling Thursdays and Fun Fridays!

It was sooo awesome when we had relay races in the pool during Olympics week and when we all got LT to jump in after the Independence Relay!

Our favorite part of swimming with you was being able to watch you all become such fantastic swimmers! You made our summer extra special and we are so proud of you all!

Your Pool Friends, The Lifeguards  
(Angel, Ally, Bella, Devan, Sol, Keshav, Kirsten, and Rachel)

## Nature

Hey everyone! Hope you're all doing awesome! We all had a great time with you last summer in nature. Do you remember our special "Nature ROCKS" rules? Our Session One projects sure were memorable. We had a blast making those eco bags that you can use over and over and over again! And then we learned about amphibians and made those cool frog masks! We remember seeing some really fantastic-looking frogs during that week. Do you remember rock week? We went searching for some rocks in our quarry. We ended the session by making fireflies! We hope you cracked those glow sticks that were inside and saw how bright your firefly friend could light up the night!

Friends who were with us for Session Two - how can we forget about dino week? That's when we got down in the dirt and went digging and searching for the bones of a T-Rex. Then we slithered our way into talking about rattlesnakes, and we learned that rattlesnakes aren't bad creatures! We had a lot of fun shaking our popcorn rattles. The next week we learned about the Native Americans and the meanings behind

the Miwok, Chumash, and Navajo tribe names. During that week some of us played a traditional Native American game by throwing bean bags through wood hoops to help keep our skills sharp for Olympics week. And then came ECO week, and we talked about the importance of cleaning up after ourselves and recycling to keep the earth healthy. During that week we made paper pizzas! During our final week of camp we got our hands dirty panning for gold. Many of you walked away with a little fortune of your own, do you still have your gold nugget? We still have ours!

We'll never forget how much we enjoyed our time with you. We hope when you think about the time we all spent together in nature that you smile too. See you later!

-Christine, Angela, and Rebeca

## Rockwall

Hello, friends! I had such a blast getting to know a lot of you this summer at climbing wall. You guys are what made camp so much fun for me. Watching you reach your goals and climb further than you thought you ever could were what made me want to come to camp every day.

Thank you for all the good times and all the laughs. I hope you can take what you learned at climbing wall and apply it to your lives outside of camp. Push yourselves in challenging situations and don't let fear hold you back because you never know what you can accomplish if you don't try. I'd say my first summer at Camp Kinneret was one for the books!

I hope you all had as much fun at Camp Kinneret as I did. Have a wonderful school year!

All the love, Jenna

## Kinnereteering

Hello Kinnereteering Friends! I hope you are having an exceptional school year. It's wonderful to look back and remember the amazing Kinnereteering accomplishments we achieved and the teamwork we used to get there.

Remember the egg-drop challenge in Session One? We also made rollercoasters in Session Two! Hopefully you are continuing to think of fabulous new ways to enhance parts of your everyday life or appreciating the hard work that has gone in to making the things you use daily. I hope you have a wonderful winter and spring season!

Sincerely, Harrison

## Arts & Crafts

We would like to say thank you to all of our friends who spent time with us in arts and crafts this past summer. It was a joy watching you use your imagination and creativity on all the projects that were waiting for you. Do you remember the foam prints and hand puppets? Perhaps the most popular projects were the wooden snakes, or maybe basket weaving. A lot of you had some very creative designs on the sand art mandalas and tie dye. Free-for-all Fridays gave you a chance to stretch your imagination by giving you the opportunity to create your own projects.

Each of you had the chance to work on projects individually and as a team. Both of these skills are important in helping you grow and become successful. We loved seeing whole groups working together to create scarecrows, fort banners, and Olympic banners.

Finally, our camp-wide project this summer, The Hand Print Banner, was a challenge. It was fun doing the hand prints. The challenge was trying to get them hung up around camp after we completed them! I hope you got to see them displayed around camp. When you made your hand prints we asked you what you liked about camp. There were a wide variety of answers from swimming and the Sleepout to making friends and trying new things. The theme of the Hand Print Banner was "Camp Kinneret Helps Us Grow". We hope you continue to grow and learn. We look forward to seeing you next summer. -Dave and Lesly

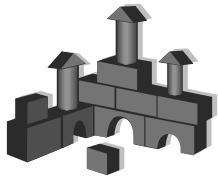
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