

KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS



Weekly Edition

818.706.8255

VOL. 64:2 JUNE 25, 2018

CAMPKINNERET.COM

THE GREAT KINNERET SLEEPOUT!

The Great Kinneret Sleepout for Session One will take place on Friday night, July 13th. See all of the included Sleepout info for details and a sign-up sheet!

4th-7th GRADE & CIT BEACH TRIPS

The **NAVAJO** tribe participates in beach trips. **CITs** also go to the beach on the same days as the Navajo groups. The beach trips are scheduled for Wednesday, June 27th and Tuesday, July 17th. The counselors for the groups that will go are: Greg, Nick & Maya, Laura, Sarah & Paige M., Kristin & Zoe, Jenna, and Jon. Campers should wear their bathing suits under their clothes on scheduled beach days. Sunscreen should be applied in the morning and sent in campers' backpacks for reapplication throughout the day. Campers should also bring an extra change of clothes, a towel, sweatshirt (in case it's chilly), and a lunch that will not spoil without refrigeration. They're also allowed to wear sandals on beach days! Please leave boogie boards, radios, mp3 players, iPods, cell phones, and money at home. We have a blast with the equipment we bring, the sand and the sea! CITs will have some exceptions, Jon will let the group know what is ok to bring!

TRANSPORTATION

Buses: It felt great to see our campers arriving in the safety of our big yellow school buses. Thank you for your patience during the first week as our bus counselors got to know you so that they could release your campers more efficiently in the future. Please help us speed up the process by being at your stop on time and ready to be identified by your bus counselor at the end of the day. Please remember to always bring your photo I.D. in case your stop has a different counselor for a day. Also, we have a text-alert program that we will use to let you know if your bus is running late due to traffic or an unexpected bathroom stop! Thank you for your understanding!

WEEK #1 EXCITEMENT

The first week of camp was a great success! We met new friends, learned new songs and had a fun-filled week of first bulls-eyes, introductions to ponies, dips in the pool, epic games of gaga, creative crafts, and lots more. Don't forget that you can read these weekly Kinneret Highlights by going to campkinneret.com, clicking on "Current Families" and then on "Newsletters."

July 4th CELEBRATION

Next Tuesday, July 3rd is our annual Independence Relay day to celebrate the 4th of July (*because we are not at camp on July 4th*). As part of our annual tradition, camp is divided into Red, White, & Blue Teams and campers are encouraged to **wear their team color**. Teams are composed of the following groups:

RED TEAM:

Madena & Amanda, Gaby, Abby & Sarah, Nathaniel, Hannah, Brooklyn & Taylor, Taylor C, Nick & Maya, Laura, and some CITs.

WHITE TEAM:

Lauren, Maya & Kim, James & Aron, Sam, Anam, Paige & Andy, Khaneya, Kristin & Zoe, Jenna, and some CITs.

BLUE TEAM:

Sana, Sarah & Paige W, Brian, Sophie & Regina, Ashkan & Lanna, Zach & Joel, Emily & Maya, Greg, Sarah & Paige M, and some CITs.

ABSENCES AND MAKE-UPS

Absences: Thank you for calling us early about your camper absences. If your camper wakes up ill, call as soon as possible. If you can call by 7:15 a.m., we can speak with our bus captains before they begin their day. If you need to call after 7:15, please do so before we are missing your camper at your stop.

Makeups: To schedule a makeup day, please call camp. It is best to call between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. If you would like to try to schedule a make up for the very next day, please contact us prior to 1:00 p.m. as this is when we finalize make up days for the following day. If you need to make a transportation change, please call the office as soon as you know about it. (Please do not tell the staff at your stop. Caring for your campers should be their only responsibility.) **Just a reminder that for campers enrolled in Session One only, all absences must be made up during Session One.**

SESSION TWO ENROLLMENT AVAILABILITY

Campers enrolled in Session One may extend their enrollment into Session Two for as few as 2 weeks. You can select any two of the weeks to fit your vacation schedule. There are still some day combinations available in many groups. If you would like to check availability for your camper's group, please call the camp office today.

SPECIAL DAY LAST WEEK

We had a fun special day last week called Nice-to-Meet-You Day. Each group created their own greeting to teach the other groups. Then, they tried to remember which greeting everyone had done while they walked around camp!

PHOTO DAYS THIS WEEK

Campers should bring their biggest smiles and wear their Camp Kinneret T-shirt because our camp group photos are Thursday June 28th & Friday, June 29th. On these two days, each group will take a group photo. During December, when campers are back in school and their wonderful memories of camp are behind them, they will get a friendly surprise in the mail. It will be their 2018 CAMP KINNERET GROUP PICTURE!

WILDERNESS

Your camper may have come home this past week talking about visiting the Wilderness. This is a collaborative activity in which camper's creativity can flourish. Campers are encouraged to use natural materials and their imaginations to build and create a unique space for their group. While most of the camp day is planned, the Wilderness activity is intentionally unplanned in order to give campers an opportunity to practice their critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity among their group members under the watchful eyes of their counselors. Campers entering second grade and older will have Wilderness scheduled regularly.

THE KINNERET FARM

We have many animal friends at our farm. We have a mini cow named Brownie, two goats named Buzz and Woody, two sheep named Sequoia & Montana, two pot-belly pigs named Pickles & Jax, and Al the alpaca. We also have two ponies to ride and care for. Our pre-K through 2nd graders will be visiting the Kinneret Farm throughout the session and our older campers can get the opportunity to visit as well during Choice. The Camp Kinneret Garden can also be found at the farm and is visited regularly by campers entering 1st grade and campers entering 4th grade. Other farm activities that may be available throughout the summer include horseshoes and bean bag toss.

ADDING EXTRA DAYS

If your camper is having so much fun that they want to come to camp for an extra day (or more!), you are welcome to call the camp office to see if space is available in their group. Simply give us a call in advance and the office staff will be happy to see if the space is available. The fee for each additional day is \$99 and days must be scheduled during your camper's enrolled session.

SENDING NOTES TO CAMP

If you are sending a note to camp with your camper, it is best that you give it directly to your bus counselor or extended day counselor in the morning. We find that notes placed in camper bags often never leave the bag!

WHAT TO WEAR TO CAMP

The key to camp attire is comfort. Shorts and t-shirts are great for the summer. Because there are trails to walk, hills to climb and games to play, sandals/ Crocs / Keens / etc. are not permitted in camp. Camp activities are most safely done in fully-enclosed shoes such as tennis shoes.

If you would like your camper to have an additional camp T-shirt, just call the office! Each shirt is \$12. We have parent sizes too!

CAMP WATER BOTTLES

We have Camp Kinneret logo water bottles for sale! If you haven't ordered one already, just call the office to let us know you'd like one. Each Nalgene bottle is \$11. If you ordered a water bottle and it hasn't come home with your camper yet, please let us know!



THE GREAT KINNERET SLEEPOUT!!!

Friday Night, July 13th to Saturday Morning, July 14th

Traditionally, the Great Kinneret Sleepout is the BIG EVENT of the summer for members of our Camp Kinneret family. Campers enjoy an exciting night sleeping at camp under the stars, creating and performing skits, and sharing a traditional camp fire of songs and stories. As always, our caring staff creates a family atmosphere which allows children to feel safe, secure, and happy. Campers of all ages are invited to participate in this special overnight opportunity!

For some campers, this will be their very first time sleeping away from home or their first time sleeping outdoors. Others may have more experience with sleeping out. The Great Kinneret Sleepout has been a super successful night for lots of children over the years! You may have some questions about the Sleepout such as: What will it be like? What should I bring? What's for dinner? We're glad that you asked! This special Sleepout packet was designed to help answer some of the more commonly asked questions about the Sleepout. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to call us!

1. Meals: Traditional Camp Kinneret dinner of chicken, pasta, salad, corn, carrots, olives, and rolls; a hearty Kinneret breakfast featuring hot scrambled eggs, cereal, bagels, and melon; along with afternoon and evening snacks!
2. Fee: \$99
3. Please have all of your camper's Sleepout gear packed and ready for delivery to camp before Sleepout day. You'll find a detailed list on the following page. Bus Captains will instruct your child as to what day the gear should be brought to camp. On some buses we may ask you to send it as early as Tuesday of Sleepout week. If you are bringing your camper on Friday afternoon, please bring the gear at that time. If you don't hear otherwise, send all of your gear on Friday!
4. CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING THE SLEEPOUT WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR REGULAR AFTERNOON BUS STOPS ON THE REGULAR AFTERNOON SCHEDULE ON SLEEPOUT FRIDAY.
5. **IMPORTANT FACTS:**
 - a) Children attending the Sleepout who do not regularly attend on Fridays should be brought to camp between 3 P.M. and 3:45 P.M. on Friday. They should bring their Sleepout equipment with them at that time.
 - b) To register your camper for the Sleepout, please visit **campkinneret.com/sleepout**, read through the information, and click on the link for our new online Sleepout registration! **RESERVATIONS MAY NOT BE MADE BY PHONE AND MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CAMP OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 6th**.
 - c) **Please be sure to write down your camper's Saturday morning drop off location and time.**
 - d) If you will be picking up your child at camp on Saturday morning, please plan to arrive **between 10:00 & 10:15 A.M.**
 - e) There is very limited availability for makeup days not already scheduled for Friday, July 13th.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

(Actual schedules will be different for each group; this gives you some idea of the basic structure.)

<u>Friday Afternoon</u>		<u>Saturday Morning</u>	
3:30 - 3:55	Afternoon Snack	6:15 - 6:40	Wake up and pack up (with help from your counselors)
3:55 - 4:35	Set up your group's sleeping area	6:40 - 7:30	Breakfast (scrambled eggs, bagels and cream cheese, cereal, orange juice, melon)
4:35 - 5:15	Grass Games	7:30 - 8:45	Finish packing and play quiet games
5:15 - 6:00	Afternoon Swim (Except for entering Pre-K and Kindergarten age groups)	8:45 - 9:30	Saturday Morning Friendship Hill
6:00 - 6:40	Eat Dinner (chicken, pasta, carrot sticks, olives, salad, corn, and rolls..yummy!)	9:45	Buses Depart
6:40 - 7:15	Practice group skit for the evening show	10:00-10:15	Campers not taking a bus get picked up
7:15 - 8:45	Skit Performances		
8:45 - 9:10	Dessert (some younger children will go to sleep at this point)		
9:10 - 9:45	Campfire		
10:00ish	Goodnight!		

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

To fully enjoy all that the Sleepout has to offer, it is important that campers bring the right gear. The following is a list of supplies to send along with your camper(s). **Clearly label all of the articles that your child(ren) bring to camp so that we can help campers bring their own things home.**

Please pack all of the following in a duffel bag (or large, heavy duty garbage bag), clearly marked with your child's name and his/her counselor's name. If your child rides on a camp bus, your bus counselor will instruct you which day to bring your equipment; if you drive your child to camp, bring their Sleepout bag on Thursday or Friday of Sleepout week. **We strongly suggest leaving favorite stuffed animals and/or blankets at home - we would be very sad if they were to be lost or left behind (sending a 4th or 5th favorite is best).**

1. SLEEPING BAG All of our campers and staff sleep outside on the grass. Even during warm summer days, the nights here at camp can be quite cool. It is important to send an outdoor type sleeping bag that will provide warmth for your child.
2. JACKET A very warm sweatshirt may also do the trick; it can get chilly and it's nice to have warm clothes to wear and even to sleep in. We usually sleep in our clothes too!
3. LONG PANTS All campers put on their long pants in the late afternoon before it gets dark.
4. TOILETRIES Toothbrush, toothpaste, and any other necessary articles.
5. FLASHLIGHT Be sure to write your name on it!
6. A SMILE The Great Kinneret Sleepout is FUN!!!
7. EXTRA TOWEL & BATHING SUIT: **All campers entering 1st grade and above will swim again in the late afternoon. Please note the following:**
 - **If your camper attends camp on Fridays:** Please put the long pants, an extra towel and an extra bathing suit in their regular Friday backpack.
 - **If you will be bringing your camper to camp Friday afternoon:** Please pack these in a separate bag for easy access. (A plastic grocery bag clearly labeled will work.)

Sleepout Saturday Morning Bus Drop Off Locations and Times

Please be at your stop a few minutes early.

Stop #	Saturday AM Pick Up 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	C4, G3, H3,
1	A2 – Rear of the 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	D3 – The Commons	On Calabasas Rd. in the bus turn out directly across from Babies R Us	9:57	D1, D2, D3, D4, F1, F2
4	E3 – Bay Laurel School	Front of the School	9:57	E1, E2, E3
5	G1 – Lang Ranch School	Front of the School	10:19	C1, C2, G1
6	G2 – Red Oak School	Front of the School	9:54	G1, G2, G3
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

ANSWERS TO THE MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SLEEPOUT

1. Will my child's regular camp counselor be there?

YES! Most of our staff are with us at the Sleepout and we wouldn't do it any other way. Our staff are the people who make camp great and they are the people who allow the children who attend the Sleepout to feel safe and comfortable while having fun.

2. Where does everybody sleep?

All of the campers and staff sleep on the field at the top of camp. Campers sleep with their group and their counselors. Members of our Leadership Team are awake all night tucking in children who wiggle out of their sleeping bags, helping children find the restrooms, and generally just being there for any child that may need or want our reassurance or help.

3. Should / can we come visit?

While parents are always welcome to visit Camp Kinneret, we request that you do not visit on Sleepout day or night. For a child who is having one of his/her first experiences away from home, it is difficult for him/her to separate from you when you say goodbye earlier that day; if you come to visit, it will force them to separate a second time which is even more difficult and sometimes unsuccessful. This is their big night and they are going to be just fine! You have permitted them to attend this special evening and you will hear all of the stories when you see them on Saturday morning. Please rest assured that if there is a child who is tearful or who is not having a Great Kinneret Sleepout we will comfort them and, if necessary, we will call you (regardless of the hour) to let you know that it just isn't working out. You as a parent need to feel comfortable about the Sleepout or you may be the one who suffers from separation anxiety! If you have these types of concerns please call us so that we can discuss them.

4. Is my child ready for this?

Only you and your child can really determine if they are ready for the Sleepout. We make every effort to create a warm family feeling at camp and nowhere does that exist more than on the night of the Sleepout. Your child knows the other campers in their group and knows his/her counselor like a big brother or sister. Over the years the Sleepout has been successful for the children who have attended. If you have questions about whether or not your child is ready, please call us so that together we can help make the decision that's best for your child. Our philosophy is that a child who is feeling reluctant about attending the Sleepout should not attend; there are lots of summers in a child's life and while some children are ready to attend the Sleepout this summer, others will be ready in future summers.

5. What will my child be like on Saturday morning?

Children will come home excited to tell you about their big night away from home! They will have eaten a nice warm, hearty breakfast and will feel proud about the accomplishment of having been at camp all night. A good strategy (depending on your family's weekend schedule) is to leave Saturday unscheduled. Plan on a shower or bath when they arrive home, washing some dirty clothes, and maybe an afternoon nap!

6. Why did my child say that she/he woke up all wet on Saturday morning?

One of the tricks of nature is condensation! When we wake up on Saturday morning there is some dampness that has settled upon us during the night. Some nights are damper than others but even the clearest and warmest nights bring fresh morning dew.

7. What if my child does not regularly attend camp on Friday?

Children who are not regularly scheduled for camp on Fridays CAN attend the Sleepout! Plan to drive your child to camp Friday afternoon (bring your sleeping bag and other supplies with you) and join us between 3:00 - 3:45. Your child's counselor and group will be waiting for them at Friendship Hill. Please be prepared to "drop & go" as we need parents to head out quickly to make space for others arriving to drop off their campers.

8. Where is the registration form?

Sleepout registration is now online! Visit campkinneret.com/sleepout and make sure to read through the instructions before clicking the link to log in!