

KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS

Weekly Edition



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WELCOME TO SESSION TWO

We want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning campers to our second session of 2018. We had a great first session and are looking forward to a wonderful second half of the summer. Our counselors and support staff are in place and are here to help you and your campers have the best possible camp experience.

OUR OFFICE STAFF

Sara and Kaitie will be in our business office this summer. Kaitie is with us for her first summer and Sara is returning for her 9th! Brooke and Rachel will be in the program office. Brooke is returning for her third summer at camp and is our First Aid Provider for the 1st time. Rachel is joining us for her fourth summer in the program office. Amy is returning this summer as our Enrollment Coordinator.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Ryan Rosen is in his 11th summer as director at Camp Kinneret, after 2 years as co-director at Sunny Skies Day Camp. Before Sunny Skies, Ryan spent 7 years on Camp Kinneret staff, including 3 as assistant director!

Jamie Porter is our co-director and it is her 12th year at Camp Kinneret! Danny Tobin is also in his 12th summer and has just finished his 1st year with us full time.

We are excited to have returning Leadership Team members Callan Edwards, Megan Holman, Alexander Bowman, and Sam Dudley with us again. New to the team are Joey Hernandez and Erin Epstein. All six have been at Camp Kinneret for many years.

Leadership Team Member Danny supports groups with the following counselors: Sana, Paige H & Andy, Zach & Joel, and Brooklyn

Leadership Team Member Callan supports groups with the following counselors: Madena & Amanda, Gaby, Sarah S & Sarah C, Brian, Nathaniel, and Hannah

Leadership Team Member Alexander supports groups with the following counselors: Khaneya, Taylor C, Emily & Maya M, Nick & Maya W, and Laura

Leadership Team Member Joey supports groups with the following counselors: James & Aron, Ashkan, Sam, Sophie & Regina, and Greg

Leadership Team Member Erin supports groups with the following counselors: Lauren, Maya C & Abby, Anam, Sarah S & Paige M, Kristin & Zoe, and Jenna

The last 63 years have provided a rich tradition of caring for our campers and staff. Our 64th summer will be no exception! Our goal is to provide the best possible experience for each child. **If you have any questions or concerns about your camper's experience, please call to speak with your Leadership Team member so that we can help ensure a great summer!** Our phone number is easy to remember, so don't hesitate to call (818) 706-TALK.

THE THREE TRIBES OF CAMP:

MIWOK, CHUMASH & NAVAJO

The **Miwok tribe** consists of campers going into pre-K, TK, and kindergarten.

The **Chumash tribe** is made up of campers entering 1st-3rd grades.

The **Navajo tribe** has campers going into 4th-7th grades and also includes CITs.

34th ANNUAL CAMP KINNERET OLYMPICS

Once again, the second week of Session Two will see the hills of Agoura become the Olympic Capital for the 2018 Summer Games. The week of July 30th is our special week filled with Olympic fun. Monday-Thursday the campers will be doing their best to help their team and enjoying the friendly spirit of competition. This special week includes events such as: Opening & Closing Ceremonies, Track Meets, Relay Races, Statues, Pictionary, Swim Meets, Banner Contests, Team Cheers, and much more!

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. We find that notes placed in campers' bags often never leave the bag!

LOST AND FOUND

Please label **everything** your child brings to camp with first **AND** last names, including clothing, backpacks, towels, etc... We collect lost & found each day that we are glad to return to rightful owners. If you come for a visit, please stop by the Program Office to find items your camper may have left behind.

GROUP PHOTOS

This Thursday & Friday

Smiling faces are a must at camp Thurs. & Fri., July 26th & 27th. On these two days, each group will take a photo. If campers would like, this is a great opportunity to show off their very fashionable Camp Kinneret T-shirt. In December, when campers are in school and their camp experiences are behind them, they will get a fun surprise in the mail - their 2018 Camp Kinneret group photos!

BEACH TRIP NEXT WEEK

The **NAVAJO tribe** and the CITs go on a beach trip next Wed., Aug. 1st (& again Tues., Aug. 7th). Please send them to camp wearing their bathing suits on beach days. Pack a lunch that will not spoil without refrigeration, sunscreen, a towel, an extra T-shirt, and a sweatshirt in case the beach is chilly. Chairs, boogie boards, iPods, and other beach gear are not appropriate for Camp Kinneret beach trips. We have a blast with the equipment we bring, the sand, and sea! CITs will have some exceptions, Jon will let the group know what is ok to bring!

WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS

Each week you will receive a new KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS. These are distributed on the bus each Monday and Tuesday (And sometimes also mid-week for special events!). Kinneret Highlights are also available online by clicking the "Newsletters" button on the "Current Families" page at campkinneret.com.

EVERY DAY IS VISITING DAY!

We encourage all parents to choose at least one day during the session to spend an hour or two with their camper(s) to see what a camp day is all about. You are welcome any time, so look at your calendar and schedule a Camp Kinneret day for you! You can also call the office to ensure your camper won't be gone on a hike when you arrive! *(Please do not visit on Friday, Aug. 10th, the day of our Great Kinneret Sleepout 2.)*

WHAT TO WEAR TO CAMP

Shorts and T-shirts are great for the summer, because there are trails to walk, hills to climb and games to play. Please do not send your campers in sandals, Crocs, Keens, or other similar footwear. Tennis shoes with socks are always the best choice for safe fun at camp. In all cases, shoes should be fully enclosed.

CAMP KINNERET GEAR

Campers starting new at camp this week will receive a camp T-shirt and lunch bag. Would you believe that Camp Kinneret campers and staff alone would use nearly 15,000 paper bags for lunch this summer if not for their handy Camp Kinneret reusable bag? In our effort to help preserve our planet and teach our campers about the role that we all play in shaping our future, every camper should be encouraged to use a reusable bag each day! If your T-shirt is not the right size, simply return it with your camper, enclose a note indicating the size of the new shirt you would like, and let the office know you want it exchanged! *(Please note that Youth Small is the smallest shirt we offer.)*

TRANSPORTATION

For those campers who ride the bus, it's a big part of the camp experience. It also takes an enormous amount of coordination and communication between camp families and our staff. You can help make the transportation process run smoothly by remembering the following few hints:

- 1) If your camper normally rides the bus, but you will be picking him/her up at camp at the end of a day, please call the office **no later than 1:00 pm** on that day so that we can ensure that your camper does not board their bus. (Please have your ID in your hand to sign your camper out when you arrive.)
- 2) Each morning, help campers be "Ready Rabbits" by having them at the bus stop ready and waiting to board their bus at least 5 minutes before its scheduled departure.
- 3) At the end of the day, please be sure to be back at your bus stop before the bus arrives. **During the first week or so, please have your ID in your hand for the bus counselor.** They'll get to know you soon and then it won't be necessary.
- 4) If your camper will be absent, please let us know as early as possible so that we can let the bus know and ensure you are entitled to a makeup day (see Absences & Makeups).

CAMPERS BROUGHT TO CAMP BY THEIR PARENTS

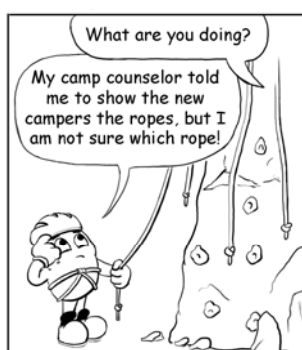
Campers being driven to camp by their parents should be dropped off between **8:15 & 9:00**. This helps ensure that they are safely at camp and you are safely able to leave before our buses arrive. Please help us by ensuring that your campers are at camp and ready to go by 9:00. Thank you in advance for your help.

KEEPING LICE OUT OF CAMP

As we all know, many schools have made lice checks part of a weekly or monthly routine. Thankfully, lice are not dangerous, just inconvenient. In our effort to prevent head lice at camp, all campers are checked during the first two days of each session. In camp, we spray all of our helmets daily *(we use helmets for high ropes, rock wall, field hockey, & ponies)*, and discourage hat & hairbrush sharing. We also have campers wear commercial-sized coffee filters inside their helmets as an extra barrier. While this may look a little funny and certainly can create extra trash, we feel it is worth the extra insurance. At home you can help by watching your campers for itchy scalps. Call your family physician if you need more information.

WOODWORKING

Our woodworking program got off to a great start in Session One. This Session campers in Jenna's (G9) and Laura's (B9) groups will be working on projects that take two days to complete. Woodworking is scheduled on 2 Fridays and 2 Thursdays during the session. In Session One campers completed a desktop calendar and a miniature table and chairs. We're excited to see what they'll create this session!



CALENDAR UPDATE

Thurs. July 26th & Fri. July 27th

- Group Photo Days

Week of July 30th

- Camp Kinneret Olympics!

Fri. August 10th- Sat. August 11th

- The Great Kinneret Sleepout 2!

Tues. August 14th

- The Camp Kinneret Carnival!

ABSENCES & MAKEUPS

1) Campers who miss a regularly scheduled day are entitled to make up that day provided that we receive advance notice of the absence. If you know that your camper will miss a day in the future, you can schedule their makeup day to occur before the actual absence. The earlier you call the better the chance that your desired makeup day will be available. **To schedule a makeup day,** simply call the camp office as soon as you know that you need one and no later than 1:00 pm on the day preceding the desired day. *(Note that we are happy to schedule makeup days **at no additional charge,** but if you later cancel and reschedule a makeup day, there is a \$10.00 fee.)*

2) If your camper wakes up feeling ill, call the office as early as possible so that we may notify the Bus Captain *(the lead bus counselor)* before they leave in the morning. We speak with each of them very early each day and they will be looking for your camper to board the bus.

3) It is best to call us between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm regarding other transportation questions. These are the times when the buses aren't rolling and our office staff can best focus on helping.

4) Camper absences must be made up during this session. We encourage you to arrange your makeups sooner rather than later as there are no refunds for missed days that are not made up during this summer.

SWIM WRISTBANDS

On the first two days of Session Two, our swim staff evaluates each new camper for water safety. Each day, campers wear colored wristbands at the pool which help us ensure the wellbeing of all of our swimmers. To be considered fully water safe (green wristband), a camper needs to demonstrate that they can comfortably jump into and also swim across our deep end without any difficulty. If your camper's swim ability is greater than what they may have displayed in camp during the first days, simply have them ask their counselor or swim instructor for a re-evaluation. We will be happy to do it again! As always, if you have any questions, please call our office!