

KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS



Fall Edition

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MEMORIES FROM OUR 64TH 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 2018!

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

CAMP KINNERET ENROLLMENT FOR 2019

Although it may feel like a long way off, next summer will be here before we know it. Returning family enrollment begins Thursday, January 3rd! 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 27th. Families who are new to Kinneret can begin to submit their applications on January 21st. 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. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to support this important program! See our website for more information and ways to contribute: campkinneret.com/giving

Our campership fund is one of many administered through the American Camp Association (ACA). This October, 21 of our staff members helped to raise campership funds by pledging to run, walk, swim, or bike as part of the ACA's annual Camp Moves Me fundraiser. In 2017 we raised \$3642! We don't have the final numbers for 2018 yet but we thank everyone who participated, donated, or spread the word!

THE CAMP KINNERET STAFF

Did you know that...?

- In 2018, we received over 100 applications to fill 39 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:

Adventurers of the Kinneret Coast & A1 Milky Way SAUCERs

Hello Adventurers of the Kinneret Coast and the A1 milkway SAUCERs!!

We can't believe how time flies so fast! It was a joy meeting every single one of you and getting to know you guys. It seemed just like yesterday we were digging for treasure at the sandbox, racing our jetpacks up Good Morning Mountain, making food at Miwok Village, and singing Shanananana all around camp (in rock n roll style of course)! Adventurers of the Kinneret Coast, we are still searching for our treasure using our boats! We actually found counselor boats, but got lots of water in them! But, don't worry! None of us fell out (again)! And our A1 milkway SAUCERs, we are still visiting all our planets and collecting all the milk on the way! We look back at camp and remember so many memories! By the way, we still call milk "moo moo water"! We are having a blast in college, and hope you guys are having an amazing school year as well! We miss you all very very much! Do you guys remember Chef Chocolate and Chef Chip? They also say hi! Each and every one of you grew so much as a camper this past summer, and we are so happy to have been a long side you guys for the ride. We are so incredibly proud of all the things you guys learned this summer! We hope to see your smiling faces again next year!

Love Always, Madena and Amanda

Super Star Pizza Pals

Dear Super Star Pizza Pals,

Hi There! I hope your school years are off to a great start. I miss you all so very much.

Remember over the summer when we went stargazing all over camp? Or when we would all put our hands together to "make a pizza" and hear where we were going next? I loved eating lunch with you at "The Pizzeria"

and playing Foxes and Hounds with all those rainbow Popsicle sticks! How about Independence Relay when we cheered SO loud for the Red Team!! (Go Red!!) I am so incredibly grateful that I got to be your counselor this summer. I especially loved how you all brought your amazing smiles and contagious laughter each and every day. Thank you for making Session 1 2018 one that I will never forget!

Love Your Counselor, Gaby

Taxi Crabs

To My Taxi Crabs,

Hi Everyone! I hope school is going incredibly well so far! I miss each and every one of you so much. Remember this summer when I said "There's something in the road!" and you would magically transform into taxis and yell "BEEP BEEP!" Or how about during Olympics when we became "The Green Thumbs" and used our teamwork for each event! I loved seeing you work together all session long, especially at blocks when we played giant dominoes all the way to faux grass. Thank you for ending my summer with so many laughs and rounds of "The Spy Game." I am so lucky to have gotten to know each and every one of you and hope to see you next summer!!

Love Your Counselor, Gaby

Sunny Sailors & The Swirly Curly Coaster Crew

Hello Sunny Sailors and the Swirly Curly Coaster Crew!

I hope you're having as much fun in kindergarten and TK as you did in camp! While it may seem like camp was a really long time ago, I still have so many special memories!

Sunny Sailors, do you remember our dance? "Raise the roof, lower the floor, push the wall, ..."? Everybody added a new move, and we all became such hip dancers! I loved all the moments we shared, like when we played our intense and honest games of Gaga, and sang Puff the Magic Dragon on the top of our lungs around camp, and sailed across the world all from the little

boating pond.

The Swirly Curly Coaster Crew, do you remember all the times we rode in a roller coaster with over 100 loopdie loops? What wild rides! I loved everybody's enthusiasm, like when we played some crazy games of basketball, and became master chefs with Chef Chicken Nugget and Chef Mac n' Cheese, and ran through the rain forest spotting rainbows all over the floor. We had some great times together!

Even though we may be far apart, I hope that you'll still have our group spirits in your hearts! See you next summer!

Love, Sana

Labracadabradors

Hi Labracadabradors!

Almost halfway through kindergarten already?! My, how the time flies! I hope you silly puppies have been having a magical school year. Remember the time we played dominoes in Miwok Village? Or how about when we crafted our magic wands and turned the Leadership Team into tons of different animals! THAT was funny! I loved becoming a pirate with you at nature and pretending the pool was full of sand instead of water. You're all so fantastic and I am beyond grateful that I got to be your counselor this summer. I wish I could time travel like we did on Friendship Hill back to the first day of camp, so that we could do it all over again! Thanks for an awesome first session, I can't wait until next year!

Hugs, Lauren

Giraffly Taffys!

Dear Giraffly Taffys!

I hope you're finding lots to laugh about in kindergarten! I miss you all so much. Remember when we counted out exactly five "Ha's" after I'd ask you to "Let me hear you laughy"? Or how about when we'd stretch out our giraffe necks just like real taffy! I miss our alphabet scavenger hunts around camp and playing "Red Light Green Light" as lots of different silly animals.

Answering all those riddles with you was so fun, especially when we got to make our cheers all sorts of giraffe facts! Remember the super silly one, that even though giraffe necks are SO long, they actually can't reach the floor?! Crazy! I hope you're having a great year. Thank you again for a wonderful Session Two!

Love, Lauren

Bumble Bee Buddies

Buzz! Hi Bumble Bee Buddies!

We hope that you're having an awesome time in kindergarten! While we're having a great time at school, we miss spending our days with you all. We miss playing Bee Freeze gaga and "surfing" while waiting to go into swim. Most of all, we miss buzzing around camp with all of you! Every day at camp was an adventure with you by our sides! Whether we were cheering on the white team during Independence Relay, making hummus in cooking, or practicing circus tricks in performing arts, we always had so much fun together. We had such a great time making new friends and trying new things! While we hope that you're learning lots in school and making lots of friends, we hope that you remember all of the fun times we had together and all of the friends you made at camp. We hope to see you all again soon!

S(warm) Wishes, Maya and Kim

Western Winter Wallaroos

YEEHAW! Hi Western Winter Wallaroos!

We can't believe it's already fall! Remember when decided to pretend it was winter because it was so hot at camp? Soon we won't have to pretend anymore because winter's almost here! We hope that you're all having a wonderful time in kindergarten! Remember talking about what we wanted to be when we grow up? You have to try hard in school in order to become the scientists, paleontologists, nurses, artists, lawyers, and princesses that we know you will all become. Hopefully you're all making lots of new friends and trying new things, just like you did last summer! We had so much

fun hopping around camp with all of you! Whether we were hiking up to the Lemonade Tower with Cat and Cow Diddle, eating lunch (pronounced smunch) at the Ski Lodge, cheering on the yellow team during Olympics Week, or starfishing in the pool, we always had so much fun when we were together! We're having a great time at school but we miss you all and hope to see all of you again soon!

Happy trails to you, until we meet again, Maya and Abby

Zany Zoo Friends

HELLOOOOO ZANY ZOO FRIENDS!!

Where does the time go?! We can't believe the summer is over and school has started already. We want to thank you for helping to fill the summer with so many happy memories. Our minds are constantly wandering back to our many games of Grizzly Bear and Mr. Fox. We hope that you look back on your summer as a Zany Zoo Friend and find lots of things to smile about. We loved watching you grow and be extra silly. Something we really like to do is make lists of "Warm Fuzzies" which are special memories that make us feel happy inside. We decided to make a list of Warm Fuzzies about our camp memories for you all!

- Meeting you all on the first day and getting to know each of you
- Learning more about you when you each were Special Zookeepers of the Day
- Singing lots of silly songs
- Playing Gaga!
- Seeing you splashing and giggling in the pool
- Trying new things and taking risks together
- Miwok Village!!!!!!!
- Watching you make new friends
- Our morning talks during snack
- Spending our summer together at camp!

We hope you enjoy kindergarten and that this year is the best one yet! Thank you again for helping to make our summers so special.

See you next summer!

-Sarah & Paige

Traveling Circus Pals

Ba da ba da da da ba da, CIRCUS!!!

Hello Traveling Circus Pals,

We hope you are each having an adventurous and fun-filled year in school. The year is breezing by so fast, it is hard to believe it is already fall. Feels like Session One of camp was just days ago. What incredible memories we shared together in A7. From our dancing and singing performance in nature with our shakers to talking in a funny way on every Shmuesday (Tuesday), we made unforgettable memories that continue to make us smile today.

Before each of your last days in our group, we told to you go into kindergarten (first grade for a couple of you) and learn a bunch of things to grow your brains super big and strong! We hope that you are doing just that in school right now, but we also can't wait to go back to camp next summer! We are also in school learning a bunch of things, but every so often we wish we could just play one more game of gaga or say hi to Buzz & Woody. Remember our exciting games of Wall Gaga? Or the time Woody escaped his pen and we had to work together to get him back in? That was so silly.

We hope you know how much fun we had getting to know all of you and learning so much about you. You are all truly unique and amazing! Whether or not you come back to camp next summer or have us as counselors again, you will always have a great friend in us and we really hope to see you soon! You are rock stars!!

Love, Sarah and Abby

The Teddy Bear Adventurers

Hi, Teddy Bear Adventurers!

This summer sped by! Can you believe it's the fall already? Even after all this time, we're still thinking about camp. What was your favorite part of the summer? We can't pick one - every day we spent together was so much fun! Although, taking special trips through the Rainforest, Swim, and Grizzly Bear are especially happy memories.

We feel so lucky that we got to spend every day at camp with you and be so silly and imaginative! Do you remember all the adventures we went on? Which was your favorite one? We really loved when we adventured to the top of a mountain and looked for treasure! We thought it would be fun to go on one last adventure together! Use your imagination and fill in the blanks so you can be part of the adventure!

Once upon a time, there was a very lonely teddy bear named Teddy. All day and night, this teddy bear friend dreamed of a place where he could make friends and play all day. One day, Teddy decided it was time to make some new pals! He searched high and low, looking for the place of his dreams and finally, he came across a magical place called the Lemonade Tower!

Our friend Teddy knocked on the side of the Lemonade Tower to see if anyone was inside. Luckily, the three mermaids named _____, _____, and _____ were home! They offered their new friend some graham crackers and lemonade and told him that just down the mountain, he could find a place called Camp Kinneret where there were tons of campers to befriend and activities to enjoy! Teddy was so excited when he heard this news that he started to run down the mountain! But because he forgot to use his surfer feet, he tumbled! Before long, Teddy felt something.... or someone... scooping him up - it was a walaroo! This walaroo was purple and yellow polka dotted with glittery green eyebrows! "Hello!" said Teddy! "Hello!" the walaroo replied. The walaroo was named _____. As _____ helped Teddy down the mountain, they began to chat and soon realized that they would become the best of friends and that both were searching for some adventures! Once they got down to the hopping bridge, they were greeted by countless smiling faces who asked them to play with them, to eat juice bars, and go to their favorite activity, which was _____!

Teddy and _____ were thrilled that they had the chance to adventure

throughout Camp Kinneret together and make new friends. At the end of the day, after singing Re-Mem-Mem with all his new friends, Teddy took the _____ bus home. Teddy couldn't wait to tell his family all about his perfect day at Camp Kinneret! The End!

Wow! What an adventure that was! We hope you're loving school! Thank you again for making our summers so special.

See you next summer!
-Sarah C. + Sarah S.

Time Warping Paper Boys & Tourific Travelers

I hope you all are having a fantastic school year! I had such a blast with you guys over the summer and am really missing camp. For those of you who didn't know, I was eminence on the second day of camp first session! It was such a trick to find out which fact was the true one, but it ended up being that I've driven a goat in my car!

I hope you guys are having so much fun in school. Before you know it, the school year will be over, and it'll be time for camp again! Remember how we used to play Paper Spy and go on Imaginary Tours? And does anybody remember what we would do every day after camp?? Take a nap of course!

I miss you all so much and hope that you always remember the time you were a Time Warping Paper Boy or a Tourific Traveler. Have so much fun this school year and I hope to see you all next summer!

Love, Brian

The Detectives & Silly Safari Friends

Dear Detectives and Silly Safari Friends, How is first grade going for you guys? I hope all of you guys are having fun and learning a lot. I can't believe how fast this summer went by. I still have memories of The Detectives searching the sandbox for treasures that the Great Kinneret Adventurer left behind. To this day I still only eat one Ritz cracker a day with the rest of my lunch. I could really go for one more game of "spy finger," "detective" or even "Octopus gaga." How could I ever

forget all the fun the Silly Safari Friends and I have had this past summer? From going on hikes to the Lemonade Tower to fun tours of all the camp activities we pass by each day. At arts and crafts and nature, there was never a dull moment. Although I am having a lot of fun at my job, I would much rather be back at camp with you guys playing just one more game of "I spy" or "I'm thinking of an animal." Sometimes at lunch I think to myself, "If only I had a riddle to think about." As you guys all know, lunch was my favorite activity at camp.

I hope to see you all next summer,
Nathaniel

Bananas Bananas & Chillin' Beach Boyz

Bananas Bananas... Unite!

Cowabunga Chillin Beach Boys!

We hope everybody is doing well and having a great time at school! We are at school as well and are studying hard, but we still think about camp every day! We miss those games of Bubble Burst (or Water Burst depending on how hot it was outside) and puckering our faces when we ate those sour cherry juice bars. Although the heat was unbearable some days, we did not let that stop us from having the best camp days ever! We miss going to Arts and Crafts to tie dye and cooling off in the pool when we had swim.

We miss seeing your smiling faces at Good Morning Mountain and having the most adventurous days possible! Of course we also miss cooling down at the end of the day at Juice Bars and seeing all your sticky faces. This summer at camp was jam packed with so many memories that we hope you never forget! We know that we won't forget all the memories we made this summer!

Wishing you all the best, Aron and James.

S.S.S.H.F.

Dear SSSSSSSSHF,

Ohh ya, we meant SSSHFI! We had so much fun being your counselors over the summer and we miss all of you

super silly space hero friends! It was so fun getting to know you all and learning so many awesome things about each and every one of you! We hope school is going great and you are all learning lots of new things. We shared so many fun memories this past summer. From racing up the hill with our jetpacks to say hi to our favorite cone, Mr. Orange, to playing tic-tac-toe at Chidewalk Sock, and seeing rocket ships all over camp (SSSSHHHFFFF!!), we always had smiles on our faces! Archery and boating were such a blast, and every day was always filled with laughs and good memories! We also always enjoyed hearing all of your favorite parts of the day when we ate juice bars together! We loved knowing that you boys were having just as much fun as we were! We loved watching all of you grow, try new things, and make new friends this past summer. What made SSSH so special was everyone's teamwork and support for each other! Thank you for making every day awesome! Have a super silly school year!

Love, Ashkan and Lanna

The Diamond Boys

Hey Diamond Boys,

We hope your school year is off to a fabulous start and that you are having as much fun there as you did at camp (or at least almost as much fun)!

We are having a good time at college but cannot stop thinking about how much fun we had together this past summer. Whether we were jumping off of the diving board at swim, making the most difficult race course at blocks, or working together at initiatives we always had an amazing time.

And who could forget how much fun we had at Gaga. We loved watching you all get so creative during our very own "Mining Gaga" to earn your way back into the game. We still don't know what the most creative item was. Maybe the golden gaga ball? Or possibly the full-sized car?

We loved seeing all of you grow and try new things every day! That is what

made The Diamond Boys so special. We hope you have an incredible rest of your school year and to hopefully see you back at camp for another summer at Kinneret.

Love, Ashkan & Ilana

Sunshine Boys & Camping in ...

Camping In... and the Sunshine Boys,

We hope that 2nd grade is treating each and every one of y'all well. We are missing the hot days of summer now that the semester is getting colder and definitely wishing for some more time in the pool. From our lunch spot in the cave in wonders to playing Uncle Sam at field to DIY mini golf courses to running around camp trying to get to activities on time, we have had one of our favorite summers. Never will gaga be the same after intense rounds ending in not only dirty legs but somehow dirty faces (still confused how that happened so often).

With both of us out of state in Chicago and Philadelphia, we would give anything for another go around the boating pond or getting to experience all of the specialists. While going through your daily life don't forget Camp Kinneret. Rem-mem-member each Good Morning Mountain and Friendship Hill. Think of initiatives and the communication skills you earned. Think of laughing at both of us whenever we got confused. Use your time at school to remember everything camp was to you. We wish you the best of luck! Both of us know that you all will do amazing in everything you do. All you need to do is believe in yourself!

Much love, Andy and Paige

Dancing Penguin Patrol & Western BIRKAMM Nuggets

To the North Patrol!

Nuggets, sauce it up!

We hope you guys are enjoying 2nd or 3rd grade! It feels like just yesterday we were all together playing super fun games like gaga, archery, soccer, and...PTERODACTYL!!! Whether you were with us for the whole summer or just a handful of days, we hope you had an awesome time. We certainly

would give anything to throw away the schoolwork and dive into the camp pool one more time.

For the Session One campers who missed it, we were both the eminence in session 2! One of us rode the tallest rollercoaster in the world (hint: it's in New Jersey) and one of us won a lot of free chicken sandwiches (hint: from a Lakers game). Session 2 campers, how fun was it when we got to combine our group with B6 to become "Wessup"?

We miss you guys and your silly jokes, songs, and dances so much. You were such a happy and energetic group of campers and we thank you for giving us such a memorable summer for our first time ever being counselors! Good luck with the school year and continue to being the super fun penguins and nuggets that you are!

Best wishes, Zach and Joel

Republic of the Malkalade Broz & SUP Squad

Hey, Republic of the Malkalade Broz and SUP Squad, I finally started school and looking back, I can't believe how fast the summer flew by. I can still remember first meeting all of you, and trying to remember all of your names. Each of you were such amazingly smart, mature, and responsible people that it consistently blew my mind. You guys helped me to be a better counselor and I'm so grateful that I was able to be your counselor. I can't believe you guys are in third (and fourth!) grade now, how does it feel to be old. I'm sure you guys are learning lots and hopefully playing tons of sports and handball. I really miss all of those Gaga matches we had, You guys got so good after a week it scared me; lots of you got me out and I wish we could go back and play one more game. Next summer if you go to Camp you will no longer be Chumash how crazy is that? But look forward to it you guys, you will finally be able to do high ropes, go on beach trips, and use the big telescopes at Sleepout. Just remember that all of the best things in life are on the other side of fear, so don't let it stop you from doing what

you want in School and Camp. I hope you have an awesome rest of your year and even though I'm in school, I will be thinking about this summer the rest of the year, remember to Live, Learn and Take those W's.

- Khaneya (K)

P.S. I'm only using my erasable pink pen from now on in school.

P.P.S. Thanks for being the best group to ever in Camp Kinneret History and I miss you guys lots.

The Vitamin Seas & Breadasaurus Rex

Hello Vitamin Sea's and Breadasaurus Rex! 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 of the times spent playing in the pool, at gaga, and of course on the climbing wall. When looking back at the summer, some of my fondest memories would have to be at high ropes. I loved seeing each and every one of you grow in facing your fears and making it to your goals on the high ropes course. It truly was an amazing thing to see.

To The Vitamin Sea's: I fondly remember the beach trips that we went on, seeing growth on the high ropes, and seeing so much improvement on the archery range. We truly had a wonderful session together, and I hope all of you will remember the amazing times we had.

To Breadasaurus Rex: With possibly the funniest name I have ever had for a group at Kinneret, it is not surprising to me that we were one of the funniest groups I have ever had! Whether it was lunchtime talks that ended in endless laughter, or playing soccer at the field, there was never a dull moment with all of you. This session was one that I will truly cherish.

This summer will constantly be something I think of when I am struggling throughout the school year and I am in need of some comfort. I

applaud and appreciate all the growth that we showed throughout the summer, and I hope that all of you continue to grow throughout the school year!

Much love, Greg

What's For Lunch?

What's up carBROhydrates!

We hope that school is going great for you guys and you are showing your friends and teachers just how great you are. We are both back in school now too and missing all of our wild times together, but we know you are all learning lots of new fun facts to share at lunchtime next summer.

Do y'all remember all of our food dances?? From the Salt and Pepper, to the Pizza Slice, to the original Bacon Wiggle, we were always jamming together. We hope you guys are teaching those moves to your school friends and are spreading the word! You already KNOW that we are doing the same out here in Texas and Philly.

But, if there is one thing we want you to remember about this summer, it's the awesome "lit fam squad" we created with our group. We wish we could be laughing and lunching with y'all right now, but until we can all reunite, keep eating, keep dancing, and keep laughing! Our What's for Lunch fam will be there for you to wiggle and play one last game of regular shmegular line elimination handball when you need it most.

With L's and W's and lots of protein (or should we say.... BROtein),

Nick and Maya :)

The Movers n' Shakers

What is up Movers and Shakers??

We hope school is going super well for all of you. We are both back in school now too, and we are missing you guys like crazy! People in college don't really like to move and shake as much as you guys do and so everything feels a little bit different. Plus, there are no high ropes courses, gaga pits, or YOU GUYS here with us either, which is even harder to believe.

Remember our dance breaks?? Or how much fun we had playing Extreme Screaming Warrior Gaga?? What about our Kinnereteering adventures?? Drawing stunning pictures on Nick's clipboard and scribbling all over Maya's?? All of this stuff holds a special place in our hearts and we wish we could be back playing just one more round of Sharks and Minnows with you bros, or engaging in some riveting lunch conversations.

Overall, we hope you are having a fantastic time at school but are still taking some time to remember the amazing times we had together at camp. Keep moving and shaking, keep making good change, and go out and show the world how great we know you are!

Stay silly and keep leading!
Nick and Maya :)

The Shovels

Whaddup shovels?? I hope everyone is having mounds of fun in middle school, but also missing each other and camp a little bit like I am! Wouldn't it be great to play one more epic game of shmubble shmurst or bocce ball together?

We had such a memorable session, from speed stacking and building giant towers in cupstacking to digging a giant hole for the sandcastle contest at the beach trip and winning "Best Use of Group Theme" because shovels, so duh. We may have had a little advantage on that one, but it was still a very satisfying win!

Remember all our adventures in the wilderness? The extra cheesy goldfish factory? Our entire potato universe? Never forget, potatoes rule the world and we're all just pawns in their game! Our potato thing even turned into an awesome story in Performing Arts about the young bandit yams, and it was all so fun we even dug up potatoes together at the end of the session!

I'm still impressed by how much you all grew this summer, from your goofy sense of humor to your ability to take initiative. I stopped helping you with riddles early on in the session, and you

all worked together to remember to write them down in the morning and turn them in in the afternoon, not to mention get them all right!

I hope you guys are loving school this year, but that you're also counting down the days until next summer! Thanks for making every day fun and giving me so many positive, lasting memories!!

All the best, Laura

The Toasters

I said from coast to coast, B9 is the toast! Wow I miss turning literally everything that passes through my brain into a Sha Na Na Na verse, but mostly I just miss all of you! Or rather, I said from big to small, I really miss you all!

Learning new skills in woodworking and playing waterball with G9 in the pool was so much fun! And all those awesome basketball shots you sunk from the steps of the pool? Amazing! Werewolf with B8? The best! I'm pretty sure some of us even saw Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson the day there were film crews out while we were at Zuma! And who can forget the Week 9 traditions of lanyards and knock hockey? Y'all were lanyarding masters!

I loved how excited you all were for me to finally be the Eminence! Has anyone tried to find the episode of Master Chef that I'm on? And I still can't get over just how epic our Sleepout skit was; we got so many laughs and compliments afterward! Or our carnival booth! You all worked so well together setting up plinko and running the booth, and everyone loved it!

Most of all, I'm proud of all the ways you pushed yourselves and grew this summer, whether it was to hike Og's Throne, attempt the hardest wall at climbing wall, or talk to the G9 campers like they were people, not aliens!

I hope you dudes are having the best time in 6th and 7th grade, but that we could also play one more game of gaga and shoot some more arrows at archery together!! Thanks for such a memorable session full of laughs and

good times! I said from sad to bummer, I wish it was still the summer!

All the best, Laura

Q..., & Big 00f

Dear Q, and Big 00f

I hope you're enjoying your school year. Those in 8th, enjoy the last year of middle school! Those in 9th, keep pushing through! High school is a lot of fun! Have you thought back to the summer at all? All the goal-creating, self-reflecting, and hot days! I know, I miss it too. Hopefully you will all enjoy them again this coming summer. Except for the heat.

I know I'd rather be Anyway, keep working hard in school, and enjoy those extracurricular activities! Alright CITs, see you in the future!

Edna & Jon

Talented Tidepool Team & Random Aminals

Dear Talented Tidepool Team and Random Aminals,

I hope you all are having the best time in 1st grade! I miss each and every one of you so much. From pretending we are all on the "leaf bus" to having shmunch and shlow ropes, I had the best summer. I am now back at school in Washington, DC and miss the summer heat and camp rainforest. I especially miss swim time and cheering each other on when someone went off the diving board. I loved getting to know you last summer and am so appreciative of our fun times laughing everywhere we went. Remember when we would pretend that the mirror by pool archery was a big camera, or the cone by Friendship Hill was a sleeping starfish? Oh! And remember when we got to perform the skit about turning in the riddle at Sleepout, or the time we had a group talent show at grass? I'm so lucky to have watched you all grow so much throughout the summer, from working together to balance the whale watch, or support each other at low ropes. Have a great rest of the school year, can't wait to see all of your smiling faces soon!

Kinneretly, Hannah

Fantastic Fairy Friends & Rainbow Rose Buds

Dear Fantastic Fairy Friends and Rainbow Rose Buds,

I'm at school now and really missing all of you and camp. I had so much fun this summer hanging out with you and watching you try new things; whether it be low ropes or learning how to prep your bow at archery all by yourself, and it has been such a pleasure to see you all grow and challenge yourself. I left my block phone at blocks and can't remember any of the princess's numbers so I really miss talking to them. It was so fun having them visit our group this summer. Do you remember the Independence Relay or Olympics? You were so spirited and had a kind competitive spirit. None of those days compared to how serious we would look for things buses had hidden around camp or when there was a water consumption challenge, haha! I had to limit our sips to 20 seconds each!

I hope you are having an amazing time in school and learning as much as you can. 1st grade is such a blast and you all had so much practice this summer from helping me write the riddles down every morning to getting better every day at solving them at lunch. I bet you know way more about rocks than any other kid in your class (thank you for listening to me talk about rocks all the time). Remember that mica are the little sparkles in rocks? My goal next year is to study the Great Lemonade Spill rocks! So study hard in so you can help me out next summer!

Missing you all dearly, you were all so amazing at caring for one another and being great friends. Have a great school year, continue being fantastic!

Tri-F represent! Rosebuds are forever! So much love, Sam

Magical Jungle Friends & THE SPARKLY CHOCOLATE BUNNIES

Hello Magical Jungle Friends and SPARKLY CHOCOLATE BUNNIES,

We hope you are having an awesome time in school! We are having fun in college but it does not come close to

the time we spent with you at camp!

We loved playing with you every day. Do you remember all the fun times we had at the boating pond? We wish we were back in the pond with you guys! That was one of our favorite activities we did with you at camp. We also loved swimming especially when we practiced our diving or played underwater telephone! We miss spending time at the Kinneret farm with you too. I hope you haven't forgotten all things we learned about plants and animals while at garden and animals. It was so much fun watching you guys ride the horses and learn how to steer them! Remember when we would sing the schedule? That was so silly! We will never forget when we talked to the mermaids and they gave us delicious lemonade! That was so nice of them!

We miss you so much and hope to see you next summer at camp!

Love, Sophie and Regina

Flexible Flying Super Squad & Og's Fantastic Fruity Sweeteners

When I say flexible, you say flying!

Fruity Sweeteners, anam anam! Too, doo, doo, doo ,doo!

Hello to all of my amazing super friends in the Flexible Flying Super Squad and my sweet friends in Og's Fantastic Fruity Sweeteners! I cannot believe you guys have started 2nd grade. I hope you guys are having the most spectacular time at school just like I am! Learning can be so much fun, just like how we would all sit around the ponies table and tell each other fun facts about outer space, animals, and ponies!

Flexible Flying Super Squad, do you guys remember all the Hidey Hidey Ho's we sang all throughout camp? Sometimes when I am at school, I can't help but sing along because of all my amazing memories with you guys!

Og's Fantastic Fruity Sweeteners, do you guys remember all of the times we sang in the changing room. From our own version of the Swimming song to "Anamanam," our voices and laughter

always warm my heart when I think back to all of our good times!

Do you guys remember how much we improved on our basketball skills? And how you guys beat me in our Counselors and CILTs versus Campers games? I am so proud of you guys still for trying new activities, and I hope you guys continue to explore new activities in the 2nd grade! I hope the rest of 2nd grade helps you make so many happy memories, just like all of our Good Morning Mountains, Lunches, Activities, and Friendship Hills gave me!

I miss each and every one of your guys' smiles and hope you continue to have a fantabulous year!

Love Always, Anam

Dancing Avocados

HOW DO WE MAKE GUACAMOLE!??

SMASSHHH!....

Wow! Can you believe you are all in school probably having a great time? We miss you and always talk about the memories we all shared. Do you remember eating lunch in the rainforest, but then having it actually start raining? That was hilarious!

Do you know what we miss more than anything? You probably guessed it, yes the Dancing Avocado - Colorado song and our dances. "There was an avocado who went to Colorado..." and "Avocado-smash, smash, smash, guacamole!" We loved how silly you all were!

We miss you all so much from your smiling faces at Good Morning Mountain to your creative riddle cheers at Friendship Hill. We hope you continue to be the Dancing Avocados that you always will be to us! We had the best summer with all of you! Lots of hugs always!!!

Brooklyn & Taylor

Moon Howlers

SHOW ME YOUR MOON SIGNS!!!

Hello my friends! How is the school year going? Can you believe you are in second grade! I miss you all very much and always think about the memories we shared. Do you remember

Olympics Week when we were green team and won the whole thing! You girls did amazing!

Do you know what I really miss? You probably do, swimming and playing our game. I loved how fun and silly you girls were.

I miss seeing you run up Good Morning Mountain with smiles early in the morning and I miss eating juice bars while trying to figure out a funny riddle cheer. I hope you girls always remember you are moon girls and I will always remember your amazing howling. I had the best summer thanks to all of you!

Lots of love, Brooklyn

Slithering Pandacorns

Pandacorns Unite!!!

Hello Slithering Pandacorns! I miss you all so much. I hope 3rd grade has been off to an amazing start. I wish we were all together at camp playing bubble burst, hanging out in the Rainbow Rainforest, or yelling "SLITHERING... PANDA... CORNS" to start off an exciting game of gaga. I am currently in Nashville, TN for law school, but I wish was with the Pandacorns again racing for the Red Team for Independence Relays or running through the field playing water games.

I hope your Pandacorn necklace is hanging somewhere in your room or you still have the image in your brain of the silly creature I imagined a Pandacorn would look like. I loved getting to see the different Pandacorns you all imagined on our wilderness banner. Do you remember when we got every riddle right during Session One?!?! I still have my slinky in honor of that amazing achievement.

I miss you all so much!! I hope when you eat anything sour flavored, that you remember the silly sour faces that we would make when eating the sour cherry juice bars. I hope you have an amazing school year and never forget how to do a proper hair flip in the water.

Hugs, Taylor

Super Silly Sweet Snow Cones

SUPER SILLY SWEET SNOW CONES!!! We cannot believe how much time has flown by since we were all together at camp. We made so many amazing memories together this summer. Remember when we earned a gold medal in whale watch during Olympics? GO BLACK TEAM! We had such a fun week full of Pictionary, statues, a swim meet, and so much more. We wish we had another Lemonade Tower hike together, another game of limbo, and another game of distraction gaga.

We hope that school has been going well and that you catch yourself singing camp songs around school. Remember when we got to play charades with Miss Milkshakes? You all were such talented actresses. We miss you all so much and wish we could have another lunch together on the green cement.

Love, Taylor and Jessica

P.S. What happens when I eat a snow cone?!?!?!?!?!?!?! BRAIN FREEZE!!!!

The Magical Ice Dragons & M.I.S.S. Milkshakes

Hello Dragons and Milkshakes! We hope you all are having a magical and sweet time in 3rd grade.

For those of you from Session One, we miss using our dragon names and building all things dragon in the wilderness. Remember the dragon stadium and town?! We sure do, it was awesome. We also remember how much fun we had at boating....THUNDER STORMS!!! Sometimes we find ourselves singing the boating song (Boating, Boating in the boating pond...you remember the rest) while studying in San Francisco and Santa Barbara and it always makes us smile.

For those of you from Session Two, we miss all the fun we had at Olympics and we are still so proud of our gold metal basketball skills!! We miss all the intense gaga games, even the ones with only 5 campers and playing Index/That's my name (the game you guys invented)! Roll call anyone?? We even got to be the "desert crew" some days and made such sweet memories.

Also, we were both Session 2 Eminence people so for those that were not here, we learned that Emily has been on the news in Nevada and Maya has jumped off a 50 ft. rock!!

We hope you are enjoying school almost as much as many of you enjoyed the GOOOEY sour cherry juice bars. We had such an amazing summer and we were so lucky we got to spend it with all of you!

Wishing you all the best, Emily & Maya.

Tongue Twisters & SLIME

Tongues out!...(Stick your tongue out)

Ooey Gooley!...SLIME!

We hope you guys are having an awesome time in 4th grade! Even though we are away at school, we miss all of your smiling faces every day! Has any of the plant information that Diana taught us been useful yet? Also, is Lunch still your favorite time of day? It sure is for us!

We had a fantastic summer with all of you and we know that we will remember all of the fun times that we shared. Remember how hard we laughed at the "wing wing" joke? IT STILL MAKES US LAUGH!! We can't wait to see you next summer!

So much love, Sarah and Paige♥

P.S. Have you tried any peeled fruit yet?!

Crazy Cool Narwhals & It's Raining Puppies

Hello Crazy Cool Narwhals and It's Raining Puppies!!!

We miss you all so much!!! Time has flown by so fast! We can't believe you guys are already in school! We hope that you are having the best time in 4th/5th grade and learning a ton! Lately we have been thinking back on the wonderful memories we created together this summer!

To our Session One campers, your creativity was unstoppable. For example, how we created the very new and exciting game of "Aunt Samantha" out of "Uncle Sam"! We also remember the amazing job you all did at the Independence relay participating in

team events and cheering on the white team as a whole! We will also never forget your deep passion for donuts!

For our Session Two campers we were very impressed with the amazing teamwork you displayed throughout the Olympics and the whole session. You were always willing to help each other out which we really appreciated and admired. We loved playing colors with you in the pool and watching your friendships grow.

We hope that school is going well for all of you and that your having an incredible time learning and playing! And as always, we hope your enjoying your lunches cause we all know lunch is your guys favorite activity! We can't wait to see you all at camp next summer and hear all about the new things you learned and the new friends you made!

With lots of hugs, Zoe and Kristin

1111 Camp Kinneret Dolphins, Ocean Way, CK 12345 & Octo Tacos

What is up 1111 Camp Kinneret Dolphins Ocean Way, CK 12345 and Octo Tacos! For those of you in 6th grade right now, I hope middle school has welcomed you with open arms. For those of you in 7th grade, I hope you guys are having an awesome year so far! Just remember- LEARNING IS SO GOOD FOR YOU! Work hard so that one day you can be smarter than me. Thank you guys for making me laugh all summer long. I'll never forget how much you Session One campers loved playing Jenna's Water Bottle, how you Session Two campers came up with Octo and his love for tacos, and how all of you would try to trick me into cancelling Hike Og every time we had it scheduled. You all were such lovely campers to have, so I thank you for making my job a little bit easier on me. Being a counselor for the first time at Kinneret was so much fun, and I only have you guys to thank for that. My lunches are no longer filled with discussing answers to riddles and I no longer eat juice bars every day. I miss you all loads! Have an AMAZING rest of the year. With love, Jenna.

From Specialists:

Nature

This summer was an adventure with all of you. From turning pipe cleaners into caterpillars to making instruments out of nature, we couldn't help but smile. No matter how hard the activity you all did it with great curiosity. One of our many favorite memories together is when we turned into pirates! Argg!! Thanks again for helping us find our treasure.

Do you all remember our dirtiest yet most fun adventure?! I do!! Our gold rush expedition! We got so muddy as we panned for gold in the "Sacramento River!" Everyone was so willing to work hard and get their hands dirty. Getting to know you all was our greatest summer adventure, and we miss you all.

We hope you are all enjoying your current school adventures while remembering our summer days. Don't forget to enjoy life like it's always summer!

Love, Daiana & Dani

Garden

To my lovely garden gnomes,

Thank you for such a magical summer in the garden. As I work to prepare my own garden for winter, I can't help but wish we were all together planting flowers. The curiosity and excitement you all had upon entering the garden reminded me how colorful life can be when you're working and growing together.

The first time I went to the Kinneret garden it was overgrown and lonely, but together we added so much life to it. We grew big old bell peppers, yummy black-licorice-flavored fennel, juicy cherry tomatoes, and great smelling herbs. Even though the garden was hot, you all smiled through the heat to push past your comfort zones. Some of you overcame your fears of bugs and bees: some of you tasted veggies that weren't your favorite, yet; and all of you learned to

care about something other than yourselves.

I can't begin to thank you all enough for the warm memories of planting, making banquets, releasing butterflies, and investigating decomposers with me. I hope you all continue to grow and add color to the world around you as you shine through the next year of your lives.

Till next summer, Daiana

Ponies

I had a great summer with all of you and hope you are all having a fantastic school year! This was my first summer at Camp Kinneret, and I couldn't have asked for a better bunch of campers. It was a joy spending my summer with Pepper, Polly, and all of you. I'm so thankful that I had the chance to share my passion of horses. I loved seeing you interact with and learn about the ponies. We learned how to mount, ride, and steer ponies. We also learned about horse health and behavior and spent a lot of time pampering and cleaning the ponies. One of my favorite activities was when we painted Pepper! Painted red, blue, purple, green, and yellow, he looked like a beautiful painting that belonged in a museum.

I miss all of you and thank you for such a joy-filled summer!

Love,

Jordan

High Ropes

It was an honor being able to climb with you all. It was only my first year as the high ropes specialist, so I had no idea how things would turn out. Thanks to all of you amazing climbers, high ropes was a huge success. In the beginning we all had a little trouble overcoming our fears, but as the summer went on I watched you all overcome those fears and grow as individuals. From your growth, I too have seen myself grow and I thank you for that. I hope that you got the opportunity to complete that one element you really wanted to do. Even if you didn't I hope you come back next year with your mind set on finishing it. I

can't wait to see you all next year fresh and ready to reach for the top. Have a great school year and remember: you can't be brave if there's nothing to be afraid of.

-Sol

Animals

Session 1:

Howdy friends!

All of our animal friends hope you had a great beginning to your school year. We miss your smiling faces & awesome howdy hands filled with tasty goodies. Woody and Buzz are busy pruning the trees and bushes around the farm and garden areas. Al asked us to thank you for being so patient with him this summer as he sneezed all the time! And lastly, Jax has started his own school class on how to share better with Pickles. We all hope you have a great fall and hope to see you soon!

Oink, Moo, Bah, Sniff, and lots of love,

Allison & Alec

Session Two:

Howdy friends!

All of our animal friends hope you had a great beginning to your school year. We miss your smiling faces & awesome howdy hands filled with tasty goodies. Jax and Pickles are still getting their mud baths but miss the beautiful paint and decoration many of you gave them during Olympics Week. Woody and Buzz have decided to become art teachers as they found their calling as Woody Van Goat & Buzzy Warhol. Brownie is continuing to make chocolate milk for the people of Agoura Hills. And Al is enjoying watching fall sweep across camp. We all miss you and hope to see you really soon!

Oink, Moo, Bah, Sniff, and lots of love,

Allison & Alec

Rock Wall

Do you remember why we call it the rock wall? Because it's a wall with rocks on it!

Hey, it's your rock wall specialist here coming at you from the big state of Texas; that's where I go to school if you

didn't know. I go climbing at my school's climbing gym at least twice a week and it reminds me every day of the fun times we shared climbing the rock wall at Camp Kinneret together. Do you remember when I made y'all pick a coach whenever you climbed? It always made me so happy watching y'all help each other get super high up the rock wall. That was definitely my favorite part. The friendships we made and the obstacle we overcame together have inspired me to be a more motivated person in my everyday life and I hope it has done the same for you.

Have a fantastic school year and don't forget to send it.

Happy climbing! Andrew

Wilderness

Hi friends!

I hope you are having a fantastic year in school! I had a wonderful time with you at wilderness this year. Although I'm sad summer went by too quickly, I loved the memories we made, structures we created, and adventures we traveled!

All my camper friends, you should be so very proud of yourselves for the interesting ideas we brainstormed and how you would work as a team to bring an idea to life. From the beginning of each session to the end, every group improved vastly in communication, cooperation, and teamwork skills. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to put on our imagination caps, build masterpieces, and have tons of fun!

With creations ranging from La Patata to baseball stadiums with mines, from a dinosaur park to dragon caves, from narwhals to counselors, from an ice-cold freezer to a rock museum... all the wilderness wonders were amazing! Remember the explorations for the spot of the day, the expeditions to gather resources, and the IMAGINE, EXPLORE, CREATE! My friends, till next summer, continue your imaginative thinking and remember, sometimes the crazier the idea, the better!

Keep exploring! - Ariaahna

Swim

Dear 2018 CK Campers,

We hope you are having a great year! The lifeguards miss getting to swim with you every day. Remember the Fourth of July relay race when the Leadership Team jumped in the pool? That was so silly! We also loved watching you all swim in the Olympic swim meet. Going off the diving board, playing red light/green light, and second swim at Sleepout are some of our favorite memories! We hope to see you all at camp again next summer. Is it bread or is it a bar? You decide!

Keep on swimming!

Ally, Andrew, Angel, Bella, Devan, Gracelyn, Hailey, Keshav, and Mia

Arts & Crafts

Well here it is, November. We hope you are all having fun in school and doing your best, making new friends. We're thinking back to summer camp, and all your smiling faces as you came into Arts and Crafts, and the fun you had with the projects you created.

Most of the projects you got to work on by yourself, like the Pet Rocks, Craft Stick Faces, The Miwok Paper Bag Puppets, the Sand Art, and Foil Art. But some of the projects were group projects, like the Wilderness Banners, the Olympic Banners, and the Scarecrows. They were all fantastic and were an excellent example of what teamwork and cooperation can accomplish.

It's the same in school. Some assignments you have to do on your own, and some you will have to work on as a team. Some projects can be a challenge, like the lanyards. They require patience and perseverance (keep on trying, don't give up). I think our favorite project was the Tie Dye. We wonder how your shirts turned out. Are you wearing it right now? One camper in Session One asked if we could have more designs to choose from besides the 5 we always have (Fireworks, Bullseye, Spiral, Mickey Mouse, and Heart). She had a good point. So in Session Two, we had 6 new designs (Yin Yang, Diamond Pattern, V

shape, Pyramid, Zig Zag, and X fold). The most requested design was the Yin Yang. Sometimes simple questions can lead to big changes. Don't ever be afraid to ask a question. Next summer we will have 11 Tie Dye Designs to choose from. (maybe more?!!)

We want to thank you for spending time with us in Arts and Crafts. We absolutely enjoyed having you there with us, your smiles and laughter and creativity. We so much want to see you all next summer. In the meantime, keep up the good work in school. Keep using your Imagination.

Remember- YOU ARE ONLY LIMITED BY YOUR IMAGINATION, AND YOUR IMAGINATION IS UNLIMITED.

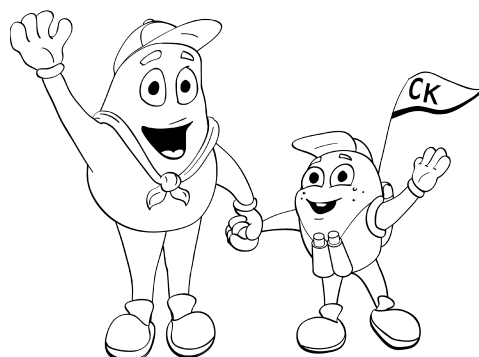
-Lesly and Dave

Performing Arts

Hello everyone!

I can't believe summer is over and it will soon be here again! This was my second summer as performing arts specialist and I'm amazed how it just keeps getting better and better! I already miss all the fun things we did like making commercials and selling "The World's Greatest Rubber Chicken", and trying to accomplish our tasks on those tricky pink cards. I'll never forget when we traveled in time to meet Shakespeare and learn about the Elizabethan times. Circus was so much fun learning new tricks on the balance beam, and I was so impressed with how great you all are at juggling. Don't worry, Lionore didn't forget about you! He talks about your silly animal friends all the time and we both can't wait for another exciting summer!

Love, Kristen



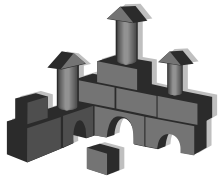
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