

KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS

Weekly Edition



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SUMMER IS FINALLY HERE!!!

We want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning campers to Camp Kinneret for 2019. We are very excited about the great staff that we have for this summer and are looking forward to another dynamic and fun-filled nine weeks.

After an intensive week of training, our enthusiastic staff got camp off to a terrific start! We are thrilled to have such a warm group of people so devoted to making this summer a wonderful one for all of our Camp Kinneret campers. They're ready and we hope our campers are too.

ONLINE THIS SUMMER AT CAMPKINNERET.COM

Visit the "Current Families" section of our website to view the summer calendar, download these weekly Highlights, and explore valuable online resources.

OUR OFFICE STAFF

Lindsay and Tatiana will be in our business office this summer. Lindsay has been at camp for many previous summers but this is her first summer in the office. Tatiana is with us for her first summer ever! Jocelyn and Delaney will be in the program office. Jocelyn is returning for her third summer at camp and is our First Aid Provider for the first time. Delaney is joining us for her first summer in the program office. Amy is returning again this summer as our Enrollment Coordinator.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Ryan Rosen is in his 12th 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 13th year at Camp Kinneret! Danny Tobin is also in his 13th summer and has just finished his 2nd year with us full time.

We are excited to have returning Leadership Team members Callan Edwards, Megan Holman, Alexander Bowman, Joey Hernandez, Erin Epstein, and Allison Edwards. All six have been at Camp Kinneret for many years.

Leadership Team Member Danny supports groups with the following counselors: Sam, Troy & Amanda C., Brooklyn, Johnny & Brett, James & Caleb, and Ariaahna.

Leadership Team Member Callan supports groups with the following counselors: Jenna, Sana, Gaby, Brian, and Nathaniel & Emma.

Leadership Team Member Alexander supports groups with the following counselors: Madena & Daniel, Jordan, Jessica, Maya M., Maya W., and Alejandro & Kristin.

Leadership Team Member Joey supports groups with the following counselors: Sophie, Regina & Sarah R., Joel & Elyjah, Andy, and Lanna

Leadership Team Member Erin supports groups with the following counselors: Lauren, Abby & Taylor, Paige, Wendy & Sophia, and Sarah S.

The last 64 years have provided a rich tradition of caring for our campers and staff. Our 65th 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 includes CITs.

TRANSPORTATION

For those campers who ride the bus, transportation is a big part of the camp experience. It also takes an enormous amount of coordination and communication between camp families and our staff. The beginning of each summer can be quite busy and our office staff has worked hard to organize all of our campers, staff members and bus routes. You can help make the transportation process smooth by remembering the following few hints:

- 1) If your camper normally rides the bus, but you will be picking him or her up at camp at the end of a day, please call the office on the preceding day or **no later than 1:00pm** on that day so that we may notify the bus counselor and group counselor that your camper should not go home on his/her regular bus. (Please have your ID in your hand to sign your camper out when you arrive.)
- 2) Each morning, help campers to 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 or "camper claim check" that was previously sent to you 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 the office know as early as possible so we can let the bus counselor know and ensure you are entitled to a make-up day (see Absences & Make-Up Days).

GREEN, YELLOW & RED SWIM WRISTBANDS

On the first two days of camp, our swim staff evaluates each camper for water safety. Each day campers wear color-coded wristbands at the pool to help us ensure the safety of all of our swimmers. To be considered fully water safe (green wristband) a camper must demonstrate that s/he can both comfortably jump into and swim across our camp pool deep end and back without any difficulty. Campers with yellow wristbands can swim across the pool width-wise unassisted. Any campers who are considered to be "not water safe" will be playing in the Rockin' Red Corner of the pool with their red wristbands. 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 glad to do it again. As always, if you have any questions, please call the office!

LOST & FOUND

Please be sure to label all of your camper's clothing and other items. Every summer belongings are lost, and items without names often go unclaimed. Help us return your camper's things!

EVERY DAY IS VISITING DAY!

Continuing with our tradition, virtually every day is an official Camp Kinneret visiting day. We encourage all parents to choose at least one day during the session to spend an hour or two at camp with their camper(s) to see what a camp day is all about. You are welcome to come and play, so look at your calendar and schedule a Camp Kinneret day for you! (Please note that there is one day each session when we ask parents not to visit. In first session, it is Friday, July 12th, the day of our Great Kinneret Sleepout. Experience has taught us that this is such an energy filled day in camp that it is not a great day for parents to enjoy sharing time with their campers.)

ABSENCES & MAKE UP DAYS

- 1) Campers who miss a regularly scheduled day are entitled to make up that day provided that we receive advance notice of the absence (prior to 7:30 a.m. on the day of the absence). If you know that your camper will miss a day in the future, call early so we have more time to arrange a convenient make-up day. Your camper can attend camp for a make-up day before the absence if you know that s/he will be missing a day in the future. **To schedule a make-up 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 before the desired make-up day.
- 2) **If your camper wakes up feeling ill**, call the office as early as possible in the morning. We speak with each Bus Captain very early each day and need to let them know if your camper will not be boarding the bus as scheduled.
- 3) It is best to call us between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to schedule make up days and regarding any other camp or transportation questions. These are the times when the buses aren't rolling and our office staff can best focus on helping you.
- 4) Campers enrolled in only session one must make-up any missed days during session one only. Campers enrolled in both sessions may make up their missed days in either session; however, we encourage you to arrange your make-ups sooner rather than later as there are no refunds for missed days that are not made up during this summer.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Thurs. & Fri. June 27th & 28th
Group Photo Days
Feel free to wear your camp t-shirt!
- Wed. June 26th & Tues. July 16th
Navajo Beach Trip
(4th - 7th grade & CITs)
- Weds. July 3rd
Independence Relay Day
- Thurs. July 4th
Camp is Closed
We're open again on July 5th!
- Fri. July 12th
Great Kinneret Sleepout
- Thurs. & Fri. July 18th & 19th
Last days of First Session

WATER BOTTLES

Please call the office today and let us know if you would like to order a Camp Kinneret water bottle! Supplies are limited, so don't wait to call and order!

ENROLLMENT IN SESSION TWO

It is only the first week of Session One and we are already beginning to plan for Session Two! Many groups still have space available in Session Two. Campers enrolled in Session One may add 2, 3 or 4 weeks in Session Two if space is available in their group. If you would like to extend your camper's summer enrollment, please call Jamie or Amy in the camp office. Enrollment extensions are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For 2 and 3 week enrollments, you may pick the weeks that you would like your camper to attend. If space is not available at the time you call, we will be happy to add your camper to a...

DID YOU KNOW?!

Day Camp tuition can be eligible for Child Care or Dependent Care Reimbursement through your employer or as a deduction on your tax return. Most families take advantage of this and many pay less than 50% of their tuition out of pocket!

