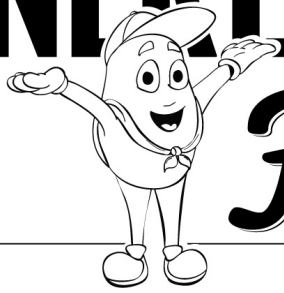


KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS

Fall Edition



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MEMORIES FROM OUR 65TH 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 2019!

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

CAMP KINNERET ENROLLMENT FOR 2020

Although it may feel like a long way off, next summer will be here before we know it. Returning family enrollment begins Monday, January 6th! As a returning Camp Kinneret family, you will have priority during the entire month of January. You should receive your enrollment information by Thursday, January 2nd. Families who are new to Kinneret can begin to submit their applications on January 20th. 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 CAMPSHIP 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, 16 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 2018 we raised \$5340! We don't have the final numbers for 2019 yet but we thank everyone who participated, donated, or spread the word!

THE CAMP KINNERET STAFF

Did you know that...?

- In 2019, we received over 130 applications to fill 27 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!



***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:

Marvelous Market Miwoks & Rainbow Secret Agents

Constantly I think about our time together in the Kinneret sun. Our summer together was one I will never forget and I hope it was the same for all of you. From Miwok Village (with Mr. Bear), to sandbox, to making racetracks at blocks, every day we were together was memorable and fun. Not only were the activities at camp fun, but so were transitional times. From singing in the changing room to playing the spy game we never had a dull moment.

Marvelous Market Miwoks

I think about all your smiling faces so often! Remember the Independence Relay when I poured water on myself and got all wet! That was one of my favorite days of camp this summer!

Rainbow Secret Agents

Wow what a great time we had! Remember when we went around saying nice things to all the other groups at camp? That's one of my favorite memories of the whole summer!

I miss you guys and I hope you're all having a great year at school.

XOXO, Jenna

Barnyard Buddies & Heroes of Og

Hello Barnyard Buddies and Heroes of Og!

How's everybody in pre-K, TK, and kindergarten? Still just as silly and curious? Summer feels like a long time ago, but I still think of all my friends from camp!

Barnyard Buddies, do you remember our mooing and honking? We were such great farmers around camp, and we always had a hay-load of fun from activity to activity!

Heroes of Og, up up! And up close! I have never met a set of braver and

kinder heroes than you, and always loved helping Og and the rest of camp with you on my team!

Now that summer is over, I'm at school just like you! And while homework is always fun, I miss spending time with my coolest friends at camp, especially at some of our favorites like campers-versus-counselors gaga and big-kid bocce ball and the pool. And I especially miss watching you grow into amazing friends! While we may be far apart, I hope you know that you'll always be a part of the Barnyard Buddies and the Heroes of Og in your hearts!

I hope to see you all next summer!

Love, Sana :)

The Post Office Popcorn Pals

Hi my Post Office Popcorn Pals!

How are you all? I hope you're each having a FABULOUS year in kindergarten! I miss every one of your smiling faces so much. Each of you brought so much joy to our days at camp, and I am so lucky that I got to be there as you formed everlasting friendships, tried new activities, and soaked up the summer sun! Remember how we always got so excited when the Mailman visited camp? It was like he was our special group mascot! Or, remember when I would say "lick a stamp!" and you would all stick your tongues out at me? That was so silly. How about when I'd reach out my arms super wide and you'd be (respectful) popcorn and jump in the popcorn bowl? That was the craziest idea yet! I loved using our "Amazon Prime" feet to race up Good Morning Mountain each morning, and our "snail mail" walking feet to explore camp throughout the rest of the camp day.

I miss you all dearly, and so hope our paths cross again in the future. Happy trails to you until we meet again!

Love, Your Counselor and Biggest Fan, Gaby

Kidaroos

Hi Kidaroos!

How is everyone? I miss you all and our time at camp so incredibly much. WOW! What a crazy fun session we had! Remember when we played all those fun games like Grizzly Bear and Gaga? And remember how excited we were to compete during Olympics? I can't believe our "Green Cuisine" team won! Or how about when I went to Camp Red Rock and Sroo (Silly Kangaroo) got to be your counselor for the day? I heard she told you about how she swims in Jell-O and sits in squares at her camp! How goofy was that!

I am so proud of all of your accomplishments from this past summer, and how much you each blossomed while at camp! Thank you for keeping our days exciting and for sharing so many laughs with me. I hope kindergarten has been treating you well and that you're counting the days (like me) until camp starts again!

Love, Your Counselor and Biggest Fan, Gaby

Rock n' Rollie Pollies

Dear Rock n' Rollie Pollies,

Curl Up! Just kidding! Stay right where you are! My little Rollie Pollies, how are you?! I miss you all so so much! I miss learning weird roly-poly facts all session long, like how they are not actually bugs! Does anyone remember that they're actually land crustaceans that breathe through gills? Absolutely crazy! How about our favorite game of the summer, Rollie Pollie gaga. We simply could not get enough of it!

I miss all of your silly smiling faces and adventurous spirits. We were such a unique little group, constantly getting distracted by endless bug scavenger hunts, and naming the biggest hairiest spiders Cuddly Hugs! We also can't forget that we were the coolest rock stars in town, jammin' out all around camp with our air guitars. Anyway,

thank you so much for a rocking first session! I cannot wait till I see you all back at camp next summer!

Love, Lauren

Scientific Sea Turtles!

Hi Scientific Sea Turtles!

Ocean breeze, liquids freeze! Okay, you can unfreeze now! How are my scientific geniuses doing? Still observing the world around you? Still taking notes about the trees, dirt, and rocks so you can develop your next hypothesis? I sure am, so I hope you are! Do you guys remember the crazy cool Miwok science experiments we did, where we honed our scientific skills by making Oobleck and floating boats with tin foil? Science had to be my favorite activity of the session because it was like it was made for our group! Oh, and remember how many giant bubbles we popped on my sea turtle clipboard? Too many to count! I really miss swimming around camp learning about different types of sea turtles and the states of matter. Who can still remember all three? Say it with me! Solids, liquids, and quick... catch a gas bubble! Don't forget to let it out! Anyway, thank you all for a wonderful Session Two! Looking forward to next summer, every second of every day!

Love, Lauren

Alien Farmers & Miwoka-Rockas

Hey friends! We hope you are all having the most amazing time in kindergarten (or 1st grade). We are both in school right now, like you are, and we are having a blast. Even though we are enjoying ourselves, we keep reminiscing on all the fun times we had over the summer. The Independence Relay and Olympics were two that stand out the most. It was so exciting to watch you give each activity your all!

Even the regular days of camp were anything but ordinary with you. We will always remember the creative new

gaga games you thought of, like TunWall or Wormhole gaga. Your enthusiasm for Night at the Museum and Bubblegum was unmatched and made us so happy to play the games with you. We miss you all and hope to see you next summer as Chumash campers.

Abby & Taylor.

Puzzle Peace Friends and Cosmic Communicators

Hello Puzzle Peace Friends and Cosmic Communicators!

I hope you are all having an amazing time in 1st grade. I am in school studying too and it is definitely a lot colder out here in Ohio than it is in California. I truly miss you all and the fun times we had making each other laugh throughout the day. From playing Blah-Ga to hiking to the Lemonade Tower and talking with the Mermaids, I am forever grateful for all of the unique memories that we made together. Do you guys remember what thing we would do every day when we got home from camp? That's right. Take a nap!! Or how about when we raced up to the top of Friendship Hill. I always thought I would be the first one up but then you all sneak right by me because you're all so super speedy! I guess I'll just need to continue practicing running so I can be quicker in the future. I miss seeing all of your smiling faces at camp every day and know that you all are working super hard in school and trying your best! I always like to remind myself that the harder something feels, the more I am learning! I hope you all continue to have an amazing school year!

Love, Brian

Nerf Puppy Racers

Nerf! Puppy! Racers!

We can't believe you are already in school! We miss you all so much, but know you are learning a ton in school. Do you remember all of the fun we had together at camp? Sneaking and

spying to all of our activities always made you all happy :).

Both of us are in college working hard. Our memories of camp are so special to us and get us through the year! We hope you all keep your special camp memories dear to your heart as well.

We hope to see you all at camp next summer, with even more amazing knock-knock jokes and juice bar flavor opinions for your counselor! Have an amazing year and always remember to be kind to others and try your best!

Love always, Troy and Amanda C

Smiling Space Heroes

I can't believe our time together went by so fast, but I'm glad I got to meet every single one of you. I loved learning about each of you and also telling you about my life and what I like. I think you all know one of my favorite things... SPAGHETTI!!! I know it was hard to hear that my Eminence fact wasn't that I've eaten spaghetti every day for the past year, but I made sure to have it every day of camp.

I hope you're doing well in 1st grade, I know it's hard to make the transition from kindergarten. Just like you guys, I'm also working hard in school! Sometimes when I'm taking a test or studying for one I wish I was playing gaga or swimming with you boys instead. I'm sure you guys feel the same but that's what next summer is for right? I hope I get to see each and every one of you again, either at Camp Kinneret or in the near future. Have a great school year and summer wherever you end up, Troy.

Space Dragons

Dear Space Dragons,

We miss you guys so much! How is the new school year going? Although we are having fun with school and work, we just want one more game of gaga with all of you. Who remembers going around camp and naming everything a name that had to do with Space Dragons? We will always remember

when we flew around camp from Good Morning Mountain all the way to the pool. What is your favorite memory?

We hope to see you next summer,
Nathaniel and Emma

Hydrating Magicians

Hello Hydrated Magicians,

How is your school year going? I hope you are having lots of fun. I really miss hanging out with you guys at camp. One of my favorite memories was going around and passing other groups while pretending that they couldn't see us. Who remembers what happens at the "Magic" water fountain? Also my trip to Red Rock was great! Did you like David Copperblaine? I hope the rest of your school year is magical!

I hope to see you next summer,
Nathaniel

Shielded Archers & N.S.F. Space Robots

Hello Shielded Archers and N.S.F. Space Robots!!

We hope you guys are having an amazing time at school so far! We're studying hard and working very hard but can't help always thinking about our amazing time together at camp. For those of you who were not in Session Two that were here in Session One, Daniel was the eminence in Session Two! It truly is crazy to think about how fast the summer went with all of you. We have so many crazy memories like gaga, several cups of tea, some crazy boating stories, and amazing basketball and hockey games! For the boys in Session One, we hope you are all practicing your British accents and drinking lots of tea with the queen! For the Session Two boys, we hope your practicing your best jokes and learning how to spell and say that duck noise we always wanted to learn! We tried, and brrrrtfpp doesn't seem right! We miss you all

very much from the competitive gaga games to the laughter and singing at juice bars. We know you guys are being the great boys that you will always be to us! You all had such positive impacts on our lives and we have to say that you all taught us much more than we taught you. You are all such funny, caring and amazing kids and we are forever grateful to have ad you with us this summer.

We really hope that we get to share and spend more summers together! We hope you all have an amazing school year and study hard!

With love,
Daniel and Madena

A.N.D. & Knight Squad

Hello Athletic Nature Defenders (A.N.D.) and Knight Squad! Isn't second grade amazing! We miss you so much, but we also know you are learning and succeeding so much in school. It only feels like yesterday it was summer and we were at camp having such a special time. We had a great time swimming at the pool and being at gaga watching you all running from the ultra-fast counselor ball hits. Nothing was better than a row in the boating pond. Interestingly enough, one of us would always have to leave during boating, then the pond dweller would show up just to shake and rock your boats.

There was nothing more relaxing then hanging out at lunch and trying to figure out the best superpowers and what our three genie wishes would be. And no, you still can't wish for unlimited wishes. The best was seeing how long us counselors could go not getting tagged in our favorite game, Chase-the-Counselor. We'll never forget all of the singing we did getting ready for swim!

College has been hard for both of us, and just getting to think about all the fun we had over the summer puts a smile on our faces. Please continue to work hard at school and also have fun at the same time. We think about you constantly and we can't wait to see you

next summer.

Love, Joel and Elyjah

Chocolate Chipmunks

OZZY OZZY OZZY.....OY OY OY!

Chocolate Chipmunks, hopefully you are having a great school year and having fun along the way. We want to thank you one last time for making first session such a blast, from our many rounds of psychic gaga to the wacky pool games we came up with, there was never a dull moment. Our personal favorite memories were watching everyone's unique dives off the diving board, racing up Friendship Hill in the mornings with our jetpack backpacks, and getting launched by Brett high up in the air into the pool. Remember our fun rivalry with the Gotcha Girls?! I don't know about you guys, but we were convinced that Tupperware actually had brownies instead of a brown "E"!

We've learned so much from you during this summer and will miss all of your smiling, sticky juice bar faces. Once again, thanks for the great and silly memories that you all helped create to make this summer so fun!

See you next summer, Aleks & Brett

Natural Ninjas

Quick!.... do your best Ninja Pose!!

Natural Ninjas, hopefully you are having a great school year and having fun along the way. We want to thank you one last time for making second session such a blast, from our many rounds of "what are the odds?" to the wacky pool games we came up with, there was never a dull moment. We loved watching everyone's unique dives off the diving board and playing Marco Polo in the pool (with no peeking!). Hopefully you can pass some of this on to your friends by teaching them about psychic rock paper scissors or how we play ninja gaga.

Remember our special animal

protecting missions? We saw several white-tailed bunnies, a praying mantis, baby lizards, and of course our ninja bees! We hope you keep protecting animals outside of camp (save the bees!) like the true natural ninjas you are.

We've learned so much from you during this summer and will miss all your smiling, sticky juice bar faces. Once again, thanks for the great and silly memories that you all helped create to make this summer so fun!

PS: Remember when we got TWO bullseyes in ONE day!! I am convinced we are all pros at archery.

See you next summer,
Aleks & Caleb

Snapping Sanguine Penguins

Hello Sanguine Penguins!

We hope your school year is going amazing and that you love your new classes. Wow, summer really flew by! We had so many fascinating and hilarious moments this summer... from our special fact of the day to our trash dances, it was truly a summer that we will remember forever. We are back in school but you can probably still hear us talking about the "capacity of our transitional epitheliums" every once in a while. Were any of you able to trick anyone new with our "say silk 5 times" gimmick? Whether we were talking about Tic Tac the gecko, learning some complex words, passing notes at Sleepout, or chatting about our healthy obsession with pickles, we, really enjoyed getting to know each and every one of you this summer.

Sincerely,
James, Caleb, and Bob the Snowman

Porkchop!

Karate Pigs, we hope your school year is going great and you love your new teachers. It was such a pleasure spending the session with all of you. We shared so many goofy memories together this summer ranging from: our infamous riddle cheer debates to

our pool-time games of tunnel tag and deep end tosses to when you all were visited by Pia Chop and Jack E. Chan on Red Rock day. It was so much fun having each and every one of you earn a black belt this summer in activities as classic as archery or gaga and as silly as sun screening or hill rolling. We miss our competitive games of just about everything from basketball to handball. You all were amazing at just about everything!

This session was so much fun and we already miss your smiling faces at Good Morning Mountain and occasionally sticky faces at Friendship Hill. Keep going through life with your strange sound effects and entertaining personalities (It's more fun that way). We know you're all off doing amazing things in life!

Oink Oink,
James and Mia

T.A.R.P. & Ba-na-na-naz

To the boys of T.A.R.P. and the Ba-na-na-naz,

I hope that 4th grade is treating each and every one of you well. I am missing the hot days of summer now that the semester is getting colder and wishing for more time in the pool. From crazy sleepouts to intense gaga matches to the conquering of high ropes, y'all never ran out of energy! Nevertheless, this had to be one of my favorite summers to date. Being out of state in Chicago makes me miss camp a little extra. While going through your day-to-day lives don't forget Camp Kinneret. Re-mem-member Good Morning Mountain and Friendship Hill. Think of the roots I spent so many lunch periods teaching. PAUSE! Do you remember them? ... that's right! Community, Friendship, Independence, Teamwork, and Creativity. These principals will take you far not just at camp, but in life too! I will miss you this year and I wish you the best of luck.

Much Love,
Andy

Unidentified Flying Omelettes

What's up my Unidentified Flying Omelettes?!

I hope you are all doing well and having a great time in 4th grade. I'm all the way across the galaxy in Philly right now and enjoying school, but SO wishing I could be back at camp with you all! Remember our egg-cellent games of gaga and handball? And our backwards day where we all wore our shirts backwards and changed our names? And all of our omelette dances? Some of my favorite memories were in the pool with you all, watching you jump off the diving board and asking you questions midair. For now, keep working on your Uncle Sam skills, keep dancing, make lots of omelettes, and next summer will come before you know it. Hey hey, ho ho, let's go UFOOOOOOOOs!

With lots of eggs and cheese, Maya :)

Pizza Planet Protectors

What's going on my Pizza Planet Protectors?!

I hope you are all having a great time on your own pizza planets (a.k.a schools). I'm back in Philly right now and having a great time, but missing camp lots. Remember our song about the breeze that we sang on hot days? I think that has been stuck in my head since the summer and I don't think it's leaving any time soon. Remember when Penny came all the way from Mars to be your counselor for a day? And when you had to teach her how to swim in a water pool because she only knew how to swim in Jell-O? We had so many good times together from countless games of gaga and King Pizza, to singing "Welcome Back To Earth" about a million times a day during high ropes. I miss our group in general, but most of all I miss each and every one of you, who brought so much unique laughter, fun, spirit, and craziness into our camp days. Keep exploring, keep asking questions, and keep up the love of pizza!

All the best, Your friend Maya :)

Kool Aid Taco Men & Pinktastic Rainbow Unicorns in the Targét

Hi Kool Aid Taco Men and Pinktastic Rainbow Unicorns in the Targét,

How the time flies. Can't believe you guys are already a couple of months into school. We hope that you guys are having the best time and that you are all trying your best. You are all so incredible and capable of so much. The conversations, constant jokes, and laughter is something we both cherish and hope you guys do as well. Your energy, positivity, and creativity always made our days. For those of you from Session One we hope you all get a chance to have some Kool-Aid and a taco to reminisce on the old times. Most importantly, may Ricky the Bricky live on forever. P.S. Ricky is still safe in the wilderness. For those of you from Session Two we will always remember you constantly wanting to get thrown in the pool. Also, way to get the gold in whale watching. We miss you guys and hope that we get to see you again next summer! Keep working hard in school and summer will be here before you know it!

You guys are the best!

-Alejandro and Kristin

Book Bug Soup & Pirate Unipuppy Protectors

Book Bugs! Get in the Pot!

YO HO YO HO!...A puppy's life for me!

Hello Book Bug Soup and Pirate Unipuppy Protectors,

I hope you all are learning so much and having so much fun in first grade! I am working really hard on my psychology research right now for my last year in college, but I can't help but to daydream about all the fun we had at camp. I really miss singing Boom Chicka Boom and coming up with new songs around camp with all of you. For Book Bug Soup, do you remember all the funny voices we used to cheer on our friends during a game of Soup gaga? You all were so silly! And, Pirate Unipuppies, do you remember how

silly we were shouting "shade ahoy!" and running as fast as we could to nearby shade? It really felt like we were sailing a boat around camp! We had such silly times together this summer and you all were such important parts of making that happen! You all challenged yourselves to try new things this summer and I hope you are using some of your camp skills in first grade! I hope school is going well for you and that you are reading some exciting books! I cannot wait to hear about all the books you have read next summer! Maybe it will help you get even more riddle answers right! I am so proud of all of your amazing creativity and how much we accomplished! I miss you all very much and I miss seeing all your wonderful faces every morning at Good Morning Mountain. I hope I get to see them all again next summer too! Until then, have so much fun learning and exploring in first grade.

Best wishes from the soupy seas, Sam

P.S. Book Bug Soup: Do you remember our games of Tomato Soup? It was so special that we were the only group in camp to ever get to play it!

P.S. Pirate Unipuppy Protectors: Do y'all remember when we milked the fake cow at Animals, and you all made me laugh so hard I cried? You were all so wonderful and silly!

Racing Rainbow Puppies & Royal Tutu Dancin' Dinos

Hey Racing Rainbow Puppies & The Royal Tutu Dancin' Dinos

I hope everything is going amazing in 1st grade. Right now, I am currently in NYC studying how to make furniture and anything that is put in a house. But the thing I miss the most is our ninja lessons with Master Joey. I also very much miss getting to see everyone's smiling faces each morning.

One of my favorite memories from Session One would have to be when you all worked together during Independence Relay and built such amazing teamwork. My favorite

Session Two memory was seeing your faces when all the hard work paid off and the green team won gold in the Kinneret Olympics.

Don't forget to always keep zooming around! Pinkies up!

Love, Sophie

Ice Cream Sand-Witches

Witches show us your wands! Hello Ice Cream Sand-Witches. How is it being first graders? We miss you all so much and will always remember all the memories we made together over the summer. Do you remember going around camp turning everything into ice cream, even the Leadership Team members? We had so much fun!

Do you know what we miss more than just about anything? All our lunch time conversations! From guessing the riddle, telling silly jokes, sharing our favorite ice cream flavors, to talking about what our favorite thing to do at camp is, you guys always made us laugh. We hope you enjoyed lunch time as much as we did.

We hope you all are having an amazing time in the first grade! We hope to see your smiling faces back at camp next summer!! Remember to use your powers to cast helpful spells!

Love, Sarah and Regina

GRL PWR

Hello GRL PWR! We can't believe that you all are in school and learning new things every day. We miss you all so much and will always remember all the amazing memories we made together. Do you remember going around camp and you guys pretending to be the counselors? You did a great job at leading the group to the activity and going through the rules to ensure we had fun and stayed safe. You all are going to make amazing counselors one day!

Do you guys remember what GRL PWR stood for? If not, it was G-gratitude, R-respect, L-listening, P-patience,

W-water, and R-responsibility. You guys were amazing at applying these values throughout the camp day. You showed gratefulness by saying thank you to everyone who helped you out, listened to and respected each other and your counselors, you showed patience by waiting your turn, took good care of you bodies by staying hydrated, and you showed how responsible you are by cleaning up after yourself. We are both so proud of all of you!

We hope you all are having an amazing time in the first grade! We hope to see your smiling faces back at camp next summer!! Remember to always show the world how strong you are!

Love, Sarah and Regina

Dazzling Ducklings & Teleporting Alien Potatoes

Hello Everyone!

I can't believe how long it's been since camp ended. It was amazing getting to know you all and I can still hear "Ola-Ola-Ay" and "Milkshake". The Dazzling Ducklings and Teleporting Alien Potatoes were such fun groups. I can't get over how awesome our group names were! Thank you all so much for making my summer an unforgettable one. I'll be thinking of you guys all year long and wishing I was still back at camp, singing songs with you all. Have an amazing school year!

Brooklyn

Friend Fries

Hi Friend Fries! I hope you are all having a fantastic year at school and remember all of the fun times we had and the friends you made! I am really missing being at camp swimming and playing gaga with you guys! You all made the summer a memorable one. I'll cherish all the experiences we had this summer. I'll be thinking about all of you throughout the year! I hope you're all eating so many French fries!

Best, Jordan

Brunch Buddies

Hey Brunch Buddies!

I hope you guys are having a super fun school year! I hope you are all brunchin' and munchin' every day.

I'm really missing our times at archery and in the pool. You all made my summer so fun and it would not have been the same without you! We had so many great experiences together and I will always look back on them fondly. Keep on brunchin'!

Best, Jordan

H2 Zoo Girls & Cotton Candy Crew

Be a coral!

Make cotton candy!

I hope you are having an amazing time in 2nd grade. I'm studying hard, but really missing camp especially with all the cold. Do you remember being underwater animals and swirling all around camp? You were all so creative and silly! Do you know what I miss more than anything else? If you forgot, it starts with an S, and we do it every day...SWIM! There isn't really anywhere to swim at school because it's so cold, but when I do go, it still isn't as fun. My friends don't want to be thrown or play dunk the baby. I had the best summer with all of you and I wish we were back at camp playing.

Best wishes, Paige

Gotcha Girls & Magical Day Dreaming Snackers

Hi Ladies! I hope your school year is going well! I can't believe so much time has passed since camp. Since I last saw you a lot has happened! I've been teaching kindergarten in Germany, traveling around Europe, and learning lots of new skills for my future classroom. Despite my adventures, I often find myself daydreaming and imagining myself back at camp with all of you.

To the Gotcha Girls, what a wild ride we had. From our week of "gotcha back" post it notes to spreading our spirit by

sharing "Brown E's" with the rest of camp, we certainly had some fun. To say we were legends, might be an understatement. Our amazing collaborative pranks inspired many groups to join our fun and even sparked some of our friendly rivalries, like with the Chocolate Chipmunks. We shared many laughs and made great memories in our weeks together.

To the Magical Day Dreaming Snackers, have you had any weird dreams lately? Sometimes when I have odd dreams, I find myself without anyone to share them with. I miss how we used to share our dreams at lunch and interpret them. Speaking of lunch, our FAVORITE time of day, I could really use a snack right now. Any recommendations? I had such a blast in our group, using my magic fingers, and listening to you all chant "Battle of the Pants!" while we changed after swim. We made so many incredible memories together.

Thank you all for an amazing summer! Each session was different, but we will all always have EXTREME BOATING! Working with all of you has made me more confident in my abilities to be a teacher, and all of your energy has helped to fuel my passion. I

hope I will have the opportunity to see you all again next summer!

Lots of hugs, Jessica

Triple B & Tropical Coconut Crew

Hello, my lovely bakers and hula girls! I can't believe that school has already started. I bet you are all having an amazing time in the 3rd grade. I miss you all and our fun warm summer days. I hope that you are all spreading a little triple b and tropical spirit to your classmates, I know I am! For those of you from Session 1 do you remember all of our adventures at the boating pond? We really are great sailors! I also miss our steal the bacon games that weirdly turned into our own form of football. I hope all of your amazing camp creativity has found its way into your classrooms. For all of

you Session 2 campers I miss our massage trains and our exciting games of Jenga and cornhole. I hope your school spirit is just as enthusiastic as our green team spirit during Olympics! I have our gold medal hanging in my room at school😊. I hope you all have an amazing school year!

Love, Maya

Snackimals

The snack that smiles back... goldfish!!

Hey Snackimals!

I hope you are all having the best year in fourth grade, getting to learn more about snacks, animals, and everything in between. Remember all the re-mem-mories we created? Snackimal gaga will always be a true favorite of mine, with Honest-Tea and sound effects forever making everything better. And all the nights that were had at the museum, the pterodactyl screeches, and funny faces. Then... lunch time! When we were hungry, hungry hippos, searching for the paper of the day. Those silly Snackimals really pushing our creativity with tea-gers, pup-cakes, and doe-ritos, or answering interesting questions. No matter how hungry you get, friends, don't eat a horse!

I know Susannah, Ben, and Aiden miss the many exciting times (and hair styles too). From playing charades on the beach to tunnel tag in the pool to the Independence Relay to hot dog, hot dog, hot diggity dog! Who could forget your favorites of being tangled in a human knot or balancing on the whale watch, either? I know you were all eagerly awaiting my eminence fact, and the true one was... I might have accidentally stood on a manatee. I thought it was a rock! ... Oops.

And don't worry, I won't forget to mention it: Do y'all remember when I LEANED BACK on my clipboard and it broke?! Thankfully, my clipboards have remained unbroken in college. Snackimals, is it just me or does anyone else get On Top of Spaghetti, or should I say Spag-yeti, stuck in their

head randomly? Make everything more fun, just add a pun! Have lots of Spea Sponge Spoaks this year! I mean, Sea Sponge Soak! Maybe make a few of your own tongue twisters, too.

Friends, embrace your creativity, kindness, and silliness as you make the world a brighter place! Wishing you all the best!

- Ariaahna

Amazing Aussie Animals

G'day, mates! (I remembered this time)

I certainly hope y'all are having g'days in fourth grade! Although I'm focusing on my school too, I miss you all dearly. I still can't believe you thought I was from Texas... but it did lead us to become Aussies! Aussie, Aussie, Aussie - Oi! Oi! Oi! I definitely tried my best to make Oi-ers out of all of you.

Remember when the Leadership Team didn't know how to pronounce our name and would say Ay?? Then we would do our own AAAYYYY!!!! Continue to sit in circ-les and enjoy pronouncing your own words in silly ways sometimes. Ladies, do you remember the koalas in the pool? My back sure does. The tea, dance, and animal parties underwater, too! Come to think of it, I'm pretty sure I brought scones every single time.

Can't forget Olympics week - "We are the black team, couldn't be prouder!" What a wonderful week to showcase our teamwork skills and enthusiasm! I recall Mars being quite different; Harper the kangaroo said she and Bun had the best time on Earth, though the water was interesting, according to her. Courtney and Delilah also look fondly back at these many purr-fect memories, filled with Aussie accents, oh-a-milkshake, and even more songs and games!

Oi! Do y'all remember playing gaga, back writing teams, and line tag? What about the koalas and sloths at the eucalyptus forest in high ropes? Our carnival really brought the koala-ty, too. And if you remember anything,

friends, never smile at a crocodile!

Best wishes this year as y'all keep growing, learning, and exploring the world! Aussie-ya later!

- Ariaahna

PS: I am taller than Courtney and all of you! Though that will likely change as you get older.

T.T.E.A.

Hi T.T.E.A.!!

Wendy and Sophia here! We hope you are all having a great school year. We wish we were at high ropes singing "Don't Look Down" and hitting the woah as much as possible. We miss cheering on the belly flop boy in the pool and throwing all of you (even though Wendy can't throw far). We hope you guys remember all of our cheers ("Boom Boom you Know We Got the Tea," "T.T.E.A. Let's go", "F is for friends who spill tea together, U is for Unicorn Charlie!!, N is for anytime Wendy's at the beach. Oh! Our group has the tea").

Do you guys remember our dance battles?!? We are still undefeated!! Remember to stay hydrated ;) Lots of love to Eloise and Emily, for being the best CILTS we could've asked for.

We are so beyond happy that we all got so close this summer and all made new friends!! We both miss you very much and wish we were back at camp! The future looks bright for each and every one of you and we're so proud! We miss you guys sooooo much...

Lots of Love, Wendy & Sophia

B.B.S.T.

Hi B.B.S.T.!!

Wendy and Sophia here! We've been cleaning up trash at the beach, SAVE THE TURTLES (or sloths). We hope you guys are having an amazing school year! We miss taking the bus down to Zuma (aka Wendy's happy place). We wish we were climbing high ropes right now, playing chameleon, and contact. We hope you guys didn't forget our

cheers (B.B.S.T. B.B.S.T. let's go!).

Do you remember how much fun boating was the last week of camp! You guys made the best boats!!! We will miss challenging Ariahna's group to "We Got the Spirit" and seeing how long they were in the rainforest! Lots of love to Julia and Benny for being such great CILTS! They made the summer so much fun!

We loved getting to know you this summer and watching you getting to know each other! All of you guys are going to do great things in the future and we are so beyond proud of you guys. We miss you guys sooooo much...

Lots of Love, Wendy & Sophia

CK CIT-Its & Woah W.O.A.H.

HELLO!! I miss seeing all of you beautiful smiling faces every day, but I know that you guys are ROCKING middle school! I wish I could hug all of you right now, but summer is right around the corner and I can't wait to be reunited with my champs and helpers!! I had the most fantastic summer with all of you and I hope you guys did as well. Remember when we spied on B89 and caught them in their act of taking trash? Or when we got a tour of the camp fridge?! Or, my favorite...eating lunch and talking about the funniest, most random things! I miss you all so much!!

Also, special shout out to our AMAZING CILTS Nico, Emma, Sarah, and Nicole.

Thank you all for such a wonderful summer

Love, Sarah/Mom

P.S. STAY SAUCEY

Hämbörgör & Beans of Can

Hello Hämbörgörs and Beans of Can!!!

I hope you are all having a great school year and 8th/9th grade is everything you hoped it would be! I miss you all and can't stop thinking about all of the fun times we had this

summer. Some of you might remember the high fives ALL around camp (shout-out Session 1), the sock fiasco in our end-of-the-day reflection room, the day we all got bullseyes, the 3"ITs" and 3"ice teas" from both sessions, Beanie from Camp Red Rock (shout-out Session 2), juice bars on Friendship Hill, fun and funny beach memories, and so many more!!

I loved watching all of you grow throughout the summer and try new things with a courage I was very impressed by. All the campers in the groups you went into had so much fun and I hope you can all look back on the summer and feel very proud!

I think it's awesome and hilarious our themes both sessions ended up being food-related and I hope whenever you think of hamburgers and beans, you think of camp and all the fun we had as CITs this past summer! Thank you for such an amazing summer, I absolutely loved being your CIT counselor!

Hääämbörgör.... yuuuum!!!

Bean Pose!!!

Miss you, Lanna

From Specialists:

Animals & Ponies

Hello Camp Kinneret Campers!

We hope you've had a blast this school year! It was so much fun getting to know you all and we know the animals loved all of the pets & treats that you gave them. From feeding and brushing to riding and obstacle courses, it was so much fun watching you all learn and grow at the farm. You've all become amazing little farmers. Thank you all so much for making this summer an unforgettable one!

Love,
Jasmine, Lauren, & Mhaya

P.S. Lots of love from Woody, Buzz, Sequoia, Montana, Brownie, Pickles, Jax, Pepper & Millie!

High Ropes

This summer has been truly amazing! Each and every one of you has impressed me with your courage to try new things, your bravery when doing something scary, and your ability to challenge yourself further after an accomplishment. It warmed my heart to watch that growth. It was my first summer at Kinneret, and I can confidently say it was the right idea for me to come to this camp.

I've learned a great deal about how to have fun while still teaching something important. We learned about "The Worrier/Warrior" voices in our heads. I've seen you all listen to "The Warrior" inside to overcome those scary moments or those extra challenges you've given yourself. It's the right idea to take that lesson with you. This will come in handy when meeting new people, trying new sports or activities, or being a leader. Please continue loving the scary things, like roller coasters and scary movies, because that's where so much of the fun in life is. And when you hear "The Warrior" in your head saying, "You can do it!" I hope you hear my voice too, saying, "That's the right idea!"

-Joe

Wilderness

Hello Wilderness Friends!

How is it already fall? I wonder what Wilderness looks like this time of year? What new plants might be blooming or changing colors? What animals have taken up residence in our forts? Those forts were surprisingly sturdy! Not only were your creations very inventive but also showed off your engineering skills! Though camp may seem far away right now all those skills we practiced in Wilderness are still part of you. Any time you are missing camp just take a look around at your surroundings and use them to build a little bit of Wilderness.

Can't wait to see you again!

-Wilderness Wizard, Kelly

Rock Wall

Hello! Thank you for making this summer a great one. This was my first year at camp, so I really did not know what to expect when I got off the bus that first day. I got to meet so many new faces and make so many new friends that you really made camp feel like a second home to me. Thank you for being brave with me and climbing the rock wall, even though it seemed scary. We got to climb it blindfolded, play red-light green-light, and even let our Camp Red Rock friend Jurgen help out for the day. You climbed higher and higher as the weeks progressed, and I couldn't be more proud. We went over what ROCKWALL stands for every day and we all played fun games in the shade while our other friends were climbing.

I miss you all and I hope you are having a great time at school. Thank you for climbing with me.

Love,
Charlie

Nature & Garden

Hi Campers!

Summer at camp was unbelievable, getting to talk to all of you was so fun! We were blown away everyday by how much you all knew. Whether it was about nature, space, animals, or science you were all so smart and creative. We know sometimes camp feels like months away but before you know it your next summer will be around the corner. You can do anything you put your heart and mind towards. We miss everybody from camp very much.

Sincerely,
Harrison, Chloe, & Kelly

Performing Arts

Hello everyone! I can't believe summer is over! With the seasons changing and the year coming to an end I can't help but miss camp and all of your sweet dance moves! I still dance to the Cowboy Boogie whenever I hear it!

YEEHA! GB is doing well and enjoying his winter vacation! He talks about all of your puppets and their wonderful personalities all the time, and he can't wait to see them as soon as he gets back to camp. Don't worry, he is eating lots and lots of ice-cream, with the whipped cream, and the sprinkles, and the CHOCOLATE SAUCE!!!!

I'll always remember how much fun we had pretending, laughing, playing and just being ourselves. We danced, we pretended, we mimed, and we learned how to juggle!! This summer I really got to see all of you blossom and open up and become creative, goofy, amazing individuals. Thank you for making this an amazing summer!

-Kristen and GB

Swim

Hi Campers! We hope you are having an amazing time at school! We wish we were back at camp with you playing with the basketballs, jumping off the diving board, and watching all your cool underwater tricks! A game of water ball would be so amazing right about now! Hopefully all the fun memories we've made here at the pool are helping you make it through the year! We were so proud watching each of you gain new skills and confidence in the water each time you visited us at the pool. We can't wait for summer to begin again so we can have so many more adventures together! See you super soon!

-The CK Lifeguards

Arts & Crafts

Happy Fall to all you artsy and crafty campers out there. Dave and Sasha here. You're all back in school now and we know you are doing your best in your classrooms and having fun on the playground. It's been months since camp ended (sad face), and we're thinking back to all that we did in Arts and Crafts. We think most of the projects allowed you to use your imagination and creativity in making

your projects, like the Kaleidoscopes and Tropical Shell Kits, the Alien Name Creatures and Sand Art; Origami and Paper Plate and Paper Roll Crafts. We were very happy that we introduced Artist's Week this summer. Each tribe got to experience a difference classical artist. The Miwoks got to do Pointillism, the Chumash were introduced to Wassily Kandinsky, and the Navajos tried their hand at Piet Mondrian. If you are able to, check online for 36 ELEMENTARY ART LESSONS FOR KIDS. You'll find these artists and many more. You may even do some of them in school. Remember Tie Dye week? A lot of colorful designs to choose from, from Bullseye and Fireworks to Pyramid and Yin Yang. We might have a Rainbow design for next summer. How do your shirts look now?

For those of you who were in Session One, do you remember collaging the 65? Each group had a small part of the 65 to decorate with colored sand, beads, sequins, shells, etc. Everyone did a magnificent job. This was made to help celebrate Camp Kinneret's 65th Anniversary. The collage was on display at the 65th celebration at camp on July 27th. It's also been set up outside Arts and Crafts as well during 2nd session. Thank you to all who contributed their artistic talents to that project.

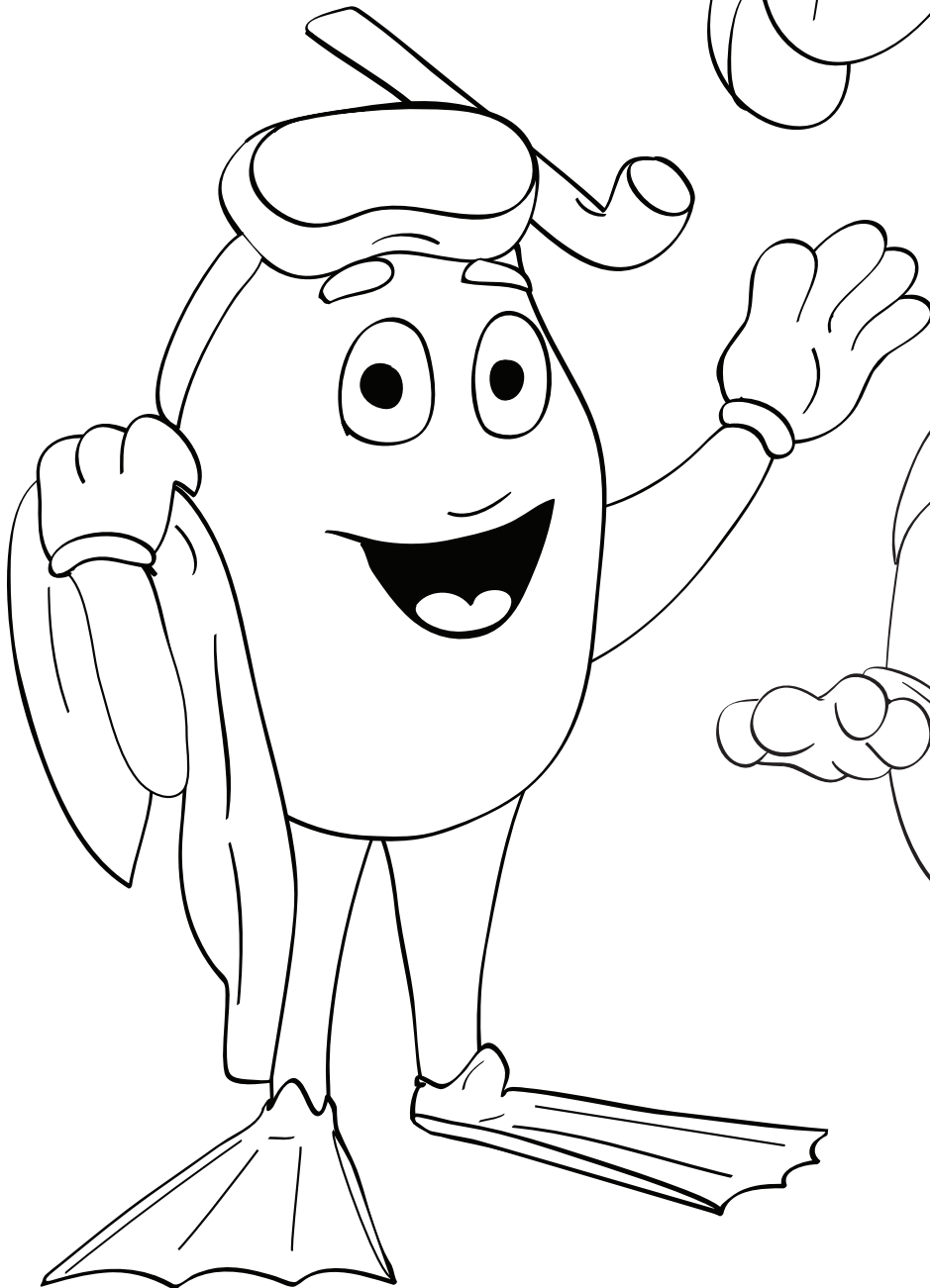
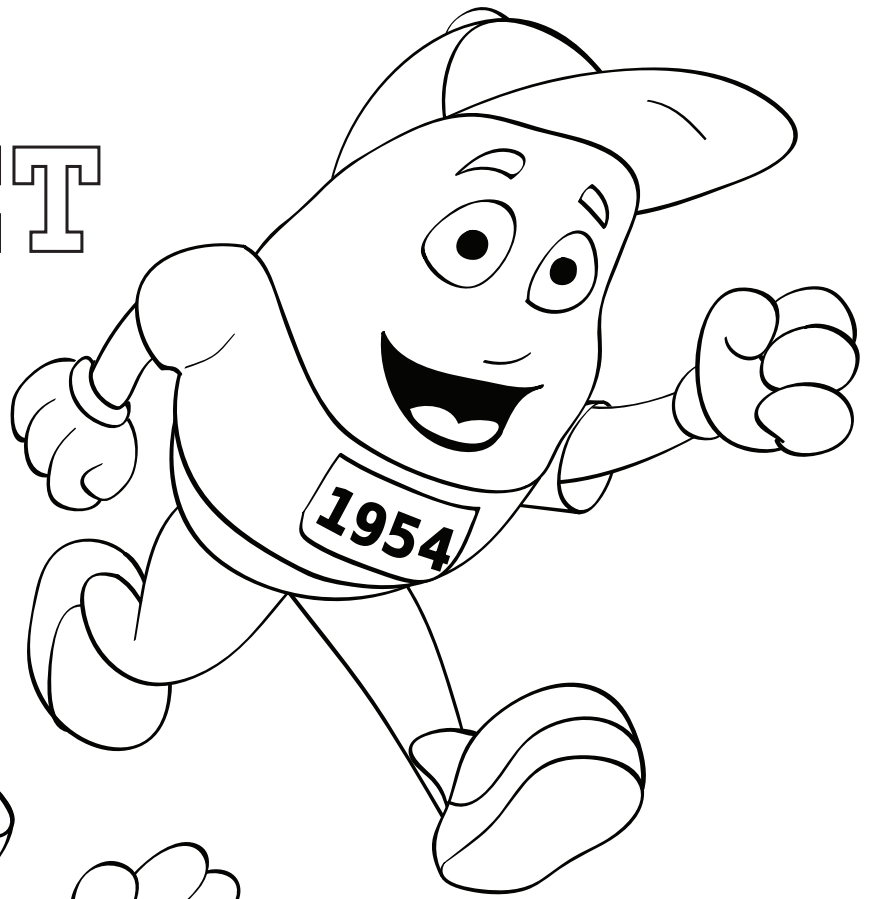
It was also rewarding to see you all work together as a team when you were creating your own group banners, and your team Olympic Banners. They all turned out so beautiful. Teamwork is a very valuable skill to learn, one you can use in school and throughout your life. For those who were there for week 9, you got the challenge of lanyards. Lanyards requires a lot of patience and determination. It was great seeing a lot of you trying to master the skill, and succeeding. Don't ever give up on anything you do. Have a lot of fun in school this year and we'll see you all next summer.

-Dave and Sasha

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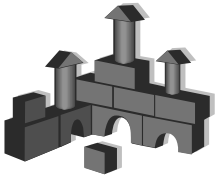


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