

WEEK 7 REMINDERS!

Camp Kinneret Highlights

July 31 - August 4

Dear Friends,

We had an awesome beginning to Session Two and are looking forward to an even more amazing Week 7! Please read through this email for information and reminders about the week ahead!

OLYMPICS WEEK!

This Monday will mark the beginning of our 38th annual Camp Kinneret Olympics! Our camp groups are divided into team colors to match the colors of the Olympic rings. The Olympics have become an awesome tradition at Camp Kinneret with events like track meets, swim meets, and so much more throughout the week. The excitement of the events is heightened by team banners, cheers, statues, and awards ceremonies. We wish the best of luck to all of the Olympians. Next week we will provide you with a full report of the activities and results from our week of fun and games. Campers often like to add to their team spirit by wearing their team colors if possible.

The teams are listed by counselor and group number below. If you're not sure what group your camper is in, check the inside of their lunch bag**!

Blue Team: Madena (A5), Brandon & Sarah (Q1d), Ainsley & Lesly (Q1e), Ava & Leora (O3b), Emma & Max (C67)

Yellow Team: Grace & Maddie (A1), Griffen & Abby (Q1a), Paulina & Jacob (Q2e), Hadley & Benny (O3d), Michael (O4c), Andy & Emily (C56)

White Team: Zannah & Tristen (A4), Kendall & Leah (Q1b), Ali & Natalia (Q1c), Luis & Sabrina (O3c), Jamie & Anna (O34), Aaron & Cynthia (C5B)

Green Team: Juleeana (A2), Sasha (Q2b), Ileanna (Q2d), Connor & Carolyn (O3a), Hunter & Siena (O4a), Victoria (CIT)

Red Team: Inty (A3), Cory & Gwen (Q2a), Nicole & Joey (O3e), Ben (O4b), Evan & Gigi (C5a)

** If your camper has not started camp yet, you already received an additional email with your group and Olympic team color information!

TIE-DYE NEXT WEEK

All next week, **August 7th–11th**, we will be tie-dyeing in Arts & Crafts. Campers are scheduled to tie-dye on different days throughout the week. Please send an extra white T-shirt with your camper every day next week until it comes home dyed. Your Camp Kinneret shirt works great! Once your camper has tie-dyed their shirt, there is no need to send another.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR CAMPER’S FIRST AND LAST NAME ON THE T-SHIRT TAG!!!!

It is a good idea to have your camper wear something that they wouldn’t mind getting dye on – sometimes the tie-dyeing process results in splashes or drips!

Hint: Please read the instructions that come home with your shirt to help it to retain its color! You can also find instructions by [clicking here](#).



CILTs ARE CHANGING

Many of you have probably heard your campers talk about their CILTs when recapping their camp days. You've probably also wondered what a CILT is! CILT (pronounced silt) stands for Camp Internship for Leadership Training. These special high school volunteers have been chosen to participate in our training program. They are learning the skills to become great counselors in the future. In most cases a CILT stays with the same group for two or three weeks. They help the counselor create the fun that makes Camp Kinneret special. The current CILT rotation ends this week and next Monday most will join new groups for the remainder of the session. Please remember that sometimes getting used to the change of faces takes some time, especially for younger campers.

HIKING TO THE LEMONADE TOWER & OG'S THRONE

Hiking is one of the special outdoor activities at Camp Kinneret. Parents and campers often have lots of great questions about hiking at camp...

4th graders and younger hike to a water tower (otherwise known as the Lemonade Tower) located on the hill behind camp. Hiking to the Lemonade Tower is a wonderful adventure. Each hiking group brings up lots of water and once they are at the tower, some of the water magically changes to lemonade! Some groups insist that this magic is done by the mermaids that live inside the tower and sometimes groups even get to talk to the mermaids! It's fun to look down over camp from the Lemonade Tower! The trail has been cleared (about 8-10 feet wide), so campers hike in their regular clothes. Although the hike is an adventure for little legs, the hike takes about 8-10 minutes for adults. All Sparrow, Quail, & Owl groups (pre-k through 4th grade) are scheduled for hikes at least once during the session; however if it gets too hot, we will cancel hikes and try to reschedule before the end of the summer.

Og's Throne is a hike specially designed for the Condor flock (campers entering 5th grade and up) and is incorporated into our Nature program. These campers will visit Captain Jack's lookout point, identify native plants along the way, and will have a great view overlooking the hills of Agoura once they reach the throne. Some groups have already been on the hike and others will be going later in the session.

FUEL YOUR CAMPERS WITH BREAKFAST EACH MORNING

Please help ensure a great day by encouraging your camper to eat a hearty breakfast on camp mornings. We're on the go all day and a full tank to start the day makes a huge difference.

Also, send a healthy and substantial lunch with your camper each day. We are very active and need lots of protein and carbohydrates to keep us going. You may be surprised, but your campers will probably eat more during the summer than a regular day at school, so please pack a little extra in their lunch. Of course, we are drinking lots of water throughout the day to keep us hydrated as well!



MAKING NEW FRIENDS?

We will be emailing group rosters with contact information for each of your camper's group members. Rosters will include home & cell phone numbers as well as email addresses for both of the people listed as adults in each household. Keep an eye out for the email at the end of the week!

NEED TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD EARLY? NEED TO BRING YOUR CHILD LATE?

If you know you will need to pick your child up early, or drop them off late, please let us know before the day of the change or as early as possible on the day of the change. It is much harder on everyone (Office Staff, Bus Captain, Group Counselors, etc.) when we don't find out about a change until the last minute. Please help us by contacting us as soon as you know you need to make a change to your camper's transportation!

Reminder: If you need to pick up your camper early, there is no pickup between 2-4pm as we prepare for the end of the day.

ADDING EXTRA DAYS

If your camper is having so much fun that they want to come to camp for an extra day (or more!), you are welcome to call the camp office to see if space is available in their group. Simply give us a call the week before the extra day you'd like to schedule and the office staff will be happy to see if the space is available. The fee for each additional day is \$140 and days must be scheduled during your camper's enrolled session.

BIRTHDAYS AT CAMP

If your child's birthday is during their time at camp, we have some exciting birthday traditions to help them celebrate! We've got a birthday bell, a fancy birthday button, and our traditional silly Kinneret birthday song to make the day special. Note: Please do not send food treats for your camper's group as there may be allergies.

CAMP PHOTOS!

The first week of Session Two has been a blast and we want you to see a little bit of the fun we've had! Each week we will post our collection of photos on a password protected site for families who are enrolled in Session Two. Please enjoy the photos and keep the password private. The password is 'S2ck23w6789!'. You can find the photos here: <https://ck.camp/s2w6-photos>.

Please note that, while we try to get a diverse collection of photos, we know we likely missed some campers and groups along the way.

T-SHIRTS, LUNCH BAGS & MORE!

Every camper should have received their Camp Kinneret t-shirt along with their blue Camp Kinneret lunch bag! And if you ordered a water bottle, they should have received that as well. If your camper didn't come home with these items, just give us a call to let us know. If your camper came home with the wrong size shirt, let us know and then send it back so we can get them the correct size! (Any campers starting next week will receive these items on their camper's first day.)

Camp Kinneret has partnered with a handful of camps across the country to bring our families this podcast! Featuring child development professionals inside and out of the summer camp industry, there are over 30 episodes of great tips, tricks and lessons we use to make camp the special place it is!



A-PARENTLY PODCAST

The Gift of Independence and Failure

with Brooke Cheley-Klebe & Jeff Cheley

We know that a strong, independent child is something that we, as parents, should strive to raise. We also know that in order for kids to be independent they need to be prepared for the consequences of being independent. And what we ALSO know (that our children may not know), is that with the privilege of independence, comes the distinct possibility of failure. It's a tricky balance to navigate, but we need to make sure the prospect of failure doesn't scare them (or us) away from independence in the first place. It's a good thing that we have folks like Brooke and Jeff Cheley from Cheley Colorado Camps to help us figure this out! Brooke and Jeff treat both independence and failure as the bread and butter of the summer camp experience and are extremely intentional about how they build this with their staff and camper communities. Tune in to this episode for lots of great ways to take these concepts and apply the to the day to day of your family life.

CLICK HERE TO START LISTENING!

THE GREAT KINNERET SLEEPOUT II

(Friday, 8/11 - Saturday, 8/12)

If your camper would like to join us for this fun annual tradition, please complete the online signup form by Friday, August 4th



For more information and instructions for how to sign up,
[click here!](#)



DIGITAL HIGHLIGHTS

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