

# KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS

## Fall Edition

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MEMORIES FROM OUR 69<sup>TH</sup> 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 staff for all our campers and their families to read and enjoy! There are notes from all your specialists and counselors. You can read their messages and remember everything you learned and experienced during the summer of 2023!

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

### CAMP KINNERET ENROLLMENT FOR 2024

Next summer will be here before we know it! Returning family enrollment begins Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and you should receive an email with enrollment information by December 28<sup>th</sup>. As a returning Camp Kinneret family, you will have priority over new families in January. Applications are processed in the order in which they are received, so apply as early as possible for the best chance of getting your preferred schedule! Families who are new to Kinneret can submit their applications starting on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Ask your friends to contact us today to be added to our mailing list.

### 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](http://campkinneret.com/giving)

### THE SECRETS OF SUMMER CAMP TO RAISE HEALTHY RESILIENT KIDS

We're thrilled to provide a private, child development-centered podcast that is produced just for you, parents of camp-aged children. Parenting is hard and we want to help you understand what we are thinking about when we are planning for each summer. We have teamed up with 9 other camps across the country, along with published experts in the child development field, to address topics that matter to you with [The A-Parently Podcast](#). To listen to the most recent episode, *Dialing Down Anxiety with Nature and Play* with Dr. Mandi Baker, or any of the other 35 episodes, visit: [ck.camp/a-parently](http://ck.camp/a-parently)

### THE CAMP KINNERET STAFF

#### **Did you know that...?**

- New staff attend group and individual interviews and must provide 3 strong references.
- We re-interview all returning former staff each year to ensure that they will continue to have a positive impact in camp.
- Staff members participate in a mandatory conditional drug testing program and are subject to random testing throughout the summer.
- We conduct yearly professional background checks on all our new and returning staff.
- Our staff members attend 40 hours of staff orientation and training before camp begins.
- All our staff members attend weekly evening staff meetings throughout the summer.
- Our CILTs (high school interns) attend pre-camp training and orientation as well as 1-on-1 goals meetings and weekly group meetings.

### 2023 Group Photos

In December, we will mail group photos along with a personalized letter from your counselor to your campers' group members! Look for them in the mail!



**Do you know any high school students (currently in 9<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> grades) who enjoy working with children? Someone who wants to make an impact this summer and work on new skills? Tell them about our CILT program! Learn more here: [campkinneret.com/CILT](http://campkinneret.com/CILT)**

## **FROM GROUP COUNSELORS:**

### **Time-Traveling Toy BLDRS & Kurious Kitties**

Hi Toy Builders and Kurious Kitties! Wow, we miss you all so much! We hope you're all having a fantastic time in school and singing lots of Re-mem-mem and Little Red Wagon! During the summer, we got to watch you make new friends and become more independent, and we are so proud of each and every one of you! We hope you're trying your best in school and treating your classmates with kindness! Even your counselors are in school right now, but we definitely wish we were still at camp! Solving riddles and cheering on our friends at archery are two of our favorite memories!

Session One, who remembers all those times we went on a search for our pet ant, Antonio? Good news, he has been found and he is safe and sound in the planter at sidewalk chalk! We always had the best of times at sidewalk chalk! We miss playing telephone with you all and seeing how fast we can run up Friendship Hill! We wish we could enjoy juice bars together again and share our favorite parts of the camp day. It was so exciting when we got rewarded for being the Sparrow group who got the most riddles right!

Session Two, Olympic week was one of our favorite memories and winning FIRST PLACE was unforgettable! Go Yellow Team! Also, hiking to the Mermaids' Lemonade Tower and drinking their lemonade was so much fun! The hike was not easy, but you all tried your best and made it to the top! This group of Sparrows always had the best attitude and positive energy! We miss playing telephone with you all and seeing how fast we can run up Friendship Hill! We wish we could enjoy juice bars together again and share our favorite parts of the camp day.

Although we miss you greatly, we hope this school year is going well! We enjoyed every second this summer at camp and we hope you did too! Thank you for the fun and joy you brought to camp!

All our best, Grace & Maddie

### **Sweet Spooky Skeletons & Wonder Wolves**

How are the Sweet Spooky Skeletons and Wonder Wolves DOING??!! I hope kindergarten is as awesome as you hoped it would be. I can't wait to hear about all the interesting topics you will learn about this year. Since camp has ended, I have been exploring new hiking trails in California. But nothing beats my memories of hiking with you all to the Lemonade Tower! Even when days were hot, we had the best time and the Mermaids made some of the best lemonade for us to enjoy. Remember when we got to the top and we shouted "HELLOOOO" to everyone at the pool? I still wonder if they heard us or not.

Speaking of the pool, swimming was one of my favorite activities with you, I loved seeing you all become big fishies and some of you even jump from the diving board. Does anyone miss the animals like me?! I especially miss making salads for the goats and getting to paint the ponies. There are so many things I miss about camp like chasing you all playing My Friend Sam, solving the riddles, Would You Rather, and This or That at lunch time. Everyone had the silliest questions and answers every time.

However, I miss you all THE MOST! I hope you are continuing to be brave, good listeners, great communicators, and even better swimmers. Have an awesome school year!!

Big hugs,  
Juleeana

(p.s. would you rather live in the clouds or underwater?)

### **Cotton Candy AnIMals & Super Sticky Finders**

Hello Cotton Candy Animals and Super Sticky Finders!

YOU CAN'T RIDE IN MY COTTON CANDY MACHINE!! THE SPINNER IS BROKEN AND THE SUGAR IS GREEN!

YOU CAN'T RIDE IN MY SUPER MOBILE THE FRONT SEAT'S STICKY AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR AN EEL!

Oh how I miss you so much! I hope you are all doing so wonderfully in

kindergarten and enjoying it to the fullest. I hope you haven't forgotten about all of our fun times at camp.

Cotton Candy Animals, do you remember how much fun we had playing animal gaga, swimming, playing at the field, and of course my favorite Cotton Candy red light green light?

And... Super Sticky Finders (assemble)! Do you all remember how much fun we had at sidewalk chalk, playing super lava gaga, walking around camp to find magical creatures, swimming, and another one of my favorites Super Stickies Walking Down the Street!?

I can't believe summer is already over and it is now fall. I have just been busy with my writing and working my other job. I'm keeping busy but not as busy as walking around and playing all day with you guys. I definitely had an amazing summer thanks to you all and the thought of your wonderful smiles keeps me so happy. Have you guys made any obstacle courses at home or at school? Session 1 do you guys ever think about how great you did at the relay race and session 2 do you guys think about how great you did at the Olympics!? I am so proud of each of you.

Thank you, Cotton Candy Animals, for starting my position as a counselor off with a sweet, delightful start and thank you Super Sticky Finders for ending it with super sticky blast. I wish you all the best in all that you do! Continue to have a great school year!

The greatest thing you can do is try, and you all tried. Whether it was participating in games, or making new friends and that my wonderful campers is what I call success.

Love always,  
Your Counselor, Inty  
(Hope to see you next year!)

### **The Underwater Fixer Uppers & Fire Ants**

Hello Underwater Fixer Uppers and Fire Ants! We hope you are having a great time in school teaching your friends some of the fun games we played during the summer.

“Marco”? Did you say “Polo”? Great memory Underwater Fixer Uppers! We had so much fun swimming every day learning how to scoop ice cream. Do you remember building cars and anything you imagined at Buidly Bobs? We loved your creativity!

Where is Antony and Antoinette Fire Ants? I remember all of you finding them and having so much fun! Your teamwork was GREAT! Fire Ants, tiny and mighty! White Team did an AMAZING job at Olympics. Thank you for a fun summer!

We hope you all continue to learn and grow in kindergarten this year and we hope to see you next summer!

With love,  
Zannah and Tristen

### **The Sunscreen Society & Fur-Ever Friends**

Hi The Sunscreen Society & Fur-Ever Friends!! Wow! It feels just like yesterday we were back at camp playing our favorite activities. Time does fly! How are you guys doing? I really hope you are having a great school year so far! I just know you are all being the best students. I miss you so much. I miss our random dance breaks, our jokes, your laughs, your guys' big warm hugs, and most importantly seeing your smiles while you're having fun!

I started my first semester of grad school, it's been fun, but boy am I busy! I would much rather play a game of gaga with all of you! Continue to be the great, fun, and smart kids I know you are! Wish I could have spent more time with you!

Lots of love,  
Madena :)

### **Riddle World**

RIDDLERS! Whoa! I cannot believe you are all in school and hopefully having a wonderful time! I miss you all so much, and I have been thinking about those silly would-you-rathers at lunch. I think I'd rather have an elephant trunk than a giraffe neck. Easier to eat delicious juice bars!

Do you know what I miss more than anything?! Making those silly animal noises at the other groups. Mostly the

SQUAWKING at the birds we saw!

I'll never forget when the Mermaids splashed me with so much delicious lemonade it soaked my whole shirt!

I hope you're having just the best time at school, using good listening ears, and having fun learning. Sending you so much love and lots of brain power to help with more RIDDLES!!

Love,  
Griffen

### **Pigeon Paper Pirates**

Ahoy Mateys!

How are you? We hope your school years have gotten off to a great start and first grade is amazing so far!! We're back at our school-year jobs, but we'd much rather be setting new camp records and asking would-you-rather questions at lunch! (Would you rather fly to the moon or swim to the very bottom of the ocean?)

Second session was full of so many fun memories and it was awesome watching all of you grow and take turns leading the group. Remember the time you all won Monster Gaga? Or the time we won the silver medal for the Good Morning Mountain Run? Or when we couldn't stop singing that one song? How'd it go? Dada ding da ding dadoodoo!!! You all were so silly. We had such an awesome summer getting to know each and every one of you and wish we could do it all over again!

Arrrrrggghhh,  
Abby and Griffen

### **Kind Swimming Bunnies & Cotton Candy Bubble Machine**

Hi Kind Swimming Bunnies and Cotton Candy Bubble Machine,

We miss you all so much and wish we could go right back to camp but we know you are having the best time in first grade. We went back to school too and are learning all kinds of new things just like you. New school years can bring new challenges but we know you are all trying your best just like you did at camp this summer! While camp is over for now, we wanted to remind you of some of our favorites from this summer!

Kind Swimming Bunnies, remember when Kendall and Leah went to Camp Red Rock on Mars and you showed Hip and Hop how things work at Camp Kinneret? Or remember when we built a GIANT cup tower at Blocks?!

Cotton Candy Bubble Machine, do you remember helping Team Paper Planes earn points in Pictionary during the Kinneret Olympics? Or when we played parachute games and worked hard to get the ball into the parachute hole! We sure do!

We miss all of your smiling faces and hope to see you again next summer!

With Love, Kendall and Leah

### **Silly Seahorse Friends & Burrito Buddies**

Hi Silly Seahorse Friends and Burrito Buddies!

We miss you all so much! We are both having a great time in college, but we'd much rather be at camp with all of you. We always wish we were back at camp and playing hydration gaga every single day! Do you remember our friendship web that we did on our last days of camp? We both have our bracelets from the friendship web to remind us of all of the memories that we made with all of you this summer. We got so lucky with every single one of you in our group. It wouldn't have been the same without all of you! We hope you're having an amazing school year and we can't wait to see you all again next summer!

Love, Ali and Natalia

### **Supersonic Space Cadets**

Dear Super Sonic Space Cadets,

We hope you are all having an amazing school year and are excited for all the new fun and exciting things you guys get to do this year. Even though the weather's a bit chilly lately, there is nothing that would feel better than a refreshing cup of lemonade from the Lemonade Tower. It feels like just yesterday that we did our first Lemonade Tower hike. Even though it's sunny where Brandon is in Santa Barbara, Sarah says she sure misses free swim and the warm summer days with

all the snow falling on her campus. There's nothing we miss more than enjoying a nice cold juice bar with you guys and singing along to our favorite spirit song on the grass by Friendship Hill. We can't wait for summer to come around and be back on Good Morning Mountain again soon.

From your favorite space cadets,  
Brandon & Sarah C.

P.S. We've been obsessed with finding Milkways this semester.

### Table Talk

To our favorite table talkers,

We can't believe it's already fall! We can't imagine how much fun you are all having in school right now. Sarah says the snow falling around her school reminds her of water-flavored juice bars YUM!! We miss you all so very much and all the awesome memories we made at camp. As our schools get ready for homecoming week, we can't help but remember the amazing work you guys did for Olympics week! We all had so much spirit and every day felt like a new challenge. Boy, we can't wait for those long summer days to come back and to share a juice bar with all of you by Friendship Hill. We hope you have a blast with the rest of the school year and can't wait to see you guys at Good Morning Mountain next summer!

Your favorite table talkers,  
Sarah & Brandon C

P.S. The strongest tables work together to support themselves!

### Space Sheriffs & Subway Surfers

HOWDY SPACE SHERIFFS!!  
COWABUNGA SUBWAY SURFERS!!

First and foremost, we need to say thank you. Getting to be your counselors was the best thing ever, and we cherish all the time spent together. Thank you for showing us to appreciate all the little things in life because sometimes we just need a little bit of happiness out of the small stuff. All the beautiful memories that were created will forever stay with us. With that being said, we hope each and every one of you are having an amazing school year filled with laughter

and joy. Study hard and remember to always try your hardest, and to never give up! We can't wait to hear all about the fun things you did, and maybe you could teach us a thing or two. We've also been staying busy with school and work, but all your smiley faces are always in our mind.

Lots of love, Lesly & Ainsley  
P.S. What do you call a happy cowboy? – A jolly rancher!!!

P.P.S. If surfers come together.... is that considered a board meeting..?

P.P.P.S. We miss you so much!!



### Camp Birds

Hello Camp Birds!

We hope you're enjoying your time back at school! Wow, you must be so proud to be growing and learning brand new things about yourselves and the world every day. It's been a little while since we've seen your bright and smiling faces at Camp Kinneret and we have to say that we miss you so much. We had such a fantastic time with you over the summer, and wanted to check in to say hello and tell you that we are always thinking about you.

Thinking back on summer, what was your favorite part about camp and being a Camp Bird? Was it our riddle cheer? Was it Goo-Goo-Gaga? Discussing what kind of bird you wanted to be? Taking Cory's hat and getting it dirty!? Or maybe it was being a pretty kitty! It could have been all of these things, because for us, there really are too many wonderful camp memories to choose a favorite!

From Good Morning Mountain starting the day, to cooling off in the swimming pool, or having Juice Bars at the end of the day, you all were so great to be around during our session together. You were respectful of each other, listened when asked to and were patient and

kind when others needed help or needed cheering-up. You made us smile a lot and that's all that matters at the end of the day.

Even when we're not together we're always singing "Re-mem-mem, Re-mem-mem-member" in our heads as we are going through our days. It reminds us of all the fun times laughing, and memories we made on Friendship Hill and during those hot days at camp, circling-up, learning names, or learning a new game or activity. Through our ups and our downs, being a camp bird was pretty cool, and above it all we challenged ourselves, worked together as a team and grew into better and brighter campers and counselors by the end of our time at Camp Kinneret.

And as we do at the end of every day, let's do a cheer for old time's sake...

Riddle Cheer... Camp Birds?

CAMP BIRDS! FLY, FLY!

We hope to see you all very soon because you're so special to us and we can't thank you enough for making it a summer to re-mem-member!

Your friends and counselors,  
Cory & Amanda

P.S. Pretty Kitty says hello! Meowwwwww

### Psychic Dancing Dolphins

Psychic Dancing Dolphins,

Wow, it's been so long since we've seen you! You must be so busy with school and meeting new friends... We couldn't be happier for you! Time has gone by so fast, it seems like yesterday we were chanting on Good Morning Mountain and deciding which Juice Bars were our favorites. Are swimming and Gaga still your favorite activities at camp or did you change your mind? Do you still choose to live in Sour Cherry, Tropical or Strawberry Town?

Do you remember the Kinneret Olympics, tie-dying your camp shirt, the Great Kinneret Sleepout or the Carnival? Those were some of our favorite highlights of the summer. Our most favorite highlights were spending time with you all and making memories that we will always have together. Now that we're back at school ourselves, we think



of you studying, learning, and growing just like you did at camp. We hope we guided you in the right direction to succeed and that we made your time special. We sure had a great time with you all.

Even though we're not petting animals, riding ponies, rowing boats, or doing archery now we all can think back on the fun days we had in the hot summer sun. Even though we're not singing "Re-mem-member", doing gymnastics, running in the rainforest, or riding the whale, we still have the memories of swimming, drinking water in the cool shade, and taking our shoes off for the cold air of the performing arts room.

No matter where you are or what you're doing now, we hope you're doing well. We want to know that you mean so much to us! We wish we were back at camp and can't wait until we see your faces again sometime soon. Until then, be the best person you can be and remember, you're always a part of the Camp Kinneret family! Bye bye for now.

Your friends and counselors,  
Cory & Gwen

### **Super Splashy Sea Dragons & Super Silly Switcher-Uppers**

Hello Super Splashy Sea Dragons & Super Silly Switcher-Uppers!

Wow, I can't believe we've all been back at school for so long now! I hope you're learning so much and having an awesome time in 3rd grade! UCLA is making me study so hard and when I'm in the library all I think about is how much I miss camp and all of your smiling faces! Our group got so silly and had so much fun together, and every single one of you made my time at camp so special. We made such amazing memories last summer and I hope you all will never forget the great times we had; I sure won't!

For our Session One friends, do you remember when Zip Zap visited on Red Rock day? She said you guys were the best Earth group she ever had!

And who can forget about how fun the Olympics was in Session Two--Green Team Lucky Charms forever! We did so great at the Whale Watch competition

that we even got second place in it out of the whole camp!

From our spontaneous opposite day, to finding huge zucchinis in the garden with Gardener John, to our funny skits at Sleepout, all of you are what made my summer so great. Even though I was the counselor, all of you still taught me something: to smile, laugh, and find a way to be silly every day! I hope each and every one of you keeps that positive and joyful energy even when you're not at camp! I'm sure you make your teachers laugh as much as you made me, but hopefully not too much and you're still studying hard! :) My life without you guys is so different, even lunch isn't as fun anymore because I can't solve a riddle with you guys around! I miss Q2B so so much! I hope you're counting down the days until Camp Kinneret starts again;

With splashes, love, and lots of silliness,  
Sasha!

P.S. I can't wait to play a round of water gaga with you all again!

### **Lemonade Oasis**

LEMONADE SPILL!! Hello Lemonade Oasis!! We hope you are having the most amazing time as big second graders!! We miss you so so much and cannot wait to make more camp memories with you next summer. Remember all of our riddle cheers where we would make up some of the silliest chants? We miss eating juice bars with you so so much. Tropical and sour cherry for the win!!

Do you know what we miss the most?? All of our days at arts and crafts where we traced everyone for our group banner! And of course, our amazing CILTs, Carter and John, who helped us make our games super fun! Who do you think is going to be changing room champion next summer?

We miss you all very much, from your songs in front of Good Morning Mountain to Re-Mem-Mem at the end of the day. Make sure to enjoy every moment of second grade and we can't wait to see your smiling faces soon!! Best wishes from the oasis!

Best wishes.  
Sabrina and Cynthia

### **Artsy Astronauts & Magic Swim Team**

Dear Artsy Astronauts & Magic Swim Team,

First, I hope you are all having so much fun and learning so much in the second grade! I miss you all so much, and I can't believe how fast the time went by. It feels like just yesterday we were playing with the animals and going boating! I hope you are all making so many new friends and creating amazing memories to bring with you to camp next summer!

I had so much fun with you all! Our endless days of crazy gaga games, riding ponies, and swimming around! We explored endless new adventures, from hiking to the Lemonade Tower and meeting the Mermaids, to exploring nature and trying archery. I hope you all continue to try your hardest to reach any goal you have!

I'm so proud of how much you all learned and grew up this summer! I miss you all so much and I hope you all continue to make fun memories this year in school. Don't forget to learn a lot too!

Always keep exploring!  
Ileanna

### **Blue Diamond Potatoes United & Nutritional Water**

Blue Diamond Potatoes United and Nutritional Water,

We hope that you are having a wonderful time in 2nd grade! We are both having a great time right now! As fun as the school year can be, we both are looking back on the fun summer we were able to have with all of you. We created a lot of fun memories together! It was great seeing all of you grow as individuals and embracing the Kinneret Spirit! You all helped each other and other campers out so much to have an incredible summer.

We hope you are enjoying school and having fun like learning all about the world, making new friends and trying challenging things. Remember that time when we set a Kinneret record at gaga and hiked to the Lemonade Tower? What about when Camp Red Rock counselors visited Kinneret? It was so funny hearing about what was different on Earth; What a wild day you had with Jaglius and

Kawlana! Don't forget about the time we got gold at the Kinneret Olympics. We had so much fun at the carnival that both of us want to be back at Kinneret right now with all of you! Hopefully, we will see all of you back at Kinneret next summer!

We both miss coming over from the Hyena and Cheetah bus to Good Morning Mountain, and seeing all of your smiling faces with excitement in your eyes about what activities we had that day. We hope that your spirit of being enthusiastic and ready for the day carries over into the school year for you. Thank you all for a fun, great summer! We truly miss all of you!

From,  
Paulina and Jacob

### **Mythical Kinneret Cha-Cha Chickens & Radical Sea Cows**

Mythical Kinneret Cha-Cha Chickens & Radical Sea Cows!

Hello to you terrific third graders! Connor and Carolyn, here! We hope that you all are having a great school year so far. There is no doubt in our minds that you are doing such amazing things this year, and we couldn't be prouder of you all. We miss you all lots and lots!

Even though we are both busy this fall, with our own college classes and new jobs, we can't help but look back and re-mem-member the amazing times that we had at Camp Kinneret this past summer. We wish we could go back and relive the thrilling times that we raced up the hill on our way to upper camp or see the amazing tie dye that you all created. Especially as the weather gets colder, we can't help but reminisce on the times we spent in the pool, splashing around on hot days, or drinking the refreshing lemonade that we were generously given by the Mermaids at the Lemonade Tower! And how could we forget to mention the most important memory of all: getting to know you all, which was definitely the best part of the summer for us. We especially wish that we were back at camp, hanging out and playing games all day long.

We want to especially wish you good luck for the rest of your school year- we both know that you are such unique, talented,

smart, funny, and kind people, and you all will do spectacular things. Soon enough, you will be in fourth grade, and things will only get more exciting from there! Don't forget to work hard, make new friends, and to HAVE FUN in everything you do!! We miss you!

Stay mythical and radical,  
Connor and Carolyn

### **Galactic Federation of Green**

To the Galactic Federation of Green

Hey pals, we hope y'all have been enjoying school so far!!!!!! Have you found more people who love the color green that want to join our Galactic Federation? Don't forget to teach them our signal (the sign for "green" in ASL). Pro-tip, keeping the symbol on you to share with others will make it easier to recognize each other!

Remember our Green Day at camp? We all had so much fun running around and meeting new people! It's crazy how many people wanted to join! We even ran out of all 120 stickers and had to use our backups (We still have quite a few of those!) We really miss you all and hope that you always remember that you have a place in the Federation no matter where you are. We hope that you are looking back on your memories of our time as the GFG fondly, cause we sure are!!

We hope to see you next summer!!!

Greenly,  
Ava and Leora

### **Nature Mystery Pack**

To the Nature Mystery Pack,

AHOOOY THERE, Nature Mystery Pack!!! How is it going? We hope that you have been learning a bunch and having a lot of fun at school!! We have been missing you guys and thinking back to our time at camp!! We loved solving crazy mysteries with you (though a couple have gone unsolved) and opening the Nature Mystery Packs at lunch!! Have you solved any new mysteries recently? We would love to hear about it next time we see you!! It was cool to be able to see everyone's personality through their Mystery Creature and how we'd be able

to tell whose it was just by looking at it. We hope that when you look at your Mystery Creature, you remember our group and the unique pieces that everyone brought to it! We were all a little different but that didn't matter as we were all a part of the Nature Mystery Pack at Camp Kinneret! (No worries if you lost your Mystery Creature, there are plenty of copies :-)) Have a great rest of your year, we hope to see you next summer!!

Until Next Time,  
Ava and Leora

### **Purple Turtles**

Hey there Purple Turtles!

It's been a while since we were all together and we bet you're pretty busy with school now. We are too! But we know you're all doing great because all of you are so wonderful and talented! Remember how all of you always gave everything a try, even when you thought it might be hard? We love the way you always gave everything your best shot and we know you'll keep doing that.

Remember when Tinky Winky and Don came all the way from Camp Red Rock to swap places with us? We missed you so much while we were away on Mars and were so happy when we came back to Earth and got to see you again. Now we are only away at college but we still miss you a lot again.

From the start of the day at Good Morning Mountain, all the way to the end when we sang Re-mem-mem, you made the summer special. We hope you kept the Purple Turtle spirit and are having an amazing time at school.

Best of luck and purple power from  
Renée and Luis

### **Dragon Explorers**

ROARRRR!!! Hi Dragon Explorers!!! We miss you so so much and hope that third grade is your most amazing school year yet!! We miss your smiling faces and funny jokes and wish it was already next summer. Remember our whirlpools in the pool and our basketball games? We can't wait to be back at camp with you!

From getting off the bus in the morning

to juice bars at the end of the day, we miss singing songs and coming up with riddle cheers together. We hope that you guys are having the best time in third grade. You are halfway done with elementary school soon! Remember when we played dragon gaga and roared during our skit performance?? Make sure you never lose your inner dragon.

The Olympics with all of you were so much fun. Remember when you got to dump water all over our heads when you filled our cone up with water? We all did so well in the relays and had so much fun. We hope to see you all soon and see your happy smiling faces again. For now, enjoy school!!

All the best, Sabrina and Luis.



### **Ramen Racers**

Hello Ramen Racers!

Wow! The time flew by! I hope you guys are having a fantastic time in 3rd grade. I'm currently studying at college, but I am missing camp, all of you, and all the unforgettable memories we made together. I'll never forget our water wars, snacks and rollercoasters on Whale Watch, and fun times in the boating pond! Also, when we all wore our Ramen Noodles at the end of Red Rock Day. Ramen misses you guys too! I'm so proud of you all, and I'm so happy I got to know all of you and be your counselor! I hope the rest of the school year goes well and you guys have the best time! I'm excited to see you next summer!

Your Ramen Racers counselor,  
Hadley

### **No Problem Bananas**

Hey No Problem Bananas!

We hope you are all having a great start to your school year and your lessons are truly "a-peeling", ha! We're at school right now studying, but we really miss seeing all of you every day and spending our days having fun together and learning new things. We especially miss our intense games of gaga, running in the rainforest, and the great and funny conversations we would have every day at lunch. We really got to know each other by the end of the session!

Have a great rest of the year, and hopefully we see all of you back at camp!

Lots of love!

-Hadley and Benny

### **Fruit Punch**

Here's your fruit, here's your punch! Hi Fruit Punch, we miss you all so much. We hope you're doing great in third grade. We are at college, studying away but thinking of you guys! We love memories like our Fruit Punch Friday and all the umbrellas we gave out, how you guys helped the White Team take the lead with how fast you were, all of our freeze games during transitions, and our fun riddle cheers!

It was always so much fun to be around your silliness and creativity, from making up new games to our Fruit Punch song. (How great it would be, for you to swim with me? How great would it taste? A strawberry milkshake!) We hope school is going well, and you're learning so much! Continue being the fun, adventurous, and energetic kids that you all are. It was such a fun summer with you all, we wish we could have spent even more time together.

Best of luck, Fruit Punch forever!

Your counselors,  
Nicole and Joey

### **The Super Kinnerets**

Hey Super Kinnerets! We miss you all and the fun summer we had together. We can't believe it went by so quickly. We are back at college, focused on studying but thinking of you all! Do you remember getting soaked by the rainforest on

warm days and playing tunnel tag and marco polo during swim? We sure miss those sunny days now that it's getting cold.

Hey ho, here we go! Red Team is gonna rock the show! You all did such an amazing job scoring points for the Kinneret Olympics, we'll always remember winning our basketball gold medal. It was always so much fun playing games of Period and solving the riddles with all of you at lunch. Seeing your growth and limitless energy made every camp day so fun. We hope school is going well and you're enjoying third grade. Wish we had a time-traveling superpower that took us back to this summer!!

Your Counselors,  
Nicole and Joey

### **Zipedoodles**

Hello Zipedoodles!

I had a blast getting to know you all over the summer. From the games we played, to the friendships we made, it was truly a summer to remem-member. I am honestly proud of each and every one of you as you all faced unique challenges this summer and met them head on individually and as a group and came out the other side with significant growth. Needless to say, you all deserve a round of applause for trying new things and creating these awesome memories.

Enjoy third and fourth grade and take the skills we learned with you (I definitely will). I enjoyed playing sharks and lifeguards and steal the bacon with you! I want to congratulate you all for being excellent riddle masters and for teaching me some of your favorite games. Have fun in school and get ready to make new memories next year!

Your counselor,  
Jamie

### **Batatouille**

Hey Batatouille!

What an amazing summer we had! We had such a great time getting to know you this summer, and we're so grateful for all of the memories that we got to make together. From all those intense



games of gaga to swimming in the pool, we loved getting to be silly with you and watching you grow. We really enjoyed watching how creative you all were as you made up new games to play! The smiles and laughs that we shared each day will stay with us forever.

We hope you all have an amazing time in third and fourth grade! Remember to always work hard, and summer will be here before you know it! Both of us are counting the days until we can be back at camp!

Your Counselors,  
Jamie & Anna

### **The Wizard Kids**

Hello Wiz Kids!

We hope that your school year is off to a great start! We can't believe that summer was so long ago. It feels like not too long ago we were saying abracadabra alacazam! To this day we are still trying to come up with spells to get out of doing homework...none have worked so far to say the least.

We hope that you are enjoying the school year so far and, most importantly, remembering how much fun camp was this summer! If there is one thing that we can count on, it's that next summer you guys will be legendary wizards with all-new spells you can try out.

Enjoy the school year, we look forward to seeing you next summer!

Sincerely,  
Siena and Hunter

### **Courageous Rubber Duckies**

What's up, Courageous Rubber Duckies!

We hope y'all are having an amazing year at school so far... hopefully nobody is feeling discombobulated.

We can't believe summer is already so long ago. It feels like just yesterday we were all having a blast at high ropes, archery, and the pool. We hope that all the fun memories and learning moments at camp are helping y'all get through the school year while you wait for summer to arrive. If there's one thing we know y'all learned this summer, it was how to give a proper crisp dap up.

We are hoping to see everyone at Camp Kinneret next year!

Wishing everyone the best,  
Hunter and Siena

### **OG-tastic Olympians & F.I.S.H.**

Dear OG-tastic Olympians & F.I.S.H.,

Congrats on starting your fourth grade year! I'm studying hard in college right now, and it's the time of year when summer memories are needed, so I thought I would give you a refresher of some of my favorite memories from each session!

Do you remember the guest appearances from Bill? The lunch hike where we ate at the top of the Lemonade Tower? Our two hilarious skits (the forgetful counselors and the staff meetings)? Olympian gaga? Fish gaga? Red Bull Mode gaga? Intense games of chameleon? There are so many more that I know we all have, and looking back is so much fun. Thank you guys for being such great groups, and I am so glad that I got to meet each and every one of you.

Keep being the best versions of yourself, and I can't wait to see you all next year!

Stay classy,  
Ben

### **Mike Wazowski's Craft Store,**

Sometimes I still wonder what the inside of a craft store run by Mike Wazowski would look like. I'm writing this letter in the library here at LMU overlooking the beach and I just started to really miss camp. I hope the school year is going well for everyone and I hope you are missing camp as much as I do.

Remember the independence relay race and all of you racing around camp? One of my favorite memories was hiking up to the Lemonade Tower and when I went to get the lemonade from the Mermaids, I came back soaked because they splashed me! You guys made this summer really special for me and I feel so lucky I was able to meet all of you and have you all in my group. I made so many memories with you this summer

and I hope that you did too. Any memories you made at camp, I hope you cherish them and will remember them forever. Keep being who you are! Hopefully I'll see you all next summer. You guys made my summer truly special.

Sincerely, Michael

### **The Mini Og Professors**

How are you doing Mini Og Professors?! I hope you are all having a great school year. I'm currently really missing camp and I am writing this in the library here at LMU overlooking the beach. Do you guys remember the Olympics? I couldn't believe that we got 1st place at the end, and I was so proud of you for working as a team to get there.

Remember, have you ever seen Og and me in the same place at the same time? I don't think so. Also, Og and I have the same shoes and we're the same height. I hope you made some wonderful memories at camp to go along with the ones that I shared. For the memories that you made I hope you cherish them for years to come and are able to look back on them in a few years and smile. Thank you for being in my group, I feel so lucky that I was able to meet you all and have you in my group. Keep being who you are! Hopefully I'll see you all next summer. You guys made my summer truly special.

Sincerely, Michael



### **Heros of Hilarious History & Royal Kinneret Adventurers**

Dear Heroes of Hilarious History and Royal Kinneret Adventurers,

Hi!! Evan and Gigi here! We miss you all very much, and we hope you are all having a great school year. We're both having a great time at TCU and Chapman, but neither are quite as hilarious or adventurous as the memories we got to make with you at camp. Eating lunch is nowhere near as fun as it was with a couple rounds of the movie game or a nice gnome riddle to stump us for the rest of the day. WE got



to know so much about each other during those conversations! We're counting down the days until camp starts next year and we can see you all again!

Lots of love,  
Evan and Gigi

### **Turtle Bobbers**

To my dearest Turtle Bobbers,

Hi Bobs!! I cannot believe how quickly time flies because I'm now in Utah, at school, and there's so much snow and it feels like just yesterday I was meeting all of you for the first time in the summer sun. You guys were my first ever group at camp and I had the most amazing time being your counselor. I wanted to share with you guys some of my favorite moments from the session that brought me so much joy and hopefully make you guys a little more happy while at school!

It brought me so much joy to see you guys say hi to all the bobs around camp. I loved hearing you guys tell tales of the stolen shoe. I miss the reminders of using tippy toes on the Creek Archery bridge. I miss Field Rolling the most though, it was so fun to watch you guys laugh and roll and be Roll Guards to open the lanes. It was so silly and so youthful, and I wish I did some rolling down the hill with you guys, it is at the top of my plans for next summer.

It made me happy to see your chipper faces every morning and although there were days where it was a bit abstruse because so much of camp was new to me, you were all always so patient and willing to teach me. You have all taught me so much about how to be a better counselor and person. I wish you all nothing but the best this school year and I cannot wait to see you all next summer.

All my love,  
Aaron

### **Breakfast Corporation**

Dearest Breakfast Corporation,

We still think our name suits us very well because all of us are a little bit of different that come together to make a really good start to something new and great, just like a good and healthy

breakfast! We miss you guys so much and being back at school is super weird because we're so used to spending our days with you. We really do hope school is going well for you and you're learning all you can. We know you can do hard things because we saw you do so many over the summer so you can definitely do it again!

This summer was jam-packed with so many good memories! Like all the fun we had at boating; the hard work you guys put in during the Olympics like all your side-shuffling at Whale Watch (whenever we think about you guys going "side shuffle, side shuffle, side shuffle, STOP!" it always brings a smile to our faces) and your hard work doing to the Good Morning Mountain Run (we definitely should've gotten more points because we definitely did it in 39 seconds). We also loved seeing you guys overcome your fears and try so many new things this summer. You all impressed us every day, especially with how you guys made so many new friends and created deeper friendships with each other in just 4 weeks.

We hope this school year is so good to you and you get all the snacks you need and never go hungry. You guys are simply the best. Don't forget to eat breakfast, it's the most important meal of the day!

Lots of love,  
Aaron and Cynthia

### **Exploring Lettuce Rodnocs & Humoose Moose**

Greetings Rodnocs & Humoose Moose!

It has been so long since we used those names. We hope school has been good for all of you! We frequently think back to all the memories we made this past summer at camp with you guys! From "Hi Andy", to Emily being your guys' personal horse in the pool, the trust falls at lunch, and all the different inside jokes, we wish we could still be at camp with you guys playing gaga, swimming, dodgeball, and more. We can't look at a helicopter without singing our special song and we find ourselves giggling from time to time about the riddle cheers you guys came up with.

This summer was too short but it was

the best summer yet, and you were the reason for that. Every one of you is capable of making a difference in other people's lives, whether it is to make them happy, do good deeds, or be their support. We had a truly memorable summer and we're honored to have been your counselors. Enjoy life and all its adventures, make a memory every day, keep being yourselves, and always soar like a proud Condor!

Love,  
Emily & Andy

### **BREAD & G.E.P.S.**

Hey Bread and G.E.P.S.,

We hope you're having a great time in 6th and 7th grade! We are looking back at the summer and remembering all the fun memories we shared. Bread do you all remember honoring LT around camp "In the name of Og we honor you with this loaf" or when Ciabatta and Focaccia visited from Red Rock? G.E.P.S. do you all remember taking applications and sending messages all around camp or for those of you who went to sleepout when the sprinklers went off on us? We will go down in camp history. We are so excited to see you all next summer and make even more memories.

Til' next summer,  
Emma & Max :)

### **Para-CITs**

Hi Para-CITs,

I would like to start this letter off by saying that I miss you all and hope you're having an amazing school year! The summer went by so fast. I'm currently at San Diego State University wishing I could play one more round of Gaga, hook tag, or go to boating one last time.

You were all a part of my first session as a CIT counselor and I would like to thank you for making it so special! Some of you were CITs last summer and some of you were new to it just like me, but all of you were so helpful as I was figuring out how to best support you. You taught me that there is always enough time for soccer and never enough time to just be together as a group. I do have to say that seeing you all engage with campers from other groups made my summer and I'll

never forget the times I would notice one of you talking with a camper or taking initiative to lead a small or large game.

I'm so proud of what each of you has accomplished this summer and I know you are going to do great things in the future! This school year might bring a new set of challenges and adventures, so remember all you learned this summer and how you dealt with new situations such as moving group tables on Friday or having to learn the names of campers in a new group. You all grew so much this summer and I can't wait to see what you do next!

Sincerely,  
Victoria

### Channel I.T.s

Hi Channel I.T.s,

Breaking News: I miss you all and I hope you're having an amazing school year! I also want to mention how proud I am of all of you. You were all willing to step out of your comfort zone and try new things this summer and these actions did not go unnoticed.

Some of my favorite memories this summer were getting to see you all engage with campers from other groups and make their day a little more special. You all brought something unique to each group you were with and you weren't afraid to be yourselves, which made me so happy. You all have different talents and skills and I hope you keep using those to make the world a better place!

I know that this is a big year for some of you because it's either your last year of junior high or your first year of high school. I have no doubt that you are absolutely killing it! I'm currently at San Diego State University wishing I could play another round of Gaga, shoot a couple more arrows at archery, try to find more double rainbows at rainforest, try to (not) balance Whale Watch, and go to boating one last time, but I know those things will be waiting for me next summer. You all accomplished some amazing things this summer and can't wait to see what you do next summer!

Sincerely,  
Victoria

## FROM SPECIALISTS:

### Performing Arts

"Performing Arts, may we please come in?" It has been a while since I've heard a camper ask that and I miss it so much! I think I've been asked just about all the ways a group could come into performing arts and I loved each and every single one — Can we dance on in? Swim on in? Rock and roll on in? Mail on in? Watching your smiles through the doors as I eagerly said yes was always a highlight to my day.

As a specialist I had the privilege of working with all the flocks at camp this past summer and it was a delight. Watching the Sparrows transform into different animals and transport themselves to Lava Land or Cotton Candy World was fantastic. The Quails and Owls loved every scene I asked them to create — whether it was solving a problem or incorporating gymnastics, every camper went above and beyond and used their creativity to the fullest. The Condor's and CIT's had the opportunity to play more advanced theatre and improv games and as I reflect on all of the character choices they made and the hilarious accents they used, it truly brings my heart a smile.

Each day during lunch I had the opportunity to eat with a different group and get to know them better outside of performing arts. About halfway through the summer campers started inviting me to sit with them and it started to settle in just how much the campers enjoyed performing arts and all the fun memories we were able to create together and the impact I was making. We shared so many "Would You Rather" questions and solved so many riddles together. I was always so impressed by all of the campers' answers how they all worked as a group to come up with such unique answers.

I will always cherish being the Performing Arts specialist at Camp Kinneret this past summer and all of the amazing campers I had the privilege of working with. I will re-mem-mem-ber all of you forever!

With gratitude, Marian

### Swim

Hi campers!!

How are you all? Right now, we are all at our different schools and jobs, reflecting on all the amazing moments we've shared this summer. From swim lessons to intense games of poolside basketball, we had such an amazing summer filled with memories that will last forever! We know we will not be able to forget all of our Thrilling Thursdays and Fun Fridays, the volleyball games with the gigantic ball, and your amazing dives off the diving board! Good times! Remember when we went to Mars to lifeguard at Camp Red Rock's pool of Jello and Jello John, Jello Jacob, Jello Jingleheimer, Jello Schmit, and DAWG took our place at the Kinneret pool?

But you know what we miss the most? You all! Your energy, laughs, and enthusiasm made every day at the pool unforgettable. We miss your cheerful faces, your imagination, and your willingness to learn so much!

The pool may be quiet now, but we're already looking forward to next summer, when the pool will once again be filled with your laughter and splashes. Until then, keep your goggles ready and remember to WALK! We are counting down the days until we can share another fantastic summer with all of you!

What do two whistles mean?

...Two hands on the wall!

And, after that, what does one whistle mean?

...FREE SWIM!

From,  
Courtney, Matt, Robbie, Haley, Kat,  
Megan, and Emily



## Arts & Crafts

Hello young artists. Summer went by way too fast, and now you're all back in school. We hope you are doing your best, learning a lot, and having fun. We were thinking back to all the fun arts and crafts projects we did. We started off the summer celebrating Juneteenth with sand art. You created Juneteenth and Pan African flags, and also created your own sand art designs. Week 2 you made wooden spoon designs and clothespin dragonflies. We celebrated the 4th of July by creating coffee filter flowers and pinwheels, then got messy making handprint fireworks and patriotic star thumbprints. Weeks 4 and 8 were probably everyone's favorite- TIE DYE weeks. What designs did you make? Are you wearing your tie dye shirt right now? Cardboard weaving was our next project. You had the choice of a circle, butterfly or rectangle design. Do you remember what artist we featured during Artist's Week....CLAUDE MONET. Did you make the Bridge, Pond, or Poppies?

We were really impressed with all your creativity and imagination, and that really shined when you helped create your team's Olympic Banners...Red Rock Stars, Lucky Charms, Yellowjackets, Bibbidi Bobbidi Blue, and Paper Airplanes. Week 9 was Lanyards Week- a project that can really challenge you, but if you stick with it, it can be very rewarding. Never give up.

We really enjoyed seeing you every day. You helped make Arts and Crafts a fun place to be. We hope you are all doing well in school, and hope to see you all next summer. THANK YOU FOR COMING BY!!!

Cindy and Dave

## Farm

OINK OINK!

We hope you are doing well since your visits to us at the Camp Kinneret Farm during the summer. Every day we were so excited to see the smiling faces of you animal-loving campers, and overjoyed to see those of you who were nervous about meeting the animals or ponies overcome your fears! Jax and Pickles the pigs keep on asking for more mud baths, so hopefully you can come back soon to

help cool them off. The goats are up to mischief as they usually are. S'mores even took a bite out of the first letter we wrote you, so this is our second try! It was so lovely to watch you and your heart for animals grow as you helped us make salads for the goats, play with alpaca wool, and groom and care for the ponies. Shorty has been telling us he can't wait to see you campers again so that he can give you more rides around the ring. All of us (and the animals) miss you as much as you probably miss camp. We can't wait to see how much animal knowledge you have learned next summer, so you can teach us something new.

From all of us at the farm,  
Emily, Bella, Gabi, Lenny

(and Jax, Pickles, Cole, Shorty, Casper, Montana, Sequoia, S'mores, Tippy, Boots, Zuma, Oakley, + Barney)

## Nature

Hi my nature friends!

I hope you are all having an amazing time in school learning and expanding your mind to new things, new friends, and so many new discoveries!

Spending my summer with you all was one of the best things that's happened to me. You are all so amazing and so bright. You always managed to brighten my day with your curiosity and each unique personality. You taught ME so much! I miss our time together learning about all the cool things about nature and just simply talking about our favorite things about nature. The weekly activities were so fun and I love how creative you all got with them!

I'm hoping I did my best in making NATURE memorable and educational, and I hope you took something special with you from our summer together. You inspired me and I hope you all know you the positive impact you've made on my life.

Please continue to explore the world around you and stay curious, there is so much natural beauty in this world and I wish for you all to actively experience it.

Thank you for being you.

Cherishing the memories forever!

Love always, Sidney

## Wilderness

Dearest campers,

Thank you so much for making my summer a blast! You turned sticks into rockets and rocks into stickets. Whether you made huts, lizard cinemas, ant kingdoms, or chalk factories, I was always blown away by how collaboratively you worked in groups. I loved the visits to Antdom, Lizardland, and Boston, Texas. It was always so much fun to join many of your groups as a rover. Stay curious and continue to observe the world around you as even an ant is doing something interesting. Always remember the eleventh rule of wilderness: learn to be bored. You never know what may come from it.

Best,  
Ofek (Olaf)

## Rockwall

Hiya campers!! I'm missing you all so much! You all truly made my summer so special, and it was amazing to watch you all work towards and achieve your goals at the rock wall. I am honored to have been a part of that process for all of you and I miss it already. I miss watching you guys reach the top of the wall or get over the ledges or even get a few feet off the ground, it made me so proud to watch you all be so brave and try something that is super scary. I also miss the conversations we would have, and the jokes we all made, and especially watching you all encourage and help your fellow campers while they were climbing. I miss you all so so so much, and I cannot wait to maybe see you all next summer.

Climbing with you in spirit,  
Sarah

## High Ropes

Hey everyone!

Thank you so much for an incredible summer! This was my first summer as High Ropes specialist, and I had a blast with you all! It was so amazing to watch you all be so brave and conquer your fears as the summer went on. I'm so glad to have been a part of your growth this summer, and I can't wait to see how much you all continue to grow.



I hope you all had the opportunity to climb every element you wanted to, and I can't wait for you to be back and camp so you can continue to push yourself. I know each and every one of you will have new goals to accomplish next summer! I miss the spirit of camp and am counting down the days until camp is back!

I hope you have an amazing school year!

Your friend,  
Sara

## Garden

Hey Gardener-Campers,

I hope you enjoyed visiting your Camp Kinneret garden as much as I liked showing it to you. And also that you remember some of the things we did and talked about, such as:

- Safety with tools, especially the importance of keeping all the sharp points facing down!

- Bugs and Insects. With pictures of the most common ones found in the garden, we talked about how very few are harmful to people and how almost all of them are good for the garden.

- Soil versus dirt. We talked about the difference, and how soil is a living thing with lots of microbes, fungi, algae and other microscopic creatures that are necessary for healthy plants.

- Pollination and why it's important. Remember the pollinators made from pipe cleaners and the demonstration of how when insects land on a flower the pollen is transferred from one flower to another?

- Planted pumpkin, tomato and melon seeds in cups for you to take home and plant at the end of your four or five week session. Unfortunately, the seeds for you second session campers didn't all germinate so there weren't enough for everyone to take home.

- Planted seedlings in the raised beds for string beans, pumpkins, and squash.

**Gardener-Camper, holding a caterpillar he just found in the soil: Gardener John, what is this?**

**Gardener John: It's a caterpillar. It will turn into a moth or butterfly.**

**Gardener-Camper: I know that Gardener John, but what species is it?**

- Herbs. We learned about herbs, how they're different from vegetables and fruits that are eaten whole, and how herbs are used for cooking.

**Gardener John: Today I'm going to tell you about herbs. Who knows what an herb is?**

**Gardener-Camper: It's a road in Thousand Oaks.**

## THE HARVESTS

I was so happy that taking home what you picked was a highlight of your day in the garden. I always tried to make sure that none of you left the garden without something. And I was glad you understood there was not always enough of each vegetable for each of you to have one and that you would get what you missed at the next session.

**Gardener-Camper: I love coming to the garden and finding things to pick. It's like an Easter egg hunt.**

Harvested flowers. Remember the beautiful flowers – the Red Valerian, Tall Evening Primroses, Indian Blanket, and Lavender? These were all planted in prior years. At first I didn't know what the primrose plants were so I let them grow and they took over large parts of the beds. While they were pretty, next year I'll let fewer grow so more vegetables can be planted.

**Gardener John: Hey look Campers, a huge tomato hornworm. They turn into a big beautiful moth, but they eat the tomatoes so we pull them off.**

**Gardener-Camper: Can I take it home and keep it as a pet?**

Harvested fruits and vegetables. Many of you took home string beans, tomatoes, tomatillos, cucumbers, green onions, strawberries, eggplant, zucchini, crookneck squash, radishes, or bell peppers. The zucchini, string beans and green onions were your favorites. There were fewer squash and cucumbers growing during the second session, and the string bean plants also slowed down production but most of you still were able to take home something. And I didn't plant enough onions. In the future I'll plant more of these so there will be

more available during the second session.

**Gardener-Camper, while eating a string bean he picked seconds before: Gardener John, is this fresh?**

Remember the herbs you harvested and the different smells each one had? Thyme, basil, sage, oregano, peppermint, lemon balm, lemon verbena, fennel, and rosemary. The lemon verbena (planted in prior years) was a favorite and many of you would put it in your water bottles to add a slight lemon flavor.

## NARROW LEAF MILKWEED

Someone previously planted Narrow Leaf Milkweed in one of the raised beds. Luckily when these plants were small and I was about to pull them out I recognized what they were, so I let them grow. I talked to you about how this type of milkweed is very important to the Monarch Butterfly. By the end of session two I started seeing monarchs landing and hopefully laying eggs on them. Time will tell if we have lots of monarch caterpillars and butterflies in the future.

## THANK YOU FOR COMING!

I hope you enjoyed visiting your garden and learning about how things grow. And please don't forget that gardening is a hobby you can enjoy for the rest of your life.

*We hope you have a very  
happy, healthy, and  
adventurous school year.  
We're excited to see you in  
Summer 2024!!!*

