

KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS

Weekly Edition

818.706.8255

REMINDERS & HAPPENINGS FROM OUR 71ST SUMMER!

CAMPKINNERET.COM

SUMMER 2025 IS FINALLY HERE!

Week 1 Highlights Newsletter

Dear Friends,

We're so excited to start camp tomorrow after so many months of planning and preparing!

We want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning campers to Camp Kinneret for 2025. After a full week of training and orientation, we are very excited about the great staff that we have for this summer and are looking forward to another dynamic and fun-filled nine weeks. We are thrilled to have such a warm group of people so devoted to making this summer a wonderful one for all our Camp Kinneret campers.

Please read through this email for some important reminders to help prepare for camp in the morning.

THE FOUR FLOCKS OF CAMP: SPARROWS, QUAILS, OWLS, & CONDORS

The **Sparrow flock** consists of campers going into pre-K, TK, and kindergarten.

The **Quail flock** is made up of campers entering 1st–2nd grades.

The **Owl flock** has campers going into 3rd–4th grades.

The **Condor flock** is comprised of campers going into 5th–7th and includes CITs (8th & 9th graders).



DROP OFF & PICK UP AT CAMP - REMINDERS!

- **Only campers can enter the camp site.** Parents/guardians and siblings must be prepared to sign their camper in and say goodbye for the day. Visitors are not allowed in to camp at any time during camp hours.
- **Drop off procedures:**
 - When arriving for drop off, please head to camp from the west (Reyes Adobe Road) so you can make a right turn into the camp driveway.
 - If you need to drop your camper off late, please use the Campttendance app or call the office to let us know. The main driveway will be closed from 9:00 to 10:00 but we may be able to accommodate drop off during that time.
- **Pick up procedures:**
 - As in the mornings, please head to camp from the west (Reyes Adobe Road) so you can make a right turn into the camp driveway.

- Remember to always have your photo ID ready for sign-out. Some staff members will get to know you by sight throughout the session but that will take a few days, and there may be different staff people at sign-out from day-to-day.
- The driveway will be closed and **sign-outs will not be permitted between 2:00 and 4:00 every day.**
- If you need to pick up your camper early, it must be prior to 2:00. Use the Campttendance app or call the office to let us know when we should have your camper ready for you!
- **Regular Drop Off/Pick Up Schedule:**
 - Camp-only drop off is between 8:45 - 9:00
 - Camp-only pick up is between 4:00 - 4:15
 - **Reminder:** Campers CANNOT be picked up between 2:00 - 4:00
 - *Campers not enrolled in Extended Care who are dropped off before 8:45 am or picked up after 4:15 pm will be charged \$20 the first time. The second time this occurs, the camper will be moved to the Extended Care program and the full tuition rate will be applied.*
- **Extended Care Drop Off/Pick Up Schedule:**
 - Extended Care drop off is between 8:00 - 9:00
 - Extended Care pick up is between 4:00 - 5:00
 - **Reminder:** Campers CANNOT be picked up between 2:00 - 4:00
 - *Campers who are picked up after 5:00 pm will be charged a fee of \$2/min each time*

PRE-CAMP INFORMATION PACKET

The Pre-Camp Information Packet was sent via email last week. It is packed full of important information about your camper's summer. If you haven't had a chance to read through the pre-camp information packet yet, now is the time!

- What happens on the first day at camp?
- What should campers bring to camp each day?
- What are the bus and bus stop rules for campers *and* parents/guardians?
- How will we maintain a healthy camp community?
- What are the emergency procedures?

[Click here to read through all of this important information!](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Mark your calendars!

Thursday & Friday, June 26th & 27th

- Group Photo Days! Feel free to send your camper in Camp Kinneret T-shirts (each camper will receive one on their first day).

Thursday, July 3rd

- Independence Relay Day! (Our traditional 4th of July celebration)

Friday, July 4th

- Camp is Closed. We'll be open on July 3rd!

Friday, July 11th - Saturday morning, July 12th

- The Great Kinneret Sleepout! Sign-up information will be available in an email sent in Week 2.

Thursday & Friday, July 17th & 18th

- Last days of Session One.



OUR OFFICE STAFF

Kim, Ashley, and **Grace** are handling everything in our business office this summer. It's Kim's fourth Camp Kinneret summer, Ashley's third, and Grace's first. They'll be happy to direct your call, answer your questions, or help you with your camper's attendance! **Allison** is our First Aid Provider and is assisted by **Jessica** who also helps with other tasks throughout the camp day. It is the third Camp Kinneret summer for Allison and Jessica!

OUR OWNERS, DIRECTORS, & LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our Leadership Team works together to ensure that camp is safe, well-organized, and most importantly, FUN! They support all of our counselors, rovers, and specialists as well as campers and their families. The team meets every day to plan the following days and to discuss everything happening in camp. In addition to working in the background, each Leadership Team member has specific responsibilities.

Our Owners and Directors:

- **Ryan Rosen** is our Owner/Director and in his 27th summer at Camp Kinneret. He will also be supporting the CIT group this session.
- **Britt Rosen** is our Co-Owner and in her 13th summer at Camp Kinneret.
- **Jamie Porter** is our Co-Director and in her 19th summer at Camp Kinneret.

We are excited to have returning Leadership Team members **Amy, Megan, Brian, Lauren, Bella, Joe, Sam, Sienna,** and **Maya**, as well as **Maddie**, who is on the Team for the first time this summer. They will be working this session to help support everything that happens in camp every day!

- **Amy** has worked with camp for most of her adult life and has held many positions throughout the years, including Director! These days, she is our year-round Enrollment Coordinator.
- **Megan** has been on the Leadership Team for many summers. She works to support the rest of the Team and head up other important areas of the camp day.
- **Brian** is on our year-round team and supports groups with the following counselors*: Benjamin, Jamie, Piper, and Charlie
- **Lauren** is on our year-round team and supports groups with the following counselors*: Inty, Ben & Daniela, Peyton & Ashley, and Aaron
- **Bella** supports groups with the following counselors*: Jonathan and John & Autumn
- **Sam** supports groups with the following counselors*: Kendall & Liv, Adrian, Leora, Ava & Diego, Adam & Summer, and Renée
- **Sienna** supports groups with the following counselors*: Ashton & Sydney, Zannah, Brandon & Molly, Zianni & Serene, and Ali
- **Maddie** supports groups with the following counselors*: Alex, Jacob, Jenna, Issy & Clara, and Carly & Luke
- **Joe** will be supporting some of our specialist staff people and helping to support other Leadership Team folks
- **Maya** is working on the east coast **and will be joining us here in Session Two!**
**Your camper will learn who their counselors are on their first day.*

The last 70 years have provided a rich tradition of caring for our campers and staff. Our 71st summer will be no exception! Our goal is to provide the best possible experience for each child. **If you have any questions or concerns about your camper's experience, please call to speak with your Leadership Team member so that we can help ensure a great summer!** Our phone number is easy to remember, so don't hesitate to call (818) 706-TALK.

GREEN, YELLOW, & RED SWIM WRISTBANDS

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

It is very common for campers to evaluate lower at camp than what they are capable of at home. It sometimes takes campers time to feel comfortable with their counselor, their peers, and the pool. If your camper's swim ability is greater than what they may have displayed in camp during the first days, simply have them ask their counselor or swim instructor for a re-evaluation. We will be glad to do it again. As always, if you have any questions, please call the office!

Your camper may come home saying that they didn't get to swim much on their first day. It takes most or all of the swim period to get through everyone's evaluations and campers spend a lot of time on the steps or side of the pool. Rest assured that they will have more time in the pool the rest of the session!

HELP YOUR CAMPERS TO GROW

The first day of a new experience can be uncomfortable! Our goal at Camp Kinneret is to help your children grow by being an intentional camp. While having fun is important, we know that children love the way they feel when they are growing by accomplishing challenging things! At Camp Kinneret, this means seeking out opportunities to help each child to practice important life skills like critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration, and creativity each day. With that in mind, we wanted to share some examples of questions that our counselors will ask your camper during the day to help them to process their experiences of the day. Perhaps you can ask your camper some of these questions when they get home:

1. Did you do anything new today that was hard or challenging for you?
 2. Tell us about some of the new children you met today. What kinds of things did you have in common?
 3. What were your counselors' names? Do you learn anything about them like a favorite food or color?
 4. Did you get a chance to help someone in your group today? Or Did another camper in your group help you with something today?
 5. What did you do today to make the world a better place?
-

CAMPTTENDANCE APP

Please remember to check out the email we sent last night (subject line: "2025 Camp Kinneret Attendance App") to learn about our app, Campttendance! **Please use the app to schedule absences, makeups, and transportation changes!**

Visit: ck.camp/attendance-app to download the app!

LOST & FOUND

Please **label everything** your child brings to camp with first **AND** last names, including clothing, backpacks, towels, etc... We collect lost & found each day that we are glad to return to rightful owners when we know who they belong to. When there are no names, it makes it very difficult to help. Items like bathing suits and towels often go unclaimed. Please help us by clearly labeling your child's camp clothing and other items with a first and last name. Also, if you ever realize your camper has brought home someone else's towel, t-shirt, or other item, please send it back to camp and we will connect it with its owner! Please be sure to label all of your camper's clothing and other items. Every summer belongings are lost, and items without names often go unclaimed. Help us return your camper's things! Please remember to use your camper's first *and* last names (or at least their last initial) on your labels.

School & Camp Labels will be selling Camp Kinneret-themed labels and stickers and has provided us with the opportunity to earn a small commission on each sale, which we will put toward our Campership Fund. To learn more about their product, [click here!](#)

HEAD CHECKS

In order to prevent the spread of lice at camp, we check every camper for lice on their first day. Please help us by checking your child prior to the start of camp and regularly throughout their camp experience. Please notify our office immediately if your child does contract lice so that we can work to prevent it from spreading in our camp community. **[Click here for a video about how to check for lice.](#)**

GROUP ROSTERS

Rosters for each group will be emailed to the parents/guardians of every group member during the session. They will include parent/guardian cell & home numbers, as well as email addresses. We hope campers will want to continue many of their summer friendships throughout the year! If you have any concerns about sharing this information with other members of your camper's group, please contact us.

CONTACTING CAMP

We love to hear from you! Our Leadership Team is happy to speak with parents and guardians about their campers' experiences at camp. Phone calls are almost always the best way to reach us this summer. We'll still check emails but we're often too busy outside with the campers and can't be at our desks to read or reply to them until later. Our office staff is ready to answer your calls and direct you to the person you need to speak with. Messages that are not time-sensitive will be passed on to our directors or the Leadership Team and we'll call you back as soon as possible, sometimes after the campers have gone home for the day.

SENDING NOTES TO CAMP

If you want to let us know something about your camper, **please call the office directly** so we can ensure the information is given to all of the right people! We find that notes placed in campers' bags often never leave the bag and bus counselors have lots of other things to keep track of during the bus ride and upon arrival at camp!



DIGITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Each week you can find digital copies of the Kinneret Highlights online. They will be posted Mondays. [Click here to go to our Newsletters page!](#)

Camp Kinneret Summer Day Camp

info@campkinneret.com | 818.706.8255 | campkinneret.com

Every Summer is a New Adventure. The Skills & Memories Last a Lifetime.

