

KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS



Weekly Edition

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IMPORTANT WEEK 3 DETAILS & REMINDERS!

June 29 - July 3

Dear Friend,

We had an awesome Session One and are looking forward to even more fun in Session Two! Please read through this email for information and reminders about the week ahead.

DID YOUR CAMPER ATTEND SESSION ONE?

Please make sure to read through the whole email! There are important reminders and also information about the coming week!

WILL MONDAY BE YOUR CAMPER'S FIRST DAY THIS SUMMER?

Below, you'll find all of the information you need to get ready for a great first day. Please make sure to read through the whole email!

LEAVING EARLY ON FRIDAY 7/3?

PLEASE USE THE APP OR CALL AND LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO PICK UP YOUR CAMPER EARLY ON FRIDAY.

For our celebration, we have a camp-wide *Independence Relay* that takes place in the middle of the day. During that time, we won't be able to bring down campers who are leaving early. Please plan to come **prior to 12:30 or between 1:50-2:00** if you need to pick up your camper early.

If you are planning to pick up early, please let us know before Friday. Planning ahead makes it possible for us to get a note to the counselors, which makes the day much smoother for everyone!

USE THE WHEREABOUTS APP OR CALL IN YOUR ABSENCES!

Please help us by reporting your camper absences ahead of time!

- If you know your child is going to be absent, please **use the app or call** the office to inform us as soon as you know.
- If your child wakes up not feeling 100%, please **use the app or call** to leave a voicemail with your camper's name, day and date of the absence, and their bus stop letter (or location) if you know it.

- If you have two or more children attending camp, and one of them will be absent, please still **use the app or call** the office so that we can properly mark them absent in the office and prepare their group and bus numbers for the day.
- Please **do not send emails** about absences or makeups. The business office staff is ready and waiting to take your calls but do not have access to emails.

Thank you to all of the families that have been using Whereabouts or calling to report their absences! It is a huge help!

LABEL YOUR CAMPER'S ITEMS!

We work hard to help campers keep track of their things but we move around a lot throughout the day! Help us reunite your camper and their belongings by labeling everything you send to camp with them.

Mabel's Labels has provided us with the opportunity to earn **20% of your purchase toward our Campership Fund**. To learn more about their product, [click here](#) and search for Camp Kinneret. (Check out the "Logo Label Pack" if you want labels with Camp Kinneret's logo!)

LOST & NOT FOUND

Speaking of labeling... our collection of lost and (not) found is growing! We do our best to get labeled items back to their owners, but 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 item, please send it back to camp and we will get it back to its owner.

You can find the Lost & Found Gallery on the Whereabouts app, and then visit ck.camp/lostandfound/ to tell us which items is your! We'll continue to post pictures of items that have been left at camp in hopes that we can get them back to their family before the summer is over. All unlabeled items are posted weekly for you to browse through. Identified items will be returned to campers in camp, or arrangements will be made to send them home. Any items that are unlabeled and unclaimed by the end of summer will be donated.

[Click here to let us know you've spotted one of your items!](#)

PLEASE DON'T SEND TOYS OR OTHER ITEMS WITH YOUR CAMPER

We have all of the supplies we need to have fun during the day! Toys from home can cause a distraction in the group and often get ruined, broken, or lost. Please help us by having your camper leave their own toys behind to enjoy when they're home!

EXTENDING YOUR ENROLLMENT

We see so many happy faces at camp and we'd love to see them continue with their Camp Kinneret adventures.

Sessions Three & Four as well as Weird, Wild, and Wacky Week 9 still have spots available in some age groups. Please call the office if you'd like to check the space for your camper. Remember that you'll receive 10% off of every session if your camper is enrolled in more than one session (Week 9 not included).

There is limited space available in some groups, so please call (818-706-8255) soon!

HIKING TO THE LEMONADE TOWER AND OG'S THRONE

Hiking is one of the special activities that we participate in at Camp Kinneret. Parents and campers often have lots of great questions about hiking at camp!

Pre-k through 4th grade campers hike to the Lemonade Tower on the hill behind camp (outsiders might call it a water tower). Hiking to the Lemonade Tower is a wonderful adventure. Each group takes lots of water and once they are at the tower, campers magically get lemonade! Some groups insist that this magic is done by the mermaids that live inside the tower and sometimes groups even talk to the mermaids!

It is 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 camp clothes. The hike is an adventure for little legs; for adults the hike takes about 6-8 minutes to get to the tower. All Sparrow, Quail, and Owl groups are scheduled for hikes at least once during each session; however, on some days hikes are canceled if we feel it is too hot. We always try to reschedule any canceled hikes, but we are at the mercy of the weather. Keep thinking cool thoughts!

Our youngest campers (pre-k and kindergarten) go on a special hike called the Sparrow Summit Spectacular. They all hike together up to the Lemonade Tower with special characters to help them along the way!

Og's Throne is a hike specially designed for our Condor campers (5th through 9th grades). This hike is incorporated into our Nature program. There are lots of plants and rock formations to talk about on the hike and Og's Throne is located with a great view overlooking the hills of Agoura. Some groups have already been on the hike and others will be going later in the session.

INDEPENDENCE RELAY AND SLEEPOUT

The annual Independence Relay celebrating the 4th of July will happen this Friday, July 3rd, and the Great Kinneret Sleepout I will be on Friday night, July 10th. We'll send an email with more information about both of these events in a few days!

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 into 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 Whereabouts 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 Whereabouts 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*
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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!](#)

OUR OFFICE STAFF

Jordan, Kira, Ashley, Jessica & Michael are handling everything in our offices this summer. Jordan & Kira are in the Business Office full-time, and will be happy to direct your call, answer your questions, or help you with your camper's attendance. Jessica & Michael are in our 1st Aid office, ready to help your camper with minor scrapes and bumps, medication administration, and illnesses. Ashley will spend part of the day in both offices!

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 28th summer at Camp Kinneret. He will also be supporting the CIT group this session.
- **Britt Rosen** is our Co-Owner and in her 14th summer at Camp Kinneret.
- **Jamie Porter** is our Co-Director and in her 20th summer at Camp Kinneret.

We are excited to have returning Leadership Team members **Amy, Megan, Lauren, Bella, Joe, Sam, Sienna,** and **Maddie**. 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 heads up other important areas of the camp day.
- **Lauren** is on our year-round team and supports groups with the following counselors*: Kendall & Eli, Rachel, Adrian & Zoe, and Carly
- **Joe** supports groups with the following counselors*: Clara, Ben, and Autumn
- **Sam** supports groups with the following counselors*: Sydney, Molly, Peyton, Jenna & Ezra, and Piper
- **Sienna** supports groups with the following counselors*: Alex, Adam & Jaymes, Avery & Mandy, and Benjamin
- **Maddie** supports groups with the following counselors*: Issy, Summer, Brandon, Serene, and John & Emma
- **Bella** will be supporting some of our specialist staff people and helping to support other Leadership Team folks

**Your camper will learn who their counselors are for this session on their first day.*

The last 71 years have provided a rich tradition of caring for our campers and staff. Our 72nd 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?
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HEAD CHECKS

In order to prevent the spread of lice at camp, we check every camper for lice on the first day of the session. 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! Morning bus and drop-off staff are focusing on getting the day started in a fun and safe way, and have lots of other things to keep track of during the bus ride and upon arrival at camp. We also find that notes placed in campers' bags often never leave the bag!

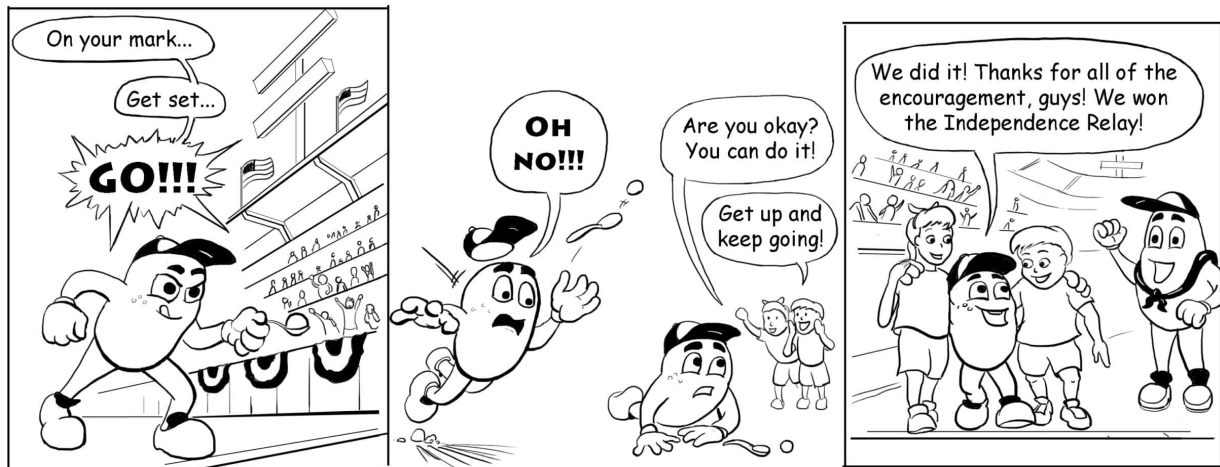
WHEREABOUTS APP

Please remember to check out the email we sent last night (subject line: "Now Live for Session Two! The 2026 Camp Kinneret Attendance & Photo-Sharing App") to learn about our app, Whereabouts! **Please use the app to schedule absences, transportation changes, camp photos, calendar and more!**

Visit: ck.camp/whereabouts/ to download the app!

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Your child may come home talking about emergency and evacuation drills. We practice for emergencies that may occur in camp, as well as any that may happen on a bus route. If you have questions, give us a call!



DIGITAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

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