

KINNERET HIGHLIGHTS

Fall Edition



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MEMORIES FROM OUR 72nd 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, flocks, and buses. You can read their messages and remember everything you learned and experienced during the summer of 2026!

CAMP KINNERET ENROLLMENT FOR 2027

Ready to start planning for next summer? 2027 Session Dates:

Summer 2027

at Camp Kinneret

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4		Add-On Week 9
 Jun 14-25	 Jun 28-Jul 9	 Jul 12-23	 Jul 26-Aug 6	+	 Aug 9-13

Check out the full summer calendar: [Click Here](#)

Returning family enrollment begins in the beginning of January, and you will receive an email with enrollment information by the end of December. As a returning Camp Kinneret family, you will have priority throughout the month.

Families new to Kinneret can submit their applications starting Monday, January 18th. Tell your friends to contact us today to be added to our mailing list and to receive information about our camp program.

CAMP KINNERET CAMPSHIP FUND



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playfully**

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 owners, 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: campkinneret.com/giving

GROUP PHOTOS

In December, we will mail group photos along with a personalized letter from group counselors! If your mailing address has changed, please let us know as soon as possible so we can ensure every camper receives their photo. Campers who missed photo day will still receive a copy of their group's photo. 2027 group photo days will be available with enrollment information in January.



We hope this newsletter brings back lots of magical memories from Summer 2026!



THE CAMP KINNERET STAFF

Did you know that...?

- New staff attend group and individual interviews and must provide 3 strong references.
- Every year, we interview all returning staff to ensure that their motivations for returning are based in helping to create the best summer possible for your campers.
- Senior staff members participate in a mandatory conditional drug testing program and are subject to random testing throughout the summer.
- We conduct yearly Live Scan background checks on all of our new and returning staff.
- Our staff members attend at least 40 hours of staff orientation and training before camp begins.
- Our staff members are required to attend weekly evening staff meetings throughout the summer.
- Our CILTs (high school interns) submit applications & attend group interviews to discuss whether the program is a good fit for them.
- CILTs also attend pre-camp training and orientation as well as 1-on-1 goals meetings and weekly group meetings.

From Flock Counselors:

Sparrows

Hey Sparrows!

We hope you're having the absolute best time in TK and kindergarten

and rocking your big-kid shoes! Sometimes we close our eyes, and we can still hear us all singing at the top of our lungs: Sparrow-row-row-row your boat...!

Camp last summer was a magical whirlwind for our favorite 4 and 5-year-olds, and we miss doing all the silliest things camp has to offer. We are still dreaming about all our epic adventures together, from tearing around on the green grass and hiking our little hearts out all the way up to the Lemonade Tower, to splashing and staying cool in the pool.

Oh, the places we went! Remember doing our special boating adventures and building towering masterpieces at Buildy Bobs and blocks? Whenever things got a little too warm or we just needed a cozy escape, hanging out together in the Sparrow's Nest, our favorite creative play space, was always the best.

We had an absolute blast with you, and the camp feels way too quiet without you little buggies flapping around. We hope to see you all back next summer for another round of fun, but until then, keep having a blast at school, stay curious, and we'll see you soon!

Love from your Sparrow counselors!

Quails

Hey Quails!

Quail check: bululululululu (*quail sound*)! We can't believe it's already fall, and you're all learning so much in the classroom. We are all missing you, Camp Kinneret, and all the epic memories we made together.

Do you all remember all our hikes

to the Lemonade Tower and tasting the magic Mermaid Lemonade from the mermaids? What about getting splashed and having lots of fun at boating or hanging out with the goats, sheep, alpacas, and Pickles the pig at the farm? We can't forget all of the creative items we rolled down the hill at Buildy Bobs!

Even with all of those incredible, high-energy activities, the thing we miss the most is simply seeing your amazing faces every single day and sharing all our goofy conversations at lunch and during activities.

We hope you are all having a great school year and are making lots of new memories.

Best wishes from all the quail counselors!!



Owls

Owls!

Whooooooooo...

You guys...the owls...

We just wanted to fly by and say that we hope your year is going well! We miss seeing you all at camp. Whether you were Frosted Flakes, Ice Cs, Swiss Ski Patrol, Ice Breakers, or Blizzard Wizards, I think it's safe to say that all the Owls this year were pretty cool. Get it? Because we were arctic themed?

It was so fun going on the lemonade hikes together and talking to the mermaids! We'll never forget all those wallaroos we saw while climbing that mountain. Speaking of climbing, how awesome was it doing Rockwall this year and some of you getting to do High Ropes for the very first time!? Your Owl counselors are incredibly proud of how much you all grew this summer, and we hope you're taking that Owl spirit with you into your schools and sharing all your awesomeness with your friends!

We can't wait to see you next year. Even if you're going to be a Condor, we'll always remember

our Arctic Owl summer!

One last time... Who let the Owls out! Who! Who! Who! Who!

Let's chill again soon!

From, Your Owl Counselors

Condors

Dearest Condors,

Oh, how we miss spending the summer days together. We can't believe we are all sitting in classrooms and not playing a massive game of steal-the-bacon in the pool together. We miss you so much and we are always looking back on the fun times we spent together this summer.

Do you remember our weekly routine? Monday sets the tone, GratiTuesday™, Wind it Up Wednesday, Thankful Thursday, and of course, Friday makes a statement. We hope you continue to follow this structure and keep just a bit of camp in your school year.

Do you remember the Larry versus Mermaid Lemonade debate or how we were surprised with lemonade on the first-ever all Condor Og's Throne Hike? What a special day! We don't know about you guys, but we can definitely go for a cup of Larry's Lemonade right about now. We miss spreading positivity to all the Condor groups over the walkie, no matter how far we were from each other. Our constant banter, songs being passed around to each other, and special shoutouts are what makes us smile this school year. We hope these memories do the same for you.

To close, we would like to sing a song.

Cause maybeeee, you're gonna be the one that saves meeee. And after alllllllll, you're my Wonderwalllll.

Condors, you are our Wonderwall. We miss laughing and hanging out on the hot summer days. We hope you're having the best school year and can't wait to see you back next summer.

Soarin, flyin,

The Condor Counselors <3

From Bus Staff:

Alligators

Let's grow, Alligators!

We all hope you've had an amazing year since the summer ended. Morning traffic on the 101 Freeway just doesn't feel the same without seven choruses of Boom Chicka Boom to go along with it. Do you remember Gary the Tree that hit the roof of our bus each day? I bet Gary's leaves are beautifully brown and crunchy now that fall has come.

We miss doing Gators Gimme One with you all and singing "Let it Grow." Driving home each day was a blast thanks to your gator spirit! We still treasure all the cool garden and alligator drawings you all added to our sketchbook! Our time in the garden will always be remembered, and it was so fun to watch you all grow throughout the summer! We hope to see you back on the A-Bus next year!

But for now, we sing so long, farewell, to you, my friends.

Goodbye, for now, until we meet again!

And one last time...

Life's a garden! Dig it, dig it!

Love,

Your Garden Gator Counselors

Bears

Hey Bears!

Hope you're having an amazing school year! We all miss you so much and are counting down the days 'til we can all be back at camp.

Remember the time when we held Bear Court to figure out who ate the cucumber and it was Efrain? Or when we would hit the Cely every chance we got?

It feels like just yesterday we were all together, making memories, singing together, and showing the bear bus spirit!

Even though camp feels far away right now, we hope you're carrying a little piece of camp with you wherever you go. We hope

you're making new friends, trying new things, and having an amazing time! We can't wait for the day when we get to bear stare you all and hear about your year!

Until then, keep being your awesome Bear selves and celeBEARting EVERYTHING!

We miss you tons and can't wait to see you back on the Bear Bus!

Bear Stare! Your Bear Bus Staff

Cheetahs

Hellooooo Cheetah Bussssss!!!!!!

We'd like to start with a question: Boom boom, ain't it great to love paper? Cheetahs, driving to school is so totally not as fun as our morning commute singing songs on the bus. Do you remember playing our version of rock, paper, scissors: paper, paper, paper? Do you still start your mornings with "Stand by Me", music and words by Ben E. King, as seen in the Camp Kinneret Songbook? Do you remember Chester, our flat cheetah? We miss his afternoon updates and stories about his adventures around camp. He will definitely have stories to share about what he got up to this school year when he gets back to camp next summer! We so deeply miss singing songs with you every morning and afternoon. Counselor Carly's voice still hasn't recovered from all the remixes.

Cheetahs, each and every one of you are noteworthy to us. Remember to keep that Cheetah Bus spirit up throughout the school year. We hope you think about all the great times we spent together every time you see paper and recycle. We can't wait to see you next year!

P.S. - You always have someone to lean on!

Post it, Stick it,

Your Cheetah Bus Counselors

Frogs

How's it chilling Frogs?

We're sure driving to school isn't as much fun as riding on the Frog bus to camp.

We have been missing singing songs and riding the Frog Coaster every day. We miss hearing and sharing everyone's scoop of the day at the end of the day. We have been missing Frog Court too and how much you all loved it! Remember when Robbie was taken to frog court for throwing a frog on the bus? Don't worry, he hasn't thrown any frogs on the bus since and has made real progress.

We hope that you guys are still staying cool by eating some popsicles or ice cream because Frogsicles will live on forever. We miss saying all of our different cheers at camp and seeing how much spirit you had for the Frog Bus. We can't wait to see you on the frog bus again next summer and until then, SCOOP IT!!!

From,

Your Frog Bus Counselors



Hyenas

Hyenas, hypothesize!

We sure did have a lot of fun in the 1st session. We have so many memories of our bus, from passing the Rainbow Truck, to counting white Teslas on the freeway, and making up our own songs for all the stops! Not to mention the experiments we did at camp! We hope you're still singing our question song and repping that Hyena spirit wherever you go.

We're so proud of all the spirit you showed around camp and how you were all such great sports, cheering on and encouraging other buses. We love getting to spend our summers driving to camp with you all and can't wait to see you back on the bus next summer!

From,

The Hyena Counselors.

Penguins

Penguins!

It's been a while since we've all been together and we miss you all so much. This summer the Palooza Penguins had a blast showing our bus spirit with our parade, marching band, and circus celebrations. There are so many good memories like how we played so many fun games during penguin party time, the way P0 would race to the stairs every day and P1 would have talent shows, and of course all the friends we got to make during our time together. Thanks to your outstanding energy and awesomeness, the penguins were able to win awards for camper leadership, community building, and who could forget winning the Rider Cup TWO TIMES! Big Fluff, Cheesemouth, and Chubby Cheeks won't stop talking about how excited they are for next summer and all us counselors agree with them. Waddle waddle, slide slide, we got the Penguin Pride!!!

Have a great rest of the school year,

John, Renée, Bella, Bryce, Ava, Jenna, Jonah, Thomas, Summer, Molly, Rachel, Issy, Robbie, Amanda, Marley, Ezra, Sydney, Leora, Cory

From Specialists:

Animals

Oh my goat!

Can you believe summer has already grazed its way into a fuzzy memory? Sometimes we still swear we hear Pickles oinking away—even though we're miles deep into our next adventures and know he's living his best life over at the Kinneret Farm. Thanks so much for joining us for an amazing summer full of animal silliness. We've been missing the silly animals but even more all the wild activities we did.

Do you remember the mystery box with the alpaca fur? And

picking mustard plants for the animal salads that we made? Or how about the Great Farm Game Show and the silly family trees we made for the animals? And we can't forget about competing for your team color at the Farm Olympics. We still miss the ticklish feeling of the alpacas' and goats' lips eating pellets from our hands.

We hope you are still using your potato hands anytime you visit a farm and that school is going amazingly for you. Barney, Zuma, Oakley, Tippy, S'mores, Boots, Sequoia, Montana, and Pickles, all miss you and the fun times you had together.

We're wrapped up in school and life right now too, but we'd trade it all in a heartbeat to be back at the farm with you.

Wishing you the best during your school year.

Love, Amanda and Marley

Arts & Crafts

Hello fellow artists,

How is everyone doing? You're all back in school now, hopefully working hard, and having fun. It's been a while since the end of summer camp, and we miss hearing "Arts and Crafts may we please come in?" Of course, you were always welcome to come in, and we were always so happy to see you! This summer was an absolute explosion of imagination, perseverance, and artistic bravery. Just look at the masterpiece roll call of what we pulled off together:

From marble art, collage self-portraits, and the Og collage to Shrinky Dink keychains, Basquiat crowns, and the animal masks that we put to work at Performing Arts, the creativity was endless.

The Keith Haring chalk art project had us all doing funky dance moves, and the little guy creations were so cute. We still have ours hanging with us as we write this. The whole camp community worked so beautifully together on the camp-wide mural in session 3. If you didn't get to see the finished

piece, check it out:



In session 4 we all worked on Olympic Banners to support red, green, and blue, proof that teamwork makes the dream work!

Let's hear it for origami and boondoggles, which tested every ounce of our patience. The fact that you stuck with it when it got tangled or tricky is a superpower you'll use for life.

And of course we can't forget Tie Dye! Are you wearing yours right now?! Watching every single shirt turn into a totally unique, wild explosion of color was our absolute favorite!

We hope you had as much of a blast in Arts and Crafts as we did! Next summer feels light-years away, but it'll be here before you can say, "where did I put my paintbrush?" Keep up the good work in school, have fun in all that you do, and we hope to see all of you again next summer. YOU'RE THE BEST!!!

Ileanna and Dave

Garden

Hi everyone!

It's me, Leora! Here to check in with you about how you're doing! Are you doing good? Feeling prepared for the world? I know you guys are because you were always so prepared for Garden!

You'd put on your gloves and always were so careful with any tools you used. You learned to use your noses in the garden to identify plants and to trust your instincts. I still have up all of the scarecrows and signs we made!

I really had fun munching on veggies and berries with you all as well! Wasn't it crazy when those strawberries grew out of the ground in that plastic container?

That was really a one in a million situation!

And just like those strawberries (and tomatoes), I hope you continue to grow and flourish into the people you were meant to be! Just like our plants we need to make sure we take care of ourselves, but to do that you need to make sure you feed your body and your brain! Neither can work without the other and we're in charge of making sure the garden of our future selves grow happy and healthy!

Growing strong, Leora!

High Ropes

Looking back on this summer at Camp Kinneret, I remembered just how much happened at High ropes. From the first time you all stepped into your harnesses to the final jumps of the summer, every day brought new challenges, laughs, and accomplishments. I watched campers who had never climbed before becoming confident climbers, while others pushed through fears they never thought they could overcome. Some campers flew through the courses without hesitation, while others needed a little more encouragement to make it halfway up the ladder. No matter where they started, seeing the smiles on their faces when they finally made it back to the ground was one of my favorite parts of the summer.

We also created some fun traditions along the way. One of the most memorable was the "Thomas Special," a special way of tightening the harness to make sure every camper was as safe and secure as possible. While campers didn't always agree that it was the most comfortable way to wear a harness, it quickly became a classic and necessary step of getting ready to climb.

One of our favorite activities throughout the summer was Cargo Net. You all had the opportunity to belay one another, which meant you had to trust your fellow camp mates to

help pull you up the course and safely lower you back down after making the leap. Having that responsibility gave you all a chance to take on leadership roles while building trust within your groups. You also got opportunities to take charge of getting yourselves and your friends ready to climb, while I got to focus on making sure everyone was safe. Watching campers work together, encourage one another, and take on responsibilities they had never had before showed us all how much you could accomplish when they trusted yourselves and each other.

When I think back on the summer, the moments that stood out the most were the ones where you all surprised yourselves. Whether it was reaching the top of a course after being sure you couldn't make it, taking a jump you were nervous about, or simply finding the courage to try again, every accomplishment was worth celebrating. High Ropes taught us that climbing was about much more than getting to the top. It was about being brave, trusting your friends, taking responsibility, and discovering that sometimes you were capable of much more than you thought. I am already looking forward to seeing everyone back at High Ropes next summer!

Until then, wishing you a great school year! - Thomas



Nature

Hey guys!

Leora and Marley here! We were so happy to have you at Nature this summer! And boy, was it a busy summer. All of the cousins that visited, Billy and Bob Business, Lady Gertrude and Lady Elizabeth, Delilah Dandelion and Fernie Flowers, ARHthur and MARHley! Those guys were so silly, weren't they?

Not only did we have guests, but you were creating and learning so

much about Nature this year! We made forts, hotels, paper, dyes, pirate maps and more! And you guys were so good at it! I wonder how you can use the things we learned at Nature in real life? I'm sure you can figure it out!

Our favorite part of the summer was seeing you overcome the challenges you faced at Nature! You used your teamwork and problem-solving skills to get through and learn some new things! We are SO proud of you, and we hope you continue to use those skills in your everyday life outside of camp!

And remember! What kind of feet do we use in Nature? Walking feet!

Missing you, Leora and Marley!

Performing Arts

Hey Performers!

We hope your school year is going absolutely bananas, because I'm over here at school missing my daily dose of dancing with you!

Remember when we played 123 Cat and acted out different animals? Or when we had so much fun playing Dead Fish Freeze Dance (because normal freeze dance isn't in performing arts). We also played some improv games like Switch Interview or Gibberish Scenes.

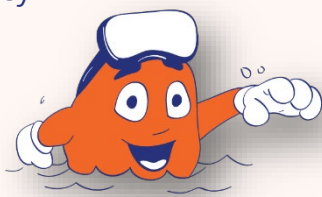
Session Two, we surprised the LTs with our "We're All in this Together" flashmob! It was the first-ever Camp Kinneret camp wide flashmob, and it was amazing!

Session Three, we modeled it up by playing Paparazzi and Pose, and got to act out our favorite foods. Owls, you got to do your performance in front of camp to "treasure" and you looked amazing, I was so proud of you. Condors, you also got to perform to "Moonbeam Ice Cream" and you were incredible!

Session Four, we got to compete with the deck of cards musical chairs, and got to act out a book, and make our own "Forty Years on an Iceberg" song. I heard you singing those all around camp for the next week because they

were so catchy and silly!
I miss you all so much, and I hope you're having a great school year!
From, Ashley

Swim
Wow!



We can't believe summer is already a splash in the past, and honestly, we miss it so much our goggles are fogging up just thinking about it. Sometimes, when we are just walking around on dry land, we close our eyes and can still hear all the epic Funky Fridays we shared together, complete with a tidal wave of throwing, splashing, and absolute bangers blasting through the speakers.
We were so bursting with pride watching every single one of you level up your swimming skills during our lessons, transforming into total fish out there. And of course, who could ever forget the legendary free swim chaos,

featuring enough epic belly flops to make our stomachs hurt just remembering them (Ouch! They really, really hurt!).
We miss our days guarding the pool deck and hanging out with you more than words can say, and we are already counting down the seconds until we can see you guys next summer back at Camp Kinneret.

From,
Lucia, Carlo, Jonah, Sarah, Antonio

Leadership Team

Gooooood morning Camp Kinneret!
The Leadership Team misses seeing all of you at camp. We may not be leading Good Morning Mountain, but if anyone says "announcements" around us, it's so hard not to start singing! Has anything reminded you of camp this school year?
It's so fun to look back at all the special days we had. Everyone had such creative hairstyles on

Crazy Hair Day and wild outfits on Mismatch Day. We couldn't tell who the counselor was and who was the camper on Topsy-Turvy Day. Independence Relay was full of spirit and teamwork with an exciting end to the relay in the pool. We loved playing all the Carnival games, even though we got really wet in the dunk tank. Some of you have amazing aim! The Olympics packed a ton of fun activities into just two days. Do any of you still have your medal? What about a Rider Cup trophy?
Even with all those extra special days, what we miss most are things like playing a game of gaga, petting fluffy alpacas, building towers of blocks and cups, welcoming campers back to Earth at high ropes, and ending the day with a yummy juice bar. You made camp special every single day. We hope you're having a wonderful year and can't wait to see you back next summer. Re-mem-mem, Re-mem-me-member!
Kinneretly,
The Leadership Team



*We hope you have a very happy, healthy, and adventurous school year.
We're excited to see you in Summer 2027!!!*