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THERE YOU'LL BE

*When I think back on these times
And the dreams we left behind ~
I'll be glad because I was blessed
To have had you in my life.
When I look back on those days
I'll look and see your face
You were right there for me.*

*In my dreams I'll always see you soar above the sky;
In my heart there will always be a place for you.*

*For all my life
I'll keep a part of you with me
And everywhere I am, there you'll be.*

*Well you showed me how it feels
To feel the sky within my reach;
And I always will remember all the strength you gave to me;
Your love made me make it through;
Oh, I owe so much to you ~
You were right there for me.*

*In my dreams I'll always see you soar above the sky,
In my heart there will always be a place for you.
For all my life I'll keep a part of you with me
And everywhere I am, there you'll be.*

*'Cause I always saw in you my light, my strength;
And I want to thank you now
For all the ways you were right there for me
For always.*

*In my dreams I'll always see you soar above the sky,
In my heart there will always be a place for you.
For all my life
I'll keep a part of you with me
And everywhere I am, there you'll be.*

Lyrics by Faith Hill



YE DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

When we last wrote you, the world was a far different one than that in which we now live. Obviously, the events of 9 - 11 have changed everyone's life ~ maybe not dramatically but on some level at the very least. There is no doubt that there is a pervasive sense that all-is-not-right. . . that there is the possibility that a 9 - 11 might happen again.

In times of crisis, where do you seek refuge? Outside your immediate family, do you look for a place of safety, tolerance, acceptance, and peace? For generations, the camp setting has been such a place, nurturing the souls of children and youth who find a respite within the boundaries of the camp community from the sometimes hurried world that surrounds them.

Kamaji's heritage of providing a safe community far removed from bustling cities and the fast-paced world of technology offers its campers the chance to connect with the natural world and with each other.

Opportunities exist for children to experience a sense of belonging and to accept responsibility in a true community. Kamaji is also a place which values diversity. We work hard to ensure that Kamaji includes girls from all over the world ~ girls of all religious, ethnic and racial backgrounds. Camp is a place to learn that each person should be judged by her behavior rather than by her beliefs or appearance. (Oh ~ were it that Osama bin Ladan had gone to summer camp when he was a child!)

As camp directors, we cherish the opportunity to create a safe, caring community. We embrace our traditions, our people, and our faith in tomorrow. We dedicate ourselves to continuing to build resilience and resourcefulness in the future of our nation, our children and youth.

The world may be a different place today ~ be assured Kamaji is not!

RECAPPING THE SUMMER OF 2001

Unlike its predecessor the summer of '01 was hot(!), hot(!!), hot(!!!) with little (very little) rainfall!!! Kamaji's waterfront was a "happening place" day-after-day as campers, staff, and even Ye Directors sought relief in the waters of Wolf Lake. In spite of interminable heat which left us more than a little drained by each day's end ~ the spirit, the enthusiasm, the energy level, the spontaneity of campers and staff alike never waned!! If anything, each made the best of every single moment of every single day. Exhausted by day's end (which as you well know does not really happen until after 9:30 taps each evening), most went to bed happily refreshed by a late-evening dip in Wolf Lake...and always looking ahead to what the next day might bring.

Camper-wise, our numbers swelled with 164 first session campers and 162 first session campers ~ in spite of our best efforts to keep enrollment to 150 campers per session. Of the total camper enrollment, we had 12 first session campers, 11 second session campers and 13 eight-week campers who have been to Kamaji 5+ summers. We also had 12 Counselors-in-Training (CITs) ~ all of whom have been campers at Kamaji for 5+ summers. And, of our 65 staff members (not including Ye Directors, the CITs or our week-to-week camp doctors), 18 had been at Kamaji a minimum of 5 summers with 8 of those having been at camp 10+ years. Ye Directors spent our 22nd summer at Kamaji. Three of our camp physicians also marked milestone summers at Kamaji, two for five and a third for ten consecutive summers!!!

We gave out a total of 21 commemorative paddles to campers and staff (including two camp doctors) who were spending their fifth summer at Kamaji; and, three Kamaji blankets to staff (including one camp doc) who spent 10 summers at camp.

We did not add any new activities to our instructional program and, instead, chose to teach well those programs already in place. We did add five new Barnett sailboats to our existing fleet and several new sailboards for younger campers in our windsurfing program. Outside of the usual activity expendable supplies, we did little purchasing as activities are really in good shape! Instead, we ended up FINALLY paying off camp...which means we now own Kamaji "free and clear" ~ a great feeling to be sure after 20+ years of being indebted. The other great thing is that we aren't even close to retirement so we can put the no-longer-necessary monthly mortgage payment monies to good use somewhere else at Kamaji!

In terms of structural work last summer, our year-round caretaker Joe Drake (who has now been at Kamaji year 'round for 11 years!!!) completed

- Temporary renovation of the old, old "Club Med" ~ which still needs some serious updating, reroofing, shoring up, etc. This building was the "original" directors' house when Phil and Bert first lived at Kamaji. Joe did tie in this building's septic lines to a newer septic system ~ with this being the last building in camp to be served by one of three septic systems in camp. What a

far cry from the days of yore when there were PGs and cold-water washhouse troughs and lake wash-ups!! Believe it or not, all those are now "banned" by either the American Camping Association, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Natural Resources, etc.

- Installation of heating (no cooling☺) to the Doctor's Cube
- Replacement of all double-hung windows in "old" dining room - the original windows still held the 1928 stickers marked Dickinson Lumber Company when they were removed.
- Replacement of the huge church-like Lodge windows overlooking Wolf Lake. (Kamaji's Lodge is testimony to Marvin Windows's claim that it can replace/replicate any window!)

Overall, the summer of 2001 was a healthy, safe, fun, happy and kid-centered season. As always, we breathed a huge sigh of relief after the campers and staff had returned home safe and sound to their families. We truly owe our terrific staff, our fun-loving campers and the Great Spirit a resounding "Thanks!" for a wonderful season.

And now. . .



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2002

With a camper return rate of 80% we don't have to look for too many new campers for next summer. In fact, of the 158 already-enrolled first and 148 second session campers, only 60 total will be first time Kamaji campers in 2002. With the exception of a limited number of openings first session for girls who are currently in 4th grade first session and second session for those currently in 4th, 5th or 6th grade, we have begun a waiting list for the remaining age groups. Needless to say, we are thrilled that our enrollment is almost completely full at such an early date and by so many returning campers!! We are already off to a great start for Kamaji's 2002 season. . .and camp hasn't even begun yet!!!

As always, we owe a huge "THANKS!" for the loyalty and support of all our camp families ~ past, including alum, and present ~ without which Kamaji would not thrive!

Since enrollment is 100% dependent upon word-of-mouth referrals, we are always seeking the names of interested camp families from our current and past camp families as well as alumnae. We would appreciate your contacting us at our toll free number ~ 800/7KAMAJI (800/752-6254) if you know of anyone who might be interested in attending Kamaji in future summers. As always, we thank you!

Our most immediate plans for 2002 include the hiring of qualified staff to work at Kamaji. Unlike last summer when, with the then-booming economy all camps had a hard time finding quality staff to work, fortunately (or unfortunately depending on your perspective) there is a huge pool of staff applicants who have already applied. Additionally, our year-round Assistant Director Cally Mastio already has received 29 signed contracts from former Kamaji staff who will be returning this summer; she's also hired 9 new staff so far; and has 4 CITs lined up to date. To say that Cally is persistent and diligent in keeping on top of staff retainment, recruitment, etc. would be a huge understatement! As always, we depend upon word-of-mouth staff referrals so, again, if you know anyone who might be interested in working at Kamaji next summer, let us know!

LOOKING AHEAD (CONT'D)

Plans for building/renovations for 2002 include:

- ▶ Completing renovations on the "old" section of Kamaji's dining room which includes hanging a tongue-and-groove wood ceiling & completing paneling of the dining room walls;
- ▶ tiling the bathroom floors of 2nd floor bathrooms in staff housing
- ▶ building a wooden walkway/stairway from Nutshell cabin down to waterfront and "Yacht Club"
- ▶ new construction of one, possibly, two additional cabins for administrative staff housing
- ▶ revisiting idea of tearing down old storage/laundry facility and replacing with, minimally, an organized, planned storage building OR (in my dreams☺!!) a new Club Med
- ▶ re-construction of storm-devastated low ropes course.



Program-wise, we are still giving serious thought to adding a climbing wall at camp. First, though, we need to get input from other camps who have done this to make sure that this will not be a "passing fancy." (Remember the computer camps of the 80s!??)

Those are our immediate plans for the summer of 2002. Of course, as the season approaches, we often find our list of "Things to Do" grows increasingly longer with priorities changing daily. First and foremost, though, we will continue to work hard to insure that Kamaji will continue in the same tradition as it has for the past 88 summers!

NORTHERN MINNESOTA SUMMER RESIDENTIAL CAMP FOR GIRLS

IS LOOKING FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF TO SPEND THE SUMMER WORKING IN A CHILD-CENTERED WORLD. WOMEN WHO ARE SPONTANEOUS, FLEXIBLE, FUN-LOVING, CHILD-LIKE WITHOUT BEING CHILDISH AS WELL AS THOSE WITH TLC TO GIVE ARE WELCOME TO APPLY.

WANTED: DOCTORS FOR KAMAJI

Camp Kamaji is looking for doctors for the following weeks of the 2002 season: Monday, June 17th thru Saturday, June 22nd; Saturday, June 22nd thru Saturday, June 29th; and Saturday, July 27th thru Saturday, August 3rd.

If you are a physician (specialty not important!) and have always dreamed of going to camp now is your chance. We invite you, along with your family, to spend a week or two on "vacation" in the Northwoods of Minnesota. Room, board and travel stipend included; temporary licensure as a "camp doctor" in Minnesota easy (and free!). The working hours are few, the food outstanding, the accommodations comfy, the activities varied and fun, and the company great!! If this sounds like something you (or someone you know) may be interested in doing, please call us today at 800/7KAMAJI. We'd be happy to provide you with all the details....and the names of current, including alum Dr. Shel Overholt (McPherson, KS '79-'82) and former Kamaji docs as references so you'll know what you're getting yourself into!!

ATTN: SEEKING CAMP LOVIN' STAFF ~ SMILES REQUIRED

Ye Directors have learned in our 22+ years of Kamaji experience that the "best" camp staff are those who were once campers themselves. It is they who remember their favorite (and least favorite) counselors and the reasons they remember them; it is they who are willing to work for peanut\$ because they believe in the value of camp; it is they who bring enthusiasm, loyalty and commitment in addition to a genuine love of Kamaji to the summer; and it is they, who in turn, instill that same enthusiasm, loyalty, commitment and love to the campers; and it is they who "cultivate" future Kamaji counselors! We invite all former Kamaji alum ~ regardless of age ~

A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO . . .

. . . Kamaji alumna **BEV WALTERS Piehl** (St. Louis, MO & Austin, TX 73-'84, '86) for her continued diligence in administrating and maintaining Kamaji's website bulletin boards. It is no easy task to do this as we are trying our best to keep the website "private" so that everyone who avails herself of the board can be assured that her email information is kept confidential and out-of-the-hands of folks not connected with Kamaji. What this translates to is hours of work each week by Bev to download messages, "screen" them and then post them into the appropriate board. Given Ye Directors' usual workload, it would be near impossible to keep up-to-date with the boards were it not for the diligent and tireless efforts of Bev! She definitely is one-in-a-million. You can personally thank Bev by going to www.kamaji.com, linking to the Alumnae Page and then accessing the Alum Bulletin Board. If you need the acronym password to access the board, feel free to contact either us at kamaji1@aol.com or Bev Walters Piehl at bev55@hotmail.com and we'll help you figure out what the Kamaji outhouses (no longer in existence) were called.



to give serious consideration to spending a summer back at Kamaji ~ giving back to camp and, more importantly, its campers an experience that parallels your own.

We are currently looking for cabin counselors, activity specialists, camp nurses/nursing assistants, camp docs (see notice below), assistant cooks, activity specialists and wilderness trip leaders.

For more information, please contact Kathy, Mike or Cally at 800/7KAMAJI (800/752-6254).

If you haven't done so yet, you absolutely **must** check out Kamaji's website at www.kamaji.com.

The newest "feature" on the Kamaji website is a "virtual tour." Please join us by taking a tour around camp ~ no doubt you will be pleasantly surprised. With the exception of the expanded dining hall and the addition of "Natalie's porch" on the lake-side of the Main Lodge, truly very little at Kamaji has physically changed.

Too, definitely plan on visiting the Alum Bulletin Board and leaving a message. Please include your full name (including maiden name if you are now married) and years you attended Kamaji somewhere in your message. (You need to have a password to enter the Alum Bulletin Board. Hopefully, those of you who attended Kamaji prior to the "modernization" of camp with the introduction of plumbing will remember what the outhouses were called. That is the word you will need to know to enter the board. If you forget, please feel free to email us at kamaji1@aol.com and we will provide you with the correct password).

Finally, we also ask that you take time to fill out the "News about Me" questionnaire that you can find on the Alumnae Page. We really want to update our mailing list and hope to be able to do so by making it easier for alum to keep us up-to-date with their whereabouts. Too, when other alum inquire about camp friends, we will be able to provide them with info, including email and snail mail addresses and phone numbers, so that you can reconnect.

Call us with any questions should you have problems navigating the website. Hope to connect with you on the board. . .and, more importantly, we hope alum become reconnected with long-lost Kamaji friends!

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SPEAKING OF KAMAJI OUTHOUSES

We had many alum write with suggested "solutions" to our question "What did the acronym PG for Kamaji's outhouses stand for?" We had



some wacky off-the-wall responses and others that were not printable but certainly made sense. However, credit must go to alumnae **GAY SEWALL** Thompson (Racine, WI '32-'42) and **LUCILE MCKITTERICK** Mott (Burlington, IA '47-'49) who say: "You shouldn't be in the dark about the meaning of PG. It stands for "Picture Gallery." Seems that campers and staff would take pictures torn from the pages of Sears Roebuck catalogs to hang on the outhouse walls and door for viewing/perusal during visits to the outhouses (& hence the acronym P(icture) G(allery) which was the "affectionate" name for outhouse).



WANTED: KAMAJI PHOTOS/MEMORABILIA

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of several Kamaji alum, our archives now boast pictures of camp dating back to its days on Star Island. In fact, we have received so many pictures pulled from former camper's "old" Kamaji scrapbooks, we have no place to store them. Given how "fragile" most of the pictures are, we have been scanning them and storing them in our computer's hard drive for safe-keeping. We also are looking for a local photographer who might be able to return many of the frayed and fading pictures to their original condition. From there we will be framing those pictures and hope to hang them in Kamaji's dining room for all generations of Kamaji campers to see!

For those who are hesitant to let go of camp pictures, we would appreciate your "lending" them to us for us to scan and then return. Or better yet, if you have access to a scanner and can download pictures to us via the internet, we would be most appreciative.

In the meantime, we have been compiling a pictorial and written history of Kamaji gleaned from the mementos and writings that Kamaji alum bequeathed to Kamaji. We would welcome any written comments from former

Kamaji campers and staff in hopes that we can include them, with your permission, in our history. That way, when we orally relay the history of Kamaji to our campers, our words will "come alive" by the pictures and words we are able to share with the kids.

Once Kamaji's pictorial history is complete, we will make it available to all alumnae. We will let you know more about this endeavor the closer it comes to printing.

In closing, we send our sincerest appreciation on behalf of all generations of Kamaji campers to those former campers and staff who so generously "parted with" treasured photos, brochures, letters and memorabilia of their days at Kamaji. Those who have sent pictures over the past year include:

SUSAN SNELL Cross (Rochester, MN '46-49)
AVELINA "EVY" TOWLE Schneider (Minneapolis, MN '43)
MARTHA WILDER Ewald (Edina, MN '45-'50)
BETTY ANN MINAR Richardson (Minneapolis, MN '41-'53)
ELIZABETH ERIKSON Minar (Minneapolis, MN '25-'33).

THE CAMP KIDS' FOUNDATION

"DIVERSITY ENRICHES CAMP KAMAJI, MIRRORS OUR WORLD, AND REFLECTS OUR FUTURE."

As a continued valued member of our camp community, you are personally familiar with the "magic" that occurs every summer at camp. This feeling of wonder is hard to describe, particularly to those that have never experienced it. We are appealing to you because we know you "get it!"

Camp Kamaji continues to participate in a wonderful scholarship program called THE CAMP KIDS FOUNDATION. (In fact, the foundation was begun as a direct result of a Kamaji camp family who felt strongly about the positive impact camp had on their daughters and wanted that same experience to be shared by those who otherwise could not afford to attend camp.) Many of you are aware of its benefits and have shown your support with generous gifts. We deeply appreciate your past financial support ~Thank You(!!!) ~ your generosity and support sent 70 "disadvantaged" kids to six Midwestern residential summer camps in 2001!

This past summer THE CAMP KIDS FOUNDATION provided scholarships for 20 ~ of the total 70 ~ disadvantaged children to attend Camp Kamaji. Of these 20 kids, 14 were returning campers ~ one of whom was a Counselor-in-Training and two of whom received their five year paddles! We are proud to have them as an integral part our entire camp community! By diversifying camp with kids of all economic, racial, and economic backgrounds, Camp Kamaji is truly a

model for peace and acceptance. How many opportunities are you aware of that allow kids of varied backgrounds to live and play together in such a harmonious, integrated atmosphere? Now, more than ever, this holds special meaning.

Please realize the profound difference you'll make in many kids' lives by making a gift to THE CAMP KIDS FOUNDATION. It costs \$2,600 to send one child to camp. The foundation is already committed to providing returning scholarships for its 2001 recipients and has an additional goal of providing an additional 10 scholarships to new campers. Your support is needed. Please join us in our efforts to make Camp Kamaji a unique summer home for all! Thank you so very much.

We are enclosing an addressed envelope in which you can mail your tax-deductible gift to THE CAMP KIDS FOUNDATION. If you are receiving the newsletter via email, please send your contribution to

THE CAMP KIDS' FOUNDATION
Capes, Sokol, Goodman & Sarachan
7701 Forsyth Blvd., 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO 63105

If you would like to learn more about THE CAMP KIDS FOUNDATION, please feel free to contact us. If you would like to help us locate scholarship recipients or administer the foundation, just let us know that, too. We would be delighted to talk with you.



2001 CONTRIBUTORS TO THE CAMP KIDS FOUNDATION

A huge debt of gratitude to the following Kamaji alumnae who so generously contributed to the Camp Kids Foundation:

ALLISON AMEND (Chicago, IL '84-'88) and
PEGGY LUCAS Gunther (Winona, MN '36-'38) of
the Laid Norton Family Fund.

REFLECTIONS OF KAMAJI ALUMNAE

From **EVY TOWLE** Schneider (Minneapolis, MN '43): "I remember we had to learn every camper's name and be able to go around the Friday night campfire and identify them when it was our tribe's turn to conduct campfire. Siggy Sletten was Grand Tai and beat the drum on campfire nights. The Catholic girls went in to Cass Lake for Mass on Sundays, but we also had Vespers on Sunday evenings. We had "summer skiing". . . There was a hill on which loads of pine needles were dumped which made it slippery enough to ski down. Margery Benedickter Bailey was a counselor and the ski instructor. I think she may have been in the Olympics in the 30s? (Although I was a camper for one summer, I absolutely loved it (camp) and among other things made one lifelong friend, whom coincidentally I heard from today. (I also remember) Margery the

counselor whom we called "Benny". There were a lot of Minneapolis girls there, the Velies, Ouida Heffelfinger, Anner Williamson, Marilyn Williams and her cousin Nancy...and Bess House from Rock Island ~ they were all fabulous and fun! "HELLO TO ALL!"

LYNN NAECKEL (Davenport, IA '49-'55) writes "When I took my granddaughter to visit Kamaji, I had a strange experience. We got to the spot on the path into camp where I'd first said "Wow!" at the age of ten, right in front of Bert and Phil's house. We stood there for a moment, taking it all in. No one was around. Suddenly the back door of the Lodge banged open and slammed as a tall rangy blond in white shorts and shirt came out and strode up the path towards Cabin 3. I actually stared to yell "Greener!" before realizing where I was

in time. Talk about deja vu! The next summer I went back with **ANNE RUEFFEL** Gilbert (Davenport, IA '50-'53) and we had such a great time talking to campers and counselors. I remember many years ago when Phil said, 'The face are the same, only the names are different.' I didn't see it then, but she was so right."



FAQS

Because we don't always find the time to individually answer questions posed in correspondence from alum, we thought we could answer Frequently Asked Questions here:

Q. What is a ropes course?

A. Typically a ropes course is an outdoor experience of mental and physical challenges utilizing ropes, balance beams and strategic games. A challenge Ropes Course then can be defined as a series of supervised individual and group challenges that promote a combination of teamwork skills and individual commitment. Two types of activities are involved in the Ropes Course, all requiring trust, effective communication and mutual support for success. High elements rise up to 30 feet above the ground; and low elements, which is what Kamaji has, are at ground level. Some may involve physical activity, while others focus mainly on creative thinking and problem-solving. One of the best ways to raise young peoples' self-esteem, confidence and social development skills is to immerse them in experiential, cooperative, hands-on experiences in the outdoors or other alternative environments that challenge youth mentally, physically and spiritually. That is what Kamaji attempts to do through the use of its Low Ropes Course.

Q. I don't remember what the "outhouses" were called ~ please tell me!

A. The answer is "hidden" in several places throughout this newsletter.

Q. I am not sure what the name of my tribe was although I know we were GREEN! Was it Metig?

A. "Once a Metig, always a Metig!" ~ that's what we say at Kamaji. You did not forget the name of your tribe or its color. It's amazing how many alumna write in and, while she may not have the exact spelling of her tribe, she rarely (if ever) forgets its name and she never, ever forgets its color!!!

Q. We had "summer skiing" ~ do you still have that?

A. You had "pine needle" skiing. We know it was at camp through the 1940s as we have pictures showing the girls, on wooden skis with bindings and using poles, traversing down a hillside of pine needles. We don't offer pine needles skiing as an activity any longer; in fact, we are clueless where the ski hill was at Kamaji. However, we do have in the Lodge a set of skis once used for "summer skiing" at Kamaji.

NEWSWORTHY HAPPENINGS

This header lists prior years' life events (i.e., marriage, birth of children/grandchildren). We would like to congratulate the following Kamaji Alum who recently found their lifestyles changed:

"WEDDING BELL ~ CONGRATULATIONS!!!" to...

LAURA EWALD Shofer (Greeley, CO '72-'77) on her November 2000 wedding to Joshua Jeffrey Shofer.

KATIE BERNARDY Treadwell (Edmond, OK '87-'90) on her June 29, 2000 marriage to David Christopher Treadwell.

NANCY GRUBB Lopez (Minneapolis, MN '81-'83) on her September 26, 1998 marriage to Mario Lopez.

"Always a bridesmaid - never a bride" **MAGGIE WISEMAN** (Fremont, NE '83-'89) was finally a bride in her July 28th, 2001 wedding to John Rogula.

SARA HALPERN Greenwood (St. Louis, MO '88-'91) on her August 11, 2001 wedding to Paul Greenwood.

MERRITT SLOAN (staff '94,'95) on her November 23, 2001 wedding to Kevin McShane.

LAUREN RUMICK (Glencoe, IL '86-'91) on her July 1, 2001 wedding to Jason Greis.

RACHEL RICHMAN (Highland Park, IL '86-'90) on her September 21, 2000 wedding to James Young.

MICHELLE RUTTENBERG (Deerfield, IL '85-'88,'94) on her July 2001 wedding to David Fleischer.

"CONGRATS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT" Wishes to . . .

ALISON TZINBERG (St. Louis, MO '89-'91) on her recent engagement to Dan Rossini of St. Louis.

AMELIA CULLINAN (NYC, NY '85-'88,'92-'93) on her recent engagement to her high school sweetheart.

KK MCGREGOR (Milwaukee, WI '86-'91) on her recent engagement to Douglas Neimann of Minneapolis, MN. They are planning an August 3, 2002 wedding.

LISA LINNICK (Toledo, OH '83-'89) On her recent engagement to Josh Zely - a May 2002 wedding is planned.

STACIE CHAPPEL (Louisville, KY '92) on her impending May 26, 2002 wedding to Adam Gerson.

We wish all of you a lifetime of love, happiness, good health and LOTS of daughters!!!!!!!

"PITTER PATTER OF LITTLE FEET ~ CONGRATULATIONS!!!" to . . .

SARA PASNAU Ahlquist (staff U Madison '90,'92, '94) and **ERIC AHLQUIST** (staff Minneapolis '94) on the October 22, 2001 birth of their third child/second son Samuel Erik who joins big brother Hunter and sister Anne.

LYNN AND JOE BAGGOT (staff '88-'89) on the June 18, 2001 birth of their son Gabriel Keegan who joins big sister Allison.

AMANDA BEELER (camper/staff Rochester, MN '79-'85,'87,'89) and her husband Andy Groover on the November 28, 2001 birth of their daughter Lucy Belle!

TOBEY BALLENGER (camper Tulsa, OK '83-'87,'00) and husband Jeff Alderman (Tulsa, OK camp doc '00) on the November 24, 2001 birth of their daughter Abigail Paige.

OTHER NEWSWORTHY EVENTS

SARAH NORTON (LA, CA '90-'92) wrote and directed a play ~ "The Total Expression Experience" ~ that was produced in Hollywood at a theatre called the Complex. In attendance at one of the performances was Holly Hunter!

KATHERINE CHERRY Bailey (Rock Island, IL '58-'63) completed the Portland, Oregon marathon with her daughter Christin in October 2000.

JUDY BRUCHELL Bush (Rochester, MN '50s) is the director of a small nonprofit organization that runs a week-long summer camp (using Camp Aloha Hive's site on Lake Fairlee, VT) for 100 deserving, somewhat-at-risk 8-12 year old boys and girls. She writes "Anyone who is interested in working for peanuts (or less) and can't make it to Kamaji or can't commit for more than one week should contact me at campexcl@together.net.

STACIE LENTS (St. Louis, MO '88-'91) performed in a one woman show written by Eric H. Wienberger entitled "Six Hands" at the COCA Theatre in St. Louis, MO on April 20/21, 2001.



IT'S A SMALL, SMALL WORLD!!!

This column tells of chance meetings between Kamaji folks when/ where least expected:

KATHY BLOCK (Toledo, OH '85-'87) and **MEREDITH DEARBORN** (Palo Alto, CA '96-'00) ~ both of whom never knew each other from camp ~ met while freshman at Yale University. Seems that they recognized pictures of camp folks they knew on each other's dorm bulletin boards and made the "connection" to Kamaji. They are now great friends and have explored the possibility of being college roommates in future years.

EVY TOWLE Schneider (Minneapolis, MN '43) writes "The friend I made for life the one summer I spent at Kamaji was **CAROLYN (KITTEEN) WALTERS** Brown. What was so funny and fun is that we had really lost track of each other until we were young "marrieds" with small children and moved into the same neighborhood. With our married names, it didn't click at first, but we just knew we had known each other before. One day, we happened to be talking about our camping experiences and the rest is history!"



E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We have a wealth of email addresses for Kamaji alum ~ and anticipate that we will receive via Kamaji's website many more once this newsletter arrives. We are happy to provide any email (and snail mail) addresses upon request. (If there are any alum out there who would prefer not to have us give out their addresses, phone numbers, etc. please let us know. Thanks!)

DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE CAN FIND THE FOLLOWING "LOST" KAMAJI ALUMNAE???

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THROUGH THIS SECTION!!! We FOUND several missing alum who were listed in the 2001 Alumnae Newsletter thanks to the diligence of our readers!!

We've got a long list of "missing" alum and would appreciate it if you would carefully look over the list. Should you know the whereabouts of any listed, please pass their names and addresses onto us here at Kamaji. If you have access to the internet, please go to camp's website at www.kamaji.com & on the Alum page you will find a form that you can complete with info for any of the alum listed below. OR you can simply email us at kamaji1@aol.com or include information on an attachment to the form at the end of the newsletter. Okay here goes ~ (names in parenthesis are married name of person):

Trina Abraham, Leen Al-Bassam, Perri and Sarah Al-Rahim, Harriet Allen, Kathy Allen, Vanessa Allen (Woodriff), Mercedes Amador, Laura Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Betty Atkins (Morrison), Sophie Auge, Emily Ayars...

Cara Baker, Katherine Baker, Marjorie Baker, Suzanne Ball, Elizabeth Barbatelli, Janie Barhydt (Foltz), Georgie Barnes, Buffy Barnes (Nichols), Laura Baron, Julie Bartel, Kelly Bartel, Moira Bartel, Barbara Baumgartner (Brown), Kristen Bays, Julie Beall, Debra Bean

(Ciriani), Ellie Behrstock, Laura Bell, Margery Benedickter Bailey, Emily Berg, Patty Berigan, Ellen Berrey, Gail Berry (Bevan), Allison Bevan, Liza Bischoff, Andrea Bloch, Madeleine Blue, Bonnie Boyles, Julie Bradbury (Miller), Lisa Bradbury (Schreiber), Jennifer Bradford, Shannon Brennan, Pam Brown (Ytterberg), Angie Burka, Julie Burka...

Amy Callen, Corby Campbell (Shields), June Anne Chalfant, Mary Chapman, Christelle Collins, Laura Collins, Julie Creveling, Virginia Crosby (Whittier), Gretchen Crowe, Judy Cutler (McGoohan)...

Joan Daunt (Jenkins), Paige Davis, Sarah Davis, Ronnie Denny (Seel), Barbie Douglass (Dalton), Becca Dragon...

Barb Eagle, Buzzy Eagle (LeCluyse), Anita Eells (Miller), Jenny and Stephie Ellis, Amy Epstein, Emily Erb (Wadden), Rebecca Erickson, Serena Evenstad (Warren)...

Janet Fayner (Kernes), Darrah Feldman, Jessica Feldman, Taryn Fisher, Margie Fox, Sarah Fox, Robyn Freeman (Pissetzky), Karen Freer...

Jennifer Gifford (Satterfield), Jo Giwosky, Julie Giwosky, Elizabeth Glass, Becca Goldstein, Jessica Greene, Megan Gregoire, Julie Grider, Liz Guerrero, Maria Guerrero, Barbara

Gundaker, Suzanne Gundaker...

Karen Haley (Bettis), Kara Hanser, Sarah Hart, Smithey Hashagen, Rachel Hauser, Cindy Hayes, Ouida Heffelfinger, Tara Hefty, Beth Heiser (Ensor), Carol Henry (Mackey), Melissa Hillen, Susan Hirsch, Diane Hirschberg (Lea), Wendy Hodges, Kerry Hogan, Bette Holbrook, Bess House, Denise Hull...

Jody Jacobs, Jean Jobe, Becca Johnson, Brooke Johnson, Ann Jones, Betsy Jones (Schellhoun), Jenny Jordan (Hejtmanek)...

Jennie Kahn, "Bugs" Keller, Laurie King, Tracy Kondla, Molly Krueger, Valerie Kulbersh...

Sarah Lane (Starrett), Nicole LaTessa, Sally LaTinis (Billingsley), Barbara Laven, Nechy Leny, Lindsey Lerner, Gerry Leveille (Seldon), Nicole Levine, Mary "Tat" Litton (Haukeness), Jennifer Lofgren, Margie Lowe (Francie), Ann Lowen (Brown), Teresa Lucas...

Laura Maetzold, Jessica Marcus, Julie Markowitz, Sunny Marshall, Gilah Mashaal, Drew McDonnell, Megan McDonough, Kelly McKinnell, Melissa McNeely (Thompson), Julie Medina, Laura, Lesley and Melissa Merrick, Libby Meyer, Lorna Miller (Seaman), Amanda Moore, Terri Moore, Rachel More, Laura Morrissey, Courtney Murphey...

LOST KAMAJIANS (continued)

Britt Natvig, Laurie and Marcy Nehman, Martha Neimeyer (Gart), Pam Netzky, Becca Neusteter...

Sally Odell...Carol Orthwein (Weaver), Betty Jeanne Oseid...

Margaret Papen (Hollister), Karen Patterson (Kuzminsaks), Jill and Marcy Paulsen, Betsy Pearman (Warner), Peggy Peden, Lily Peter, Lauren Phillips, Kathy Powell...

Judy Randall (Shealy), Katie Reasor, Susie Rogers, Sarah Rosenberg, Cori Roth, Sylvia Rothwell (Lyon), Alice Ruth, Maggie Ruth, Hilary Ryan...

Diane Savage, Chrissy Saylor, Sarah Scannell (Hyde), Alexis Schaeffer, Lara Schiller, Sarah Schulte (Ronne), Jessica Shultz, Leslie Selzer, Traci Sewright, Allison Shankman, Jamie Shearer (Calhoun), Molly Shearer (Bragg Lackey), Robyn Shelton (Barnes), Lynne Sheridan, Risa Siegel, Laurie Sinclair, Carol Sloan, Nancy Sloan, Holly Smith, Kelly Smith,

Martha Smith, Dacia Snyder, Lindsey Specktor, Stacy Stamper, Judy Stanfield (Krebs), Tracy Stanfield (Mecum), Betsy Stauffer (Leonard), Laura Steinbrink, Dana Stephan, Brooks Stephenson, Lauren Stern, Kara Sternhell, Becky Stevens, Jennifer Stevens, Anne Sundberg...

Diana Thompson, Una Thurston (Bailey), Cara Towey, Christine Towey, Kim Tracy... Elissa Udell...

Jean Wahlberg, Susie Walker (Hopkins), Emily Wasko, Marne Wasko, Christine Weidman, Christy Weis (Carnahan), Christy Weis (O'Neal), Mary Whittier (Sims), Julie Wigdale, Jenny Wigdale (Mahoney), Wendy Wigdale, Theresa Wilden (Everett), Camille Williams, Nancy Williams (Elliot), Marilyn Williams, Anner Williamson, Coreen Wilson, Susie Wilson...

Jo Yeoman, Lily York, Joanna Young, Megan Young...

Gail Zimmer and Wendy Zimmerman!

Whew, that's some list! Believe it or not, we did have, at one time, current addresses for all those 240+(!!!) folks listed above, but many moved and their mail forwarding orders expired and they forgot to send Kamaji a change-of-address notice. This list does not include names of alum that we never had to begin with!!!

We urge you to please take the time to send us the names and addresses of anyone you know who went to Kamaji. Again, don't assume just because they are not listed above, that we have every one else's current info. It's likely that our current correct database barely scratches the surface of former Kamaji campers. So please, please help us out...to reconnect Kamaji with its alumnae! Thank you so very much!!!!!!

And remember, if you're trying to track down the whereabouts of one or two of your camp friends, you can always write us and we'd be happy to provide you with the most recent address(es) if we have them in our database.

SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION KAMAJI CAMPERS

Below is a listing of '01 campers and staff members whose moms were one-time Kamaji campers:

<u>Camper/Staff* Name</u>	<u>Mom's Maiden Name/ Hometown & Kamaji Years</u>
Krysten Barns	PAM PAINTER Barnes (Chanute, KS/Tulsa, OK '65-'67)
Jessica Brennan	NANCY RICHARDSON Brennan (Wahpeton, ND '66-'70)
Maria Brown	MARY-DOUG SCANNELL Brown (Milwaukee, WI '67-'76)
Emma Butterfield	SALLY SNELL Butterfield (Covina, CA '60-'65)
Emily Cheng	MARTHA SUTHERLAND (Shawnee Mission, KS '69-'72)
Laura Demarest	AMY SANFILIPPO Demarest (Edina, MN '66-'74)
Sarah Demarest	AMY SANFILIPPO Demarest (Edina, MN '66-'74)
Bonnie Duffield	CINDY JATRAS (Tulsa, OK '67-'74)
Lucy Evans	ELIZABETH EVANS (Rock Island, IL '69-'74)
Meredith Fifer	SARAH SAVAGE (Tulsa, OK '63-'72)
Christal Hannigan	ROBIN TAGGART Hannigan (Topeka, KS '70-'80)
Molly Hanrahan	KIM HESS Hanrahan (McPherson, KS '60-'75)
Anna Kaufman	KATIE MASTIO Kaufman (Wichita, KS '65-'66)
Polly Lindon	PAM FRENZEL Lindon (Minneapolis, MN '66-'74)
Julia Monke	SARAH SANFILIPPO Monke (Edina, MN '65-'67)
Ashlee Moore	LINDA KOSS Moore (Milwaukee, WI '72-'74)

Caroline Owen	GINGER McCORD Owen (Kansas City '65-'72)
Maggie Reeds	CINDY JATRAS (Tulsa, OK '67-'74)
Lilly Scheiber	MARSHA HAYLES Scheiber (Rochester, MN '63-'68)
Catherine Ward	DEBBIE BARNES Ward (Kansas City '76-'78)
Emma Wood	SALLY SANDBERG Wood - mom (Kenilworth, IL '67)

In addition, several nieces/granddaughters whose aunts or grandmothers attended Kamaji were also at camp in '01:

<u>Camper/Staff* Name</u>	<u>Alum's Maiden Name - Hometown & Kamaji Years</u>
Emma Butterfield	SUSAN SNELL Butterfield Cross - greataunt (Rochester, MN '46-'49)
Elizabeth Heddens	HATTIE MAYO SNELL - aunt (Covina, CA '60-'64)
Sarah Koss	SUSAN HEDDENS - aunt (Kansas City, KS '69-'70)
Natalie Kramer	LINDA LEE KOSS Moore - aunt (Milwaukee, WI '72-'74)
Ann Marie Johnston	PAMELA LEE KOSS Geimer - aunt (Milwaukee, WI '72, '74)
Cally Mastio*	918-481-3201
Carolyn Mastio*	JO ANNE OLIVER Posey - aunt (Sallisaw, OK 50s)
Ashlee Moore	ANN MASTIO Bauer - aunt (Wichita, KS '62)
	KATIE MASTIO Kaufman - aunt (Wichita, KS '65-'66)
	PAMELA LEE KOSS Geimer - aunt (Milwaukee, WI '72, '74)

Allison Murphy	Allison, Dana & Lauren have 3 aunts -
Dana Murphy	the MURPHY sisters from Milwaukee, WI -
Lauren Murphy	all of whom were Kamaji campers
Emily Orthwein	DOTSY ORTHWEIN Zirkle - aunt (Tulsa, OK '61-'66)
Lily Scheiber	MARJORIE HAYLES McCants - aunt (Rochester, MN '61-'65)
Lizzie Smidt	CAROL HINSHAW Swift - aunt (Wichita, KS yrs?)
	NANCY LOVE Cox - grandmother (Wichita, KS '36-'38)
Sam Sosey	LINDA LEE KOSS Moore - aunt (Milwaukee, WI '72-'74)
	PAMELA LEE KOSS Geimer - aunt (Milwaukee, WI '72, '74)

Many of the above-listed campers/staff will be returning to Kamaji for the 2002 season. Additionally, the girls listed below are the daughters of former campers and will attend Kamaji in 2002:

<u>Camper/Staff* Name</u>	<u>Alum's Maiden Name Hometown & Kamaji Years</u>
Carolyn Monke	SARAH SANFILIPPO Monke - mom (Edina, MN '65-'67)
Ginny Robinson	SUE KINGSLEY Robinson - mom (Peoria, IL '71-'72)
Elizabeth Ward	DEBBIE BARNES Ward - mom (Kansas City '76-'78)
Katherine Warren	BECKETT HAMPTON Warren - mom (Salina, KS '77-'80)
Sara Warren	BECKETT HAMPTON Warren - mom (Salina, KS '77-'80)
Helen Wilbur*	JANIE BURCHELL Wilbur - mom (Rochester, MN MN '67-'69)



WELCOME 4TH GENERATION KAMAJI CAMPERS!

In 2002 Kamaji will welcome two new campers whose moms, grandmother/great-aunt **and** great-grandmother/great-great grandaunt were once Kamaji campers themselves. **MEGAN PENSE** of Tulsa, OK is the daughter of **CHRISTY DUNKIN** Rawlings (camper from Tulsa, OK '74-'75), the granddaughter of **BETH KENNEDY** Dunkin (swim counselor from Tulsa, '61) and the great-granddaughter of **BETTY LECOMPTEN** Kennedy (camper from Tulsa, OK 1928). And **HANNAH GOLD-GARVEY** of State College, PA is the daughter of former Kamaji camper **ALISA GOLD** Garvey (Kansas City '72-'76), grandniece of **NANCY BREIDENTHAL** (KC mid'50s), **MARY ANN BREIDENTHAL** Nordheimer (KC '61-'63) and **SUSAN BREIDENTHAL** Bergman (KC '61-'65) and great grand-niece of **RUTH BREIDENTHAL** Snyder (KC 1920s). What a tribute indeed to the Camp Directors and the personal camp experiences the Kamaji alum had when they went to camp. It's likely that our predecessors ~ Mrs. Schureman, Bert & Phil, MF & Bill and Nancy & Bob ~ did not have the foresight to imagine that 89 summers after the founding of Camp Kamaji, a new generation ~ the fourth!!! ~ would be following in the footsteps of the first, second and third generations of Kamaji campers. How special indeed is Kamaji!!!

As evidenced by the names above, Kamaji is still the camp of choice with several of its former campers. And this list does not even include those alum who have sent their daughters to Kamaji over the last 22 years since we became directors. We are only too happy to provide a camping experience that is uniquely Kamaji to the daughters, grand-daughters, nieces and/or grandnieces of former campers in hopes that they will enjoy, as did their moms, grandmothers, aunts and great aunts before them, all that Kamaji has to offer.

PARING DOWN KAMAJI'S ALUMNAE MAILING LIST

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have recovered from the awesome task of publishing this once-yearly newsletter ~ an eight-page legal-sized document in its entirety. In addition to writing the newsletter, we had 1300 copies printed, collated and folded at a local printing company; then "yours truly" stuffed, licked, stuck and stamped 1300 envelopes and left it up to the USPO to assume the responsibility of ultimately getting this into your hands. No small undertaking from start to finish, to say the least.

Given how time-consuming and costly (and harmful to the environment☺) it is to send out the yearly Alumnae Newsletter, we were hoping to send the 2002 newsletter via the internet to those alum who have access. To that end, in last year's issue we requested that those alum who would like to receive the annual Kamaji Alum News via the internet, to please respond to kamaji1@aol.com. We had 54 total alum respond affirmatively that they preferred receiving the newsletter via email. A small number to be sure, but a start in this cyberspace age!

Now, given the anthrax scare of the past year coupled with the less-than-poste-haste of snail-mail not to mention the rising cost of first class mail (which is purported to increase to 37¢ or 39¢ for a one-ounce domestic mailing by September 2002), there is an even greater need to rely more on the internet and/or to "thin-down" our current mailing list. We don't want to "lose" any alum who are truly interested in continuing to receive the newsletter and/or to restrict the number of "newly-discovered" alum who might be glad to hear that Kamaji is flourishing. However, we also don't want to send the **Kamaji Alumnae Newsletter** to those who would prefer we not. So we find ourselves in a quandary. . .

What we propose is that all of you who are still interested in receiving the annual newsletter to

(1) email us at kamaji1@aol.com and let us know that you want to receive yearly Kamaji mailings from us via the internet (be sure your correct email address appears in the message) or via "snail mail" (again, include your current legal mailing address); OR

(2) go to Kamaji's website at www.kamaji.com and double click on the Alumnae link and complete the "News About Me" form found at the bottom of the alumnae page. Also let us know whether to include/remove you from our snail-mail list; OR
(3) if you do not have internet access, complete the form that follows this newsletter and mail it to Camp Kamaji, 7436 Byron Place, St. Louis, MO 63105; OR
(4) fax us the following completed form to 314-721-5309.

Please know that we really want to continue to be in touch with our Kamaji alumnae and are happy to do so. . .but **only if** you express interest in being on our mailing list. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you no longer wish to receive mailings from us and will suspend any future mailings.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us "keep current" our alum mailing list.

IN CLOSING. . .

This brings us to the end of our 13th edition of the *Kamaji Alumnae News*. As always, our alumnae are very important to us. There is a lot of loyalty and goodwill out there which we'd very much like to keep alive. We look forward to hearing from you via email to kamaji1@aol.com, the US Post Office or our new website at www.kamaji.com - or better yet - in person up on the shores of Big Wolf Lake.

Campingly yours,

Kathy & Mike Jay

