

Rainbow Connection



[Say Yes to Camp: Written by Bri from the Office]

Four years ago, I was sitting in my college advisor's office discussing my options for the summer. We talked about internships and my goals. I knew then that I didn't want to spend another summer in a courthouse or law office filing documents and getting coffee for everyone, but I also didn't want to waste my summer away doing nothing. Then my advisor mentioned summer camp. She had worked at a camp back in the day and thought I should at least consider the option. I walked out of her office feeling unsure, but willing to try anything that would save me from another internship.

Over the next few weeks, I researched what seemed like a million camps. None of them felt right for me. Then I got an email about Camp Kamaji. I filled out the application, set-up my interview, and a couple weeks later I was talking to Kat. When she emailed me a contract, I was excited, happy, nervous, and the tiniest bit scared all at the same time. As most of you know, I'm not much for emotions so this was a lot of feelings for me to deal with at once. Luckily, I sorted through them with the help of some mentors and friends and sent Kat my signed contract not knowing entirely what to expect that first year.

They say that hindsight is 20/20, and in this case it's certainly true. Saying yes to my first summer at Camp Kamaji changed my life. There are so many things that I know now and wish I could have shared with myself then, but since time travel is not an option yet, I'm just going to share the list with all of you because there is always a chance that someone else might be wondering if they should spend the summer at Kamaji too. Spoiler alert, the answer is yes. Always say yes to a summer at camp.

Reasons to Say Yes to Camp Kamaji:

1. The campers are nice girls!

I don't mean "kind of" nice or "sort of" nice. I mean these are the nicest girls you will ever meet. They care about each other, they care about camp, and they even care about the poor fish that sometimes get squashed by counselors in the lake. (RIP Frank, we'll never forget you).

2. The directors aren't half bad either.

This is actually a bit of an understatement. Kat and Jason are great people to work with. That doesn't mean you won't work hard, but it does mean you'll have fun and learn a lot!

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Camp Kamaji for Girls



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3. You will make really good friends!

Camp Kamaji is full of people that want to be nice to you. They'll walk across camp to the pump with you, even if your cabin is closer to the hose, they'll teach you all the camp songs, and they'll always laugh with you!

4. The food is delicious!

Cinnamon scones, gooey rolls, and mac n' cheese are just a few of the yummy things served in Sloan Hall.

5. Camp Kamaji will be just as beneficial as an internship.

There are hundreds (maybe thousands, but I'm not going to count to find out) of articles available explaining all of the benefits of working for a camp. To sum them up, you gain life skills that will prove to be invaluable in the future. Take this opportunity! Also, camp is a lot more fun than any internship I've ever done.

Camp Kamaji has impacted my life in some big ways. I know that working full-time for a camp isn't for everyone, but I do think spending 10 weeks working for camp will benefit anyone that gives it a try.

I'm so glad that I said yes that first summer and the next two after that. Now I'm excited to see who else will say yes to Kamaji for summer 2017! I'll see you there.



Randy's Ramblings



Hello from a very wintery Camp Kamaji! We have had a lot of very cold weather since Christmas with a few days fairly nice in the middle. Temperatures range from -30 to 30 degrees above with the average in the single digits. The lake has about 24 inches of ice so ice houses have popped up all around the lake. I don't ice fish but have been told by the locals that there is good fishing out in front of camp where the sail boats and swim docks are located? Someday I'm going to go out and try it. Maybe after I get all of the work done that needs to get done before camp starts! Speaking of work, I have all of the lower wash house done inside and out, except for painting the floors and putting in shower dividers. The plumber still has to put in new shower heads and new toilets that flush better than old ones. I really don't enjoy my summer task of plunging so hopefully new toilets

takes most of my fun away! I am also remodeling the little boys room. I know most of you don't use this room but it was very dark and gloomy. I am in middle of brightening up just a bit. Check it out when you come to camp. I have done a little work in Kat and Jason's house doing little things like putting in more spindles so Caleb don't fall down steps. Patch and Oreo are coming out and doing security patrols of camp daily. I have put a blanket up on inside of shop door to keep the heat in and so they can come in on cold days and warm their paws. Patch always comes in but big tuff Oreo only comes in on very cold days. Most of the time I will find him hiding under the staff lounge. I have to call his name to come in the shop. He will come in but never stays long. My free time on the weekends have been busy with hockey with my son Josh. His team his doing very well and is rated 21st in the state.

District, regional, and hopefully, State tournament just around the corner! Well, that's enough ramblings from me.

-Randy and the boys



Camper Enrollment



NEW TO KAMAJI IN 2017!

Join us in welcoming Kamaji's newest campers!

1st Session:

ELIANA DAUGHERTY from Highland Park, IL (7th grade), ROWAN FITZGIBBON from Santa Monica, CA (5th grade), SLOANE FITZGIBBON from Santa Monica, CA (3rd grade), AVA FOERSTERLING from Glencoe, IL (5th grade), WESLEE INNES from Highland Park, IL (5th grade), AVA PASSARELLI from Elmhurst, IL (6th grade), ELLIE PEKOW from Chicago, IL (4th grade), MAISY WEISS from Englewood, CO (5th grade), and RILEY SLATER from Santa Monica, CA (3rd grade).

2nd Session:

ZOE WARTICOVSKI from St. Louis, MO (2nd grade).

We are very excited that you will be joining us for summer 2017!



Since the last time The Rainbow Connection was published, the following campers have enrolled for the summer of 2017:

1st session

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| Lucy | Gallun | Evanston | IL | 8th | grade |
| Lila | Portis | Evanston | IL | 6th | grade |
| A'Marie | Hightower | South Euclid | OH | 6th | grade |
| Sydney | Rothenberg | Deerfield | IL | 9th | grade |
| Gabby | Schwarz | Woodbury | MN | 8th | grade |
| Emilia | Trevino | Monterrey | NL | 6th | grade |

2nd session

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| Deja | Johnson | Chicago | IL | 6th | grade |
| Maya | Johnson | Chicago | IL | 4th | grade |
| Caden | Traversari | Philadelphia | PA | 9th | grade |

8 weeks:

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|--------|---------|-----------|----|-----|-------|
| Ava | Robbins | Glencoe | IL | 7th | grade |
| Stella | Weiss | Englewood | CO | 7th | grade |
| Wren | Cohen | Evanston | IL | 4th | grade |

Do you know someone who might be interested in Camp Kamaji? Let us know so that we can get in touch with them!

[Request More Info](#)

If you haven't already, be sure to enroll your camper today!

[2017 Enrollment Form](#)

Things we can't forget

First Session:

Giants bowling...turkey dance...
 nighttime songs...Emi in a can...
 Super Relatives... Mac + Water...
 lean & dab...glowsticks in the
 treehouse...Jimmy... tent taks...
 weird dreams...fireflies...
 slamwhich...awesam...winning
 Casino Day...



Second Session:

Messy cabin...mad libs... 1st
 impressions...Sandhill...rainbow
 order...battle for cream cheese...
 holy high heels...sweet time with
 Haley...scav hunt...full package
 pedicure...llamas...

water chickens...get turnt with
 cabin durnt...porching it...night
 out... beading parties.



Boy Oh Boy is That Tasty

Tin Foil Dinners

Ingredients:

margarine
 hamburger (1/4 to 1/3 pound per serving)
 onion
 potatoes
 carrots
 celery
 green, red, orange and/or yellow peppers
 cheese - sliced American or shredded cheddar **
 seasonings

Directions

1. Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil - shiny side in!! 2. 'Baste' bottom side of aluminum foil (where you'll layer ingredients) with margarine. 3. Break up hamburger into smaller sized pieces and place on foil. Season to liking. 4. Add any/all of the following veggies** 5. Fold up sides of foil to form a bowl. Close foil and cook on hot campfire for at least 20 minutes (no need to turn over) or until burger and potatoes are done. (At home, we make these on our gas grill — cooking takes 15-20 minutes on HIGH). 6. Open foil bags, top with cheese, ketchup and enjoy!

** There seems to be two fronts on when to add the cheese: before you seal and cook packet or after packet is cooked and opened. The choice is yours!

Our newest column is brought to you straight from the Kamaji Kitchen. Each column will feature one or more of Kamaji's most requested recipes. Check out the official [Camp Kamaji Cookbook](#) for more tasty recipes.



NYE Candle Lighting

On New Year's Eve Kamaji campers, staff, and alumni from around the world lit their candles to remember the friendships and the fun times they've had at camp.

We were thrilled to see all of the photos many of you shared. Thank you to everyone who participated in this Camp Kamaji tradition!



Kamaji Day

Kamaji Day is right around the corner!

Created by a former camper, Molly Jones, Kamaji day is the perfect chance to show your Kamaji pride to all of your friends and family at home. It will always fall on the last day in February.

If you would like to participate this year, please wear your favorite Camp Kamaji clothing item on February 28th. Don't forget to tag Camp Kamaji in your photos on Facebook and Instagram!

Email your photos to bri@kamaji.com to be featured in the next newsletter.

Camp for All Kids

Join us for an evening of LIVE MUSIC and camp fun to help send more kids to camp!

SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND AT 7PM
210 RESTAURANT & LIVE MUSIC
LOUNGE
(IN HIGHWOOD, IL)
OPEN BAR, DINNER, AUCTION &
MUSIC
TICKETS: \$175 (\$150 EARLY BIRD!!)

Other ways to contribute:

- 1) [Donate online](#) through our website
- 2) Send a check to Camp for All Kids at P.O. Box 50194, St. Louis, MO, 63105
- 3) Donate items for silent auction!
- 4) Spread the word!

Huge "Thank You!"

Kat and Jason just wrapped up their reunion travels with the final stop of the season in St. Louis. It has been great to visit with current campers and alumni!

We couldn't do it without all of our wonderful families that host these events! We are very grateful to the **SUFFIAN AND BEELER** families for hosting reunions at their homes. Thank you!



[2016 VIDEO SCRAPBOOK] If you were unable to attend a reunion, we will mail you a copy of the 2016 DVD!

Meet the Staff

Summer 2017

We are excited to welcome some familiar faces back to camp! Read below to see who is joining us at camp this summer.

EVA ALESSANDRONI

HOMETOWN: WATERTOWN, MA
SCHOOL: WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
YEARS AT CAMP: 9

NICOLA "Nic" BLOODWORTH

HOMETOWN: HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND
YEARS AT CAMP: 9

JOSIE CLARK

HOMETOWN: BOULDER, CO
SCHOOL: BOULDER HIGH SCHOOL
YEARS AT CAMP: 7

LEILANI FITZPATRICK

HOMETOWN: CHEVY CHASE, MD
SCHOOL: MARET SCHOOL

HALEY HOROWITZ

HOMETOWN: ST. LOUIS, MO
YEARS AT CAMP: 8

SHANNON KETTENRING

HOMETOWN: GEORGETOWN, KY

ALLABELLE LINDSEY

HOMETOWN: SPRINGFIELD, MO
SCHOOL: CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
YEARS AT CAMP: 6

NATTY LINDSEY

HOMETOWN: SPRINGFIELD, MO
YEARS AT CAMP: 6

EMILY MILLER

HOMETOWN: CHESTERFIELD, MO
SCHOOL: INCOMING FRESHMEN AT
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER
YEARS AT CAMP: 11

MIKAYLA "MICKEY" PATTON

HOMETOWN: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
SCHOOL: PROVIDENCE ST. MEL
YEARS AT CAMP: 7



OLIVIA "LIVVY" RAMSEY

HOMETOWN: INDIANAPOLIS, IN

SCHOOL: HANOVER COLLEGE

YEARS AT CAMP: 2

OLIVIA RONK

HOMETOWN: EDMOND, OK

SCHOOL: OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY

YEARS AT CAMP: 8

SHAYNA ROSENBLOOM

HOMETOWN: NASHVILLE, TN

SCHOOL: INCOMING FRESHMAN AT
WASH U

YEARS AT CAMP: 10

YAS SALON

HOMETOWN: COLUMBUS OHIO

SCHOOL: COLUMBUS ACADEMY

JACQUELINE STEEL

HOMETOWN: WINNETKA, IL

SCHOOL: NEW TRIER HIGH SCHOOL

YEARS AT CAMP: 8

MADDIE THALL

HOMETOWN: DEERFIELD, IL

SCHOOL: DEERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

YEARS AT CAMP: 7

MADDY TURAIN

HOMETOWN: LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, OH

SCHOOL: WITTENBURG UNIVERSITY

YEARS AT CAMP: 5

DANIELA THOMAS TAVERNIERHOMETOWN: TUXTLA GUTIERREZ,
CHIAPAS MEXICOSCHOOL: UNIVERSIDAD DE CIENCIAS Y
ARTES DE CHIAPAS

YEARS AT CAMP: 2

BRIDGET WALL

HOMETOWN: GLENVIEW, IL

YEARS AT CAMP: 6



Join #KamajiStaff2017

If you are interested in [working at camp](#) this summer or know of a fun, trustworthy, hard-working, dedicated, enthusiastic, tireless, energetic, empathetic, funny, qualified person who would like to learn more about one of Kamaji's many and varied positions, email kat@kamaji.com today!



Staff Notes

If you haven't already, please get your contract signed and turned in using Camp InTouch.

Speaking of Camp InTouch, please update your contact information using your account. Link available [here](#).

Watch for email updates from us over the next months! We'll be sending out a variety of information.

If you have any questions please email bri@kamaji.com



Chit Chat with Bri

Hello Everyone!

Lately I've been thinking a lot about camp friendships. Friendships that are built quickly on a strong foundation of Kamaji kindness. Camp friends are special!

My camp friends are some of the best people. They're people that love me, even after I've sent them 5 emails in 2 weeks asking them to fill out a form (but really guys, please do it.) They are the ones that are always ready to pick-up right where we left off each time. Camp is a better place and I'm a better person because of them.

I know it can be hard to stay in touch with people that don't go to the same school or even live in the same state as you, but I promise it's worth it. Camp friends are worth it! So, reach out to your camp friends this week! I promise you won't regret it.

-Bri from the Office



It's a Small World After All



From Joy Sclamberg:

So Cassidy Klein and Julia Addis were over the other night (they are friends with Tessie's sister Lexi) and we were all talking about Kamaji. No idea how it came up but when they asked Tessie about who her second grade teacher is she said Ms. Abrams and they said she was a Kami girl!!! Literally still have chills this is so amazing.



If you run into any Kamaji friends, remember to snap a picture and email it to Kat kat@kamaji.com or Bri bri@kamaji.com. You never know, it might even make the Instagram or Facebook page.

And don't forget to send us your creative poems and drawings, humble brags, and camp related stories!



We have had a great start to 2017! We've met with new campers from around the country that will be joining us at camp this summer. Reunion season has come to an end, but we enjoyed spending time with our current campers and alumni. We've even snuck in a little bit of family time for the Nelson crew!

We're working hard to prepare for summer 2017! You can help by updating your [Camp InTouch](#) account.

Keep an eye on your email, we'll be sending out more information about the upcoming summer soon!

With hugs and high fives,
Kat, Jason, Bri & Caleb too!





Happy Birthday!



February

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| 1 | Elizabeth | Dell'Orco | 3216 Townview Avenue NE | | Minneapolis | MN | 55418 | US |
| 1 | Lucy | Weatherstone | 14 Burntwood Close | | London | | SW18 3JU | GB |
| 2 | Patrick | Swan | Tamarind | La Ruelle de Patier | St Saviour | Jersey | JE2 7LQ | GB |
| 2 | Kalea | Mills | 12 Park Lane | | Bernardsville | NJ | 7924 | US |
| 5 | Eliana | Daugherty | 996 Ridge Road | | Highland Park | IL | 60035 | US |
| 5 | Josie | Clark | 4303 Vinca Ct. | | Boulder | CO | 80304 | US |
| 7 | Sami | Remis | 2 Glenview Rd | | St. Louis | MO | 63124 | US |
| 7 | Evelyn | Taylor | 18 Old North Road | | Whangarei | Northland | 182 | NZ |
| 11 | Lia | Wilson | 808 Justin St | | Lawrence | KS | 66049 | US |
| 12 | Stella | Dale | 1601 W School Street | Apartment 303 | Chicago | IL | 60657 | US |
| 16 | Jane | Goldman | 80 Lake Forest | | St. Louis | MO | 63117 | US |
| 16 | Lucy | Gale | 417 Adams Ave | | Glencoe | IL | 60022 | US |
| 19 | Queen | Bell | 8874 Boyce Place | | St.Louis | MO | 63136 | US |
| 19 | Rachel | Sanders | 1719 W. Melrose | | Chicago | IL | 60657 | US |
| 20 | Joel | Garcia | 499 Adams St | | Manchester | CT | 6040 | US |
| 21 | Laura | Parente | 2601 Arcola Ln | | Wayzata | MN | 55391 | US |
| 24 | Eleanor | Goldman | 80 Lake Forest | | St. Louis | MO | 63117 | US |
| 24 | Samantha | Irvin | 715 Cranbrook Dr. | | Kirkwood | MO | 63122 | US |
| 25 | Marina | Caputo | 5525 34th Ave NE | | Seattle | WA | 98105 | US |
| 27 | Rebecca | Cribbes | Unit 5, 70 Beach Road | | Mentone | VIC | 3194 | AU |
| 27 | Tiffany | Ortiz | C/Miguel ballester#2 el almirante | | Santo Domingo | | 11806 | DO |
| 28 | Laura | Dillard | 390 Landis lane | | London | OH | 43140 | US |



Happy Birthday!



March

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|---|---------------|------------------|---|------------------|---------|----------|
| 3 | 3 Grace | O'Malley | 537 Warren Ave | University City | MO | 63130 US |
| 3 | 7 Sarah | Ward | 1224 Walden Ln | Deerfield | IL | 60015 US |
| 3 | 8 Emma | Jacob | 6208 Westridge Blvd | Edina | MN | 55436 US |
| 3 | 8 Lizzie | Kalt | 595 Longwood Ave | Glencoe | IL | 60022 US |
| 3 | 8 Hanna | Foster | 719 Grovewood Dr. | Beech Grove | IN | 46107 US |
| 3 | 8 Natalie | Ringel | 392 Adams Ave | Glencoe | IL | 60022 US |
| 3 | 9 Chloe | Arndt | 2330 San Miguel Drive | Walnut Creek | CA | 94596 US |
| 3 | 12 Annie Rose | Winkler | 446 W Mt. Airy Ave. | Philadelphia | PA | 19119 US |
| 3 | 12 Ariel | Weil | 1780 Ridge Road | Highland Park | IL | 60035 US |
| 3 | 12 Allison | Weiss | 458 21st St. | Santa Monica | CA | 90402 US |
| 3 | 13 Haley | Horowitz | 10900 Little Creek Lane | St. Louis | MO | 63141 US |
| 3 | 14 Rachel | Herz | 7463 S. Boulder Rd | Boulder | CO | 80303 US |
| 3 | 14 Tai | Kennebrew | 8104 S Luella Ave | Chicago | IL | 60617 US |
| 3 | 17 Zoe | Bernstein | 2451 W Bradley Place | Chicago | IL | 60618 US |
| 3 | 17 Risa | Siegel | 4537 Ewing Ave S | Minneapolis | MN | 55410 US |
| 3 | 19 Julia | Peksa | N26 W5350 Polk St. | Cedarburg | WI | 53012 US |
| 3 | 20 Eden | Morrison | 1474 E 732nd Rd | Lawrence | KS | 66049 US |
| 3 | 20 Neely | Morrison | 1474 E 732nd Rd | Lawrence | KS | 66049 US |
| 3 | 21 Maya | Johnson | 5541 W. Augusta Blvd | Chicago | IL | 60651 US |
| 3 | 22 Maddie | Thall | 919 Holmes Ave. | Deerfield | IL | 60015 US |
| 3 | 23 Alexis | Burton | 481 Grove St | Glencoe | IL | 60022 US |
| 3 | 25 Weslee | Innes | 657 Hillside Drive | Highland Park | IL | 60035 US |
| 3 | 28 Elodie | Watrous | 516 sheridan rd | wilmette | IL | 60091 US |
| 3 | 28 Isabella | Caputo | 5525 34th Ave NE | Seattle | WA | 98105 US |
| 3 | 31 Daniela | Thomas Tavernier | Septima Poniente Entre Tercera Y Cuarta Sur Col. Cerritos | Tuxtla Gutierrez | CHIAPAS | 29000 MX |