



# RAINBOW RUNDOWN

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# DECEMBER HOLIDAYS: FUN FACTS!

Harry Truman  
was the first  
President to  
celebrate.

Hanukkah at the  
White House

Mexicans & Mexican-  
Americans often  
celebrate the feast  
day of Our Lady of  
Guadalupe, the patron  
saint of Mexico who  
symbolizes patriotism  
and devotion on Dec  
12th

It takes about 15  
years to grow  
the average  
Christmas tree

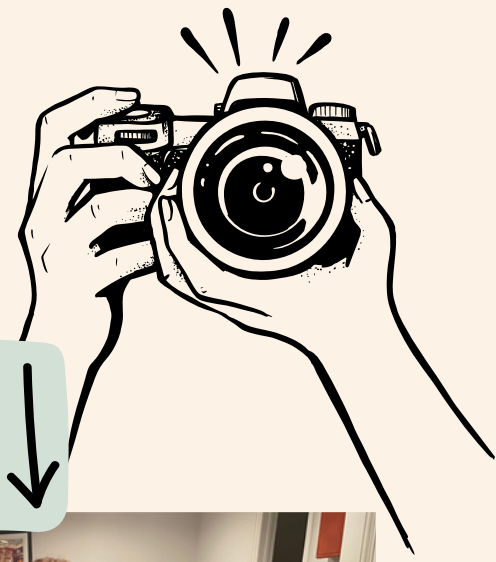
According to the  
Oxford English  
Dictionary,  
there are 24  
ways to spell  
Hanukkah

The foundation of Kwanzaa  
is built on the concepts of:  
Unity (Umoja), Self-  
determination  
(Kujichagulia), Collective  
work and responsibility  
(Ujima), Cooperative  
economics (Ujamaa),  
Purpose (Nia), Creativity  
(Kuumba) & Faith (Imani)

Alabama was  
the first state to  
officially  
recognize  
Christmas in  
1836



# KAMAJI KAPTURED



↓  
SCARLETT RISSMAN,  
EVE MASON, EVIE  
BASS, BLAKE  
ELDRIDGE, OLIVIA  
RUBENSTEIN, LILY  
GENSER



↓  
CHICAGO  
REUNION!



SAM IRVIN MADE THE  
ROUNDS! YAY!  
PICTURED FROM TOP TO  
BOTTOM WITH:  
  
LIA WILSON  
  
ZOEY CAINE, ELLA &  
LIVY RUBENSTEN  
  
BLAKE ELDRIDGE

Send your Kamaji meet up pics to [jen@kamaji.com](mailto:jen@kamaji.com) for our next newsletter. We LOVE these pictures so much!!

# NYE CANDLE LIGHTING

FOR YEARS AND YEARS HUNDREDS OF KAMAJI CAMPERS AND STAFF FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD HAVE JOINED TOGETHER IN RELIGHTING THEIR O'NAUG-SHE-NODIN CANDLES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE PART IN THIS TRADITION - WITH US AND THE REST OF KAMAJI'S SUMMERTIME FAMILY - ON NEW YEAR'S EVE. RELIGHT YOUR O'NAUG-SHE-NODIN CANDLE TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR AND RELIVE THE MEMORIES OF SUMMER 2023.

NOT SURE WHERE YOUR FINAL O'NAUG CANDLE WENT? NO PROBLEM! YOU CAN STILL PARTICIPATE BY LIGHTING ANOTHER CANDLE IN YOUR HOME.

BE SURE TO SHARE YOUR NYE CANDLE LIGHTING PHOTOS WITH US! EMAIL YOUR PHOTOS [JEN@KAMAJI.COM](mailto:JEN@KAMAJI.COM).



WHEN I LIGHT MY CANDLE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE  
THERE'LL BE MUCH GREATER WARMTH THAN ONE FLAME  
FOR THE FRIENDSHIPS I MADE AT CAMP KAMAJI  
I WILL BE CLOSE AROUND ME AGAIN.

ALTHOUGH I KNOW THERE'S SO FAR BETWEEN US  
I NEVER FEEL CUT OFF AT HOME  
FOR I KNOW THE FRIENDSHIPS THAT WE MADE TOGETHER  
HELP ME THROUGH THOSE TIMES ALONE.

SO LET YOUR DREAMS BURN AS BRIGHT AS THIS FLAME  
AND LET YOUR MEMORIES RUN FREE  
FOR SOON ENOUGH THE SUMMER WILL RETURN  
AND BACK AT KAMAJI WE CAN BE .



# SUMMER 2024 ENROLLMENT

First Four Week Session:

June 17 – July 13

Second Four Week Session:

July 15 – August 10

Full Eight Week Session:

June 17 – August 10

## 8 WEEKERS

NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Celeste Belmonti	3rd	Chicago, IL
Hadley Bussen	4th	Lake Bluff, IL
Yamaris Cabrera	8th	North Chicago, IL
Kaleesi Greene	4th	Minnetrasta, MN
Lilly Greene	2nd	Minnetrasta, MN
Madeline Hernandez	6th	Northbrook, IL
Amelia Rabb	4th	Rockford, MI
Hannah Rabb	2nd	Rockford, MI
Kendall Richards	6th	St. Louis, MO



## FIRST SESSION

NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN	NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Annie Alcorn	9th	Washington, DC	Julia Showalter	5th	Tulsa, OK
Avery Bargfeldt	4th	Franklin, TN	Ade Stern	9th	Minneapolis, MN
Aria Basford	6th	Magnolia, TX	Anastasia Taylor	8th	Menifee, CA
Emery Beffa	4th	Brookfield, IL	Oakley Thiesen	7th	Brainerd, MN
 Juniper Bussen	2nd	Lake Bluff, IL	Brooke Willhite	6th	Albuquerque, NM
 Yane Cabrera	4th	North Chicago, IL	 Genevieve Worley	2nd	Chicago, IL
Addie Cronk-Gebbia	5th	El Cajon, CA	Lorelei Worley	5th	Chicago, IL
Arlyn Cronk-Gebbia	3rd	El Cajon, CA	 Charlotte Wyffels	4th	Edina, MN
 Brynn Goldstein	4th	Chicago, IL			
Chandler Goodman	5th	Deerfield, IL			
Noa Jacoby	5th	Chicago, IL			
Hope Jernagan	7th	Saint Louis, IL			
Maude Jernagan	5th	Saint Louis, IL			
 Ellie Laragh	5th	Chicago, IL			
 Julia Laragh	3rd	Chicago, IL			
Akari Lema	6th	Tokyo, Japan			
Lauren McIntire	8th	Newbury Park, CA			
Addison Novak	9th	Naples, FL			
Lulu Pearl	7th	Encinitas, CA			
Emma Rivers	5th	Springfield, VA			
Sarina Rontal	9th	Birmingham, MI			
Jo Rouspil	5th	Des Moines, IA			
 Ella Sanders	4th	Deerfield, IL			
 Addie Schaffner	7th	Highland Park, IL			
 Taylor Schaffner	4th	Highland Park, IL			



**NEW TO KAMAJI FOR SUMMER 2024!**

8 IS GREAT!


















Chat with Kat about  
spending 8 weeks at  
Kamaji this summer!

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# SECOND SESSION

NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN	NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Abbie Anderson	7th	Lake Forest, IL	Molly Latimer	9th	Glencoe, IL
Ella Arnold	8th	Corte Madera, CA	Kassidy Leonard	8th	St Louis, MO
 Eloise Baker	2nd	Washington, DC	Willa Limbert	5th	Berkeley, CA
Cami Bales	7th	Manhattan Beach, CA	Flo Lloyd	6th	Washington, DC
Clio Bandle	8th	Winterthur, Switzerland	Eve Mason	5th	Deerfield, IL
Iris Barringer-Mills	10th	Ixelles, Belgium	Evie McWilliams	6th	Ann Arbor, MI
Julia Bizhko	6th	Bethesda, MD	 Gracie Mervis	4th	Arlington, VA
Eliana Brown	6th	Shaker Heights, OH	 Serena Meyers-Baer	2nd	Brooklyn, NY
Zoey Caine	7th	St. Louis, MO	Lucia Mijangos Guzzardo	7th	México City, Mexico
 Lucre Cantu	4th	Mexico City, Mexico	Willa Nash	6th	Chicago, IL
Roberta Cantu	6th	Mexico City, Mexico	Katrina Powell	7th	Kansas City, MO
 Victoria Cantu	2nd	Mexico City, Mexico	 Abby Reyzin	3rd	Glencoe, IL
Cate Cassidy	9th	Evanston, IL	Kai Richards	3rd	St. Louis, MO
Elle Cassidy	6th	Evanston, IL	Kennedy Richards	6th	St. Louis, MO
Eva Cytron	9th	Deerfield, IL	Rosie Rissman	7th	Berkeley, CA
Rosie DeWein	5th	Rolling Hills Estates, CA	Scarlett Rissman	4th	Highland Park, IL
Zoe DeWein	6th	Rolling Hills Estates, CA	Violet Rissman	5th	Berkeley, CA
Dylan Ditto	4th	Chicago, IL	Ella Rubenstein	7th	Glencoe, IL
 Val Dobric	5th	Lake Forest, IL	Olivia Rubenstein	4th	Glencoe, IL
Blake Eldridge	4th	Highland Park, IL	Eva Saddleton	6th	River Forest, IL
Dylan Eldridge	8th	Highland Park, IL	Emma Sagett	7th	Highland Park, IL
Lia Fleischer	6th	Chevy Chase, MD	 Henri Saipe	2nd	St. Louis, MO
Kinley Garfield	7th	New York, NY	Serenity Sanchez	5th	Deerfield, IL
Orly Garfield	3rd	New York, NY	 Brooke Schieber	4th	Hinsdale, IL
Lily Genser	4th	Highland Park, IL	Mae Severn	5th	Washington, DC
Sydney Genser	7th	Highland Park, IL	Mary Elizabeth Stewart	6th	Austin, TX
 Layla Greenwood	2nd	Glencoe, IL	Ivy Swartz	6th	Chicago, IL
 Mabel Hall	2nd	Palos Verdes Estates, CA	Mirabelle Threadgold	9th	Brooklyn, NY
Ruby Hall	6th	Palos Verdes Estates, CA	Juliet Trueger	5th	Chicago, IL
Mollie Hirsh	6th	Glencoe, IL	Opal Vandelloo	7th	Oakland, CA
Allegra Hurtgen	6th	Wilmette, IL	 Ellie Voller	4th	San Diego, CA
Eve Jackson	6th	Kansas City, MO	Lillian Wall	6th	Oklahoma City, OK
Millie Jackson	6th	Kansas City, MO	Reese Warticovschi	6th	St. Louis, MO
 Mia Jimenez	6th	Riverwoods, IL	Zoe Warticovschi	9th	St. Louis, MO
 Valentina Jimenez	8th	Riverwoods, IL	Nora Williams	6th	Ann Arbor, MI
 Olivia Kansupada	2nd	Chicago, IL	Mae Yawitz	6th	St. Louis, MO
Eliza Kettenring	9th	Stamping Ground, KY	Lexi Young	6th	Deerfield, IL

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

By enrolling early, it helps us make necessary plans for the summer—  
Enroll Today!

Help us spread the word about Kamaji by inviting Kat to your home to meet families interested in camp!



Have you checked out our blog recently? Share with family and friends on your social media!

Have you seen the reunion video!?! Check it out HERE!!





## Kamaji Gear

Looking for the perfect holiday gift? Take a look at our sherpa fleece quarter zip, leggings, hats, tribe shirts, and more.

Check out the Camp Kamaji online store [HERE!](#)

## CFAK

We are a proud partner of Camp for All Kids! Each summer, our program is strengthened by the diversity that CFAK brings to Camp Kamaji. During this season of giving, we ask that you consider donating to Camp for All Kids, an organization that makes a difference not only in the lives of the scholarship recipient, but in the experience of all of our campers. When camp is diverse everyone benefits!

Click [HERE](#) to donate today!

## Holiday Office Hours

Happy Holidays from everyone at Camp Kamaji! We hope your holidays will be filled with joy and laughter through the New Year.

The Kamaji office will be closed December 25th - January 1st.

