



Rainbow Connection

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CALLING ALL BIG SIS VOLUNTEERS!!

Interested in being a "Big Sis" for a new Kamaji camper? Chat with her, answer questions, provide a warm welcome and be her 1st camp friend!

E-mail kat@kamaji.com to be part of this fun and helpful group!

New DESIGN Alert



We have such talented campers. ❤️ Kami girl LILLIAN WALL created this amazing new design for our Kamaji gear site.

CHECK IT OUT HERE!!

Also, if you want to order Kamaji gear for the summer...now is a great time to ensure a quicker delivery!

ALL KAMAJI SWAG

Have you seen the Kamaji 2023 scrapbook video yet? Check it out!

[view it here!](#)

Summer 2024



Employment

AN AWESOME SUMMER AWAITS....JOIN OUR STAFF!!

[APPLY HERE!](#)

LEADERSHIP TRAINING (LT) UPDATE!

We've heard your feedback around our LT program and are excited to let you know we are working hard to tweak the program in a way that strengthens the experience to meet (many of!) the needs & wants of our 16 years olds!

Keep an eye out for updates coming SOON!



Kamaji love

What do you l♥ve about Kamaji??

One thing that is special to me about camp is how it seems to exist in a separate place from the “real” world.

At first it feels weird to board the busses and escape the frenzy of everyday life, but by the end of the summer I’m wishing I didn’t have to leave.

*Vivian Alderman
Kamaji Camper*

I love that no matter how old you are, when you’re at Kamaji you are guaranteed to grow in an environment where even if you’re making mistakes, you’re still supported, encouraged, and met with compassion and a helping hand. The support is neverending.

*Samantha Nisenboim
Former Kamaji Camper & Staff*

Being a part of a dynamic, thoughtful and fun community of people ages 7- 100 years old! (No, I am not the 100 year old!)

*Kat Martin Nelson
Kamaji Owner & Director*

Getting to really know the campers and seeing firsthand the joy camp brings them.

*Laney Maguire
Staff Coach & Development*

Tin foil dinners after a full day of canoeing!

*Mariel Vanlandingham
Former Camper, Counselor, & Tripper*










CAMPER ENROLLMENT

These campers have enrolled for Summer 2024!!

8 WEEKERS

FIRST SESSION

NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Annie Alcorn	9th	Washington, DC
Avery Bargfeldt	4th	Franklin, TN
Reese Barnett	9th	Glencoe, IL
Aria Basford	6th	MAGNOLIA, TX
Emery Beffa	4th	Brookfield, IL
Juniper Bussen 	2nd	Lake Bluff, IL
Riley Carter	8th	Layton, UT
Addie Cronk-Gebbia	5th	El Cajon, CA
Arlyn Cronk-Gebbia	3rd	El Cajon, CA
Sona Deshmukh	7th	Jacksonville, FL
Elodie Fredman 	4th	Bannockburn, IL
Josie Fredman 	3rd	Bannockburn, IL
Alicia Gibson	8th	Memphis, TN
Brynn Goldstein 	4th	Chicago, IL
Chandler Goodman	5th	Deerfield, IL
Alice Grant	5th	San Clemente, CA
Lexie Gress	8th	St. Louis, MO
Madeline Hannes 	2nd	Lake Forest, IL
Noa Jacoby	5th	Chicago, IL
Hope Jernagan	7th	Saint Louis, MO
Maude Jernagan	5th	Saint Louis, MO
Ellia 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
Amelia Rabb	4th	Rockford, MI
Hannah Rabb	2nd	Rockford, MI

NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Celeste Belmonti	3rd	Chicago, IL
Hadley Bussen	4th	Lake Bluff, IL
Yamaris Cabrera	8th	North Chicago, IL
Kaleesi Greene	4th	Minnetrista, MN
Lilly Greene	2nd	Minnetrista, MN
Madeline Hernandez	6th	Northbrook, IL
Betsy Kesselman	6th	Northbrook, IL
Avery Lipschultz	6th	Denver, CO
Kendall Richards	6th	St. Louis, MO

NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Emma Rivers	5th	Springfield, VA
Sarina Rontal	9th	Birmingham, MI
Jojo Rouspil	5th	Des Moines, IA
Rowan Sadoff	5th	Fox Point, WI
Ella Sanders 	4th	Deerfield, IL
Addie Schaffner 	7th	Highland Park, IL
Taylor Schaffner 	4th	Highland Park, IL
Julia Showalter	5th	Tulsa, OK
Sara Steinberg	8th	Evanston, IL
Ade Stern	9th	Minneapolis, MN
Anastasia Taylor	8th	Menifee, CA
Oakley Thiesen	7th	Brainerd, MN
Bibi Tobias	9th	Denver, CO
Piper Vasey	5th	CHICAGO, IL
Brooke Willhite	6th	Albuquerque, NM
Genevieve Worley 	2nd	Chicago, IL
Lorelei Worley	5th	Chicago, IL
Charlotte Wyffels 	4th	Edina, MN



NEW TO CAMP KAMAJI FOR SUMMER 2024





SECOND SESSION

NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN	NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Abbie Anderson	7th	Lake Forest, IL	Layla Greenwood	2nd	Glencoe, IL
Ella Arnold	8th	Corte Madera, CA	Mabel Hall	2nd	Palos Verdes Estates, CA
Eloise Baker	2nd	Washington, DC	Ruby Hall	6th	Palos Verdes Estates, CA
Cami Bales	7th	Manhattan Beach, CA	Caroline Hirsh	4th	Glencoe, IL
Clio Bandle	8th	Winterthur, Switzerland	Mollie Hirsh	6th	Glencoe, IL
Iris Barringer-Mills	10th	Ixelles, Belgium	Allegra Hurtgen	6th	Wilmette, IL
Evie Bass	5th	Lake Forest, IL	Eve Jackson	6th	Kansas City, MO
Fiona Belmonti	7th	Chicago, IL	Millie Jackson	6th	Kansas City, MO
Julia Bizhko	6th	Bethesda, MD	Mia Jimenez	6th	Riverwoods, IL
Eliana Brown	6th	Shaker Heights, OH	Valentina Jimenez	8th	Riverwoods, IL
Zoey Caine	7th	St. Louis, MO	Olivia Kansupada	2nd	Chicago, IL
Lucre Cantu	4th	Mexico City, Mexico	Audrey Kaplan	7th	Mokena, IL
Roberta Cantu	6th	Mexico City, Mexico	Eliza Kettenring	9th	Stamping Ground, KY
Victoria Cantu	2nd	Mexico City, Mexico	Molly Latimer	9th	Glencoe, IL
Cate Cassidy	9th	Evanston, IL	Kassi Leonard	8th	St Louis, MO
Eleanor Cassidy	6th	Evanston, IL	Willa Limbert	5th	Berkeley, CA
Eva Cytron	9th	Deerfield, IL	Flo Lloyd	6th	Washington, DC
Luna Davila	6th	Brooklyn, NY	Eve Mason	5th	Deerfield, IL
Rosie DeWein	5th	Rolling Hills Estates, CA	Tolula Mastio	4th	Wichita, KS
Zoe DeWein	6th	Rolling Hills Estates, CA	Shea McCormack	5th	Westminster, CO
Dylan Ditto	4th	Chicago, IL	Evie McWilliams	6th	Ann Arbor, MI
Val Dobric	5th	Lake Forest, IL	Gracie Mervis	4th	Arlington, VA
Jesse Dornan	5th	Denver, CO	Serena Meyers-Baer	2nd	Brooklyn, NY
Blake Eldridge	4th	Highland Park, IL	Lucia Mijangos Guzzardo	7th	México City, DF
Dylan Eldridge	8th	Highland Park, IL	Carys Moynihan	7th	Chicago, IL
Esme Erntson	9th	St Michael, MN	Willa Nash	6th	Chicago, IL
Lia Fleischer	6th	Chevy Chase, MD	Katrina Powell	7th	Kansas City, MO
Kinley Garfield	7th	New York, NY	Abby Rezin	3rd	Glencoe, IL
Orly Garfield	3rd	New York, NY	Kai Richards	3rd	St. Louis, MO
Lily Genser	4th	Highland Park, IL	Kennedy Richards	6th	St. Louis, MO
Sydney Genser	7th	Highland Park, IL	Rosie Rissman	7th	Berkeley, CA
Alex Ghassan	6th	Brooklyn, NY	Scarlett Rissman	4th	Highland Park, IL
Lucy Ghassan	6th	Brooklyn, NY	Violet Rissman	5th	Berkeley, CA
Gigi Gimbel	5th	Oakland, CA	Ella Rubenstein	7th	Glencoe, IL
Zoe Goshko	9th	Ottawa, ON	Olivia Rubenstein	4th	Glencoe, IL
			Eva Saddleton	6th	River Forest, IL
			Emma Sagett	7th	Highland Park, IL



SECOND SESSION

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NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Henri Saipe 	2nd	St. Louis, MO
Serenity Sanchez	5th	Deerfield, IL
Brooke Schieber 	4th	Hinsdale, IL
Mae Severn	5th	Washington, DC
Mary Elizabeth Stewart	6th	Austin, TX
Sadie Storino	6th	Wilmette, IL
Sloane Storino 	3rd	Wilmette, IL
Sophia Storino	7th	Wilmette
Ivy Swartz	6th	Chicago, IL
Mirabelle Threadgold	9th	Brooklyn, NY
Juliet Trueger	5th	Chicago, IL
Rosie Vaglio	5th	Leawood,
Zoey Vaglio	7th	Leawood, KS
Opal Vandelloo	7th	Oakland, CA
Ava Verdun	6th	Chevy Chase, MD
Ellie Voller 	4th	San Diego, CA
Lillian Wall	6th	Oklahoma City, OK
Reese Warticovschi	6th	St. Louis, MO
Zoe Warticovschi	9th	St. Louis, MO
Nora Williams	6th	Ann Arbor, MI
Claire Windom	6th	Washington, DC
Colleen Windom	5th	Washington, DC
Mae Yawitz	6th	St. Louis, MO
Lexi Young	6th	Deerfield, IL

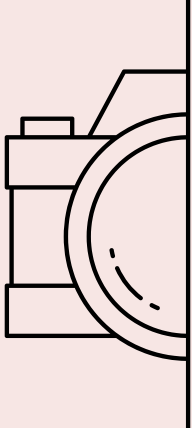
2024 Dates

8 weeks June 17-August 10

first session June 17-July 13

second session July 15-August 10





Kamaji Kaptured



Kami Alums & current camper moms Jordan Bookey & Jamie (Wolbach) Kesselman, along with campers Betsy Kesselman, Flo Lloyd, and Ivy Swartz



Sylvia & Sylvia hanging out in Oregon!



Julie Bizkho chatting with Lia Fleischer



Jason & Bri visited with new and returning staff in Puebla, Mexico.



Eve Mason & Charlotte Carmel in a real world run in! :)

WE LOVE LOVE LOVE SHARING ABOUT KAMAJI CAMPERS DOING THEIR THING! SEND YOUR PICS AND HUMBLE BRAGS TO JEN@KAMAJI.COM

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Just a FEW of the influential Black women from history



Jane Bolin repeatedly made history. She was the first Black woman to graduate from Yale Law School, the first Black woman to join the New York City Bar Association AND the nation's first Black female judge.

Ruby Nell Bridges Hall is an American civil rights activist. On November 14, 1960, she was the first African American student to attend formerly whites-only William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana during the New Orleans school desegregation crisis.



Martha Euphemia Lofton Haynes was the first Black American woman to earn a PhD in mathematics. In 1943, she went on to earn her PhD in mathematics at The Catholic University in Washington, DC. She was eventually the first woman to chair the Washington DC School Board.

THINGS
WE CAN'T
FORGET

THE SCRAPING SONG... STARSHIP
DANCE... WATER B4 BUG JUICE... WALL
OF FAME... ISLAND POINT... KAMI
CHOICE AWARDS... TRIP SONGS...
MERMAIDS... PUPPET SHOWS...

YELLOW BIRD... GLOW PARTY...
PINE MANOR... CANOE TRIP SUNSETS...
SWIMMING IN THE LAKE...
HORSENGOOGLE... TRIBE BANQUET
SUNDAES... WINDSURFING



THE CANADIAN summer 2024



Tradition

The Canadian is Camp Kamaji's capstone trip exclusively offered to our PINE MANOR CAMPERS.



Camp, canoe, & portage

Campers travel to the White Otter Wilderness Area, north of Atikokan, Ontario, for a 6 night, 7 day trip. They paddle on lakes and carry canoes and their packs between the lakes on challenging trails, all while enjoying the beautiful Canadian wilderness! Campers will undoubtedly work harder than they ever have on a canoe trip, they will make memories to last a lifetime and walk away with an incredible sense of pride and achievement. Our girls can do hard things.



Look for more info from Jason in early February.
QUESTIONS?

jason@kamaji.com



CLIMBING TRIP

summer 2024



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*open to campers
of all ages*
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Campers will be climbing at various locations along Lake Superior's North Shore. Climbing instruction is overseen by instructors from the University of Minnesota – Duluth.

Required: a great attitude, adventurous-spirit, and sign-up for climbing at camp during summer 2024 to be eligible for the limited spots!

This trip is offered 1st & 2nd session. The trip is 2 nights, 3 days for \$250. Parents must sign the permission form in CampInTouch before the summer.

Contact
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A note from Kat

Happy February! Exciting news....I've been invited to Wichita, KS (heey Mastios!) and also Oklahoma City, OK (howdy Laney!) to present camp to families interested in learning about Kamaji! Tolula, Carolyn and Laney have invited a few local families together to learn more about the glories of Kamaji. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST AN INFORMATION SESSION IN YOUR HOMETOWN, I WOULD LOVE LOVE LOVE TO COME! A recommendation from our camp families/alumni has proven time and time again to be the best way for us to grow our Kamaji community. Let's get 2,3,4 or 5 families together for a visit (y'know what they say, "the more the merrier"!)

We are actively planning for Summer 2024 and can't wait to welcome you back to camp! Just a little reminder that the sooner you enroll, the more helpful it is for us to plan for the summer!

As always, if you need ANYTHING or have questions, don't hesitate to reach out!!

Sending you hugs and high fives...Kat



OH, JASON!

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE PORCUPINE WHO WAS NEAR-SIGHTED?

He fell in love with a pincushion.

Knock knock.
Who's there?
Olive.
Olive who?

OLIVE KAMAJI!

Got some good jokes? Send them to jen@kamaji.com and in the coming months, this section could be "Oh, YOUR NAME!"



Randy's Ramblings

Hello from a very cold northern Minnesota!

This morning it was -16 but it's looking like maybe it's the last day below zero temperatures for a few weeks. It's been below zero all week which makes work at camp more challenging but I still know how to get things done around here!

My daily routine is to start a fire in shop stove then go down to a building I'm working on and start my portable heater to get it up to working temperature. Even on the really cold days I can get it up to the 50's in the shop so Ollie and I can go take a break to get warmed up before heading back to work. The buildings that I'm working on never get really warm but I can get them warm enough to work in.

My winter work has been mostly focused on staff housing; I am putting in new flooring and creating additional living areas. I also cut down some dead trees in the woods, cut them all up and hauled them up to Council Fire so we will have plenty of firewood for next year's camping trips and campfires.

We haven't gotten much snow yet but we do have a few inches, still not enough for me to have to plow. I can drive anywhere around camp without getting stuck in the snow. We do have some ice houses out on lake but not as many as usual. The ice isn't as thick as it normally is so people aren't chancing it! Well, I guess I've done enough rambling for this time! Hopefully all is great wherever you are and stay warm!!



RANDY & OLLIE

KAMAJI DAY IS **February 29!!!**

It's back! Time to bust out your Kamaji gear and FLOOD SOCIAL MEDIA with pictures of you sporting your Kamaji spirit. Don't forget to tag us (@Camp Kamaji for Girls on FB and @campkamaji on IG) and share the love!





february



staff

JULIE JEDINSKA	1
KARIN HAAS	3
SAMANTHA NISENBOIM	7
RANDI GOMEX URQUIJO	13
ELLE HOFFMAN	22
EMMYLOU MCCABE	23
SAM IRVIN	24

campers

CAIT BROWN	6
WILLA LIMBERT	6
AKARI LEMA	9
IVY SWARTZ	11
BETSY KESSELMAN	15
AVERY BARGFELDT	18
SONA DESHMUKH	20
KATRINA POWELL	21
ELLE HOFFMAN	22
JOJO ROUSPIL	22
MAE YAWITZ	22
MARY ELIZABETH STEWART	23
MAE OVERHOLT	24
ROWAN SADOFF	24
DYLAN ELDRIDGE	26
SADIE STORINO	28
SOPHIE ALANIS	29

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Send your friends birthday love! Log into CampInTouch for contact info!

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