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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF CONTRACTS WERE ISSUED LAST WEEK.

WE HAVE ALREADY HEARD FROM SOME STAFF WHO ARE INTERESTED IN RETURNING TO CAMP- CONTACT YOUR FAVE STAFF MEMBERS TO TELL THEM YOU WANT THEM BACK AT CAMP! (EMAIL ADDRESSES LISTED IN YOUR CAMPINTOUCH ACCOUNTS!)

CALLING ALL

OF MY

LTS

Let's go girls!



SEND ALL PICTURES, SMALL-WORLD RUN-INS, HUMBLE BRAGS AND MORE TO JEN@KAMAJI.COM TO BE FEATURED IN THE RAINBOW CONNECTION!

REUNIONS & INFO SESSIONS

SALT LAKE
CITY
INFO SESSION



YOUR
CITY !!

NOVEMBER 7
6PM



Home of the
Carter Family

toothpickingqueen@
gmail.com
for details!

YOU & KAT PICK
THE DATE!!

Your house or
a location
in your
community!

Gather up your friends,
neighbors, or classmates and
introduce them to your
favorite home away from
home....Kamaji!!!! You bring
the future campers, we'll
bring the information!

E-MAIL KAT, [KAT@KAMAJI.COM](mailto:kat@kamaji.com), FOR DETAILS
ON ANY UPCOMING EVENTS OR IF YOU'D LIKE
TO PLAN ONE IN YOUR AREA!





BE THANKFUL



Take time this holiday season to show thankfulness to the people, places, and communities you love.

Perform random acts of kindness during the holidays!

Send a note of gratitude to a teacher, coach, or Kamaji Staff Member!

Create a gratitude tree and have your whole family contribute with what they are thankful for!

Donate unused toys and books!

Donate to a local food pantry!

Volunteer – there are so many places and opportunities for this all year long!



My Kamaji Memories

by: Jaime Brewis, 2024 Counselor Farewell

Campers, Counselors, and Staff;

Growing up in a small town my whole life, with nothing to do during the long holidays, I had always dreamed of going to a summer camp. I, as well as many people out there in the world, grew up watching movies or television series about the American summer camp experience, whether it be the main plot or just a subplot in a single episode, and now here I am, experiencing what I had wanted for so long with so many people I can now call my friends. And for that, I will forever be grateful for Camp Kamaji and the experience and memories it has provided me.

As we all sit here together this evening, under the vast skies, beside the calming waters of Big Wolf Lake, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and admiration, not only for the camp itself, but for each and every one of you. This special place has been more than just a camp; it has been a home, a sanctuary, and a playground where dreams take place and new ones form, and friendships that will last a lifetime are made.

Whether this is your 1st or 9th year at camp or you have been working here for years, from the first day we arrived, with our bags full of excitement and a hint of nervousness, we embarked on a journey together that would transform us in ways we could never have imagined. Camp Kamaji has an enchanting quality that brings us together and teaches us the most valuable lessons.

We've shared countless laughs in our cabins, faced and then conquered many challenges, and created memories that will stay with us forever. Whether it was the thrill of trying new activities or reaching new levels, the camaraderie of tribe day sing-alongs, bonding on camping trips, or even the quiet moments of reflection during council fire, every experience has woven a tapestry of unforgettable moments.

But beyond the fun and adventures, Camp Kamaji has taught us important lessons. Although these lessons are often subtle, they are transformative. Kamaji emphasizes personal growth and development, teaching us valuable life skills that extend far beyond the summer. Responsibility, independence, and resilience are key lessons we experience here at camp.

We all learn to take care of ourselves, others and our belongings, develop leadership skills, and navigate social dynamics in a supportive environment.



My Kamaji Memories, continued.....

We spend our days walking the same ground as the Ojibwe People and not only does the emphasis on outdoor activities promote physical and mental health, it helps us foster a deep appreciation for nature as well as learning, acknowledging, and respecting not only our fellow campers, but the people who were here before us.

We've also learned the power of teamwork as we worked together to achieve our goals. We've worked together to resolve conflicts with our fellow campers and friends. We've discovered the strength of resilience as we faced obstacles and pushed through our fears; especially, for a lot of us, our fear of spiders.

The camp's inclusive and supportive atmosphere encourages campers to step out of their comfort zones, try new things, and embrace their unique selves. We've understood and embraced the beauty of diversity, appreciating each other's unique stories and backgrounds.

Most importantly, we've experienced the profound impact of friendship. The bonds we've formed here are not just for a summer; they are for a lifetime. We've found friends who support us, cheer us on, and stand by us through thick and thin. These friendships are a reminder that we are never truly alone in the world, we'll always have that one special person in every state we met at camp, or that counselor halfway across the world who helped us through something, who was there for us when we needed them; we are part of a community that cares deeply for one another.

As we prepare to leave Camp Kamaji and return to our daily lives, let's carry these lessons with us. Let's take the spirit of Camp Kamaji into the world, spreading kindness, embracing challenges, and cherishing the friendships we've made. Remember that the strength, resilience, and love we've found here are within us, ready to guide us in every step we take.

So, as we bid farewell to this beautiful place, some just until next summer and others until the next visiting day, let's hold our heads high, our hearts full, and our spirits bright. Camp Kamaji has given us the gift of unforgettable memories and unbreakable bonds. Let's honor that gift by living our lives with the same joy, courage, and compassion we've discovered here.

Thank you, Camp Kamaji, for the friends, the memories, and the lessons. And thank you, my fellow campers, counselors, and staff, for making this journey truly extraordinary.

Until next time,

Jaime

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER

Staff

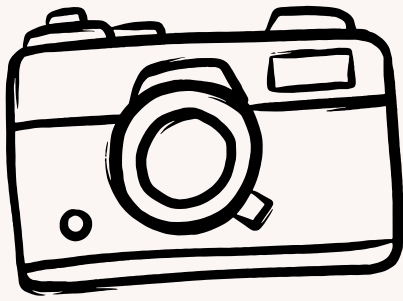
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RENEE STENNING	16
JENNY HERNANDEZ-ZACARIAS	18
MAR ASUTRIANO	19
AMY QUINN	19
JEN COULTER	22
NELLY KASAEVA	25
JONAS WALSH	25
YAYA CABRERA	29

Campers

	DATE
RAJAH PERRENOUD-MOORE	1
LUCINDA CHORNEY	2
EVELYN KRAS	3
MYLENA GARCIA	3
ELLIE LARAGH	4
NOA JACOBY	6
SOAD IBRAHIM	6
ELODIE FREDMAN	7
JULIA SHOWALTER	7
LIA FLEISCHER	9
ZOEY CAINE	9
MOLLIE HIRSH	10
ELENI KWATRA	11
CLAIRE WINDOM	15
PIPER VASEY	15
KATELYN ROSEN	17
LYLA THORPE	20
ORLY GARFIELD	22
ADDY O'MARA	23
LAUREN MCINTIRE	25
LUCIA MILLER-POTTER	27
JESSE DORNAN	28
PENNY SIPE	28
EVA SADDLETON	29



Wish your pals a happy birthday!
Log in to Campintouch for
contact information! :)



KAMAJI KAPTURED



Betsy Kessleman celebrating her Bat Mitzvah! She was joined by an amazing group of Kamaji friends.

L to R, Kennedy Richards, Ivy Swartz, Flo Lloyd, Avery Lipschultz, Lia Fleischer, Lexi Young, Kendall Richards. Front row, Ava Verdun, Maddie Hernandez



Current campers Juniper & Hadley Bussen, cheasing with Kat!

Kat with current camper Abbie Anderson and future camper Felicity Nelson!



Big smiles from Campbell Trombley and Kat!



Camp Kamaji Sponsors the Pumpkin Run in Lake Bluff- Caleb placed 3rd in his age-group!



Kamaji Campers Past, Present and Future in Brooklyn, NYC!



2025 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

2025 Kamaji Dates

FULL 8 WEEK SESSION
June 18 - August 11

1st SESSION
June 18 - July 14

2nd SESSION
July 16 - August 11

ENROLL
HERE!!!



8

WEEKERS

JESSE DORNAN
6TH
DENVER, CO

KALEESI GREENE
5TH
MINNETRISTA, MN

LILLY GREENE
3RD
MINNETRISTA, MN

MADDIE HERNANDEZ
7TH
NORTHBROOK, IL

BETSY KESSELMAN
7TH
NORTHBROOK, IL

HANNAH RABB
3RD
LOWELL, MI

IVY SWARTZ
7TH
CHICAGO, IL

KIRA THOMAS
4TH
CHICAGO, IL

2025 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

1ST SESSION



*NEW TO CAMP KAMAJI
FOR SUMMER 2025!

NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Avery Bargfeldt	5th	Franklin, TN
Hadley Bussen	5th	Lake Bluff, IL
Juniper Bussen	3rd	Lake Bluff, IL
Gabby Campuzano	6th	Park Ridge, IL
Lucinda Chorney	8th	Minneapolis, MN
Addie Cronk-Gebbia	6th	El Cajon, CA
Elodie Fredman	5th	Bannockburn, IL
Josie Fredman	4th	Bannockburn, IL
Eliana Garcia	9th	North Chicago, IL
Mylena Garcia	7th	North Chicago, IL
Cate Graziano 	5th	Lake Bluff, IL
Madeline Hannes	3rd	Lake Forest, IL
Noa Jacoby	6th	Chicago, IL
Hope Jernagan	8th	Saint Louis, MO
Maude Jernagan	6th	Saint Louis, MO
Lizzie Joyce 	3rd	Deerfield, IL
Molly McDonough 	4th	Steamboat Springs, CO
Lauren McIntire	9th	Newbury Park, CA
Felicity Nelson 	1st	Lake Bluff, IL
Lulu Pearl	8th	Encinitas, CA
Amelia Rabb	5th	Lowell, MI
Caroline Rabb 	1st	Lowell, MI
Emma Rivers	6th	Chicago, IL
Maddie Roddy	5th	Cleveland, OH
Memphis Ronk	9th	Tulsa, OK
Jo Rouspil	6th	Des Moines, IA
Julia Showalter	6th	Tulsa, OK
Anastasia Taylor	9th	Menifee, CA
Jessica Taylor	2nd	Menifee, CA
Oakley Thiesen	8th	Brainerd, MN

NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Piper Vasey	6th	Chicago, IL
Layla Wiedmann	6th	Lake Forest, IL
Brooke Willhite	7th	Albuquerque, NM
Genevieve Worley	3rd	Chicago, IL
Lorelei Worley	6th	Chicago, IL



2025 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

2ND SESSION



*NEW TO CAMP KAMAJI
FOR SUMMER 2025!

NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN	NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Ella Arnold	9th	Corte Madera, CA	Evelyn Kras	4th	Kenilworth, IL
Abbie Anderson	8th	Chicago, IL	Akari Lema	7th	Tokyo, Minato-ku
Matilda Asarch	5th	Denver, CO	Kassi Leonard	9th	St Louis, MO
Eloise Baker	3rd	Washington, DC	Willa Limbert	6th	Berkeley, CA
Clio Bandle	9th	Winterthur,	Flo Lloyd	7th	Washington, DC
Celeste Belmonti	4th	Chicago, IL	Eve Mason	6th	Deerfield, IL
Fiona Belmonti	8th	Chicago, IL	Evie McWilliams	7th	Ann Arbor, MI
Eliana Brown	7th	Shaker Heights, OH	Gracie Mervis	5th	Arlington, VA
Zoey Caine	8th	St. Louis, MO	Kate Mervis	3rd	Arlington, VA
Cat Carrazana	4th	Mission Hills, KS	Serena Meyers-Baer	3rd	Brooklyn, NY
Elle Cassidy	7th	Evanston, IL	Willa Nash	7th	Chicago, IL
Dylan Ditto	5th	Chicago, IL	Abby Reyzin	4th	Glencoe, IL
Blake Eldridge	5th	Highland Park, IL	Kai Richards	4th	St. Louis, MO
Dylan Eldridge	9th	Highland Park, IL	Rosie Rissman	8th	Berkeley, CA
Chloe Fleischer	4th	Chevy Chase, MD	Scarlett Rissman	5th	Highland Park, IL
Lia Fleischer	7th	Chevy Chase, MD	Violet Rissman	6th	Berkeley, CA
Orly Garfield	4th	New York, NY	Ella Rubenstein	8th	Glencoe, IL
Lily Genser	5th	Highland Park, IL	Olivia Rubenstein	5th	Glencoe, IL
Sydney Genser	8th	Highland Park, IL	Emma Sagett	8th	Highland Park, IL
Zali Gouin	5th	Kirkland, WA	Henri Saipe	3rd	St. Louis, MO
Layla Greenwood	3rd	Glencoe, IL	Serenity Sanchez	6th	Deerfield, IL
Mabel Hall	3rd	Palos Verdes Estates, CA	Brooke Schieber	5th	Hinsdale, IL
Ruby Hall	7th	Palos Verdes Estates, CA	Mae Severn	6th	Washington, DC
Caroline Hirsh	5th	Glencoe, IL	Mary Elizabeth Stewart	7th	Austin, TX
Mollie Hirsh	7th	Glencoe, IL	Kayla Thomas	6th	Chicago, IL
Eve Jackson	7th	Kansas City, MO	Campbell Trombley	3rd	Lake Bluff, IL
Millie Jackson	7th	Kansas City, MO	Juliet Trueger	6th	Chicago, IL
Mia Jimenez	7th	Riverwoods, IL	Ellie Voller	5th	San Diego, CA
Val Jimenez	9th	Riverwoods, IL	Nora Williams	7th	Ann Arbor, MI
Olivia Kansupada	3rd	Chicago, IL	Claire Windom	7th	Washington, DC
Erin King	3rd	Bethesda, MD	Colleen Windom	6th	Washington, DC
			Lexi Young	7th	Deerfield, IL