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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET YOUR GEAR!

If you are in the market for new Kamaji gear, think about getting an order placed soon!

(Amerasport gets very busy in the coming months!) We have a few new designs about to hit the website....check out the site for our full offering!

ORDER GEAR HERE!

Eliana Brown was inadvertently left off the Camp For All Kids donation list published in January's Rainbow Connection.

Our apologies!

Eliana - thank you for your generous contribution!

Our DC Reunion was a fantastic success! Loved seeing all these Kamaji faces together!



NOW HIRING!

We are very busy hiring our staff for the summer. Are you interested in working for Kamaji? Do you know someone who would be a perfect fit? Contact jason@kamaji.com with any questions or

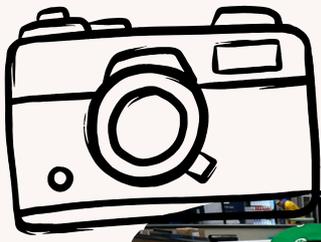
APPLY HERE!

BIG SISTERS WANTED!

Interested in being a "Big Sis" to one of our new campers? This means you'll proactively connect with a new camper, answer questions, stay in touch before camp, share your experiences, offer advice and invite her to hang with you on travel day! Have questions or interested in being apart of the Big Sister team?

Contact Kat at kat@kamaji.com





KAMAJI KAPTURED



Mollie Hirsh, Sadie Storino, and Elle Cassidy representing the Metigs "in the wild"!



Lauryn Barnett with the Christmas present of all our dreams!!



Heather Cristman found her mom's Kamaji photo album and shared this picture of Kamaji sailboats in 1957. Barbara Kroll grew up in Bemidji and has held onto her memorabilia since she was last a camper!



Scarlett Rissman celebrating her 11th birthday with a Kamaji crew!

Olivia Rubenstein, Madeline Margol, Eve Mason, Blake Eldridge & Lily Genser

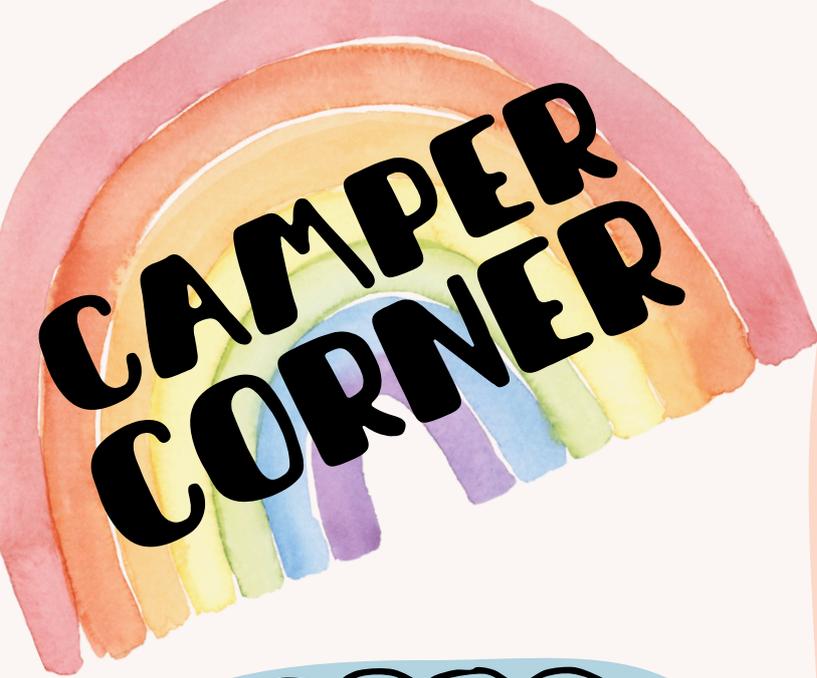


To quote her instructor, Julia Showalter was "a ripper" her first time on the slopes!! Way to go Julia!



Dylan Ditto, Juliet Trueger & Willa Nash with some cousin love! But more importantly...is it cake!?!?





DO YOU WANNA BUILD A SNOWMAN?



If you live in the great white north, build a snowman and send us a picture! Bonus points if your snowman is in Kamaji gear!

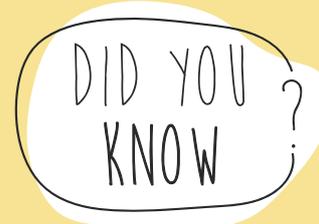
Send pics to jen@kamaji.com for the next newsletter!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Here are a few EXCELLENT resources worth checking out to learn more about this important part of history.

blackhistorymonth.gov

[National Geographic Kids](http://NationalGeographicKids)



Camp Kamaji's first summer was in 1914!!



JASON'S JOKE

What did the paperclip say to the magnet?

I FIND YOU VERY ATTRACTIVE.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February

Staff

	Date
RODOLFO ALVAREZ CONTRERAS HAGGE	1
DULCE TRUJILLO CASTRO	3
MARIA FREER VALDEZ	12
NEREA SANCHEZ FERNANDEZ	21
ANA TAPIA SALTILLO	21
VANDA TOPOLSKA	26

Camper

	Date
PAULINE KELLEY	4
CAIT BROWN	6
WILLA LIMBERT	6
AKARI LEMA	9
BEA KASTNER	9
MOLLY MCDONOUGH	10
IVY SWARTZ	11
BETSY KESSELMAN	15
MCKENNA SHELDON	15
AVERY BARGFELDT	18
SONA DESHMUKH	20
KATRINA POWELL	21
JO ROUSPIL	22
MAE YAWITZ	22
MARY ELIZABETH STEWART	23
MAE OVERHOLT	24
ROWAN SADOFF	24
GWENETH KELLEY	25
DYLAN ELDRIDGE	26
SADIE STORINO	28
SOPHIE ALANIS	29



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

2025 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

8 WEEK CAMPERS

Interested in spending 8 weeks with us this summer? Have questions about what that looks like? Reach out for a chat with Kat!
Kat@kamaji.com

JESSE DORNAN
6th grade
Denver, CO

KALEESI
GREENE
5th grade
Minnetrista, MN

LILLY GREENE
3rd grade
Minnetrista, MN

IVY SWARTZ
7th grade
Chicago, IL

MADDIE
HERNANDEZ
7th grade
Northbrook, IL

BETSY
KESSELMAN
7th grade
NORTHBROOK, IL

TOLULA MASTIO
5th grade
Wichita, KS

KIRA THOMAS
4th grade
Chicago, IL

SERENA
MEYERS-BAER
3rd grade
Brooklyn, NY

HANNAH RABB
3rd grade
Lowell, MI

KENDALL
RICHARDS
7th grade
St Louis, MO



2025 Kamaji Dates

FULL 8 WEEK SESSION
June 18 - August 11

1st SESSION
June 18 - July 14

2nd SESSION
July 16 - August 11

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2025 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

1ST SESSION

*NEW TO CAMP KAMAJI
FOR SUMMER 2025!

NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Femi Abidemi	4th	Chicago, IL
Avery Bargfeldt	5th	Franklin, TN
Hadley Bussen	5th	Lake Bluff, IL
Juniper Bussen	3rd	Lake Bluff, IL
Yamaris Cabrera	9th	north chicago, IL
Gabby Campuzano	6th	Park Ridge, IL
Paris Caradine	6th	North Chicago, IL
Elsa Carter	4th	North Chicago, IL
Reilly Carter	9th	Lake Bluff, IL
Lucinda Chorney	8th	Minneapolis, MN
Grace Clinton	5th	Lake Bluff, IL
Addie Cronk-Gebbia	6th	El Cajon, CA
London Donaldson 🌈	4th	Great Lakes, IL
Willa Fifield 🌈	6th	Plymouth, MN
Elodie Fredman	5th	Bannockburn, IL
Josie Fredman	4th	Bannockburn, IL
Eliana Garcia	9th	North Chicago, IL
Mylena Garcia	7th	North Chicago, IL
Brynn Goldstein	5th	Chicago, IL
Chandler Goodman	6th	Deerfield, IL
Cate Graziano 🌈	5th	Lake bluff, IL
Ava Harden	4th	Chicago, IL
Emma Harrison 🌈	4th	Deerfield, IL
Noa Jacoby	6th	Chicago, IL
Hope Jernagan	8th	Saint Louis, MO
Maude Jernagan	6th	Saint Louis, MO
Lizzie Joyce 🌈	3rd	Deerfield, IL
Bea Kastner 🌈	3rd	Fox Point, WI
Gweneth Kelley 🌈	6th	Lake Bluff, IL
Pauline Kelley 🌈	4th	Lake Bluff, IL



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NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Ellie Laragh	6th	Chicago, IL
Julia Laragh	4th	Chicago, IL
Katie McDonough	4th	Steamboat Springs, CO
Lauren McIntire	9th	Newbury Park, CA
Felicity Nelson	1st	Lake Bluff, IL
Addy O'Mara	7th	Fox Point, WI
Lulu Pearl	8th	Encinitas, CA
Alix Poulizac	7th	Nantes,
Amelia Rabb	5th	Lowell, MI
Caroline Rabb	1st	Lowell, MI
Abbigail Reinke	8th	Ofallon, MO
Joslyn Riddle	4th	Lake Bluff, IL
Emma Rivers	6th	Springfield, VA
Maddie Roddy	5th	Cleveland, OH
Memphis Ronk	9th	Tulsa, OK
Jo Rouspil	6th	Des Moines, IA
Naomi Roza-Broxmeyer	3rd	Ferndale, MI
Adalyn Rumschlag	3rd	Hawthorn Woods, IL
Juju Saesan	5th	Lake Bluff, IL
Julia Showalter	6th	Tulsa, OK
Elise Smith	3rd	Black Jack, MO
Madison Smith	9th	Black Jack, MO
Anastasia Taylor	9th	Menifee, CA
Jessica Taylor	2nd	Menifee, CA
Oakley Thiesen	8th	Brainerd, MN
Piper Vasey	6th	Chicago, IL
Alani Ware	8th	Chicago, IL
Layla Wiedmann	6th	Lake Forest, IL
Brooke Willhite	7th	Albuquerque, NM
Genevieve Worley	3rd	Chicago, IL
Lorelei Worley	6th	Chicago, IL



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2ND SESSION



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NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN	NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Abbie Anderson	8th	Lake Forest, IL	Millie Jackson	7th	Kansas City, MO
Louise Anderson	3rd	Lake Forest, IL	Mia Jimenez	7th	Riverwoods, IL
Mariama Andrews-  Hutchinson	3rd	Chicago, IL	Valentina Jimenez	9th	Riverwoods, IL
Ella Arnold	9th	Corte Madera, CA	Olivia Kansupada	3rd	Chicago, IL
Matilda Asarch 	5th	Denver, CO	Erin King 	3rd	Bethesda, MD
Eloise Baker	3rd	Washington, DC	Evelyn Kras	4th	Kenilworth, IL
Clio Bandle	9th	Winterthur,	Vivienne Laufer 	6th	Deerfield, IL
Celeste Belmonti	4th	Chicago, IL	Akari Lema	7th	Tokyo, Minato-ku
Fiona Belmonti	8th	Chicago, IL	Kassi Leonard	9th	St Louis, MO
Eliana Brown	7th	Shaker Heights, OH	Willa Limbert	6th	Berkeley, CA
Zoey Caine	8th	St. Louis, MO	Flo Lloyd	7th	Washington, DC
Cat Carrazana	4th	Mission Hills, KS	Eve Mason	6th	Deerfield, IL
Elle Cassidy	7th	Evanston, IL	Evie McWilliams	7th	Ann Arbor, MI
Victoria Diaz 	6th	Miguel Hidalgo, DF	Gracie Mervis	5th	Arlington, VA
Petrides			Kate Mervis 	3rd	Arlington, VA
Dylan Ditto	5th	Chicago, IL	Serena Meyers-Baer	3rd	Brooklyn, NY
Blake Eldridge	5th	Highland Park, IL	Willa Nash	7th	Chicago, IL
Dylan Eldridge	9th	Highland Park, IL	Emery Neisewander 	7th	Winnetka, IL
Chloe Fleischer 	4th	Chevy Chase, MD	Olivia Neisewander 	5th	Winnetka, IL
Lia Fleischer	7th	Chevy Chase, MD	Maddie Paine	4th	Kenilworth, IL
Orly Garfield	4th	New York, NY	Abby Reyzin	4th	Glencoe, IL
Lily Genser	5th	Highland Park, IL	Kai Richards	4th	St. Louis, MO
Sydney Genser	8th	Highland Park, IL	Kennedy Richards	7th	St. Louis, MO
Gigi Gimbel	6th	Oakland, CA	Rosie Rissman	8th	Berkeley, CA
Zali Gouin 	5th	Kirkland, WA	Scarlett Rissman	5th	Highland Park, IL
Layla Greenwood	3rd	Glencoe, IL	Violet Rissman	6th	Berkeley, CA
Madeline Hannes	3rd	Lake Forest, IL	Ella Rubenstein	8th	Glencoe, IL
Caroline Hirsh	5th	Glencoe, IL	Olivia Rubenstein	5th	Glencoe, IL
Mollie Hirsh	7th	Glencoe, IL	Emma Sagett	8th	Highland Park, IL
Evelyn Jackson	7th	Kansas City, MO	Henri Saipe	3rd	St. Louis, MO

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NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Serenity Sanchez	6th	Deerfield, IL
Brooke Schieber	5th	Hinsdale, IL
Mae Severn	6th	Washington, DC
Hailey Sharratt	5th	Elk River, MN
McKenna Sheldon 🌈	7th	Washington, DC
Mary Elizabeth Stewart	7th	Austin, TX
Sloane Storino	4th	Wilmette, IL
Sophia Storino	8th	Wilmette, IL
Kayla Thomas	6th	Maywood, IL
Campbell Trombley	3rd	lake bluff, IL
Juliet Trueger	6th	Chicago, IL
Rosie Vaglio	6th	Mission Hills, KS
Zoey Vaglio	8th	Leawood, KS
Opal Vandello	8th	Oakland, CA
Ellie Kate VanGilder 🌈	1st	Lake Bluff, IL
Ava Verdun	7th	Chevy Chase, MD
Ellie Voller	5th	San Diego, CA
Nora Williams	7th	Ann Arbor, MI
Claire Windom	7th	Washington, DC
Colleen Windom	6th	Washington, DC
Lexi Young	7th	Deerfield, IL
Skyler Zeddun 🌈	6th	Washington, DC

2025 LT'S!!

ANNIE ALCORN
Washington DC

MIRA DALE
Glencoe, IL

ADE STERN
Minneapolis, MN



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

We can't wait to see you!

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2025 STAFF

SO FAR...

Here is a first look at those who have signed on for Summer 2025! Woo hoo!!
(Interested in joining us on staff this summer? [APPLY HERE](#))

NAME	POSITION	HOMETOWN
Rodolfo Alvarez Contreras Hagge	Maintenance Assistant	Puebla, Mexico
Carmen Avila Mauro	Kitchen Assistant	Amozoc, Mexico
Caitlain Avis	Wilderness Trip Leader	Kadina, Australia
Matthew Bluff	Sailing	Tidworth, United Kingdom
Millie Boulton	Canoe/Kayak	Leicester, United Kingdom
Jaime Brewis	Activity Instructor	Johannesburg, South Africa
Alia Cairns	Drama	London, United Kingdom
Keila Cervantes Huesca	Kitchen Assistant	Tlahuapan, Mexico
Eleanor Christie	Paddleboarding	Grouville, United Kingdom
Taylor Collins	Wilderness Trip Leader	Adelaide, Australia
Dana Contreras Garcia	Art	Puebla, Mexico
Millie Curran	Riding	United Kingdom
Kaylee Falkner	Canoe/Kayak	Auckland, New Zealand
Daniella Farrell	Dance/Fitness	Bromsgrove, United Kingdom
Kelsie Gledhill	Riding	Hook, United Kingdom
Natalie Grice	Archery	St. Louis, MO, United States
Maddison Guptill	Photography	Rotorua, New Zealand
Ulises Guzman Herrera	Maintenance Assistant	Nicolas Romero, Mexico
Yessenia Hernandez Alejo	Assistant Cook	Puebla, Mexico
Alejandra Hernandez Diaz	Housekeeping	Huejotzingo, Mexico
America Hernandez Lopez	Assistant Cook	Puebla, Mexico
Lizeth Huerta Hernandez	Assistant Cook	Puebla, Mexico
Ruby Last	Wilderness Trip Leader	Scunthorpe, United Kingdom
Constance Liney	Riding	United Kingdom
Mariam Luna Alvarez	Dance	Puebla, Mexico



IT'S NOT JUST THE CAMPERS WHO MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE!

Amber, Lucie, Mia and Molly together again...next reunion, Kamaji 2025?





2025 STAFF



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NAME	POSITION	HOMETOWN
Laney Maguire	Staff Coach and Development Director	Oklahoma City, OK, United States
Teighan McCormack	Waterskiing	Terrigal, Australia
Natalie Mcqueen	Climbing	Wirral, United Kingdom
Jocelyn Mejia Matamoros	Laundry Assistant	Puebla, Mexico
Tara Menon	Archery	Glasgow, United Kingdom
Tayla Miles	Swim	Wellington, New Zealand
Linzi Moran	Special Programs Coordinator	Manchester, United Kingdom
Shuri Munoz Garcia	Kitchen Assistant	Puebla, Mexico
Brenda Ortiz Corte	Assistant Cook	Tlaxcala, Mexico
Ophelia Pedley	Sailing	Wokingham, United Kingdom
Olivia Pefferman	Dance/Fitness	Edmond, OK, United States
Maricela Perez Perez	Laundry Assistant	Puebla, Mexico
Brenda Perez Rojas	Tennis	Puebla, Mexico
Lilly-Mae Phillips	Swim	Dunsborough, Australia
Jennifer Rabb	Jack/Jill-of-All-Trades	Lowell, MI, United States
Raquel Ramirez	Art	Alvarado, Mexico
Jimena Ramirez Berger	Assistant Cook	Alvarado, Mexico
Fatima Ramirez Rodriguez	Ropes/Wall	Libres, Mexico
Kyla Reid	Waterskiing	Edmond, OK, United States
Karla Rosales Santiago	Kitchen Assistant	Tehuacan, Mexico
Elena Sosa Reyes	Dance/Fitness	San Andres Cholula, Mexico
Lucinda Sykes	Riding	Wigan, United Kingdom
Zoe Talbot	Art	Margate, Australia
Ana Tapia Saltillo	Housekeeping	Puebla, Mexico
Joanne Timberlake	Wilderness Trip Leader	Ocean Grove, Australia
Vanda Topolska	Swim	Peacehaven, United Kingdom
Dulce Trujillo Castro	Laundry Assistant	Tehuacan, Mexico
Emily Tull	Waterskiing	Croydon South, Australia
Jaqueline Vidal	Assistant Cook	Villahermosa, Mexico
Charlotte Webster	Ropes/Wall	Poulton-le-Fylde, United Kingdom



We LOVED having Madi on staff for summer 2024! Sadly she isn't able to return for 2025.... she's too busy being a FIANCE!!

Congrats you love birds!

