



# RAINBOW CONNECTION

april 2025



There's still snow on the ground at camp!!

## connect with us!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CAMP  
FOR ALL  
KIDS**

**HAPPY  
HOUR!**

**28 MILE DISTILLERY  
454 SHERIDAN RD  
HIGHWOOD, IL**

**THURSDAY  
APRIL 24  
5:30-8:30**

Join us to connect with other camp parents, see Kat and Jason "in the wild" all while also supporting CFAK!

**PURCHASE YOUR  
TICKETS HERE!**

## **BIG SISTERS**

Reach out to your little sis!  
Postcard!? Letter!? Email!?

## **LITTLE SISTERS**

Please respond to your big sis!

## **PARENTS**

Pretty please help facilitate communication when needed. This program only works when everyone is invested!

## **FORMS FRIDAY**

**HAVE YOU BEEN  
KEEPING UP WITH  
KAT'S FRIDAY E-MAILS?**

Be sure to keep up on the forms required for your camper! These are very important to us and timely completion is so appreciated!

**CAMPERSHIP LAUNCH EVENT**  
WHERE: Bubbles Academy  
2184 N Elston, Bucktown, Chicago  
WHEN: Sunday, April 27th, 4:00-6:00 pm

CAMP FOR ALL KIDS  
DEDICATED PARTNER CAMPS:

## **CFAK Campership Families:**

**Past, Present and Future**

**Date: April 27th**

**Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Location: Bubbles Academy  
(2184 N Elston, Bucktown)**

Come connect with other families, meet camp directors & school partners, and prepare for the summer ahead!

**DID YOU SEE INFO WAS  
SENT OUT FOR THE  
CLIMBING TRIP AND THE  
CANADIAN!?! DON'T  
FORGET TO SIGN UP!!**

**e-mail Jason for all info or any  
questions  
jason@kamaji.com**

(more info on the next  
page too!)

# THE CANADIAN

## 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.

# THE CLIMBING TRIP

CAMPERS WILL BE CLIMBING ALONG LAKE SUPERIOR'S NORTH SHORE. CLIMBING INSTRUCTION IS FACILITATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - DULUTH. KAMAJI WILL SEND A COUNSELOR AND TRIP LEADER ALONG WITH THE CAMPERS.



Best day ever!

Required: a great attitude, adventurous-spirit, and sign-up for climbing at camp during summer 2025 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.

\*open to campers of all ages



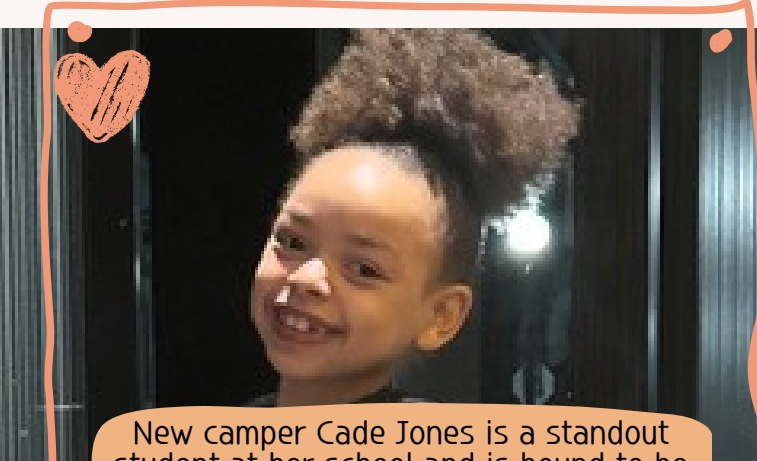
# KAMAJI KAPTURED



The Rissman cousins for a colorful meet up over spring break! L to R, Rosie, Violet, & Scarlett



A mini-reunion....hooray! Lto R Layla Wiedman, Noa Jacoby, Ellie Laragh, Lorelei Worley



New camper Cade Jones is a standout student at her school and is bound to be an amazing Kami girl too!



Julia Laragh's 10th birthday celebration!! L to R Noa Jacoby, Ellie Laragh, Julia & Maggie Kliner



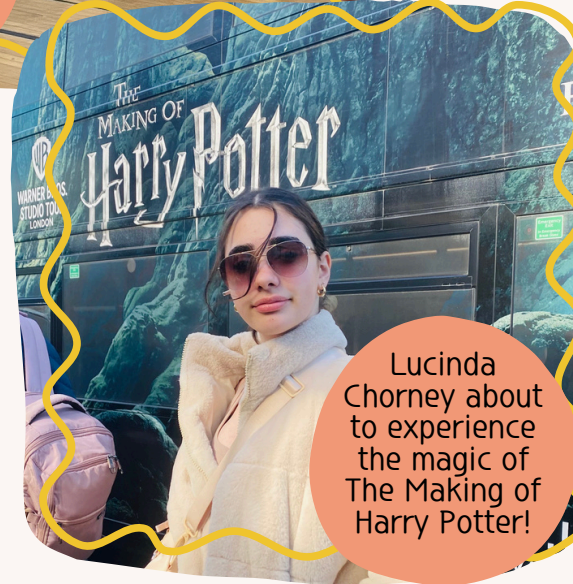
Maddie Roddy received the Directors Award at her school, picked from the entire 5th grade! INCREDIBLE!



Fiona Belmonti & Lulu Pearl reunited in San Deigo!



Addie O' Mara had a fantastic season on her school's volleyball team. Way to go, Addie!



Lucinda Chorney about to experience the magic of The Making of Harry Potter!

# CAMPER CORNER

## QUIZ TIME!!!

1. WHAT YEAR WAS KAT'S FIRST SUMMER EVER AT KAMAJI?

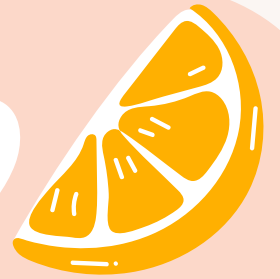
- A. 1988
- B. 1990
- C. 1993
- D. 1995

2. APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY RAINBOW BURGERS ARE CONSUMED EVERY SUMMER AT KAMAJI?

- A. 800
- B. 1,200
- C. 1,600
- D. 2,000

Answers below

DID YOU KNOW?



“Bug juice” is a popular camp term for the flavored drink served by a lot of camps at mealtimes, but the name actually has military origins!

Soldiers were provided with fruit flavored powdered drink mix that they combined with water. The sugary drink attracted, you guessed it, insects. So soldiers dubbed it “bug juice.”

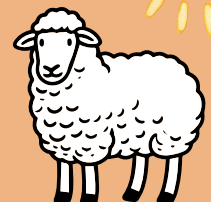
TUESDAY APRIL 22 IS EARTH DAY!

Wondering how you can help? Take part in a local cleanup, plant a tree, or simply make an effort to reduce waste and conserve resources!



## JASON'S JOKE

Where do sheep go for spring break?



THE BAAAA-HAMAS.



# APRIL

## Staff

	Date
Jaime Brewis	6
Kaylee Falkner	7
Vasthi Jimenez Mora	8
Jimena Ramirez Berger	8
Raquel Ramirez	8
Caitlain Avis	9
Maddison Guptill	21
Millie Curran	21
Romy Palmer	24
Ruby Gallagher	24
Flynn Economos	29
Lilly-Mae Phillips	30

## Camper

## Date

Celeste Belmonti	2
Evie Bass	2
Lady Bowe	4
Juju Saesan	4
Emery Beffa	15
Monroe Rhoden	16
Roberta Cantu	22
Chloe Carnes	25
Evie McWilliams	25
Oakley Thiesen	26
Chloe Fleischer	29
Layla Arion	30
Mabel Hall	30



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

# 2025 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

**8** WEEK  
CAMPER

8 weekers get extra time to go tubing, tie dye and pick up some Bemidji swag in town. And this summer they'll be heading to an activity park to do some go-karts, mini golf and bumper boats! Don't miss out- sign up today!

FIONA BELMONTI  
8th grade  
Chicago, IL

LAYLA GREENWOOD  
3rd grade  
Glencoe, IL

TOLULA MASTIO  
5th grade  
Wichita, KS

KENDALL RICHARDS  
7th grade  
St Louis, MO

JESSE DORNAN  
6th grade  
Denver, CO

MADDIE HERNANDEZ  
7th grade  
Northbrook, IL

SERENA MEYERS-BAER  
3rd grade  
Brooklyn, NY

IVY SWARTZ  
7th grade  
Chicago, IL

KALEESI GREENE  
5th grade  
Minnetrista, MN

BETSY KESSELMAN  
7th grade  
NORTHBROOK, IL

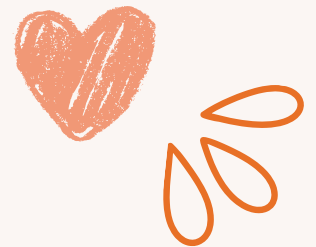
LULU PEARL  
8th grade  
Encinitas, CA

KIRA THOMAS  
4th grade  
Chicago, IL

LILLY GREENE  
3rd grade  
Minnetrista, MN

AVERY LIPSCHULTZ  
7th grade  
Denver, CO

HANNAH RABB  
3rd grade  
Lowell, MI



## 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!**

# 2025 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Femi Abidemi	4th	Chicago, IL
Frances Badrul 	K	Minneapolis, MN
Avery Bargfeldt	5th	Franklin, TN
Emery Beffa	5th	Brookfield, IL
Hadley Bussen	5th	Lake Bluff, IL
Juniper Bussen	3rd	Lake Bluff, IL
Yamaris Cabrera	9th	North Chicago, IL
Gabby Campuzano	6th	North Chicago, IL
Paris Caradine	6th	Lake Bluff, IL
Elsa Carter	4th	Layton, UT
Reilly Carter	9th	Layton, UT
Lucinda Chorney	8th	Minneapolis, MN
Grace Clinton	5th	Lake Bluff, IL
Addie Cronk-Gebbia	6th	El Cajon, CA
Sona Deshmukh	8th	Jacksonville, FL
London Donaldson 	4th	Great Lakes, IL
Willa Fifield 	6th	Plymouth, MN
Elodie Fredman	5th	Bannockburn, IL
Josie Fredman	4th	Bannockburn, IL
Eliana Garcia	9th	Arlington, TX
Mylena Garcia	7th	Arlington, TX
Brynn Goldstein	5th	Chicago, IL
Chandler Goodman	6th	Deerfield, IL
Alice Grant	6th	San Clemente, CA
Cate Graziano 	5th	Lake bluff, IL
Heidi Gress	6th	St. Louis, MO
Lexie Gress	9th	St. Louis, MO
Ava Harden	4th	Brook Park, OH
Emma Harrison 	4th	Deerfield, IL
Zoey Humphrey	7th	Denver, CO
Noa Jacoby	6th	Chicago, IL
Hope Jernagan	8th	Saint Louis, MO
Maude Jernagan	6th	Saint Louis, MO
Beatrix Josefson 	4th	Bemidji, MN
Lizzie Joyce 	3rd	Deerfield, IL
Bea Kastner 	3rd	Fox Point, WI
Gweneth Kelley 	6th	Lake Bluff, IL
8 Pauline Kelley 	4th	Lake Bluff, IL

## 1ST SESSION

 \*NEW TO CAMP KAMAJI FOR SUMMER 2025!





# 2025 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Amiya Kwatra	8th	Scottsdale, AZ
Ellie Laragh	6th	Chicago, IL
Julia Laragh	4th	Chicago, IL
Marie Lonergan 🌈	5th	Lake Bluff, IL
Molly McDonough 🌈	4th	Steamboat Springs, CO
Lauren McIntire	9th	Newbury Park, CA
Margot Mcpherson	8th	Denver, CO
Felicity Nelson 🌈	1st	Lake Bluff, IL
Addy O'Mara	7th	Fox Point, WI
LJ Polster 🌈	3rd	Fox Point, WI
Alix Poulizac 🌈	7th	Nantes, France
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
Rowan Sadoff	6th	Fox Point, WI
Juju Saesan 🌈	5th	Lake Bluff, IL
Julia Showalter	6th	Tulsa, OK
Elise Smith 🌈	3rd	Black Jack, MO
Madison Smith	9th	Black Jack, MO
Izzy Staples 🌈	5th	Lake Forest, IL
Sara Steinberg	9th	Evanston, IL
Anastasia Taylor	9th	Menifee, CA
Jessica Taylor 🌈	2nd	Menifee, CA
Oakley Thiesen	8th	Brainerd, MN
Lyla Thorpe	7th	Hinsdale, IL
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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# 2025 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

## 2NDSSESSION



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NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN	NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Abbie Anderson	8th	Lake Forest, IL	Mollie Hirsh	7th	Glencoe, IL
Louise Anderson	3rd	Lake Forest, IL	Allegra Hurtgen	7th	Wilmette, IL
Mariama Andrews-Hutchinson	3rd	Chicago, IL	Eve Jackson	7th	Kansas City, MO
Ella Arnold	9th	Corte Madera, CA	Millie Jackson	7th	Kansas City, MO
Matilda Asarch	5th	Denver, CO	Mia Jimenez	7th	Riverwoods, IL
Eloise Baker	3rd	Washington, DC	Val Jimenez	9th	Riverwoods, IL
Clio Bandle	9th	Winterthur,	Cade Jones	3rd	Chicago, IL
Celeste Belmonti	4th	Chicago, IL	Olivia Kansupada	3rd	Chicago, IL
Julia Bizhko	7th	Bethesda, MD	Erin King	3rd	Bethesda, MD
Lady Bowe	6th	Chippewa Falls, WI	Ty 'Onna King	7th	Milwaukee, WI
Eliana Brown	7th	Shaker Heights, OH	Evelyn Kras	4th	Kenilworth, IL
Zoey Caine	8th	St. Louis, MO	Vivienne Laufer	6th	Deerfield, IL
Cat Carrazana	4th	Mission Hills, KS	Akari Lema	7th	Tokyo, Japan
Elle Cassidy	7th	Evanston, IL	Kassi Leonard	9th	St Louis, MO
Rosie DeWein	6th	Rolling Hills Estates, CA	Willa Limbert	6th	Berkeley, CA
Zoe DeWein	7th	Rolling Hills Estates, CA	Flo Lloyd	7th	Washington, DC
Victoria Diaz	6th	Miguel Hidalgo, DF	Eve Mason	6th	Deerfield, IL
Petrides			Shea McCormack	6th	Westminster, CO
Dylan Ditto	5th	Chicago, IL	Evie McWilliams	7th	Ann Arbor, MI
Blake Eldridge	5th	Highland Park, IL	Gracie Mervis	5th	Arlington, VA
Dylan Eldridge	9th	Highland Park, IL	Kate Mervis	3rd	Arlington, VA
Chloe Fleischer	4th	Chevy Chase, MD	Charlie Miller	9th	Bentonville, AR
Lia Fleischer	7th	Chevy Chase, MD	Abby Millington	6th	Skokie, IL
Orly Garfield	4th	New York, NY	Willa Nash	7th	Chicago, IL
Lily Genser	5th	Highland Park, IL	Emery Neisewander	7th	Winnetka, IL
Sydney Genser	8th	Highland Park, IL	Olivia Neisewander	5th	Winnetka, IL
Gigi Gimbel	6th	Oakland, CA	Lincoln Certel	5th	Lake Bluff, IL
Zali Gouin	5th	Kirkland, WA	Maddie Paine	4th	Kenilworth, IL
Mabel Hall	3rd	Palos Verdes Estates, CA	Kali Powell	4th	Milwaukee, WI
Ruby Hall	7th	Palos Verdes Estates, CA	Abby Reyzin	4th	Glencoe, IL
Madeline Hannes	3rd	Lake Forest, IL	Kai Richards	4th	St. Louis, MO
Mary Rose Henry	6th	St. Louis, MO	Kennedy Richards	7th	St. Louis, MO
Caroline Hirsh	5th	Glencoe, IL	Sophia Rinaldo	5th	Chicago, IL

# 2025 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

## 2ND SESSION



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NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Rosie Rissman	8th	Wilmette, IL
Scarlett Rissman	5th	Wilmette, IL
Violet Rissman	6th	Berkeley, CA
Ella Rubenstein	8th	Glencoe, IL
Olivia Rubenstein	5th	Glencoe, IL
Emma Sagett	8th	Highland Park, IL
Henri Saipe	3rd	St. Louis, MO
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
Sadie Storino	7th	Wilmette, IL
Sloane Storino	4th	Wilmette, IL
Sophia Storino	8th	Wilmette, IL
Campbell trombley	3rd	Lake Bluff, IL
Juliet Trueger	6th	Chicago, IL
Rosie Vaglio	6th	Leawood, KS
Zoey Vaglio	8th	Leawood, KS
Opal Vandello	8th	Oakland, CA
Vivian Vandersluis 	5th	Chicago, IL
Ellie Kate VanGilder 	1st	Lake Bluff, IL
Ava Verdun	7th	Chevy Chase, MD
Ellie Voller	5th	San Diego, CA
Lillian Wall	7th	Oklahoma City, OK
ZyRhia Ward 	7th	Milwaukee, WI
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



**WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**  
 We can't wait to see you!

**ENROLL**  
**HERE!**



# 2025 STAFF

NAME	POSITION	HOMETOWN
Freja Abraham	Tennis	Adelaide, Australia
Rodolfo Alvarez Contreras Hagge	Maintenance Assistant	Puebla, Mexico
Carmen Avila Mauro	Kitchen Assistant	Amozoc, Mexico
Caitlain Avis	Wilderness Trip Leader	Kadina, Australia
Zoe Barbour	Waterskiing	Strathaven, United Kingdom
Matthew Bluff	Sailing	Tidworth, United Kingdom
Millie Boulton	Canoe/Kayak	Leicester, United Kingdom
Jaime Brewis	Drama	Johannesburg, South Africa
Bayli Brookes	Waterski	Bunbury, Australia
Camille Kite-Bussen	Special Programs Coordinator	Lake Bluff, IL
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	Huddersfield, United Kingdom
Lucie Davis	Dance/Fitness	Crawley, United Kingdom
Victoria De Brujin	Swim	Southampton, United Kingdom
Claire Ellis	Fishing	Edmond, Oklahoma
Kaylee Falkner	Canoe/Kayak	Auckland, New Zealand
Daniella Farrell	Dance/Fitness	Bromsgrove, United Kingdom
Marissa Fletcher-Mason	Canoe/Kayak	Retford, United Kingdom
Ruby Gallagher	Sailing	Essex, United Kingdom
Kelsie Gledhill	Riding	Hook, United Kingdom
Natalie Grice	Archery	St. Louis, Missouri
Maddison Guphill	Photography	Rotorua, New Zealand
Mia Hayes	Waterskiing	Killarney Vale, Australia
Yessenia Hernandez Alejo	Assistant Cook	Puebla, Mexico
Alejandra Hernandez Diaz	Housekeeping	Huejotzingo, Mexico
America Hernandez Lopez	Assistant Cook	Puebla, Mexico
Jada Hollis	Sailing	Corrumbin Waters, Australia
Lizeth Huerta Hernandez	Assistant Cook	Puebla, Mexico
Shannon Kettenring	Program Director	Stamping Ground, KY
Ruby Last	Wilderness Trip Leader	Scunthorpe, United Kingdom
Constance Liney	Riding	Pitlochry, United Kingdom
Mariam Luna Alvarez	Dance	Puebla, Mexico
Laney Maguire	Staff Coach & Dev. Dir.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Amber McFall	Waterfront Coordinator	Norwich, United Kingdom

## 2025 LTS!!

ANNIE ALCORN  
Washington DC

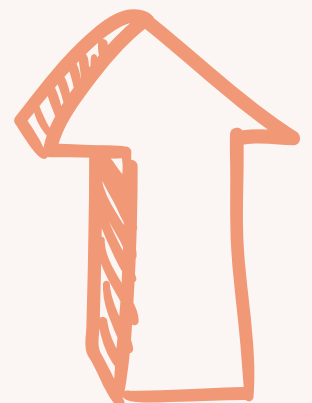
REESE BARNETT  
Glencoe, IL  
(2<sup>nd</sup> session)

MIRA DALE  
Glencoe, IL

ELENI KWATRA  
Scottsdale, AZ  
(1<sup>st</sup> session)

ADDISON NOVAK  
Naples, FL  
(1st session)

ADE STERN  
Minneapolis, MN



NAME	POSITION	HOMETOWN
Natalie Mcqueen	Ropes/Wall	Wirral, United Kingdom
Jocelyn Mejia Matamoros	Laundry Assistant	Puebla, Mexico
Tara Menon	Archery	Glasgow, United Kingdom
Tayla Miles	Swim	Wellington, New Zealand
Linzi Moran	Activity Instructor	Manchester, United Kingdom
Shuri Munoz Garcia	Kitchen Assistant	Puebla, Mexico
Libby Murphy	Swim	Liverpool, United Kingdom
Charlotte Neale	Paddleboarding	Leicester, United Kingdom
Lilah Newkirk	Nursing Assistant	Los Angeles, California
Brenda Ortiz Corte	Assistant Cook	Tlaxcala, Mexico
Ophelia Pedley	Sailing	Wokingham, United Kingdom
Olivia Pefferman	Dance/Fitness	Edmond, Oklahoma
Luna Pérez Marie	Tennis	La Fresneda, Spain
Maricela Perez Perez	Laundry Assistant	Puebla, Mexico
Brenda Perez Rojas	Tennis	Puebla, Mexico
Lilly-Mae Phillips	Swim	Dunsborough, Australia
Abby Potter	Fishing	Gold Coast, Australia
Jen Rabb	Jack/Jill-of-All-Trades	Lowell, Michigan
Raquel Ramirez	Art	Alvarado, Mexico
Jimena Ramirez Berger	Assistant Cook	Alvarado, Mexico
Fatima Ramirez Rodriguez	Ropes/Wall	Libres, Mexico
Kyla Reid	Waterskiing	Edmond, Oklahoma
Karla Rosales Santiago	Kitchen Assistant	Tehuacan, Mexico
Molly Rush	Sailing	Galway, Ireland
Mikayla Shukerbrown	Canoe/Kayak	Auckland, New Zealand
Kira Siegert	Windsurfing	Beelitz, Germany
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
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
Hannah Weightman	Paddleboarding	Houghton le Spring, United Kingdom
Lucy Young	Jack/Jill-of-All-Trades	Jarrow, United Kingdom



# STAFF CONTEST

