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ANNOUNCEMENTS



STAFF CONTRACTS
WERE ISSUED LAST
WEEK-SIGN ON
TODAY!!

STAFF: CONTACT
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WITH QUESTIONS.

CALLING ALL

OF MY

LTS

Let's go girls!

CAMPERS!! CONTACT YOUR
FAVE STAFF MEMBERS TO TELL
THEM YOU WANT THEM BACK
AT CAMP! (EMAIL ADDRESSES
LISTED IN YOUR CAMPINTOUCH
ACCOUNTS!)



KAMAJI HATS
OFF TO THEE:
RUBY LAST-
THE 1ST OFFICIAL
STAFF MEMBER
OF KAMAJI
2026!!!

WE CAN ALSO WELCOME
BACK, HEAD COUNSELOR,
DANNI FARRELL AND
SUMMERTIME ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR, LANEY MAGUIRE!





MORE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Q: "How Do I GET ONE OF THESE AMAZING SWEATSHIRTS?"

A:

1. Tell a friend about Kamaji
2. Friend Enrolls in Kamaji
3. Send Kat@kamaji.com your Size
4. Sweatshirt Arrives in Mail
5. Wear Sweatshirt- feel great!
6. Send Kat@kamaji.com a Pic of yourself in said sweatshirt to be featured in Newsletter!!



More Ways to Share:

Kamaji's Campership Fund

- + Tuition assistance is granted based on financial need as determined by an independent financial aid system (FAST).
- + Recipients of all races & faiths can apply from any school, city, state or country
- + Renewable camperships as determined by financial need

Camp for All Kids

- + Camperships are granted to students of color from schools in Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis & Cleveland.
- + Began at Kamaji in the early 1990's
- + Recipients are typically from busy, urban cities
- + Renewable scholarships

SEND ALL PICTURES (LIKE HALLOWEEN PICS!), SMALL-WORLD RUN-INS, HUMBLE BRAGS AND MORE TO KAT@KAMAJI.COM TO BE FEATURED IN THE RAINBOW CONNECTION!

Congratulations!



EVAN: Future Rainbow Boy

TO MEREDITH (GOODALE),
CAMP NURSE & KAMAJI ALUM,
AND HER HUSBAND,
JUSTIN DESANTO, ON THE
BIRTH OF THEIR BEAUTIFUL
BABY-
EVAN DESANTO!! (10/15/25)



MEREDITH,
"A NATURAL",
WITH BABY
CALEB NELSON IN
2015!!



EVEN MORE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



An Enormous
THANK YOU
To the
Rhoden Family
for Hosting an
Info Session at
their home!

WICHITA!!



Do you have a CAUSE that is close to your heart? Share pictures or stories of how you are helping others!
Or do you have suggestions for how Kamaji campers from across the country/world can make a positive impact during the holiday season- share your charitable organizations, fundraisers and volunteering ideas to be featured in the next newsletter!



**Kamaji Campers Past, Present and Future!
Kat, Jolie, Tolula, Monroe and Special Guest Star,
from Nashville, Avery, all together in Wichita!**



THANK YOU



...to Alumna, Camp Mom &
longtime friend,
CAROLYN MASTIO
who went above and beyond
to invite families together
to learn about Kamaji!

REUNIONS & INFO SESSIONS

CAMP KAMAJI COMES TO NASHVILLE!

Join Camp Director, Kat, to learn
more about an unplugged
summer of unforgettable
memories for your daughter!
www.kamaji.com



Be sure to share
with family or
friends in
Nashville!



Thursday, November 6th

7:00pm

Hosted by

The Bargfeldt Family

For more details text Jamie
314-630-4809

CAMP KAMAJI COMES TO WASHINGTON DC!

Kamaji Campers Past, Present &
Future are invited to join us to
watch the 2025 Summer
Scrapbook and talk camp!
Come one, come All!



Friday, December 12th
5pm-7pm

Hosted By:
The Baker Family

Please RSVP to Natalie:
nataliebbaker@gmail.com
And Call/Text Kat with questions:
218-556-1805

BE THANKFUL

As the season of gratitude rolls in, here are a few fun, easy ways for Kamaji girls (and families!) to celebrate thankfulness all month long. Whether you're at school, home, or missing camp a little extra this fall — these ideas will help you pause, appreciate, and share some kindness.

Secret Kindness Mission

Pick one person each week and do something kind for them without telling them — leave a sweet note in a friend's locker or do a sibling's chore.

Gratitude Notes

Write short thank-you notes for the people who brighten your days — teachers, friends, counselors, parents, even your mail carrier (psst the ones who deliver your letters to/from camp!)

Give Back Together

Find small ways to give back — bake cookies for a neighbor, collect food for a local pantry, or share a smile with someone who needs it.

Donate with Gratitude

Go through toys, books, or clothes you've outgrown and donate them to kids who could use them. Be thankful for the memories — and pass the joy along.

Gratitude Wall

Cover a wall or door with sticky notes or drawings of things you're thankful for. Invite family or friends to add their own.

Gratitude Chain Reaction

Start a "gratitude chain" at school or home — when someone does something kind for you, pay it forward to someone else. See how far it spreads!

What did you choose to do?
Share your acts of thankfulness & gratitude to be highlighted in the next newsletter and encourage others to do the same!



Speaking of Thankful...

Look at what these Kamaji girls are up to!



FORMER CABINMATES, AND CURRENT KAMAJI MOMS, JILLIAN (COUSINS) ARNOLD AND LAUREN BAER MET UP IN BROOKLYN WITH THEIR CAMPERS (BOTH MUNDAHMINS!), ELLA ARNOLD AND SERENA MEYERS-BAER



GRACIE MERVIS (D.C.) VISITING CHICAGO-AREA CAMP FRIENDS, ABBY MILLINGTON, OLIVIA NEISWANDER, CAROLINE HIRSH AND LINCOLN OERTEL!



KATE MERVIS (D.C.) MET UP WITH HER CHICAGO-AREA HATCHERY CABINMATES: MARIAMA ANDREWS-HUTCHINSON, FELICITY NELSON, CADENCE JONES, ELLIE KATE VAN GILDER AND LOUISE ANDERSON!



2025 COUNSELORS, JADA HOLLIS, TOR DE BRUJIN, MIA HAYES, BECCA ZWART, ABBY POTTER & KIM RUSSELL, RENTED AN RV TO EXPLORE THE USA AFTER CAMP TOGETHER- HERE THEY ARE AT GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK!!





Speaking of Thankful...

Look at what these Kamaji girls are up to!



2025
HATCHERY
CAMPER,
ALESSIA
NAEYMI-RAD,
PROUDLY SHOWING
OFF HER METIG
SPIRIT AT SCHOOL



NOA RAY, ALWAYS A
REPPING HER
MUNDAHMIN'S, CHOSE
SPARKLY GOLD NAILS
FOR HER LATEST MANI!



WHEN FRIENDS AVA
VERDUN, FLO LLOYD, LIA
AND CHLOE FLEISCHER
HEARD THEIR PAL, BETSY
KESSELMAN, WAS IN TOWN
ON A SCHOOL TRIP TO
D.C.- THEY ARRANGED TO
"ACCIDENTALLY" RUN
INTO EACH OTHER!
(THANKS TO KAMAJI DIE-
HARD, JAMIE-BETSY'S
MOM!!)



CABINMATES,
CADENCE JONES
& LOUISE
ANDERSON!!



KAMAJI'S CHICAGO REUNION!!



CABINMATES,
JUJU SAESAN &
CATE GRAZIANO



Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER

Staff

	DATE
MORGAN GOOD	2
MEREDITH DESANTO	7
KELSIE GLEDHILL	18
ANA TOLEDO SARMIENTOS	30

Campers

	DATE
LUCINDA CHORNEY	2
MYLENA GARCIA	3
EVELYN KRAS	3
ELIANA LARAGH	4
NOA JACOBY	6
ELODIE FREDMAN	7
JULIA SHOWALTER	7
ZOEY CAINE	9
LIA FLEISCHER	9
MOLLIE HIRSH	10
ELENI KWATRA	11
PIPER VASEY	15
CLAIRE WINDOM	15
LYLA THORPE	20
ORLY GARFIELD	22
ADDIE O'MARA	23
GEMMA BUSBY	24
LAUREN MCINTIRE	25
JESSE DORNAN	28
ROSE SCHIEBER	29



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



2026 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

2026 Kamaji Dates

FULL 8 WEEK SESSION
June 15th – August 8th

1st SESSION
June 15th–July 11th

2nd SESSION
July 13th–August 8th

ENROLL
HERE!!!



8 WEEKERS

FIONA BELMONTI
9TH
CHICAGO, IL

JESSE
DORNAN
7TH
DENVER,
CO

LAYLA
GREENWOOD
4TH
GLENCOE,
IL

MADDIE HERNANDEZ
8TH
NORTHBROOK, IL

BETSY KESSELMAN
8TH
NORTHBROOK, IL

AVERY
LIPSCHULTZ
8TH
DENVER, CO

SERENA MEYERS-BAER
4TH
BROOKLYN, NY

FELICITY
NELSON
2ND
LAKE
BLUFF,
IL

KENDALL RICHARDS
8TH
ST. LOUIS, MO

IVY SWARTZ
8TH
CHICAGO, IL

2026 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

1ST SESSION



*NEW TO CAMP KAMAJI
FOR SUMMER 2026!

Name	Grade	Hometown	
FRANCES BADRUL	1ST	MINNEAPOLIS MN	
AVERY BARGFELDT	6TH	FRANKLIN TN	
EMERY BEFFA	6TH	BROOKFIELD IL	
MARGAUX BILLOTTE	6TH	CHEVY CHASE MD	
GEMMA BUSBY	4TH	HIGHLAND PARK IL	
LUCINDA CHORNEY	9TH	MINNEAPOLIS MN	
ADDIE CRONK-GEBBIA	7TH	EL CAJON CA	
SONA DESHMUKH	9TH	JACKSONVILLE FL	
LONDON DONALDSON	5TH	LAKE VILLA IL	
JOSIE FREDMAN	5TH	BANNOCKBURN IL	
ELODIE FREDMAN	6TH	BANNOCKBURN IL	
CATE GRAZIANO	6TH	LAKE BLUFF IL	
LILLY GREENE	4TH	MINNETRISTA MN	
KALEESI GREENE	6TH	MINNETRISTA MN	
ZOEY HUMPHREY	8TH	DENVER CO	
NOA JACOBY	7TH	CHICAGO IL	
BEATRIX JOSEFSON	5TH	BEMIDJI MN	
LIZZIE JOYCE	4TH	DEERFIELD IL	
BEA KASTNER	4TH	FOX POINT WI	
PAULINE KELLEY	5TH	LAKE BLUFF IL	
GWENETH KELLEY	7TH	LAKE BLUFF IL	
FLO LLOYD	8TH	WASHINGTON DC	
MARIE LONERGAN	6TH	LAKE BLUFF IL	
EVA MCCULLOCH	3RD	CHICAGO IL	
ALESSIA NAEYMI-RAD	2ND	LIBERTYVILLE IL	

Name	Grade	Hometown	
LILAH PEARL	9TH	ENCINITAS CA	
LJ POLSTER	4TH	FOX POINT WI	
• CAROLINE RABB	2ND	LOWELL MI	
• HANNAH RABB	5TH	LOWELL MI	
• AMELIA RABB	6TH	LOWELL MI	
• NOA RAY	2ND	CHICAGO IL	
• JOSLYN RIDDLE	5TH	LAKE BLUFF IL	
• JO ROUSPIL	7TH	DES MOINES IA	
• JUJU SAESAN	6TH	LAKE BLUFF IL	
• OAKLEY THIESEN	9TH	BRAINERD MN	
• OLIVE THIESSEN	7TH	CLEAR LAKE MN	
• BROOKE WILLHITE	8TH	ALBUQUERQUE NM	
• GENEVIEVE WORLEY	4TH	CHICAGO IL	
LORELEI WORLEY	7TH	CHICAGO IL	



2026 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

2ND SESSION



*NEW TO CAMP KAMAJI
FOR SUMMER 2026!

Name	Grade	Hometown	Name	Grade	Hometown
LOUISE ANDERSON	4TH	LAKE FOREST IL	MOLLY MCDONOUGH	5TH	STEAMBOAT SPRINGS CO
ABBIE ANDERSON	9TH	LAKE FOREST IL	EVIE MCWILLIAMS	8TH	ANN ARBOR MI
MATILDA ASARCH	6TH	DENVER CO	KATE MERVIS	4TH	ARLINGTON VA
ELOISE BAKER	4TH	WASHINGTON DC	GRACIE MERVIS	6TH	ARLINGTON VA
CELESTE BELMONTI	5TH	CHICAGO IL	ABIGAIL MILLINGTON	7TH	SKOKIE IL
NORA BHATRAJU	3RD	SEATTLE WA	OLIVIA NEISEWANDER	6TH	WINNETKA IL
ISABEL BHATRAJU	5TH	SEATTLE WA	EMERY NEISEWANDER	8TH	WINNETKA IL
ELIANA BROWN	8TH	SHAKER HEIGHTS OH	MADDIE PAINE	5TH	KENILWORTH IL
CAT CARRAZANA	5TH	MISSION HILLS KS	ELLIOTT REDBORG	3RD	CHEHALIS WA
ELLE CASSIDY	8TH	EVANSTON IL	ABIGAIL REYZIN	5TH	GLENCOE IL
OLIVIA DARVICK	3RD	CHICAGO IL	KAI RICHARDS	5TH	ST. LOUIS MO
VICTORIA DIAZ PETRIDES	7TH	MIGUEL HIDALGO MEXICO	KENNEDY RICHARDS	8TH	ST. LOUIS MO
DYLAN DITTO	6TH	CHICAGO IL	SCARLETT RISSMAN	6TH	HIGHLAND PARK IL
BLAKE ELDRIDGE	6TH	HIGHLAND PARK IL	VIOLET RISSMAN	7TH	BERKELEY CA
CHLOE FLEISCHER	4TH	CHEVY CHASE MD	ROSIE RISSMAN	9TH	BERKELEY CA
LIA FLEISCHER	8TH	CHEVY CHASE MD	EVELYN ROGALA	3RD	BELGRADE MT
ORLY GARFIELD	5TH	NEW YORK NY	OLIVIA RUBENSTEIN	6TH	GLENCOE IL
LILY GENSER	6TH	HIGHLAND PARK IL	ELLA RUBENSTEIN	9TH	GLENCOE IL
GRETA GIMBEL	7TH	OAKLAND CA	HENRI SAIPE	4TH	ST. LOUIS MO
ZALI GOVIN	6TH	KIRKLAND WA	SERENITY SANCHEZ	7TH	DEERFIELD IL
MADELINE HANNES	4TH	LAKE FOREST IL	ROSE SCHIEBER	3RD	HINSDALE IL
EVE JACKSON	8TH	KANSAS CITY MO	BROOKE SCHIEBER	6TH	HINSDALE IL
MILLIE JACKSON	8TH	KANSAS CITY MO	MAE SEVERN	7TH	WASHINGTON DC
OLIVIA KANSUPADA	4TH	CHICAGO IL	WILDER SEVERN-HARDING	4TH	LEES SUMMIT MO
ERIN KING	4TH	BETHESDA MD	M.E. STEWART	8TH	AUSTIN TX
EVELYN KRAS	5TH	KENILWORTH IL	JULIET TRUEGER	7TH	CHICAGO IL
VIVIENNE LAUFER	7TH	DEERFIELD IL	ELLIE VOLLER	6TH	SAN DIEGO CA
AKARI LEMA	8TH	TOKYO JAPAN	LILLIAN WALL	8TH	OKLAHOMA CITY OK
HAZEL LIMBERT	3RD	BERKELEY CA	NORA WILLIAMS	8TH	ANN ARBOR MI
WILLA LIMBERT	7TH	BERKELEY CA	LEXI YOUNG	8TH	DEERFIELD IL
EVE MASON	7TH	DEERFIELD IL			

