



the RAINBOW CONNECTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

STAFF: CONTACT
JASON@KAMAJI.COM
WITH QUESTIONS.

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!



CALLING ALL
OF MY
LTS
Let's go girls!



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.

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.

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.

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!

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!)

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 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!

Speaking of Thankful...

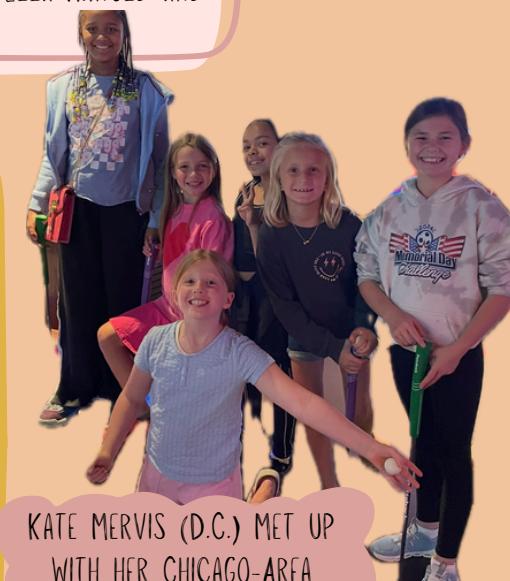
Look at what these Kamaji girls are up to!



FORMER CABINMATES, AND CURRENT KAMAJI MOMS, JILLIAN (COUSINS) ARNOLD AND LAUREN BAER MET UP IN BROOKLYN WITH THEIR CAMPERS (BOTH MUNDAHMINIS!), 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, 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

Z O V E N B U R G

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	Name	Grade	Hometown
FRANCES BADRUL	1ST	MINNEAPOLIS MN	LILAH	9TH	ENCINITAS CA
AVERY BARGFELDT	6TH	FRANKLIN TN	LJ	4TH	FOX POINT WI
EMERY BEFFA	6TH	BROOKFIELD IL	• CAROLINE RABB	2ND	LOWELL MI
MARGAUX BILLOTTE	6TH	CHEVY CHASE MD	• HANNAH RABB	5TH	LOWELL MI
GEMMA BUSBY	4TH	HIGHLAND PARK IL	• AMELIA RABB	6TH	LOWELL MI
LUCINDA CHORNEY	9TH	MINNEAPOLIS MN	• NOA RAY	2ND	CHICAGO IL
ADDIE CRONK-GBBIA	7TH	EL CAJON CA	• JOSLYN RIDDLE	5TH	LAKE BLUFF IL
SONA DESHMUKH	9TH	JACKSONVILLE FL	• JO ROUSPIL	7TH	DES MOINES IA
LONDON DONALDSON	5TH	LAKE VILLA IL	• JUJU SAESAN	6TH	LAKE BLUFF IL
JOSIE FREDMAN	5TH	BANNOCKBURN IL	• OAKLEY THIESSEN	9TH	BRAINERD MN
ELODIE FREDMAN	6TH	BANNOCKBURN IL	• OLIVE THIESSEN	7TH	CLEAR LAKE MN
CATE GRAZIANO	6TH	LAKE BLUFF IL	• BROOKE WILLHITE	8TH	ALBUQUERQUE NM
LILLY GREENE	4TH	MINNETRISTA MN	• GENEVIEVE WORLEY	4TH	CHICAGO IL
KALEESI GREENE	6TH	MINNETRISTA MN	• LORELEI WORLEY	7TH	CHICAGO IL
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			



2026 CAMPER ENROLLEMENT!

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	GOUIN	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	•	•	•	•	•