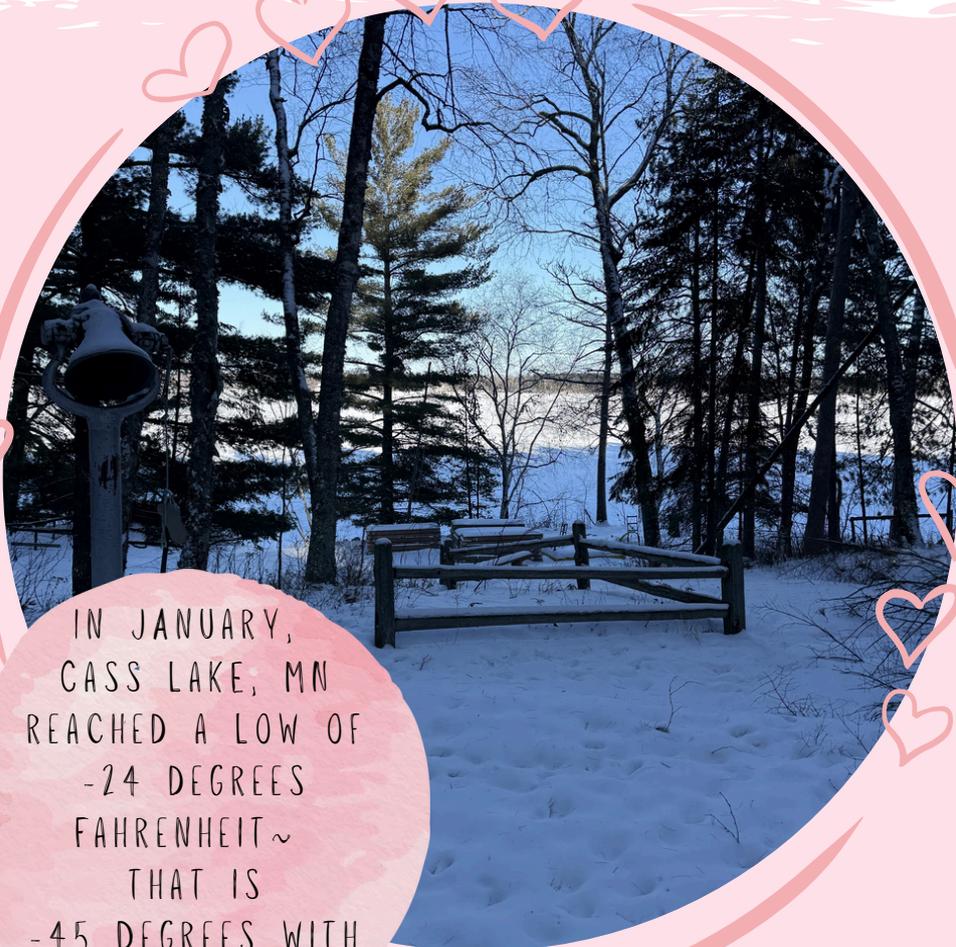


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RAINBOW CONNECTION

february 2026



IN JANUARY,
CASS LAKE, MN
REACHED A LOW OF
-24 DEGREES
FAHRENHEIT~
THAT IS
-45 DEGREES WITH
WINDCHILL!

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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!

NOW HIRING!

We only have a handful of positions still available for this summer- Do you know someone who would be a perfect fit?

Contact
jason@kamaji.com
with any questions or

APPLY HERE!

FAMILY CAMP!

How many times have camper parents said- "Can I come?!" And NOW you can- Join us for Family Camp and see firsthand why Kamaji is so special!
Enroll the whole fam here.

BIG SISTERS WANTED!

Interested in being a "Big Sis" to one of our new campers?

We need Big Sisters who will: proactively connect with a new camper, answer questions, regularly stay in touch before camp, offer tips & tricks, and invite her to hang with you on travel day!

We also want the Big Sisters' parents to reach out and connect with the new parents!!

Have questions or interested in being apart of the Big Sister team?

Contact Kat at
kat@kamaji.com



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHOW THE LOVE

Kamaji is a “mom and pop” that relies primarily on the word of mouth from current and past families to introduce camp to new families.

How can you Help?

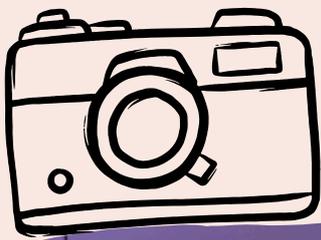
1. Bookmark this LINK and text it to 3 friends/ co-workers/family members (even if they say 4 weeks is too long!) Yes, right now. 😊
2. Like, love, share and repost Kamaji content on Instagram @campkamaji
3. Record yourself and/or your camper talking about “why Kamaji” or a specific camp anecdote and send to Kat to be shared on social media. Total influencer.

RANDY'S RAMBLINGS

Wow, the weather has changed since my last Ramblings! Very cold temperatures have been making me kinda hide out in the shop. First thing I do is start a fire in the stove in the back to get the temperature up above freezing. Yes, we have a small propane stove in the front of the shop that is always on but it can't keep up with the -20 nighttime temperatures we have been getting! After about an hour I can get most of shop above freezing and much more comfortable to work in. I've got lots of picture frames to make for porch pictures and hang in cabins.

I'm working on clearing the woods from the camp gate all the way to the Health Center. I already finished the area from parking lot to the Health Center and the Art Village before the cold weather arrived. Looking at the 30-day forecast, it looks much better in about 2 weeks! Once it gets a little warmer, I will get back to inspecting all the cabins' roofs and making any repairs as needed. Can't wait until weather is nice enough to get at it! Also, Ollie has been telling me he can't wait either. Poor guy starts crying and holding his paws up off ground and walking like he has a broken leg- that's how cold it is! He is such a spoiled boy, used to a cozy fireplace! Well, I think that is enough ramblings from me!





KAMAJI KAPTURED



Fiona Belmonti was cheered on by Kamaji pals Sadie Storino & Elle Cassidy!



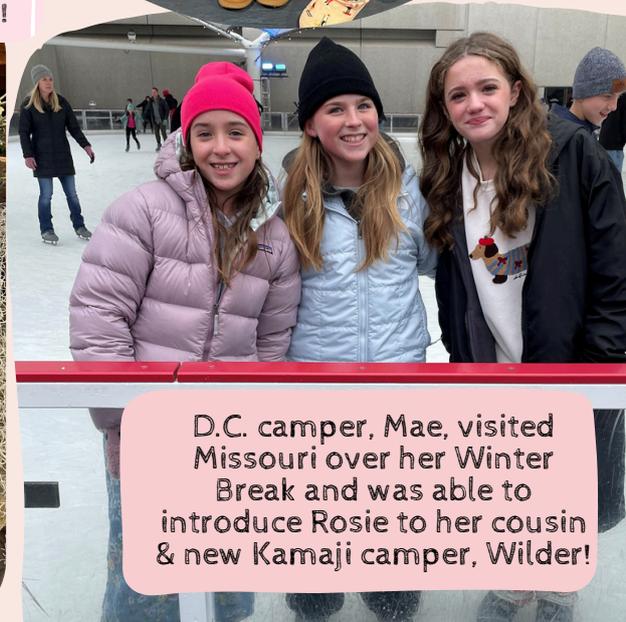
Congrats! to Serenity Sanchez went on a 22-serve run, giving her team the chance to win the second set and force a tiebreaker, and took the win home!



Mae Severn and Rosie Vaglio meet up over Winter Break!



Milwaukee girls, Lj Polster & Bea Kastner, took advantage of their time-off this winter to visit camp friend, Lizzie Joyce!



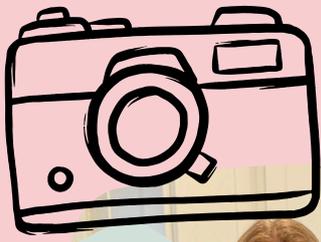
D.C. camper, Mae, visited Missouri over her Winter Break and was able to introduce Rosie to her cousin & new Kamaji camper, Wilder!



Hailey Sharrat & her family were in Bemidji for a hockey tournament at had to say "hello" to our friends Paul & Babe! Brrrr.



Camp friends near and far traveled from D.C., San Diego, Milwaukee, Des Moines and all over the Chicago-area to celebrate Noa Jacoby's becoming a bat mitzvah!



KAMAJI KAPTURED



Current Camper, Eliana Brown, relit her candle with her mom and alum, Kim Cole, and Kamaji alum/neighbor, Katie Kahn!!



Metig, Henri Saipe, relit her candle this NYE in STL. And a HUGE shout-out goes to Henri who hosted and presented at a Kamaji Info Session for interested campers- her presentation is posted @campkamaji on Instagram

THANK YOU HENRI & the SAIPE FAMILY!

D.C. campers and alumni gathered together to watch the 2025 video scrapbook and relive last summer's memories together! Thank you to the Bookey/Baker Family for hosting!

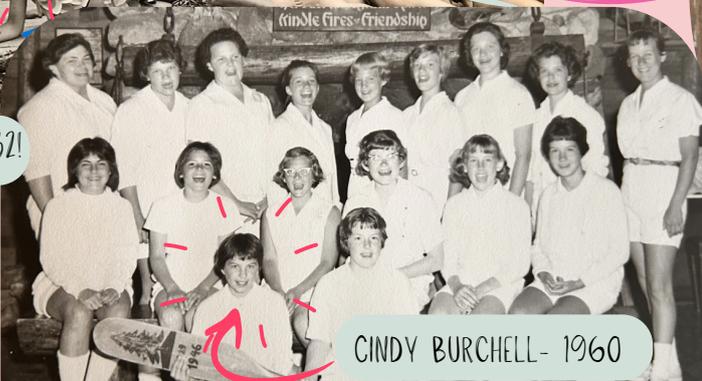
Sisters, Elodie & Josie Fredman, celebrated NYE by relighting their Kamaji O'Naug candles together.



2026 new campers, Isabel & Nora Bhatraju, are joining us as 4th Generation Kamaji campers!!! Their mom, Elly (Patterson) sent pictures of the girls' mom, grandma & great-grandma as campers!!



MARGARET HELMHOLZ 1932!



CINDY BURCHELL- 1960



ELLY PATTERSON- 1993

CAMPER CORNER

DID YOU KNOW?

On Wednesday, January 21, the House of Representatives passed a resolution which uses the Congressional Review Act to overturn the 20-year mining ban protecting the Boundary Waters watershed from toxic copper mining.

If successful, this move would pave the way for Twin Metals, a Chilean-owned company, to proceed with its mining leases to build a copper mine on Birch Lake near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

Pollution from this mine would flow directly into the Wilderness, impacting all downstream landscapes, including Quetico Provincial Park and Voyageurs National Park- where Kamaji campers canoe and camp.

BUT- it is not too late!!



JASON'S JOKE

What Valentine's Day gift never arrives on time?

CHOCO-LATE.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebrate & learn more about Black Americans who have shaped U.S. History.

Here are just a few examples!

- Charles Richard Drew: created a way to store blood in the 1930s. Now We have blood banks in America to help doctors and nurses save lives.
- Shirley Chisholm: was the first Black woman elected to Congress in 1968. She's also the first woman to ever run for US president!
- Garrett Morgan: Invented the red, yellow & green traffic light.
- Ruby Bridges: at 6 years old she became the youngest Black child to desegregate a school in 1960. Every day for a year, four federal marshals had to escort brave Ruby to school to keep her safe.
- George Coleman Poage: was the first Black person to earn a medal at the Olympic Games in 1904. Poage earned two bronze medals for the US Olympic team at the St. Louis games as a hurdler.

★ PROTECT OUR WILDERNESS ★

What can we do?

1. Talk to your parents. And learn more by reading about the current issue.
2. Ask them if they might help you contact your Senator by phone
3. Send a message to your Senator

We do not see this as political- we see this as an environmental problem that will directly affect Kamaji and our campers.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February

Staff

Date

RODOLFO ALVAREZ CONTRERAS HAGGE 1
VALERIA LACARRIERE CERVANTES 1
MAIA CERVANTES MENESES 8
MIKAYLA SHUKERBROWN 22
GRACE SPOTTISWOODE 22
LIBNI NUNEZ BAUTISTA 28

Camper

Date

AMIYA KWATRA 2
PAULINE KELLEY 4
CAIT BROWN 6
WILLA LIMBERT 6
BEA KASTNER 9
AKARI LEMA 9
MOLLY MCDONOUGH 10
IVY SWARTZ 11
BETSY KESSELMAN 15
MCKENNA SHELDON 15
OLIVE BERRA 16
AVERY BARGFELDT 18
SONA DESHMUKH 20
EVA MORAN 20
JO ROUSPIL 22
MARY ELIZABETH STEWART 23
ROWAN SADOFF 24
GWENETH KELLEY 25
DYLAN ELDRIDGE 26
SADIE STORINO 28



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

2026 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 KATI!
KAT@KAMAJI.COM

FIONA BELMONTI
9th Grade
Chicago, IL

MADDIE HERNANDEZ
8th grade
Northbrook, IL

SERENA MEYERS-BAER
4th grade
Brooklyn, NY

JESSE DORNAN
7th grade
Denver, CO

BETSY KESSELMAN
8th grade
NORTHBROOK, IL

FELICITY NELSON
2nd Grade
Lake Bluff, IL

LAYLA GREENWOOD
4th Grade
Glencoe, IL

AVERY LIPSCHULTZ
8th Grade
Denver, CO

KENDALL RICHARDS
8th Grade
St Louis, MO

IVY SWARTZ
8th grade
Chicago, IL



Rumor or Trumor?
A crew of PM campers are SERIOUSLY considering 8 weeks in 2026!?

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!

Rumor or Trumor?
Alicia Gibson is planning to come back to be an LT in 2026



2026 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

1ST SESSION



*NEW TO CAMP KAMAJI
FOR SUMMER 2026!

NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Frances Badrul	1st	Minneapolis MN
Annabelle Baier 🌈	3rd	Brooklyn NY
Reese Baier 🌈	5th	Brooklyn NY
Avery Bargfeldt	6th	Franklin TN
Emery Beffa	6th	Brookfield IL
Margaux Billotte 🌈	6th	Chevy Chase MD
Gemma Busby 🌈	4th	Highland Park IL
Gabby Campuzano	7th	Park Ridge IL
Lucinda Chorney	9th	Minneapolis MN
Addie Cronk-Gebbia	7th	El Cajon CA
Sona Deshmukh	9th	Jacksonville FL
London Donaldson	5th	Lake Villa IL
Elodie Fredman	6th	Bannockburn IL
Josie Fredman	5th	Bannockburn IL
Chandler Goodman	7th	Deerfield IL
Alice Grant	7th	San Clemente CA
Cate Graziano	6th	Lake bluff IL
Kaleesi Greene	6th	Minnetrista MN
Lilly Greene	4th	Minnetrista MN
Zoey Humphrey	8th	Denver CO
Noa Jacoby	7th	Chicago IL
Bea Josefson	5th	Bemidji MN
Letica Josefson 🌈	7th	Bemidji MN
Lizzie Joyce	4th	Deerfield IL
Bea Kastner	4th	Fox Point WI
Gweneth Kelley	7th	Lake Bluff IL
Pauline Kelley	5th	Lake Bluff IL
Eliana Laragh	7th	Chicago IL
Julia Laragh	5th	Chicago IL
Flo Lloyd	8th	Washington DC
Marie Lonergan	6th	Lake Bluff IL
Tolula Mastio	6th	Wichita KS
Eva McCulloch 🌈	3rd	Chicago IL
Apolline Morin 🌈	8th	Nantes, France
Alessia Naeymi-Rad	2nd	Libertyville IL
Lilah Pearl	9th	Encinitas CA



2026 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

1ST SESSION

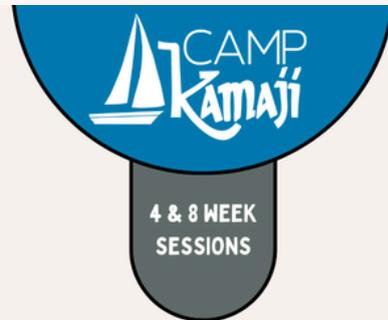


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NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
LJ	4th	Fox Point WI
Amelia	6th	Lowell MI
Caroline	2nd	Lowell MI
Hannah	5th	Lowell MI
Noa	2nd	Chicago IL
Audrey	8th	Decatur GA
Joslyn	5th	Lake Bluff IL
Evelyn	3rd	Big Sky MT
Jo	7th	Des Moines IA
Naomi	4th	Ferndale MI
Adalyn	4th	Hawthorn Woods IL
JuJu	6th	Lake Bluff IL
Abby	5th	Brooklyn NY
Julia	7th	Tulsa OK
Elise	4th	Black Jack MO
Rebecca	2nd	New York NY
Oakley	9th	Brainerd MN
Olive	7th	Clear Lake MN
Vivian	6th	Chicago IL
Kallie	4th	Galena OH
Margaret	3rd	Oak Park IL
Brooke	8th	Albuquerque NM
Leona	6th	Afton MN
Genevieve	4th	Chicago IL
Lorelei	7th	Chicago IL



Noa welcoming future 2026 camper, Layla!



4 & 8 WEEK SESSIONS

be brave, be you SUMMER CAMP FOR GIRLS

ACTIVITIES

HORSEBACK RIDING, SAILING, WATERSKIING, ARCHERY, ART, POTTERY, CANOEING, KAYAKING, DRAMA, ROCK CLIMBING, FISHING, PHOTOGRAPHY, PADDLE BOARDING, WINDSURFING AND MORE!

KAMAJI IS A CAMP BUILT JUST FOR GIRLS. IT'S A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN TRY NEW THINGS, LAUGH HARD, FEEL SUPPORTED AND COME HOME STRONGER AND MORE CONFIDENT. GIRLS FIND REAL FRIENDS HERE, REAL FUN AND REAL GROWTH.

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2026 CAMPER ENROLLMENT!

2ND SESSION



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NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN	NAME	GRADE	HOMETOWN
Abbie Anderson	9th	Lake Forest IL	Molly McDonough	5th	Steamboat CO
Louise Anderson	4th	Lake Forest IL	Evie McWilliams	8th	Ann Arbor MI
Mariama Andrews-Hutchinson	4th	Chicago IL	Ella	2nd	Madison CT
Matilda Asarch	6th	Denver CO	Gracie Mervis	6th	Arlington VA
Eloise Baker	4th	Washington DC	Kate Mervis	4th	Arlington VA
Celeste Belmonti	5th	Chicago IL	Abigail Millington	7th	Skokie IL
Olive Berra	4th	Saint Louis MO	Eva Moran	4th	Miami FL
Isabel Bhatraju	5th	Seattle WA	Emery Neisewander	8th	Winnetka IL
Nora Bhatraju	3rd	Seattle WA	Olivia Neisewander	6th	Winnetka IL
Eliana Brown	8th	Shaker Heights OH	Lincoln Certel	6th	Lake Forest IL
Cat Carrazana	5th	Mission Hills KS	Madeleine Paine	5th	Kenilworth IL
Elle Cassidy	8th	Evanston IL	Elliott Redborg	3rd	Chehalis WA
Olivia Darvick	3rd	Chicago IL	Abigail Reyzin	5th	Glencoe IL
Victoria Diaz Petrides	7th	Miguel Hidalgo MX	Kai Richards	5th	St. Louis MO
Dylan Ditto	6th	Chicago IL	Kennedy Richards	8th	St. Louis MO
Bridey Eberhart	5th	St. Paul MN	Rosie Rissman	9th	Berkeley CA
Blake Eldridge	6th	Highland Park IL	Scarlett Rissman	6th	Highland Park IL
Chloe Fleischer	4th	Chevy Chase MD	Violet Rissman	7th	Berkeley CA
Lia Fleischer	8th	Chevy Chase MD	Ella Rubenstein	9th	Glencoe IL
Orly Garfield	5th	New York NY	Olivia Rubenstein	6th	Glencoe IL
Lily Genser	6th	Highland Park IL	Henri Saipe	4th	St. Louis MO
Greta Gimbel	7th	Oakland CA	Serenity Sanchez	7th	Deerfield IL
Zali Gouin	6th	Kirkland WA	Brooke Schieber	6th	Hinsdale IL
Madeline Hannes	4th	Lake Forest IL	Rose Schieber	3rd	Hinsdale IL
Eve Jackson	8th	Kansas City MO	Mae Severn	7th	Washington DC
Millie Jackson	8th	Kansas City MO	Wilder Severn-	4th	Lees Summit MO
Olivia Kansupada	4th	Chicago IL	Harding Siegel	4th	St Louis MO
Erin King	4th	Bethesda MD	Lucy Stewart	8th	Austin TX
Evelyn Kras	5th	Kenilworth IL	M.E. Thomas	5th	Maywood IL
Vivienne Laufer	7th	Deerfield IL	Kira Trueger	7th	Chicago IL
Akari Lema	8th	Tokyo, Japan	Juliet VanGilder	2nd	Lake Bluff IL
Hazel Limbert	3rd	Berkeley CA	Ellie Kate Voller	6th	San Diego CA
Willa Limbert	7th	Berkeley CA	Ellie Wall	8th	Oklahoma City OK
Eve Mason	7th	Deerfield IL	Lillian Williams	8th	Ann Arbor MI
Summer McCormack	7th	Westminster CO	Nora Windom	8th	Washington DC
			Claire Young	8th	Deerfield IL
			Lexi Young	8th	Deerfield IL

2026 LTS...

STOP TALKIN ABOUT IT-
IT'S TIME TO SIGN!

**1ST TO SIGN=
YAM-YAM CABRERA!!!**

IF YOU DON'T SEE
YOUR NAME...IT'S
TIME TO ENROLL!

We can't wait to see you!

**ENROLL
HERE!**