

R A I N B O W C O N N E C T I O N



A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

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I was a Unit Director for the first time this summer. I was worried that I wouldn't have the same connections with campers as I did as a Hatchery counselor. I felt nervous as I popped my head into cabins to introduce myself on the first night of camp. Would my previous campers now be "too cool" for me since they were one year older? Turns out I worry too much.

Previous campers and new campers alike excitedly pulled me over to show me all of their new pictures that they were already hanging up all around their beds. I 100% agree in prioritizing decorating over making a bed first. I was introduced to family members, best friends from home, and pets- LOTS of pets! There were also the introductions to the stuffed wolves, pigs, cats, dogs, polar bears, elephants, and more. (There were absolutely pop quizzes later on to see if I remembered all of the names of these stuffed friends.) The campers would patiently remind me if I needed a quick review session. Things began to feel normal again as I continued through cabins, learning names, and checking in.

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Of course, that was just the beginning. Soon there were games of Avocado Smash, Mafia, the Massage Game, UNO, and many others that were used to delay bed time for a little bit longer and to enjoy each other's company. I never knew that there were so many versions of the rules for UNO; somehow, my version was never the one we were playing. But never fear! Campers always quickly made sure that I knew how to play correctly.

One of the best perks about being a Unit Director is the opportunity to sit at any table during meal times. There are not many times in "the adult world" when you walk up to a table and see someone excitedly hitting the spot next to them and calling out for you to sit next to them. I know I smell of sweat, sunscreen, and who knows what, but I am eternally grateful for the enthusiasm campers had when inviting me to sit with them. I'm not quite sure how we ever ate any food during the meals because of the shared stories and jokes. I can't believe how many times we sang the Muffin Song, but at least it was shorter than Tarzan.

Activity periods were when our campers flourished. I cannot begin to describe the feeling of finding out a camper had passed her swim check after practicing so hard, or hearing from a camper how, even though she was scared of swimming at first, it was now one of her favorite activities. In the Arts Village, campers worked on their projects: sewing, drama, and ceramics: the smiles were the biggest when a camper finished the pillow or bag she had worked on for the past three days. The campers and I were always STOKED when it was time for stage makeup in drama. Who doesn't love creating the craziest makeup on their friends while learning how to make mermaid scales and fake injuries? And there was glitter. If you didn't know already, once you go anywhere near glitter, it will be in your hair for weeks. I will never forget teaching a new style of friendship bracelet pattern to campers and then watching as they taught their friends. During rest period and free time, we connected over the books campers read: Wish, The Tale of Emily Windsnap, Inkheart, Vampirates, and A Series of Unfortunate Events. We talked about our favorite characters, silly lines, and how maybe Lemony Snicket wasn't our favorite.



The other night, I had a vivid dream of being back in the Arts Village with a few of the counselors and campers. Some campers were journaling, others were painting, and some were just enjoying the day. (It must have been an open Arts Village fifth period since we were all working on different projects.) I was shocked that we were already back at camp; I didn't even remember the year that had just flown by. Disappointed barely begins to cover my feelings when I woke up to realize that it was still only September.

I miss...making and exchanging friendship bracelets with Nutshell...the campers that made me little pieces of art that now decorate my room...sitting on the office porch making bracelets and chatting... tutus, dressing up, glitter, and face paint...listening to Hatchery's ukulele sessions(and hearing them sing for Lawn and Garden)...Hearing Pine Manor sing Daylight by Maroon5...the incredible kindness of campers who offered to share one of their rainbow accessories because they knew I was now in the rainbow tribe. Most of all, I miss the hugs, from good morning hugs to good night hugs and all the hugs in between.

Kamaji girls are the best. I am beyond lucky to spend a few of my summers with them. I hope they are all having a fantastic start to their school year, and that they show the rest of the world the amazing version of themselves that they show everyone at camp.



RANDY'S RAMBLINGS



Hello Campers, from the beautiful fall colors of Northern Minnesota!

Since camp ended, we have had some very wet days and some very beautiful days. Today was one of the beautiful days. Last week it rained three days, so I did a lot of inside work in the shop. I have a bunch of chairs that need cleaning and repainting so needless to say, those were the days I did that work. When it is nice out, like today, I work on putting siding on the boathouse. I have finished the siding and am now working on all the trim work. This winter I'm going to take out all the windows and redo them, so they look like new. I also winterized all the buildings except the lower washhouse but will get that one done by the end of month. Freezing temps at night typically begin early October, so everything needs to be winterized by the end of September. I also winterized all boats and stored them away for the winter.

Patch and Oreo do come out to keep me company, but not every day. Patch is now 14 years old and doesn't realize it. He overdoes it playing at camp, and then when he gets home, he can barely walk. I sympathize with him because some days I feel the same! Oreo is only 11 and he is still full of energy and so he does fine at camp. I don't think it would be fair to only bring one dog along and not the other, so they only come together a couple times a week. Well that's more than enough rambling from me!

Until next time, Patch, Oreo and Randy signing off.



CAMPER ENROLLMENT

The following campers have enrolled for summer 2020!

1st Session

Name	Hometown	Grade
Tatum Abrams	Chicago, IL	9th
Sophie Alanis	North Chicago, IL	6th
Annaruth Alcorn	Washington DC	5th
Vivian Alderman	Tulsa, OK	6th
Elise Amsbaugh	Hinsdale, IL	6th
Charlotte Arora	Long Grove, IL	5th
Jackie Berman	Glencoe, IL	8th
YaYa Cabrera	North Chicago, IL	7th
YamYam Cabrera	North Chicago, IL	4th
Charlotte Carmel	Glencoe, IL	5th
Lucy Carmel	Glencoe, IL	7th
Cassidy Chomas	Denver, CO	9th
Scout Chomas	Denver, CO	6th
Kate Davidson	Saint Louis, MO	7th
Audrey Fox	Tulsa, OK	5th
Eve Gale	Glencoe, IL	9th
Gabby Glaser	Bryn Mawr, PA	6th
Dana Holt	Highland Park, IL	7th
Sinks Markham	Canton, GA	8th
Cassidy McIntire	Newbury Park, CA	6th
Ella Novack	Glencoe, IL	6th
Jordan Novack	Glencoe, IL	6th
Addison Novak	Wilmette, IL	5th
Ella Pearl	Buenos Aires, Argentina	5th
Lilah Pearl	Buenos Aires, Argentina	3rd
Kate Rogula	Glenview, IL	6th
Katelyn Rosen	Highland Park, IL	5th
Claire Serwer	Chicago, IL	9th
Jane Shapiro	Chicago, IL	5th
Sanai Snelling	Chicago, IL	6th



8 Weekers

Name	Hometown	Grade
Lindsey Apple	Deerfield, IL	9th
Mary Beeler	Menlo Park, CA	9th
Hayle Cohen	Highland Park, IL	9th
Leah Cohen	Highland Park, IL	6th
Lily Foreman	Highland Park, IL	7th
Karina Held	Houston, TX	8th
Julia Jasmer	Chicago, IL	8th
Lucy Kesselman	Northbrook, IL	8th
Ellie Kessler	Washington, DC	8th
Olivia Latimer	Glencoe, IL	7th
Avery Rosenblatt	Highland Park, IL	7th
Tatum Rosenblatt	Highland Park, IL	9th
Kate Sweitzer	Chicago, IL	8th
Claudia Taylor	Clayton, MO	9th
Wendy Wasserstrom	Columbus, OH	9th
Annie Winick	Highland Park, IL	9th

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MORE
INFORMATION!

Know someone who might be interested in learning more about Kamaji?! Let us know so we can get in touch.

CAMPER ENROLLMENT

2nd Session

Name	Hometown	Grade	Name	Hometown	Grade
Lauryn Barnett	Chicago, IL	7th	Lillian Wall	Oklahoma City, OK	2nd
Iris Barringer-Mills	Ixelles, Belgium	6th	Zoe Warticovschi	St. Louis, MO	5th
Reese Barnett	Glencoe, IL	5th	Lia Wilson	Lawrence, KS	8th
Carter Barry	Glencoe, IL	7th	Sasha Zivin	Wilmette, IL	7th
RaShae Blanchard	Saint Louis, MO	4th			
Cate Cassidy	Evanston, IL	5th			
Laila Cheris	Glencoe, IL	5th			
Eva Cytron	Deerfield, IL	5th			
Jocelyn Davidson	Saint Louis, MO	5th			
Haley Diamond	Highland Park, IL	5th			
Avery Doblin	Wilmette, IL	7th			
Jessie Eldridge	Highland Park, IL	7th			
Jordyn Fliegler	Northbrook, IL	5th			
Maya Fliegler	Northbrook, IL	7th			
Lilliana Gigliotti	Chicago, IL	7th			
Zoe Goshko	DPO, AE	5th			
Elle Hoffman	Lawrence, KS	7th			
Weslee Innes	Highland Park, IL	8th			
Sam Irvin	Kirkwood, MO	7th			
Sara Kaplan	Highland Park, IL	8th			
Margot Kesselman	Northbrook, IL	6th			
Sam Kritzik	Greenwood Village, CO	5th			
Molly Latimer	Glencoe, IL	5th			
Pippi McWilliams	Ann Arbor, MI	5th			
Jordyn More	Chicago, IL	5th			
Eden Morrison	Lawrence, KS	7th			
Neely Morrison	Lawrence, KS	7th			
Aisara Nurgalym	Almaty, Kazakhstan	5th			
Eli Polonsky	Deerfield, IL	6th			
Emporia Powell	Ferguson, MO	7th			
Nelson Rice	St. Louis Park, MN	7th			
Nora Rubin	Wilmette, IL	6th			
Rowan Safer	Greenwood Village, CO	6th			
Juliette Sagett	Highland Park, IL	5th			
Lula Sloan	Decatur, IL	5th			
Madison Smith	Black Jack, MO	4th			
Sasha Swartz	Chicago, IL	4th			
Mirabelle Threadgold	Brooklyn, NY	5th			
Garnet Tobin	Mt. Pleasant, SC	7th			
Lucy Vogel	Chicago, IL	6th			

2020 Dates

Full Eight Week Season:
Thursday, June 18th- Tuesday, August 11th

First Four Week Session:
Thursday, June 18th- Tuesday, July 14th

Second Four Week Session:
Thursday, July 16th- Tuesday, August 11th

New to Camp Kamaji

Name	Hometown	Grade
2nd Session		
Orli Cytron	Deerfield, IL	3rd
Emma Sagett	Highland Park, IL	3rd
Reese Warticovschi	St. Louis, MO	2nd



ITS REUNION SEASON!

We're excited to hit the road and see all of you! Reunions are a good time to get your "camp fix", catch up with other Kamaji campers and staff members, and to watch the video scrapbook from last summer.

Are you interested in hosting a reunion in your hometown? Please email jason@kamaji.com.

As a "mom and pop" business, we rely on the word of mouth from our current camp families. As we travel this year, please let us know if you have friends or family around the country or in other countries interested in learning more about Camp Kamaji. Thank you!



Chicago Reunion

Date: Sunday, November 17th

Time: 2 pm

Location: Winnetka Community House
620 Lincoln Ave,
Winnetka, IL 60093

RSVP to jason@kamaji.com

CAMP FOR ALL KIDS

We are a proud partner of Camp for All Kids. CFAK promotes and facilitates racial diversity by sending kids from under-served communities to overnight summer camp. Camp for All Kids partners with schools that help select kids who have already succeeded at school and will thrive at camp.

In 2019, we had 24 CFAK scholarship campers enrolled in our program. These campers were able to experience the magic of camp thanks to the generosity of CFAK donors.

Once again, this summer our incredible staff joined together to support the organization by donating \$690 from their own paychecks! They are fully invested in the lives of their campers and work incredibly hard to create a summer full of memories that will last a lifetime. Our staff sees the positive impact that the CFAK organization has made on our camp community each day and has committed to supporting the scholarships provided to their campers. We are proud of the staff's contribution and have matched this donation in their honor through the Kamaji Staff for Our Kids campaign.

Are you interested in donating to Camp for All Kids?
[Click HERE](#) to contribute to the Kamaji Staff for Our Kids campaign.



Would you like to get involved?

The CFAK board is currently accepting applications for new members. Contact kat@kamaji.com for more information.

STAFF

Do you know someone looking for a great summer gig? We have started recruiting for summer 2020!

We have openings for cabin counselors/activity instructors, kitchen staff, and nannies too!

Application link is [HERE](#).



CAMP INTOUCH

You can access photos from summer 2019 and the camper contact book via Camp InTouch.

Campers- remember, you also have your own account! Login [HERE](#).

KAMAJI GEAR

Be sure to order your camp gear now so that it arrives in time for the holiday season!

Check out the Camp Kamaji online store [HERE](#)!

ALUMNAE CAMP

What: Spend a long weekend at Kamaji reliving your favorite camp memories. From gooey rolls to Council Fire- you don't want to miss this!

When: August 13-17, 2020

Who: Any Camp Kamaji Alumnae, 18+

Cost: \$450* per camper

*Includes your spot in one of our cabins, meals, activities, and happy hour beverages.

Register [HERE](#)!

Tell your friends you'll meet them at Wolf Lake in 2020!



THINGS WE CAN'T FORGET

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES



Just Singing In the Rain

Keep the summer alive with a few of our favorite dining hall songs! View the full Camp Kamaji songbook [HERE](#).

To Nancy and Bob

One night as I was thinking
Of all my memories
The first that came across my mind
Were those of Kamaji.
To Council Fire and Vespers,
My thoughts all seemed to fly;
The beauty of the pine trees,
The shining water and the sky.

[Chorus] To Nancy and Bob
When will I again
Meet you there
Greet you there
By the moonlit shores of Wolf Lake.

The six tribes of the rainbow
Will never stand alone;
For each has given every girl
A purpose of her own.
Striving us together,
Learning how to share,
Friendships made to last our lives
And truly learning how to care.

[Repeat Chorus]

And every New Year's Eve
As each girl lights her flame
The widening ring of Kami's light
Will spread her love and fame.
And though the years have swept by
My memories still find me
Thinking of the friendships
And my fair days at Kamaji.

[Repeat Chorus]



On the Back of a Crocodile

She sailed away
On a bright and sunny day
On the back of a crocodile.
Said she to me "He's as tame as he can be. I'll ride him down the Nile."
The croc winked his eye
As she waved them all goodbye
Wearing a happy smile.
At the end of the ride
The lady was inside
And a smile on the crocodile.
(Clap! Clap!)

Mud Pie

Mud pie
An apple in my eye
1,2,3,4 ham on rye
Goose berry berry goose
My oh my
Over the rainbow, we can fly
Eye eye
Dun dun.....dun dun..... dun dun dun
Eye eye
(X2)

What's up with Kat? What's up with That?

A word from Co-Director
Kat Martin Nelson

As you know, it has been a busy fall for the Nelson family!! We welcomed our Ethan 3 weeks early while we were still at camp. We have ourselves a true Minnesotan Bemidji Baby!!

And while Ethan was ahead of the game, it has slowed the rest of us down a little bit. Jason and I are finally starting to catch up with emails and camp work. I've already started a little recruiting (yay!) and brainstorming about things we can do next summer. Please let me know if you know of anyone interested in learning about Kamaji! I have been doing a lot of "virtual visits" which has been really fun.

I have also been getting material together to send to our video editor to put together the digital scrapbook from the summer. Get excited-we will be traveling around to various premiers around the country. We will start planning our travels for this upcoming off-season so stay tuned. Please, please join us at a location near you!

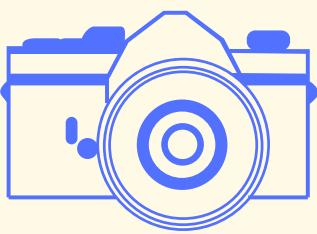
We will also begin recruiting and hiring staff for next summer soon. We are excited to put together another amazing team of people.

That's about it from the Kamaji's "South Office"!! I hope the school year has been off to a great start for everyone. Stay in touch with your camp friends and with us!!

With hugs and high-fives,

Kat and Jason too!

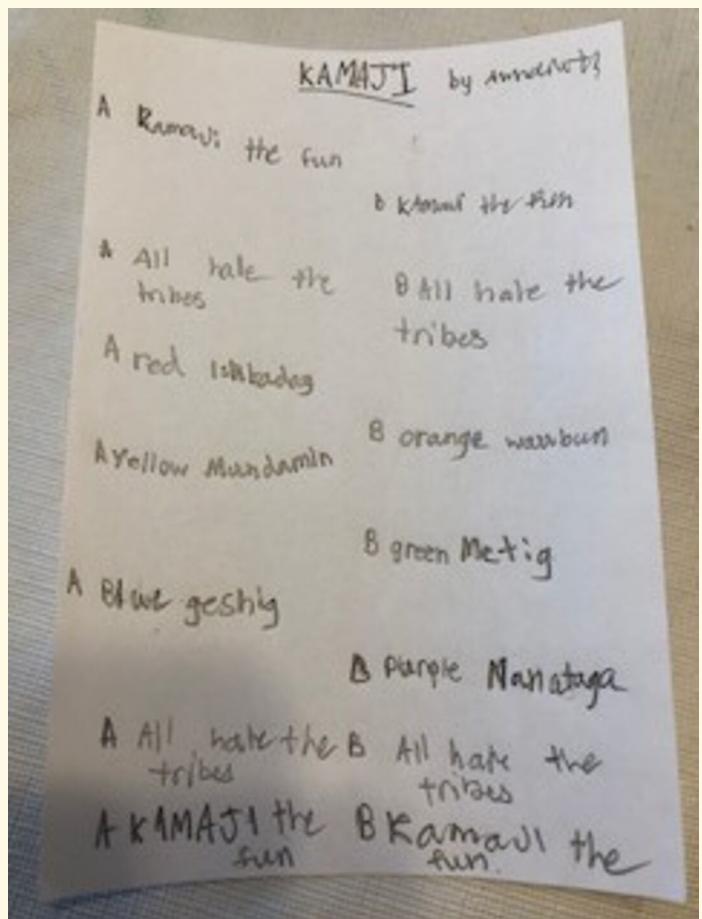




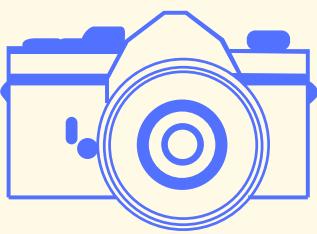
KAMAJI KAPTURED



Congratulations to Big Mac on making captain of Villa Duchesne varsity volleyball team and Small Fry on making Ladue's JV volleyball



Poem written by Annie Alcorn



KAMAJI KAPTURED



Madison Smith competed in her first pageant shortly after leaving camp. She was a semifinalist out of 89 girls.



Lilah Pearl won first place at a gymnastics competition (Level C) she participated in recently.



Don't forget to send us your small world run-ins, humble brags, poetry, and musings for the next Rainbow Connection! Email [kat @kamaji.com](mailto:kat@kamaji.com) or bri@kamaji.com.



October

Name	Birthday
Alexandra Freiden	1
Laura Wall	2
Eduardo Yrigoyen Zorrilla	3
Caileigh Sullivan	4
Phoebe Wasserstrom	6
Claudia Taylor	7
Anna Amacher	7
Nashawnda Washington	7
Maddie Gordon	8
Makena Richards	10
Avery Rosenblatt	12
Sadie Schencker	14
Stella Raichle	14
Eleanor Lindsey	15
Garnet Tobin	16
Lily Dale	19
Maya Fliegler	20
Molly Latimer	22
Juni Rogers	27
Kate Rogula	28
Laney Maguire	29

November

Name	Birthday
Shauna McGuinness	1
Emma Smith	2
DeeDee Cohen	3
Sarah Reeder	3
Lucy Carmel	6
Lily Block	7
Gabby Schwarz	8
Cate Reeder	9
Claire Smylie	10
Olivia Latimer	14
Katelyn Rosen	17
Eva Martinez	18
Tatum Rosenblatt	19
Molly Raichle	19
Ilse Saynes Torres	21
Emporia Powell	21
Laila Cheris	21
Cecily Taylor	27
Ellie Jarmel	27
Lillian Fleisher	27
Karla Vidal Rodriguez	27
Lucy Groover	28
Caroline Timoney	28
Eva Timoney	28
Vicki Langford	29
Eva Saddleton	29
YaYa Cabrera	29

Want to send your friends some Kami Love on their birthday? Contact information for 2019 campers is listed in the "Forms" section of your CamplnTouch accounts!