

WEEK 2 HIGHLIGHTS!

Your Weekly Kinneret Newsletter!

June 24 - June 28

Dear {{EMAIL_RECIPIENT_PREFERRED_NAME}},

We're exhausted and excited after an awesome first week of camp and are looking forward to Week 2! The weekly Kinneret Highlights are the best way to find out what's happening in the coming week at camp!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS & INTERESTING TIDBITS

CALL THE OFFICE INSTEAD OF EMAILING

Call us old fashioned, but during the summer we are out and about on the site, so calling us on the phone is the best way to reach us. While we love email most of the year, during the summer, it is not the best way to reach us. Plus, we love to hear about your camper's experiences when you call! If there's something we can do to make the summer better, no matter how small, please let us know. We also love to hear how great of a time your camper is having! If you have an absence, you'd like to get an extra shirt, water bottle, etc. you can always call after hours to leave a voicemail too.

Tip: Calling between 9:30-2:30 is best for scheduling make up days or to request an extra day.

NEED TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD EARLY? NEED TO BRING YOUR CHILD LATE?

If you know you will need to pick your child up early, or drop them off late, please let us know before the day of the change or as early as possible on the day of the change. It is much harder on everyone (Office Staff, Bus Captain, Group Counselors, etc.) when we don't find out about a change until the last minute. Please help us by contacting us as soon as you know you need to make a change to your camper's transportation!

Reminder: If you need to pick up your camper early, there is no pickup between 2-4pm as we prepare for the end of the day.

TRANSPORTATION

It felt great to see our campers arriving in the safety of our big yellow school buses. Thank you for your patience during the first week as our bus counselors got to know you so that they could release your campers more efficiently in the future. Please help us speed up the process by being at your stop on time and ready to be identified by your bus counselor at the end of the day. Please remember to always bring your photo I.D. in case your stop has a different counselor for a day. Also, we have a text-alert program that we will use to let you know if your bus is running late due to traffic or an unexpected bathroom stop! Thank you for your understanding!

Tip: Take a photo of your ID so you have it on your phone in case you leave your ID at home!

GROUP ROSTERS

Contact rosters for each group will be emailed to the parents/guardians of every group member during the session. These will include parent/ guardian cell & home numbers, as well as email addresses. We hope campers will want to continue many of their summer friendships throughout the year! If you have any concerns about sharing this information with other members of your camper's group, please contact us.

T-SHIRTS, LUNCH BAGS & MORE!

Every camper who was here last week should have received their Camp Kinneret t-shirt along with their blue Camp Kinneret lunch bag! If you ordered a water bottle, they should have received that as well. If your camper didn't come home with these items, give us a call to let us know. Or if your camper came home with the wrong size shirt, let us know and then send it back so we can get them the correct size! (Any campers starting in week two should receive these items on their camper's first day.)

GROUP PICTURES!

Group pictures will happen this coming Thursday, June 27th and Friday, June 28th. Send your camper with their brightest smiles! Many campers like to wear their official Camp Kinneret shirts on picture day too. In the winter, we'll mail a copy of your camper's group picture as a reminder of their Camp Kinneret summer, the fun they had, and the friends they made. If your camper is absent on photo day, they will still receive a copy of their group photo.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GREAT KINNERET SLEEPOUT I

Our first Sleepout of the summer will be Friday, July 12th through Saturday morning, July 13th. More information will be coming soon!



ABSENCES AND MAKE-UPS

Absences: Thank you for calling us early about your camper absences. If your camper wakes up ill, call as soon as possible. If you can call by 7:15 a.m., we can speak with our bus captains before they begin their day. If you need to call after 7:15, please do so before we are missing your camper at your stop.

Makeups: To schedule a makeup day, please call camp. It is best to call between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. If you would like to try to schedule a make up for the very next day, please contact us prior to 1:00 p.m., as this is when we finalize make up days for the following day. If you need to make a transportation change, please call the office as soon as you know about it. (Please do not tell the staff at your stop. Caring for your campers should be their only responsibility.) **Just a reminder that for campers enrolled in Session One only, all absences must be made up during Session One.**

ADDING EXTRA DAYS

If your camper is having so much fun that they want to come to camp for an extra day (or more!), you are welcome to call the camp office to see if space is available in their group. Simply give us a call the week before the extra day you'd like to schedule and the office staff will be happy to see if the space is available in their group and on their bus. The fee for each additional day is \$150 and days must be scheduled during your camper's enrolled session.

BIRTHDAYS AT CAMP

If your child's birthday is during their time at camp, we have some exciting birthday traditions to help them celebrate! We've got a birthday bell, a fancy birthday button, and our traditional silly Kinneret birthday song to make the day special. *Note: Please do not send food treats for your camper's group as there may be allergies.*

SENDING NOTES TO CAMP

If you are sending a note to camp with your camper, it is best that you give it directly to your bus counselor or extended day counselor in the morning. We find that notes placed in camper bags often never leave the bag!

INTEREST IN EXTENDING YOUR CAMPER'S SUMMER?

Campers enrolled in Session One may extend their enrollment into Session Two for as few as 2 weeks. You can select any two of the weeks to fit your vacation or school schedule. There are still some day combinations available in many groups. If you would like to check availability for your camper's group, please call the camp office today.

WHAT TO WEAR TO CAMP

The key to camp attire is comfort. Shorts and t-shirts are great for the summer. Because there are trails to walk, hills to climb and games to play, **sandals / Crocs / Keens / Natives / etc.** are not permitted in camp. Camp activities are most safely done in fully enclosed shoes such as tennis shoes or sneakers.

THE KINNERET FARM

We have many animal friends at our farm. We have three goats named Boots, S'mores, Tippy, three alpacas named Oakley, Zuma, & Barney, two sheep named Sequoia & Montana, and a pot-belly pig named Pickles. Our pre-K through 2nd graders will be visiting the Kinneret Farm throughout the session and our older campers can get the opportunity to visit as well during Choice. The Camp Kinneret Garden can also be found at the farm and is visited regularly by campers entering 2nd grade and campers entering 4th grade.



CAMP WATER BOTTLES

We have Camp Kinneret logo water bottles for sale! If you haven't ordered one already, just call the office to let us know you'd like one. Each 20oz insulated stainless steel Contigo bottle is \$31. If you ordered a water bottle and it hasn't come home with your camper yet, please let us know! For more information about our water bottle option, [click here](#).

CAMP PHOTOS!

We've had a great first week of the summer and can't wait for you to see some of the fun we've had. While we try to get a diverse collection of photos, we know we likely missed some campers and groups along the way. Each week we will post our collection of photos on a password protected site for families who are enrolled in session 1. Please enjoy the photos and keep the password private. The password is 'ck24s1!'. You can find the photos here: ck.camp/s1_photos

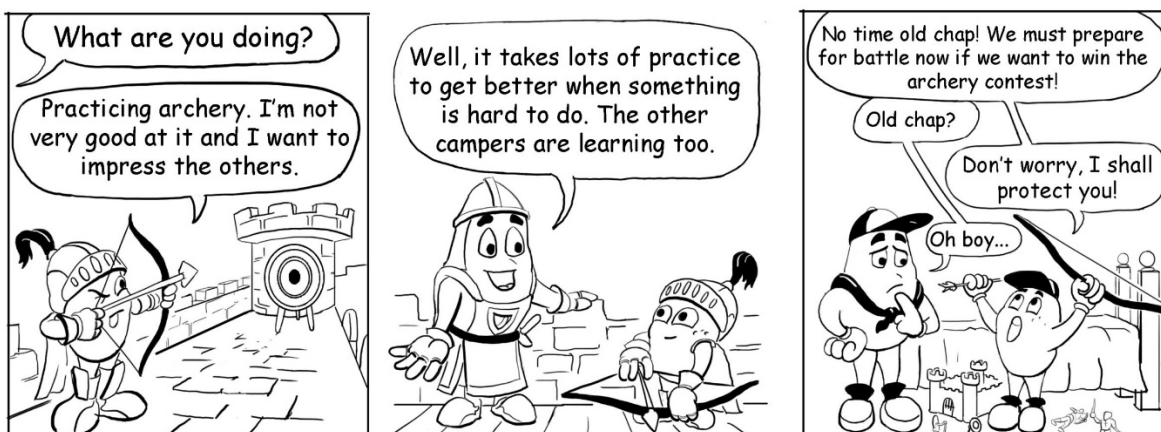
We'll also post pictures of some of the site changes we've been making in the off-season (see below!).

WHAT'S NEW AT CAMP KINNERET?

Over the off-season, we've made a lot of changes to the Camp Kinneret site. The most obvious change to all of our returning campers is the new and improved amphitheater! This space is the new spot for Good Morning Mountain and Friendship Hill (our morning and afternoon assemblies), can hold all of camp at the same time, and is shaded by beautiful old oak trees. Our farm animals are enjoying brand-new accommodations at the new Kinneret Farm, which also now houses our new garden and the new boating pond. We've also built a new mini-golf course, moved two of our archery ranges, added a third handball court, and installed a new shade tent over picnic benches that can be used for Woodworking, Science, Kinnereteering, and other special activities. To see pictures of some of these new spaces, log in to the photo site (see above).

Fun fact:

Camp Kinneret alum from prior to 2000 may recognize this part of camp, and might remember playing gaga, doing archery, playing Norwegian kickball, or playing on the (now obsolete) in-ground trampoline!



DIGITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Each week you can find digital copies of the weekly highlight emails online. They will be posted Mondays. [Click here to go to our Newsletters page!](#)