

## Spring 2022 Edition

Dear Kohut Family,

Happy Spring! It is so exciting to feel the energy in the air as the days are getting longer and the grass is turning green in Maine. At a time when many in the world are experiencing great hardship, we are so grateful to be safe, healthy, and planning for a meaningful and fun summer together outdoors on the idyllic shores of Lake Thompson. We love what we do and can't wait to see it – and you – all come together soon!

Some of the things that are coming together? Beautiful new paddle boards were delivered yesterday, new dock tops are being built, a powerful new ski boat motor has been installed, the expanded culinary arts curriculum is ready, new pickleball equipment is ordered, etc., etc. Fun plans are underway for special events (Blue & White Days, Olympics, Kollege Days, the musicals, carnivals) and to celebrate some big anniversaries: our 30th year as Owners/Directors, Joe Long's 40th, Frank Lee's 25th, and Kohut's 115th season!?! It's all very exciting!

More important than new things or anniversaries, however, is our excitement for the great people – new and returning, campers and staff – who will be joining us. Read below for some new camper introductions!

Please remember to look for lots of information and forms in your [kohut.campintouch.com](http://kohut.campintouch.com) account and don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.



We're counting down the days until flowers are blooming at Kamp!

Thank you again for being part of our Kohut family. We are counting down the days to welcome you to your summer home!

Lots of love,

*Lisa and Dan*

### Dates to Remember!

Be sure to mark your calendars with these important dates!

**May 8:** Mother's Day  
**May 14:** NYC Spring Picnic  
**Mid-May:** Virtual Spring Gatherings  
**June 1:** Start of Staff Orientation  
**June 19:** Father's Day  
**June 25:** Session One Opening Day!  
**July 23:** Session Two Opening Day!

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## Kohut Family News!

It's so fun to hear what The Kohut Family is up to! Here are a few updates from the winter months:

We are pleased to share lots of terrific news from members of the Nieto Family of Madrid, Spain! Former camper & counselor **Sofia** completed pharmacy school and is currently working as a fertility MSL (Medical Scientific Liaison) for Merck Spain. We're hoping younger sister **Barbara** – also a former camper– will finally be able to join the Kohut staff one of these summers. Older brother and former camper **Borja** had a baby daughter last fall (his aunts love spending time with their new niece!). Former camper & counselor **Clara** just got married! In attendance at the wedding was fellow Spanish camper & counselor **Silvia Colell**. It's been a busy, but joyous, last few months for the Nieto Family!



Clara Nieto and Silvia Colell

**Matt Goodman**, former camper and counselor, is enjoying his new job at St. Luke's School in New Canaan, CT. His job is more faculty-focused, helping teachers create projects in academic classes with 3D printing and laser cutter. He's also creating new classes to generate interest in design thinking and woodworking. He's clearly generating a

lot of interest from both kids and adults: a recent class he taught was with 15 students and 20 teachers!

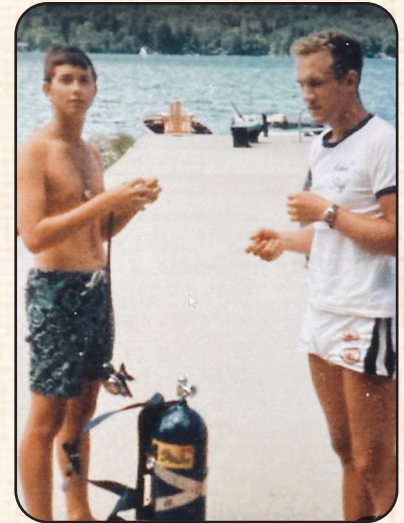


McKenna D in the Bahamas

Last fall, **McKenna D** studied at the Island School in Eleuthera, The Bahamas. McKenna was part of a semester away program studying Marine Biology and Environmental Science. While there, she earned her diving certificate, diving 100 feet! Her academic advisors continually remarked about her exceptional leadership qualities, and fun-loving, easy-going personality. McKenna attributes her years as a Kohut camper, learning to grow and meeting new people from different backgrounds, are what prepared her for this remarkable adventure away from home. McKenna is counting down the days until she returns to Kamp as a counselor. Now we know who to call if we need a diving instructor!

Speaking of diving, former camper **Andrew Kane** recently shared with us a photo from his time at Kamp, circa 1965-6. In the photo, Andrew and a Kohut waterfront counselor are preparing a scuba tank for a diving expedition out on Thompson Lake.

**Charlie Gaviria**, a fixture in Kohut's Dining Hall, sends his very best to the Kohut Family. He recently shared with us that his experiences in the Kohut



Andrew Kane with his counselor

kitchen helped prepare him for one of his culinary school's final projects. Way to go, Charlie! We can't wait for Charlie to join us again at Kohut for his 7th summer.

Former camper **Kiyo Kuwana** recently shared a Kohut "small world" story (read below) and let us know what he and his siblings have been up to these days. As of December 2021, Kiyo is in his 2nd and final year teaching at Deerfield Academy as part of UPenn's Boarding School Teaching President Program. At the end of this school year, Kiyo will receive a Master's degree from Penn's Graduate School of Education. Kiyo reports his younger sister, **Alyssa**, is doing well and enjoying her junior year at Brown University.



Charlie Gaviria in Colombia



A mini Kohut reunion occurred in NYC over the winter months. **Sasha** and **Jayden A** had a lovely time meeting up with **Charlotte** and **Lucy C** where they got to figure skate at Bryant Park.



Sasha & Jayden A and Lucy & Charlotte C

the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 2022 was Cape Elizabeth Middle School student **Will G**. Will won "Honorable Mention" in the Flash Fiction category for his story "This Final Lesson." Way to go, Will. We hope Will decides to contribute to Summer 2022's Kohut Kronikle!

Will's older sister, **Eliza**, is also excelling in her creative pursuits. Eliza recently graced the stage for her school's production of Arthur Kopit's "Chamber Music."

Former camper **Max Solash** continues to make a splash in the world of swimming. Part of the Colby Swim Team, Max was recently spotted competing in the NESCAC Championships!

Former camper and tennis phenom **Joey Barrett** is another former camper turned Colby athlete! With the help of Joey, the Colby Men's Tennis Team has had a remarkable season with record back-to-back wins. In the span of two weeks, the Mules beat the #18 ranked team in the nation, CalTech, and #17 ranked team, the University of Redlands. In both matches, Joey notched a win!

Camper **Raul M** is staying extra busy this school year. He's just joined a travel soccer league and is also active on his school's lacrosse team. Word on the grapevine is that he and his entire lacrosse team have grown mullets! We look forward



Former counselor Ian Hardin with his new Kamp Kohut hat!

It may sound cliché, but a summer at Kamp Kohut truly creates a lifetime of memories. Don't believe us? Just ask **Ian Hardin**, former Kohut counselor from 1965. Ian worked just one summer, but his time at Kamp left such an impression that he dedicated an entire chapter in his upcoming memoir to Kohut. Ian's son, **Andrew** - who has been corresponding with us - was amazed by his father's wealth of memories from 55+ years ago. As a special Christmas present, Andrew purchased a Kamp hat for his father. He sent us a photo of his father proudly wearing his new Kohut apparel!

On a related note, current camper **Eloise G** also loves to wear her Kamp Kohut apparel! Her mother sent us a wonderful photo of Eloise donning our favorite shade of blue head to toe!

We were delighted to recognize a name in the Cape Courier newspaper. Featured in



Eloise G repping her Kamp Kohut blue!

to seeing whether this rumor is true this summer!

**Sammy O** has recently finished up a busy ski season. She's also just participated in a theater production of *Matilda the Musical*!

We're pleased to report **Madden** and **Locke R** continue to be having a great school year. The two also keep themselves

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Sammy O as Mrs. Phelps in *Matilda*



## "We Welcome You to Kamp Kohut!"

Summer 2022 is shaping up to be a banner year for the number of new campers joining the Kohut Family! We can't wait for them to experience the magic of Kamp! We asked these newest members to share a bit about themselves and what they are most looking forward to this summer:

McLean, VA native **Grayson M** is excited to make new friends and experience Kohut's activities, particularly rock climbing and water sports. Grayson has a bernedoodle puppy named Murphy. He describes Murphy as a "super playful fluff ball of brown & white" - sounds like another bernedoodle we know at Kamp! Yes, we're talking about you, Libby! (Carly's dog) When he's not playing with Murphy, Grayson loves swimming, rock climbing, being outdoors, and all-things technology. His favorite color has always been green; he loves to eat all kinds of burgers; his favorite books include Percy Jackson, Harry Potter, Spy School, and Keeper of the Lost Cities; and his favorite movies are anything from the Star Wars or Marvel Cinematic Universes.

**Nora C** is thrilled to join her older brother, George, and sister, Grace, at Kamp this summer. This 7-year-old loves art, gymnastics, swimming, and climbing! Her favorites include the color blue, pasta & pizza, the Fairy Animals book series, and the movie Hamilton. This summer, Nora is most excited to try new activities and write letters in exchange for canteen!

**Aiden C** can't wait to try all of Kohut's waterfront activities. This 7 year old from Hastings-On-Hudson enjoys biking, swimming, reading, chess, drawing, Minecraft, and Roblox. His favorite movies are Star Wars and How to Train Your Dragon. If you ask him this summer, however, that may change as he watches a new movie every Friday! Aiden also loves almond cookies and sriracha (not together, of course!).

Aiden's older brother **Joshua** is also joining the Kohut Family this summer. 10 years old, Joshua is an avid reader and coder. He likes Minecraft, art, math, science, and all things tech. When asked what his favorite color is Joshua writes, "rainbow." Joshua is most looking forward to trying kayaking and sailing on Thompson Lake this summer.

3rd grader **Hunter C** is looking forward to "EVERYTHING!" this summer. 9 years old, this Dover, MA native has a cat named Simba and a dog named Liberty. Hunter loves playing his electric guitar, he enjoys listening to blues and rock music, and - when he's not rocking out on his guitar - he likes going on walks in the woods. His favorites are the color red, burgers, Mr. Wolf's Class graphic novels, and the movie School of Rock!

**Sophia D** of Orlando, FL can't wait to try new things at Kamp. 11 years old, Sophia's household is bustling with activity. She has a younger brother named Oliver, 2 dogs named Bailey & Ladd, a bird named Zuke, and a hermit crab named Shelby!

When she's not playing with her pets, Sophia enjoys singing, acting, and tennis. Her favorite color is lavender, her favorite food is pasta, her favorite book is Land of Stories, and her favorite movie is either Mary Poppins or The Mighty Ducks.



Ben K wearing his new Kohut t-shirt

**Ben K** of Bedford, UK has known about Kamp Kohut his entire life! His grandfather, Callum, was a counselor in the 1970s and his cousins, Callum & Hannah, were also at Kamp 10+ years ago. 12 years old, Ben has a brother named Nick, a sister named Lois, and a dog named Pepe. Ben loves to play rugby and football (soccer in America!). When he's not running around a sports field, he also enjoys playing video games. His favorites include the color cyan, fried chicken, and the movie Maze Runner. This summer Ben is excited to experience Kamp's sports and fishing on Thompson Lake.

**Gwyneth P** of Solana Beach, CA is looking forward to making new friends and horseback riding. This 7 year old has a little sister named Eloise, a puppy named Disco, and a fish named Modna. Gwyneth likes to dance, go horseback riding, and play with Disco. Her favorite color is pink, her favorite food is ice-cream, her favorite book is Dragon Girls, and her favorite movie, fittingly, is How to Train your Dragon.

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Stay up to date on what Kohut is up to in the off-season and connect with the Kohut Family!



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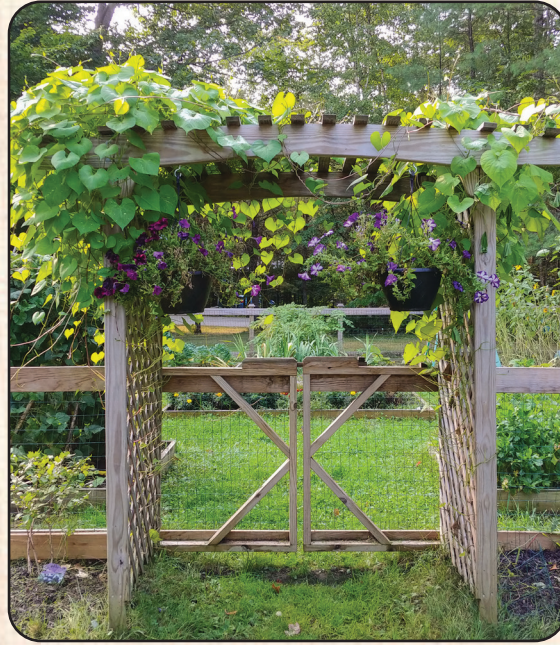
**Mikey M** of Brookville, NY is excited to experience everything Kamp has to offer. When asked what he's looking forward to he writes, "going mountain biking, art, archery, hiking, and tennis. I'm also looking forward to meeting my counselors and the other campers." Mikey enjoys tennis, soccer, swimming, golf, and football. He also enjoys watching movies with his friends. His favorite color is teal and his favorite foods are plantain chips, pasta, chocolate chip cookies, and Sour Patch Kids (we think we know what candy he'll pick from "kanteen" on Letter Writing Day!).

Mikey's older brother, **Alex**, is also joining us at Kamp this summer. 12 years old, Alex is looking forward to making new friends, having a good time, AND joining the Flippers Club! Alex enjoys football, basketball, tennis, and waterskiing. He also likes art, collecting shoes & clothing, playing games and hanging out with his friends and family. Alex's favorites include the color blue, eating hamburgers, and reading comic books.

**Jaime R** of San Juan, PR is looking forward to "EVERYTHING!" This 9 year old has an older sister Vera and a dog named Bruno. Jaime loves fencing, playing basketball, swimming in the pool, and playing video games. His favorite color is dark blue, his favorite food is pasta carbonara, his favorite book is Percy Jackson, and his favorite movie is Mrs. Doubtfire.



Gwyneth P is so excited for Kamp!



We're busy planning what the Kohut Garden will grow in Summer 2022!

Jaime's older sister **Vera** is also joining the Kohut Family in Summer 2022. Like her brother, she's looking forward to "EVERYTHING!" Vera enjoys fencing, sailing, tap dancing, and getting her hands dirty doing arts and crafts projects. Her favorite color is pastel green, she loves Chinese food (especially sushi!), she enjoys reading women biographies, and her favorite movie is Legally Blonde.

Weston, MA native **Kellen C** can't wait to make new friends while enjoying new activities. This 9 year old has heard a lot about Kamp from her cousins Amelia and Max. She has an older sister named Riley and a 4 year old dog named Riggins. Kellen likes arts, gymnastics, water skiing, playing with her dog, and watching Stranger Things. Her favorite color is pink, her favorite food is chicken, her favorite book series is the Baby Sitters Club, and her favorite movie is Encanto.

**Oren L** of San Francisco, CA is counting down the days until "he's waking up at Kamp!" Joining Oren this summer will be his sister Hazel and two cousins from Rhode Island. He has a dog named Ruthie. Oren enjoys art, manga and books, playing sports, and watching tv shows & movies. His favorite foods are pizza, sushi, and ramen; his favorite books are from the

Percy Jackson series; and his favorite graphic novels are Lightfall and Estranged.

7 year old **Reid P** of New Rochelle, NY is so excited to finally experience Kamp Kohut after hearing about how much fun it is from his three siblings, James, Erin, and Norah. Reid loves to play all sports, but his favorites are ice hockey, baseball, football, and basketball. He also loves geography and history. His favorite food is California rolls, he loves reading about sports, and he has lost count how many times he's watched the movie Rookie of the Year (he thinks it's at least 100 times!). Unsurprisingly, Reid is looking forward to playing sports at Kamp while making new friends.

**Otono P** of Brooklyn, NY & Tokyo, Japan can't wait to make new friends this summer. This 9 year old is the younger sister of camper Remi. Otono also has a dark brown/blackish poodle named Amelie and a malshipoo named Mia. Otono is an artist - she loves to make things, paint, draw, and collaborate with others. She is also a dancer and ballerina. Otono loves interior design, organizing spaces, and architecture. Her favorites include the color white; alfredo pasta, lasagna, and soups; and the movies Because of Winn-Dixie and Turning Red.





Excerpt from the Kohut Kronikle,  
Volume XXIV, No. 1, July 13, 1934

*Twenty-Eighth Season Starts with  
Larger Number of Kampers*

*With the influx of many new boys and counselors, a new spirit has permeated Kohut in this, its twenty-eighth season. One hundred and twenty kampers, thirty more than the previous season, swell the ranks of all four groups, promising an abundancy of brisk league competition in all sports. Many outstanding improvements are present this year in all branches and forms of kamp life.*

*The former Kronikle office has once again been put into service as a bunk, while the two tents at the northern extremity of the kampus have been shifted back to their original position. The assembly hall, whose roof frequently admitted rain in several spots, has been completely re-shingled. New culinary equipment has been added to that already in service at the mess hall, and a new raft and a coat of paint on the rowboats constitute the new improvements at the waterfront. These and numerous minor repairs have been made in an effort to make kamp a better place for all.*

*Despite the addition of a good number of new counselors, 1934 finds Mr. J.P. Shalloo back to head the Seniors, Wilbur Snapper in charge of tennis, Rowe Cunningham directing dramatics, and last but not least, the jovial, indefatigable Bernie Lesselbaum. This season Mr. O'Neil, filling the same post he held here in 1908, joins Dick Fleischer at the waterfront, while nature and shop are again being respectively guided by Dr. Ashbrook and Mr. Carlson.*

*Along with Mrs. Friedrich, Dr. Salmon as kamp physician and Miss Ventham as nurse, comprise the hospital staff. In the position of dietician is Miss Hayward.*

*As in former years baseball is likely to be the most popular sport, although much interest is being stimulated in tennis and swimming. Riding is coming back into prominence, with many more kampers turning out than in the previous season. Art for the first time in many years has assumed a prominent place in the list of non-athletic activities, while shop and nature continue to broaden their already wide range of work.*

*Quite apparent is the fact that this season will see one of the fullest programs in the history of kamp, complete in every detail with variety enough to appear to every kamper.*



George Alexander Kohut at Kamp c. 1910s



## Remembering & Honoring Daniel “Daspey” Aspey-Smith



Last August, we shared the devastating news that Kamp’s former Outdoor Education Director and beloved veteran counselor **Daniel “Daspey” Aspey-Smith** suddenly passed away.

Daspey was a cherished member of the Kamp Family. He especially loved Kohut’s Outdoor Education and Overnight programs. Whether it was coaching staff how to help campers overcome an element in the ropes course or sneaking extra S’Mores ingredients in the vans before bunks departed on their overnight trips, Daspey always went above and beyond to ensure everyone’s experiences at Kamp were as memorable as possible.

Many people have asked us how they can share in honoring this very special member of our Kohut family. This summer, with the help of the Kohut Family, we want to honor Daspey’s legacy and the profound impact he had on his favorite department at Kamp. Stay tuned for more information about a GoFundMe campaign to build something permanent at Kamp in his memory and a ceremony to dedicate it.

It’s impossible to measure the influence Daspey had on the Kohut Family. We hope, however, to honor this most remarkable staff member and to positively impact the Kamp experience of countless campers for years to come.





## Kohut News cont...



Jasmin & her daughter Mila

busy outside of school with sports. Madden is playing volleyball, basketball, tennis, and lacrosse and Locke is playing basketball, flag football, and tennis.

Kohut reunions have been happening all over the world! 20+ year Kohut veteran Frank Lee met up with his Colombian *hermanos* Charlie Gaviria and Cristian Munoz in Cali, Colombia. The trio had a fantastic time exploring the city and its surrounding landscapes. Over in London, an even bigger Kohut reunion occurred. Morven Stokes, India Butler, Ed Child, Niamh Jarrold, Brontë Bergquist-O'Sullivan, and Poppy Morrison all met

up for a memorable evening chatting all night about all-things Kamp!

Sadie and Elle W have enjoyed the Maine winter, but are super excited for another summer at Kamp. They both recently participated in their school musical performances.

Wyatt L has also had a great school year. Outside of school, Wyatt's been busy with track & field.

Former longtime counselor Jasmin Alexander sends her very best to the Kohut Family. These days, Jasmin is busy working as an EMT in Southern California. When she's not saving lives as a first responder, Jasmin is extra busy raising her adorable baby girl, Mila!



Jasmin on the job!



Cristian, Charlie, and Frank in Cali, CO



The Kohut Winter Team at the American Camp Association New England Conference!



Kohut reunion in London, UK

## Congrats, Carly!



Kamp Kohut's very own Associate Director and Girls' Head Counselor Carly Vargas was honored at this year's American Camp Association New England Conference. In recognition of her dedication to the summer camp community, Carly was presented with the "Leadership and Service Award!" Way to go, Carly!



## It's a Small World!

You never know when and where you'll run into someone connected to Kamp Kohut!

Kamp parent, Megan C, was in Idaho over February break and ran into **Dean, Marco, and Reed R!** A few weeks later, Megan was talking to a dermatologist in the Boston area about sleepaway camps in Maine. Turns out she was talking to former camper, **Michael Krathen!**

Elementary school teacher and former longtime Kohut staff member **Dan Meade** was getting off the bus in Sydney, Australia when he ran into a familiar face, fellow Kohut alum and former Arts Director **Elle Hashemi**. Even 10,000+ miles from 04270 you may run into the Kohut Family!



Carly Vargas & Samantha Taube



Kiyo Kuwana & Daniel H

Longtime camper **Samantha Taube** recently moved to Portland, Maine and met up with fellow co-camper **Carly Vargas!** The two enjoyed a lovely evening reminiscing about their memorable summers as Kohut campers. Who would've thought 20+ years later, they're now part of the same "Cape Elizabeth Dog Owners" Facebook group!

This past November, former camper **Kiyo Kuwana** was celebrating "Friendsgiving" with his girlfriend when he learned that one of the other guests, her godbrother, **Daniel H**, is a current Kohut camper! The two chatted nonstop about Kamp the entire evening, bringing back fond memories for Kiyo.

### Must See Media!

In the [March/April 2022](#) issue of Parent & Family Magazine, we spotted an article particularly close to home. Titled "Why Overnight Camp is Good for Your Child's Mental Health", this terrific piece by Laurie Kaiden shares 5 meaningful ways overnight camp in Maine benefits kids' wellbeing!

- 1) *Getting outside in nature*
- 2) *Being active*
- 3) *Being social*
- 4) *Being part of a community*
- 5) *Eating and sleeping well*

To read the full article: [www.myparentandfamily.com/articles/campguidearticle.html](http://www.myparentandfamily.com/articles/campguidearticle.html)





# *the Kronikle*

## Secret Word!!



Hello, campers! The Secret Word Master has spent all fall and winter coming up with clever riddles and clues (New Clueeee) to stump even Joe Long in Summer 2022! Can you figure out the correct response to the Verry Good spring-themed clue below? Send us your answers to

info@kampkohut or on Social Media to be featured at the first Secret Word of the summer!

**Clue:** “A hares favorite bunk on Kamp”



Assistant Director Anthony Pyatt throwing a Kohut Frisbee at Flagpole



***LOL!!***

*Q: Does February like March?*

**A: No, but April May.**

*Q: What did the tree say to spring?*

**A: What a re-leaf!**

*Q: When do monkeys fall from the sky?*

**A: During Ape-ril showers.**

*Q: Why couldn't the flower ride its bike?*

**A: It lost its petals.**

*Q: How do you know flowers are friendly?*

**A: They always have new buds!**

*Q: What do you call a well-dressed lion?*

**A: A dandy lion!**