



December 2022 Edition

Dear Kohut Family,

We hope this issue of the Kronikle finds you well and enjoying the season. It's hard to believe the green grass and beautiful fall foliage have already given way to some peaceful white snow, but the changing seasons bring us closer to summer and that's always exciting.

Dan & I are about to fly across the country to attend the wedding of a former camper-turned-counselor; I recently received an email from a former camper from Peru who wants to send her child to Kamp next summer; last summer we had a delightful new camper from California whose mother was a counselor more than a decade ago. As we take note of a number of Kohut milestones this year, these are just a few examples of the on-going meaningful Kamp connections we have been privileged to have over the years. In an increasingly anxious and fragmented world, we are told the value of human connection is paramount. Kohut bonds are strong and we are very appreciative – especially around the holidays!

Thank you again for the kind notes and feedback about Summer 2022. It was indeed an exceptionally wonderful summer! We hope you are enjoying the memories and <u>pictures posted online</u> and on our <u>2022 Daily Update page</u>. Please read below for some more opportunities to relive the magic with our 2022 Kohut Slideshows and the 2022 yearbook, the Kaleidoscope (<u>coming in the mail soon!</u>).



Kamp looking spectacular in mid-October

Thanks also to all of you who have reenrolled for 2023 and a warm welcome to all of you new enrollees. Enrollment is booming, so if you would like to join us please <u>enroll as soon as possible</u> to secure your spot. Look for a little fun Kohut gift in the mail as an extra reminder of the fun to come.

Wishing you a very happy holiday season and a wonderful new year,

Lisa and Dan

Dates to Remember!

Be sure to mark your calendars with these important dates!

December 18:	Start of Hanukkah
December 25:	Christmas
Winter 2023	Complete your Kamp Forms!
Mid-May:	Spring Gatherings
June 1:	Start of Staff Orientation
June 24:	Session One Opening Day!
July 22:	Session Two Opening Day!

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Kohut News!

We love seeing and hearing what the Kohut Family is up to in the "offseason." Keep in touch and let us know how you're doing so we can share with the rest of the Kohut Family on Kamp's social media platforms and future Kronikle Issues!

These past few months might've had the most unofficial Kohut reunions on record across various college campuses and major cities! The campus of University of Michigan has been particularly busy with Kohut gatherings. A few weeks ago Michigan students **Sam Hedeman**, Jessica Levine, and Meghan Young hosted Robby Schnitzer and Casey Feins for a memorable weekend of football and fun!



Casey, Robby, Sam, Jessica, and Meghan

Earlier in the semester the trio hosted another group of Summer 2022 counselors for a football game. Matty Corcoran, Emilia Foot, and Jennifer Brady, all from the United Kingdom, thoroughly enjoyed this most classic of American college experiences!

After her trip across the US, **Emilia** started her studies in Music Theatre at the renowned Leeds Conservatoire!





Above: Brontë & Holly Below: Niamh & Cyn w/ Brontë When they returned home, Matty and Jennifer had another Kohut meet up with Kim Murray in Edinburgh!

Speaking of **Matty**, he recently caught up with **Carly** and told her that his experience at Kamp and working with kids in 2022 was so impactful that he's now considering changing his major from business to psychology.

Fencing instructor **Maria Torres** reports that she's doing well and is counting down the days until she studies in Rome next



Matty, Sam, Jessica, Meghan, Jennifer, and Emilia enjoying a Michigan football game

fall.

Sparring partner **Jack Plumer** is ready to use the many skills he's acquired at Kamp when he is a student teacher in Fall 2023. He's also making progress with his final thesis about how gender and class affect food choices.

HUGE congratulations to former counselors Holly Waller & Brontë Bergquist-O'Sullivan on their recent wedding! In attendance were fellow former counselors Niamh Jarrold and Cyn Whittaker.

Former camper turned culinary arts instructor Jackie Benjes has had a great semester at Brown University. Jackie ran into her former bunkmate Dana Herrnstadt at Dana's improv class! Jackie is eagerly awaiting her semester abroad next year at St. Andrews in Scotland. We're sure she'll meet up with many of her fellow counselors while in the UK. In the meantime, she continues to reconnect with her Kamp friends. She recently met up with Cole Yellin and Casey Feins.

Tommy Benjes let us know that he's doing great and has just started working at a software marketing startup close to home.

Next time you're driving down Kohut Road, you may notice an opening in the forest that wasn't there last summer! This winter, Kamp is working with a forest management company to improve the overall health and biodiversity of Kohut's woodlands for future generations.

The view down Kohut Road isn't the only update around Kamp. Bob and Tom have been busy building new docks. A bunch of new kayaks from LL Bean were added to our existing fleet of kayaks and a new Sunfish sailboat will gliding across Thompson Lake in 2023!

Another former camper turned counselor, **Rachel Saltman** reports that she is having a great semester and has developed an

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Casey, Jackie, and Cole hanging out

interest in working in politics. Rachel is looking forward to an upcoming trip to Spain where she hopes to see Maria Torres. Rachel also let us know that she hopes to study abroad in the UK next spring.

When he's not hosting his fellow Kohut counselors, **Sam Hedeman** has had a busy fall semester. He continues to work towards his Performing Arts Management course while also rehearsing for his Musical Theatre program's production of Little Shop of Horrors.

Fellow wolverine **Meghan Young** reports that she is doing well and is making headway towards her Sociology major with a concentration in Law, Justice, and Social Change. As if coursework for one major wasn't enough, Meghan is also working towards two minors in Political Science and English!

Lisa, Dan, & Rory had a lovely lunch in October with Kohut alum Howard Ockman (father of counselor Caleb) and Andrew Kane. The hours flew by as Howard and Andrew recounted stories from their time at Kamp in the 1960s.

Lisa and Carly traveled to Washington D.C. in October to attend the CIEE BridgeUSA forum. There, they met with lawmakers and advocated for the crucial cultural exchange program that allows for our terrific counselors to attend Kamp each summer!





Shauna in Lebanon

Next time you're reading The Irish Times, you may be reading an article written by former newspaper counselor **Shauna Bowers**. Shauna was recently in Lebanon reporting on Syrian refugee camps - way to go, Shauna!

Former counselor **Lauren Gerrity** met up with former campers **Elodie**, **Roderick**, and **Marisa Priester** in Brussels, Belgium! The gang reminisced about their summers at Kamp from over 10 years ago. Talking about Kamp got Elodie excited about the idea of becoming a counselor in 2023!

Across the Channel a group of counselors (Silvia Colell, Emma Reason, Lottie Grafton, Rachel Thornton, Chloe McAulay, and Mads North) from Summers 2016 & 2017 reconnected for a festive weekend in London, UK. It just

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Summer 2023 Enrollment Gift!

Are you enrolled for Summer 2023 yet?!

If so, be on the lookout in the mail for this year's enrollment gift: Kampthemed shoe charms! Whether you stick them in your Crocs or put them



through your buttonholes, we hope these gifts remind you of Kamp and get excited for all the fun times we'll have together in Summer 2023.

Be sure to share a photo of you wearing them so we can show the #KohutFamily your love of Kamp and excitement for Summer 2023.



Charlotte C rocking her new Kamp shoe charms!





"We Welcome You to Kamp Kohut!"

The Kohut Winter Team has been incredibly busy meeting, both in person and virtually, our newest members of the Kamp Family. We can't wait for them to experience the magic of Kohut in 2023!

Bernardsville, NJ native **Tristan K** can't wait to spend time on Thompson Lake while making new friends. In 6th grade, this 11-year-old has an older brother and a twin brother. When he's not busy at school Tristan loves watching baseball and hanging out with his friends. His favorite color is blue (perfect for Kamp!), his favorite food is pizza, and his favorite TV show is Family Guy.

Also in 6th grade and 11 years old, Yusuf Z of Dallas, TX is thrilled to experience archery and water sports at Kamp. Yusuf has an older sister in 9th grade named Noor. Both Yusuf and Noor love going skiing together. Yusuf has 20 goldfish in a fishpond! His favorite hobbies include skiing, mountain biking, baseball, tennis, and playing guitar and drums. If that weren't enough, Yusuf is also a car enthusiast! Yusuf's favorite color is navy blue (he's a big Yankees fan!), his go-to food is pizza, his favorite book is The Outsiders, and his favorite musical artists are Van Halen, Delvon Lemarr Organ Trio, AC/DC, and ZZTop!

Jackson T of Manhattan, NY has heard all about Kamp from his older sister Isabel and can't wait to experience it for himself! This 7-year-old is most excited to try new things this summer. Jackson has a 2 ¹/₂ year old mini goldendoodle named Bailey. He likes to play drums, basketball, Minecraft, chess, and earn new belts at taekwondo (he's currently a brown belt!). His favorite color is green, he would eat chicken nuggets for every meal if he could, and his favorite movies and tv shows to watch are on YouTube Kids.

2nd grader Calvin S from Austin, TX is counting down the days until his first night at sleepaway camp and when he gets to eat s'mores at Kamp! There's hardly a dull moment in Calvin's home. He has a 5-year-old younger sister named Cora, a 3-year-old younger brother named Andy, a 15-year-old dog named Riley, 4 (!) chickens named Golden Slide, Snowy, Elsa, and Chips, AND a rooster named Brownie! When Calvin's not running around with his siblings, dog, or chickens, he loves playing Super Smash Brothers, battle bots, making s'mores in the backyard, and swimming. Calvin also loves telling jokes! His favorites include the colors red, orange and auburn, Shepherd's pie for dinner, the Harry Potter books, the movie Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind, and the TV show Odd Squad.

Leighton M of Bath, ME is excited to meet her future Kamp friends. Originally from Houston, TX, but now living in Maine, this 6th grader has two brothers, two cats (named Kameron and Ally), and a Welsh corgi named Bentley. Leighton's hobbies include crafts, lacrosse, fashion, and shopping. Her favorite color is red, her favorite food is anything that has sugar,

Check out our official Kamp Kohut Facebook and Instagram accounts! Stay up to date on what Kohut is up to in the off-season and connect with the Kohut Family!



<u>@KampKohutOxfordMaine</u> <u>@kampkohutofficial</u>



Calvin enjoying his new Kohut decals!

and her favorite TV show is Gilmore Girls.

10-year-old Lila M of Westport, CT is looking forward to making a lot of new friends and trying all of Kamp's activities! The younger sister of camper Liv, Lila enjoys playing tennis and softball. She also enjoys woodworking, sailing, kayaking, and fishing. Her favorite colors are green and blue; she really enjoyed reading the book series Because of Mr. Terupt; and Lila enjoys all foods, especially mashed potatoes!

Caroline S of Winchester, MA is counting down the days until she's swimming at Kamp. 11 years old and in 6th grade, Caroline has an older brother named Ben and a fish named Patrick. She loves swimming, gymnastics, playing outside, field hockey, and basketball. Caroline's favorite color is blue, her favorite book is any Judy Bloom book, and her favorite movie/tv show is Charlie Brown.

Mags T is excited for "mostly everything" this summer, especially Kohut's water activities and acting. In 3rd grade and 9 years old, Mags has a dog named Olllie who is the "sweetest dog on the planet." This Greenwich, CT native loves to do anything that involves water and enjoys baking tall chocolate cakes! Her favorite





Summer 2022 Slideshows!

Are you missing the fun times we had together in Summer 2022 like we are? Re-live your favorite memories at Kamp this past summer by watching the Summer 2022 slideshows, now available on our summer website!

Go to *kohutsummer.com* and click on the "Kamp Videos" header. There you'll find the slideshows along with last summer's Musicals, recorded for your viewing pleasure. We hope you enjoy reminiscing about Summer 2022 as much as we do!



Lauren, Elodie, Marisa, and Roderick hanging out in Belgium

goes to show how the friendships and memories you'll make at Kamp truly last a lifetime!

That wasn't the only Kohut gathering in London this fall! Earlier in October, a large group of counselors spanning nearly 10+ years at Kamp reconnected for an afternoon. With Eoghan Marah, Niamh Jarrold, Ellen Laird, Morven Stokes, India Butler, Ciaran Wharton, and Brian Barrins in attendance, we're sure the gathering included countless stories from their many cumulative summers at Kamp! If that wasn't enough, some of them even celebrated Halloween together, costumes and all! With Brian, Eoghan, Ciaran, India, and Morven dressed up as Scooby Doo characters, we think we know who to call if that becomes the theme for a future Olympics/Kollege Days!

A bit closer to Kamp and Maine, campers **Madison M** and **Charlotte C** met up in NYC to explore the city and enjoy some gelato!

Wyatt L & Isaac A ran into each other at a cross country meet this fall! They loved seeing each other and are now texting



Charlotte C & Madison M hanging out in NYC

regularly.

Kohut's favorite Olympian **Clare Egan** was in the news here in Maine. Clare was recently inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame!



Ciaran, Brian, Eoghan, India, and Morven dressing up for Halloween



Mads, Rachel, Silvia, Lottie, Emma, and Chloe enjoying the holiday lights in London



Clare Egan at the Maine Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony



Excerpt from the Kronikle Volume XVI, Vol. 3, July 23, 1926

Editorial:

Among the suggestions that have come to our attention as subjects for an editorial this week is the old sad song of kamp spirit. Kamp spirit is a force that can make summer a memory never to be forgotten but kamp spirit is never found in songs or cheers or catch words or phrases or any thing of that kind.

The kamper with genuine kamp spirit is the boy who feels deeply the loyalty and affection that every boy should feel toward the object that adds to his life the greatest amount of enjoyment and happiness. Where else but in a community such as is to be found on Thompson's Lake can one find a more diversified yet coherent and unified group. From distant parts of the Republic they come, bent on a single purpose—to make the summer pay for the tortures of winter. In close communion necessarily there grows up a sense of strength, of solidarity which will show itself when any intrusion is felt.



George Alexander Kohut at Kamp c. 1910s

Kamp is more than a group of tents and a few bungalows. It is more than a Faculty and three directors. It is more than a chance to swim and sleep and eat far from noise and dust. It is itself a spirit, a force, an urge, what you will, that extends through the winter and returns again and again more poignantly as life goes on and the light begins to fade.



Aerial view of Kamp c. 1913 (the summer after The Pines were planted!)



A Summer of Milestones!

<u>40 Years at Kamp Kohut</u> Joe Long (Staff)

<u>25 Years at Kamp Kohut</u> Frank Lee (Staff)

<u>30 Years as Owners/Directors</u>

Lisa Tripler & Dan Rapaport

10 Years at Kamp Kohut

Ryan G Ben Kanter (Camper + Staff) Wyatt L Alex Schneider (Camper + Staff) Dawn Shearer (Staff)

Six Year Kohut Blanket Recipients

Justine B Maeve B Stella B Sophia B Amelia C Andrew D Cailyn H Nate K Nicole M Dashiell M Maya O Alex O Fernando O Tess P Vivi P Cesar R Alex R Dean R Marco R Shane S Nora S Denise S Justin S Taylor Shearer (Camper + Staff) Anna S Morven Stokes (Staff) Cole Yellin (Camper + Staff)



Des, Aine, Maddie, Alex, and Cristian sporting their new 5-year vests

Five Year Vest Recipients

Maddie Airey (Staff) Wes B Justine B Lila B Mason B Arielle B Liam C Sophie C Kaela C Summer C Clyde C Wally C Drew C Alex Dean (Staff) Cole D Eve G Liv G Nate H Ollie J Oskar J Fiona K Julian K Louis L

Nicole M Iack M Cristian Munoz Perdomo (Staff) Iulianne N Alex O Aine Pollock (Staff) Luca R Coco R Hannah S Finn S Jonah S Alex S Scotty S Skyler S Shealyn Testa (Staff) Noah T John W Des Ward (Staff) Elle W Gracie W Jessi Woodman (Staff) Judah W Sadie W



Joe giving his end-of-summer speech at the final campfire



New Campers cont...

color is neon pink, her favorite food is ice cream cake, her favorite book is Ghost, and her favorite TV show is Are You Afraid of the Dark (Curse of the Shadow).

Ollie D of Winter Park, FL is ready to play baseball and everything else that Kamp has to offer! This 10 year old has an older sister named Sophia (who also goes to Kohut) and two pets: a green cheek conure tortoise named Zuke (short for Zukeberg) and a hermit crab named Shelby. Ollie loves to swim and play baseball. He also plays the viola and is learning the guitar (he loves rock n'roll!). Ollie's favorites are the color blue, Caesar salads, the book The One and Only Ivan, and the TV show Stranger Things.

Wyatt G of Bellaire, TX is excited to try Kamp for the first time along with his siblings. In 7th grade, Wyatt is the oldest of three. He and his siblings have a small pug mix dog named Dwight (like The Office character!). Wyatt likes technology, gaming, electronics, pickleball, and basketball. His favorite color is blue, his favorite foods are blueberries and ribs (not together!), Patrick Rothfuss' book The Night of the Wind, the TV show Rick and Morty and the movie Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Wyatt's 11 year old younger brother **Owen** is also joining the Kohut Family in 2023. Owen is most excited to play basketball and jump in the lake this summer! Naturally, Owen enjoys playing basketball. He also enjoys tumbling and art. His favorite color is purple, his favorite food is a cheeseburger, his favorite books are from the Eragon series, and he enjoys watching whatever is on YouTube.

Joining her brothers at Kamp, 9 year old Lucy G is thrilled to experience Kohut's 60+ activities. This 3rd grader loves crafting, annoying her older brothers, and the sounds her cute pug makes. Her favorite color is aqua, her favorite food is French fries, her favorite book is The Hungry Place, and her favorite movie is the 1998 version of The Parent Trap.

12-year-old **Julia N** of Lake Geneva, WI is excited for all the new opportunities and to see Maine this summer. In 7th grade, this Midwesterner loves to read, draw, and listen to music. She also enjoys hanging out with her friends and two older brothers. When she's not with her friends or brothers, she loves to play with her 6-year-old golden retriever named Winston. Julia's favorite color is purple, her favorite book is either Six of Crows or Crooked Kingdom by Leigh Bardugo, and she enjoys watching Once Upon A Time.

Ari M of Tampa, FL is looking forward to woodworking and waterskiing this summer! In 5th grade, Ari has a 13-yearold dog and a 7-year-old brother. When he's not in the water, Ari enjoys art. His favorite food is pizza (he's excited for Friday night pizza nights at Kamp) and his favorite color is red.

NY, NY native **Gwen J** can't wait to choose her first week's activities at Kamp, which will most definitely include swimming and horseback riding! 7 years old, this 2nd grader has 2 brothers and a sister named Saul, Hollis, and Arthur. When she's not playing with her siblings, Gwen enjoys horseback riding, gymnastics, and soccer. Gwen's favorite color is blue, her favorite foods are mac & cheese, rice, pulled pork, and pasta, and her favorite books are The Warrior books.

Ethan S of Ridgefield, CT has heard all about Kamp from his older siblings Aidan and Abigail and can't wait to finally experience all the sports (especially fencing) and water activities for himself! This 8-year-old loves fencing, soccer, electric guitar, piano, and playing with his two dogs Hudson and Lilly. His favorite book is anything by Ronald Dahl, his favorite video game is Roblox, and his favorite food is burgers.

Jacob J of Mason, NH is thrilled to make new friends, play soccer, and jump in

We wanted to share with you that Assistant Director Anthony Pyatt left Kamp Kohut this fall.

After more than a decade in the summer camp industry, Anthony decided to shift careers and pursue a unique job opportunity with a digital marketing agency based in Portland, ME. We're very appreciative and thankful for Anthony's 4 summers at Kohut and wish him all the best. His attention to detail and organizational skills will continue to benefit Kamp for many summers to come!







We can't wait for our newest members of the Kohut Family to experience the beauty of Thompson Lake on a PKD (Perfect Kamp Day)!

the clear waters of Thompson Lake! The younger brother of current camper Nathan, Jacob is in 2nd grade and 7 years old. Apart from his older brother, Jacob has two dogs named Bubba, a yellow lab, and Trixie, a black lab. Jacob's hobbies include playing soccer and running around the yard with Trixie. His favorite food is pizza, his favorite move is Turning Red, and his favorite color is green (not red as we might've guessed!).

Great Falls, VA native **Ben M** is eager to experience Maine, particularly all the water-based activities, while making new friends. In 8th grade, Ben has a younger

sister named Kate who will also join us at Kamp for the first time this summer. He and Kate have two dogs named Luna and Leo. Ben writes "they are awesome dogs" (Carly even got to meet them in the fall!). Ben enjoys all kinds of sports - both playing and watching. He likes soccer, basketball, and tennis. He especially enjoys watching college basketball and even got into fantasy football league this year! At school, Ben's involved in his student council as president which keeps him very busy. His favorite color is purple, his favorite food is avocado, his favorite book is Turtles All the Way Down by John Green and his favorite TV show is Survivor.

Younger sister **Kate** is so excited to be sleeping in Kohut's cabins with her new Kamp friends! 11 years old, this 6th grader loves to play volleyball and to bake. Kate is also on two dance teams (both hip hop and poms). Kate's favorite color is pink, her favorite food is spaghetti and meatballs, her favorite book is Instructions for Dancing by Nicola Yoon, and her favorite TV show is Gilmore Girls.

Alexa I of Tampa can't wait to spend time with her friends and meeting new people at Kamp. In 6th grade, this 11-year-old has a younger brother named Sami. When they're not annoying each other, Alexa and Sami have a blast together. Alexa also has a pet rabbit named Oscar. Alexa enjoys playing piano, is interested in volleyball, and loves to do anything that involves swimming. Her favorite color is either red or light blue, Alexa loves to read any type of mystery books, and her favorite TV show is Fuller House.



The Library Tree looks a little different without leaves!

We've known for a long time the benefits of working at a summer camp! Now, more than ever, we are seeing articles from major media companies highlighting the positive, lasting impacts working at a summer camp can have. A recent article by Forbes listed the "Top 10 Most In-Demand Skills For The Next 10 Years." While not specifically mentioning summer

camp, these 10 are definitely skills our counselors acquire after a working summer at Kamp:

See Media!

Must

- Digital Literacy
 Data Literacy
- 3) Critical Thinking
- 4) Emotional Intelligence5) Creativity
- 6) Collaboration
- 7) Flexibility
- 8) Leadership Skills
- 9) Time Management
- 10) Curiosity & Continuous Learning

To read the full article: <u>https://www.forbes.com/sites/bernardmarr/2022/08/22/the-top-10-most-in-demand-skills-for-the-next-10-years/?sh=436bcb3817be</u>





Secret Word!!



Hello, campers!

Summer 2022 was an incredibly successful summer of "neeew cluuuues" and frisbee tosses.... Perhaps too successful if you ask us at the Secret Word Committee!

With snow falling on Kamp and the days becoming increasingly shorter, it's time for us, the Secret Word Committee, to conjure up a new round of clues that'll stump even the likes of Evan Saltman in Summer 2023! Let's see if you can solve this verry good one. Send us your answers to info@kampkohut.com and we'll send you a Kohut Frisbee Decal!

Clue: "A hard distance worth the effort"



Q: Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey? A: He sensed fowl play.

Q: Why shouldn't you sit next to a turkey at dinner? A: Because he will gobble it up.

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road? A: He wanted people to think he was a chicken.

Knock knock! Who's there?

Arthur. Arthur who?

Arthur any leftovers?



Just in time for the holiday season, our uniform provider - The Camp Spot - is running a holiday promotion with limited edition Kohut-branded items! Use the promo key "*HOLIDAY22*" to enjoy free shipping on all orders over \$75 placed before 12/31.

<u>Click here</u> or copy the link below to start your holiday shopping, Kohut style!

https://thecampspot.com/catalog_packinglist.aspx?cat=HOLIDAY%20FAVORITES