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To My Camp Friend:

*Time passes, the world changes  
But I'm still the same ole' kid  
And your jokes still bring me laughter  
As if you still were here  
And it hurts  
When I smile  
'Cause my heart still remembers  
When you were around*

*'Cause you were there  
When no one was  
Just when I thought nobody cared  
You showed me love  
'Cause you were my friend  
You always told me  
And I am still here  
Because you were there*

*So precious, small treasures  
A time when truth was innocent  
True friendship, was all we were after  
A place where kids could still be kids  
And it hurts  
But I'm glad  
'Cause at least I was blessed  
To have you as my friend*

*'Cause you were there  
When no one was  
Just when I thought nobody cared  
You showed me love  
'Cause you were my friend  
You always told me  
And I am still here  
Because you were there  
You always told me  
And I am still here  
Because you were there*

*You're my best friend  
And there are no accidents  
God has a plan for everyone  
And he brought you in my life  
To show me what a true friend was*

*'Cause you were there  
When no one was  
Just when I thought nobody cared  
You showed me love  
'Cause you were my friend  
You always told me  
And I am still here  
Because you were there  
You always told me  
And I am still here  
Because you were there.*

—Lyrics to “You Were There”  
On the Simon Birch CD

## YE DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

We are trying our best to get this newsletter to you sooner than later this year. If you remember last year's edition of Kamaji's Alumnae News, it was not sent out until sometime in mid-March. At the time we were designing Kamaji's website ~

[www.kamaji.com](http://www.kamaji.com)

~ and wanted to have it up and running prior to your receiving word of it. Well, suffice it to say that due to “technical difficulties” we never did get the website fully operational ~ especially the Bulletin Board ~ until well into April!!! Of course, now a lot on the site is “old” news and needs updating (surprising how quickly things become obsolete in this fast-paced, immediate gratification world we live in). Too, we are hoping to add a photo gallery and some other fun features to the site ~ plans that will surely tax my brain and my technical wizardry (of which I have little) and involve far more time than I have at the present moment. So rather than get bogged down in updating the website, I prefer working on this newsletter which I find to be a much more fun task and get this to you in a more timely fashion. After all, Kamaji has stood the test of time over the past 86 years, most of which were with little or no technology available (remember the ice house, the root cellar, the advent of electricity on Wolf Lake???) ~ so technology can wait for the time-being.

## JOINING YE DIRECTORS. . .

...to Kamaji's year-round staff line-up as an Assistant Director is CALLY MASTIO. Cally was a first-time Kamaji camper in 1988 and later went on to become a CIT, cabin counselor and windsurfing and archery instructor, Unit Leader and CIT Director. Cally's family has long been associated with Kamaji. Her aunts ~ Anne Mastio (Bauer) and Katie Mastio (Kaufman) of Wichita were Kamaji campers in the 60s; her cousins Molly, Anna and Emily Kaufman (Des Moines) have been campers since the mid-90s; and Cally's sister Carolyn has been a camper, CIT and counselor at Kamaji as well. So if anyone knows everything about Kamaji, it's likely to be Cally! We are thrilled to welcome Cally to our year round staff line-up. She will be working closely with us on camper and staff recruitment as well as the day-to-day camp doings at our winter office. You can contact Cally at our winter office (as above) or write her at 5360 Pershing, #3B, St. Louis, MO 63112 (phone: 314/361-7813; email: [callymastio@hotmail.com](mailto:callymastio@hotmail.com)). She would love to hear from you!

(P.S. **Emily Ronk** Zemke (Norman, OK '79-'90,'94,'95), our immediate past year-round assistant director now is acting director of The Camp Kids Foundation (see page 5 for more information about the foundation).

## RECAPPING THE SUMMER OF 2000

When I ask the 2000 campers and staff what the weather was like last summer at camp, memories are mixed. It was freezing in mid-June when first session got underway; hot, humid and dry by July 1<sup>st</sup>; and rainy by summer's end. Swim tests first session were invigorating; we were buying additional oscillating fans for the kitchen in July; we had an all-camp mud puddle “fight” in early August; and lightening struck the Tikinigan cabin during clean-up one morning in mid-August. It was definitely a summer of contrasts in terms of the weather. But as always, there was little, if any complaining from the kids and staff unless you count the gripes of first session campers who, when viewing the 2000 Kamaji video, were “upset” that we hadn't planned a huge mud puddle the first month!

Camper-wise, our numbers swelled with 165 first session campers and 158 first session campers. In spite of our best efforts to keep enrollment to 150 campers per session, we had our "hugest" group of Pine Manor campers ever ~ with 28 first and 25 second session!!! (For those who attended Kamaji before 1986, Pine Manor is the cabin that houses the oldest campers ~ girls who have just completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade.) Of the total camper enrollment, we had 59 campers who have been to Kamaji 5+ summers.

We also had 7 Counselors-in-Training (CITs) ~ all of whom have been campers at Kamaji for 5+ summers. And, of our 80 staff members, 21 had been at Kamaji a minimum of 5 summers. Ye Directors and our week-to-week camp doctors brought the total staff number to 86 (not including CITs). We spent our 21<sup>st</sup> summer at Kamaji and three of our camp physicians also marked milestone summers at Kamaji, one for five, another for eight, and a third for nine consecutive summers!!!

We gave out 26 commemorative paddles to campers and staff who were spending their fifth summer at Kamaji; two Kamaji blankets to staff who spent 10 summers at camp; and, to our long-time camp cook ~ Marjena Sloan ~ we had a big celebration commemorating her 20<sup>th</sup> summer at Kamaji (at summer's end, we had to find a trucking company to ship home a canoe book-case to Marjena's home in Grinnell, IA {Mail Boxes, Etc. are great!})

We did not add any new activities to our instructional program and, instead, chose to teach well those programs already in place. We did "lose" a large section of our ropes course in a late fall and, later, an early spring wind storm that blew up over the ridge and took out some trees that supported elements of the course. As a result, we had to close down the ropes course this past summer; plans for 2001 include rebuilding the course and adding new challenges to it.

We were due for a three year accreditation visit from the American Camping Association (ACA) in 1999 but (when I had unexpected surgery in April of 1999) opted to defer it until this past summer. Two representatives of the ACA spent two days at camp in late June scrutinizing every phase of camp. When all was said and done, we scored a total of 97% (!!!) on the 9 different categories including Site and Food Service, Transportation, Health & Wellness, Operational Management, Human Resources, Program Design & Activities, Aquatics, Horseback Riding and Wilderness Tripping Program.

- In terms of structural work last summer, our year-round caretaker (Joe Drake who has also been at Kamaji for 10 years!!!) ~
- ▶ Completely reconstructed and re-roofed the Boat House (at one time the Handicraft activity area);
  - ▶ Tore down the original shower house which for years (after washhouses were constructed) was the Painting and Drawing room and, later, the Trip Shack. In its stead a larger storage building which includes a brand new state-of-the-art (at least in camp terms ~ i.e., electricity and storage space) Trip Shack, Laundry and Storage Shed was built;
  - ▶ Constructed an all-new dock system for Kamaji's Yacht Club Sailing Marina; and
  - ▶ Completed rebuilding of porches & new entry doors to all 10 cabins.
  - ▶ Constructed a new sitting deck up by the camp office ~ it is basically an extension of the office porch ~ which is usually overflowing with campers and staff on Adirondack benches and chairs ~ especially during rest period and before/after meals!

Overall, the summer of 2000 was a healthy, safe, fun, happy and kid-centered season. As always, we breathed a huge sigh of relief after the campers and staff had returned home safe and sound to their families. We truly owe our terrific staff, our fun-loving campers and the Great Spirit a resounding "Thanks!" for a wonderful season. And now. . .

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2001**

With a camper return rate of 85+%, we don't have to look for too many new campers for next summer. In fact, of the 153 already-enrolled first and 158 already-enrolled second session campers, only 59 total will be first time Kamaji campers in 2001. We have begun a waiting list for all age groups with the exception of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders (there are limited spaces still available in those age groups). Needless to say, we are thrilled that our enrollment is almost completely full at such an early date and by so many returning campers!! We are already off to a great start for Kamaji's 2001 season. . .and camp hasn't even begun yet!!!

As always, we owe a huge "THANKS!" for the loyalty and support of all our camp families ~ past, including alum, and present ~ without which Kamaji would not thrive!

Since enrollment is 100% dependent upon word-of-mouth referrals, we are always seeking the names of interested camp families from our current and past camp families as well as alumnae. We would appreciate your contacting us at our toll free number ~ 800/7KAMAJI (800/752-6254) if you know of anyone who might be interested in attending Kamaji in future summers. As always, we thank you!

Our most immediate plans for 2001 include the hiring of qualified staff to work at Kamaji. As was the case last summer, with the booming economy it is becoming increasingly difficult to find quality staff to work at summer camps. Again, if you know anyone who might be interested in working at Kamaji next summer, please let us know! Thanks!!!

Plans for building/renovations for 2001 include:

- ▶ Tearing down the old storage building adjacent to the Shop (was camp Laundromat with commercial washers and dryers in rear when we first arrived at Kamaji and more recently was both dropping off-point for laundry and storage shed;
- ▶ Construction of brand new (truly state-of-the-art) Health Center (affectionately referred to as Club Med and at one time named Poison Ivy) where old storage building is now situated. Club Med will be built at summer's end so we can get design input from our nursing staff and camp physicians (we had hoped that we would have a new "Club Med" prior to 2001 but due to the booming economy in Bemidji {you would not recognize Bemidji ~ it is "sprawling" really!}, we could not find carpenters, builders, etc. to work until 2001!!!
- ▶ Renovation of the old, old "Club Med" ~ needs some serious updating, reroofing, shoring up, etc. This building was the "original" directors' house when Phil and Bert first lived at Kamaji.
- ▶ Installation of new septic system for new and old Club Meds.
- ▶ Installing heating to the Doctor's Cube (one of our camp docs has an infant daughter).
- ▶ Repair and growth of the ropes course

Program-wise, we are giving serious thought to adding a climbing wall at camp. First, though, we need to get input from other camps who have done this to make sure that this will not be a "passing fancy." (Remember the computer camps of the 80s!??)

Those are our immediate plans for the summer of 2001. Of course, as the season approaches, we often find our list of "Things to Do" grows increasingly longer with priorities changing daily. First and foremost, though, we will continue to work hard to insure that Kamaji will continue in the same tradition as it has for the past 87 summers!

### **ATTN: SEEKING CAMP LOVIN' STAFF - SMILES REQ'D**

NORTHERN MINNESOTA SUMMER RESIDENTIAL CAMP FOR GIRLS  
IS LOOKING FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF TO SPEND THE  
SUMMER WORKING IN A CHILD-CENTERED WORLD. WOMEN WHO  
ARE SPONTANEOUS, FLEXIBLE, FUN-LOVING, CHILD-LIKE WITHOUT  
BEING CHILDISH AS WELL AS THOSE WITH TLC TO GIVE ARE  
WELCOME TO APPLY.

Ye Directors have learned in our 21 years of Kamaji experience that the "best" camp counselors are those who were once campers themselves. It is they who remember their favorite (and least favorite) counselors and the reasons they remember them; it is they who are willing to work for peanut\$ because they believe in the value of camp; it is they who bring enthusiasm, loyalty and commitment in addition to a genuine love of Kamaji to the summer; and it is they, who in turn, instill that same enthusiasm, loyalty, commitment and love to the campers; and it is they who "cultivate" future Kamaji counselors!

We invite all former Kamaji alum ~ regardless of age ~ to give serious consideration to spending a summer back at Kamaji ~ giving back to camp and, more importantly, its campers an experience that parallels your own.

For more information, please contact Kathy, Mike or Cally at 800/7KAMAJI (800/752-5254).

## **WWW.KAMAJI.COM**

If you haven't done so yet, you absolutely **must** check out Kamaji's website at [www.kamaji.com](http://www.kamaji.com). And definitely plan on visiting the Alum Bulletin Board and leaving a message. There has been a request by an alum that those writing messages include their full name (including maiden name if you are now married) and years they attended Kamaji somewhere in your message.

You need to have a password to enter the Alum Bulletin Board. Hopefully, those of you who attended Kamaji prior to the "modernization" of camp with the introduction of plumbing will remember what the outhouses were called. That is the word you will need to know to enter the board. If you forget, please feel free to email us at [kamaji1@aol.com](mailto:kamaji1@aol.com) and we will provide you with the correct password.

We also ask that you take time to fill out the "News about Me" questionnaire that you can find on the Alumnae Page. We really want to update our mailing list and hope to be able to do so by making it easier for alum to keep us up-to-date with their whereabouts. Too, when other alum inquire about camp friends, we will be able to provide them with info, including email and snail mail addresses and phone numbers, so that you can reconnect.

Call us with any questions should you have problems navigating the website. Hope to connect with you on the board. . .and, more importantly, we hope alum become reconnected with long-lost Kamaji friends!

## **GET YOUR NEWS ABOUT KAMAJI VIA THE INTERNET**

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have recovered from the awesome task of publishing this once-yearly newsletter ~ an eight-page legal-sized document in its entirety. In addition to writing the newsletter, we had 1200 copies printed, collated and folded at a local printing company; then 'yours truly' stuffed, licked, stuck and stamped 1200 envelopes and then left it up to the USPO to assume the responsibility of ultimately getting this into your hands. No small undertaking from start to finish, to say the least.

It would be a lot less time-consuming and a lot more cost-effective (and less harmful to the environment:-) were we to send this via the internet to those alum who have access. if you would like to receive the annual Kamaji Alum News via the internet, please respond to [kamaji1@aol.com](mailto:kamaji1@aol.com) and in the future we will bring you up-to-date on Kamaji via cyberspace!

## **A HUGE HUGE "THANK YOU!!!" TO . . .**

. . .Kamaji alumna **BEV WALTERS Piehl** (St. Louis, MO & Austin, TX 73-'84,'86) for administering and maintaining Kamaji's website bulletin boards. It is no easy task to do this as we are trying our best to keep the website "private" so that everyone who avails herself of the board can be assured that her email information is kept confidential and out-of-the-hands of folks not connected with Kamaji. What this translates to is hours of work each week by Bev to download messages, "screen" them and then post them into the appropriate board. Given Ye Directors' usual workload, it would be near impossible to keep up-to-date with the boards were it not for the diligent and tireless efforts of Bev!

## **FOR SALE ~ KAMAJI T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS**

We have some Kamaji t-shirts and sweatshirts available for sale. The sweatshirts are hooded zip-up-the-front black shirts with "Camp Kamaji" embroidered on left-chest in silver and blue. With shipping the cost per sweatshirt is \$40. The t-shirts are grey ash with "Kamaji est. 1914" written across the front; on the reverse side it says "Girls Rule!" These sell for \$15, including shipping. We have limited sizes available in both youth and adult sizes so if you would like to order one we suggest you call us at 800-7KAMAJI to reserve one today.

## **WANTED: KAMAJI PHOTOS/MEMORABILIA**

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of several Kamaji alum, our archives now boast pictures of camp dating back to its days on Star Island. We have been compiling a pictorial and written history of Kamaji gleaned from the mementos that Kamaji alum bequeathed to Kamaji. Now when we orally relay the history of Kamaji to our campers our words "come alive" by the pictures we are able to share with the kids. Kamaji's history has truly been enhanced by the addition of well-kept and treasured photos that span the 8 decade lifetime of Kamaji. It is our hope to compile a pictorial book showing the history of Kamaji but to do so we need heaps more pictures ~ particularly from those days on Star Island and the early years on Wolf Lake. Too, we would appreciate receiving photos from other

years as well. Given that there is "a time and a place" for technology at camp, we now have a scanner and programs to put all pictures on our computer. For those who are hesitant to let go of camp pictures, we would appreciate your "lending" them to us for us to scan and then return. Or better yet, if you have access to a scanner and can download pictures to us via the internet, we would be most appreciative.

Once Kamaji's pictorial history is complete, we will make it available to all alumnae.

In closing, we send our sincerest appreciation on behalf of all generations of Kamaji campers to those former campers and staff who so generously "parted with" treasured photos, brochures, letters and memorabilia of their days at Kamaji.

## **RECOLLECTIONS. . .**

**Ed. Note:** Many times we are asked by Kamaji alumnae if Kamaji is the "same" as it has always been. These same alum question if Kamaji has changed over the many, many years since Mrs. Winifred Schureman founded camp on the southeast side of Star Island in 1914.

Yes, we've done away with outhouses (PGs as they were affectionately(?) known), cold water washhouses, totems, the Kami K, riflery...Pine needle skiing, canoe sailing, long distance swims are long past as are train trips to camp, the Asthma coughing its way across Cass Lake. . .the original crafts building burned down in 1937, the sandy beach along Kamaji's shoreline lies underwater as dams both upstream and downstream now control the flow of water in and out of Wolf Lake...the boathouse along the stone steps caved in after a particularly snowy winter in the mid-80s. We now call the Infirmary "Club Med", renamed Vespers to O'Naug She Nodin (Ojibway for O Come to the Evening Song)... the Cloud now houses Kamaji's summer Office, camp is a smoke-free environment but still has weekly Council Fires...the old ice house is now the Shop, handicrafts is now the boat house, Bert and Phil's house is now Club Med...

There are new things as well ~ clay tennis courts, a Theatre/Arts Village, Directors' home, married and administrative staff housing, dining hall addition as well as three new cabins named Cocoon, Tikinigan (Ojibway for cradle) and Pine Manor, stables...the PGs and cold-water troughs have been replaced with hot and cold water washhouses with sinks, shower stalls and "flushies"... Kamaji offers photography ("Shoot cameras not guns"), fishing, sea-kayaking, windsurfing, dance, drama, ceramics, ropes course in addition to the many activities previously taught...even Ye Directors are perhaps different depending on whether you were a camper pre- or post-1980, pre-1951, pre-1926...

Is Kamaji "different?" Has it "changed?" "Yes!" and "No!" depending on how you define "different" and "change". The buildings, the activities, the awards, the directors may be different however they are but "means to an end" and not the "end" itself. We think that the words (below) of different generations of Kamaji campers will convince you that the heart and soul of Kamaji remains little changed over the past 85+ years.

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"I spent my first summer at Bert and Phil's camps in 1929, I believe, at the age of 10 when the camp was called Fellowship and was located on Star Island in Cass Lake. Camp was two months long then, not a bit too long for me - - or anyone else that I knew of. Bert and Phil were wonderful camp directors and kept us busy doing all the same things that the campers are still doing. I remember especially the gorgeous tall Norway Pines, the Chinese pagoda which was close to camp and the icy water of Cass Lake. I went to Kawajiwin (on Wolf Lake) the next three summers where the cabins and everything else were much better, and there was still no plumbing and very little electricity. That was great!!!"

Written 3/1/00 by **Elaine Newby** Shepherd  
Kamaji Camper 1929-1934 from Oklahoma City, OK

"It's difficult to imagine that the lessons we learned at Kamaji and the strengths we gained are of little importance. I have such vivid memories of nearly everything we did (including tribe duties like the P.G.s and the washhouses!). . .I recall the spirit, the competition, the tearful farewells at summer's end. . .I can think of but a very few who were not captured by the Kamaji experience. My life has been full and good, but I feel that being at Kamaji helped me immeasurably in navigating life's issues and gave me values (at an impressionable age) that have endured and benefitted me."

Written 2/17/00 by **Gay Nelson Fahrner**  
Kamaji Camper 1940-1946 from Moline, IL

"I LOVED camp...I still think about it with happy memories...Bert and Phil...canoeing, counselors who were famous models and airline hostesses...botany...the color purple... swimming miles in the lake... Prell shampoo on 'wash your hair day' (in the Lake!!!)...sailing...more swimming...archery...crafts...great girls with southern accents from Tulsa..."

Written 1/12/01 by **Sue Snell Cross**  
Kamaji Camper 1946-1949 from Rochester, MN

"I have a newfound excitement for all that is Camp Kamaji. Thanks to those who put together one of the best porches that ever existed, I was about to embark upon the most fulfilling and rewarding summers of my life. I made lifelong friends, learned about myself, and how to get along with others, and gained experiences that would probably never have come my way. Being an only child, I learned how to share and respect my porchmates' space and belongings. I learned how to make my bed, set a table, rig a sailboat, pitch a tent, start a fire (without birch bark), become a leader, outfit a banana, love pancakes for dinner and gooey rolls for breakfast, deal with no electricity and no windows. I was fortunate to begin to not worry about what others thought of my curly/frizzy hair, what I wore, what I said, how stupid or goofy I acted, or about my complexion. For the first time I skied on only one kit, sailed an x-boat by myself, sailed a 40' ketch on Lake Superior, portaged a canoe in the Boundary Waters, purposefully and furiously spun around a canoe paddle to lose all coordination and either fall on my face, or run into the woods - but that was for the Iskahdays, so it was okay.

Written 8/10/00 by **Carlin Brochstein**  
Kamaji Camper/CIT 1984-1991 from Houston, TX

"The endless laughter and memories from Kamaji are priceless... Most of my friends talk about how they had their first kiss at coed camps and their development of relationships with boys. But I can say without hesitation that I wouldn't trade the bonding with my co-campers and counselors for the world. I have often recalled my Kamaji memories and wanted to return to the place that filled my childhood with endless joy and valuable lessons. However, life seems to pass by so quickly these days and I never seem to find time to breathe. Yet I still travel back in my mind and giggle about Double Dog Dares...remembering roasting marshmallows at the point, Mike's stories by the camp fire, Tribe Day...gooey rolls...the swim test, Metig songs, my paddle, etc."

As much as I would like to go back, I am hesitant that over the years the camp grounds might have changed (improved). I can recall the grounds inch by inch and I just don't think I would be able to control the tears in discovering the place I treasure has changed. Yet at the same time I can't help but wonder. . ."

Written 8/12/00 by **Mary "Rambo" Ramin**  
Kamaji camper 1989-1994 from Houston, TX

"It is so amazing to me that I have not been at camp for 5 summers and still not a day goes by that I don't think about it. Whether it be an e-mail from a camp friend, a song on the radio, or a smell in the air, something always reminds me of camp. My roommate also went to camp for many years and the two of us will frequently find ourselves engrossed in conversation comparing our camps. Often times we get competitive about it, but I know Kamaji is the best. My roommate can't believe that I spent the summer with only girls, with no lights in the cabin and that we actually had to leave the cabin to go to the bathroom ~ everything which I believe makes Kamaji such a special place."

Written 3/10/00 by **Emily Lipsitz**  
Kamaji Camper/Staff '87-'95 from St. Louis, MO

"I cannot tell you how often I think about camp; it seems like the older I get and the more I have to deal with real "grown-up" stuff, the more my mind retreats to those timeless, magical summers. The other day, I walked into a little shop in Fort Collins, CO and I just stood there. And the woman at the counter looked at me strangely because I was totally spaced out and just standing there. When she finally asked me if I wanted help, I replied, "Actually no, I just want to stand here ~ it smells like my camp." I was flooded with the memory of running into the dining hall to set tables (late as usual) and the sound of the door slamming was ringing in my ears and it was so REAL. How could it have been so long ago?!"

"I asked my Aunt Janie last summer if she still lives her life according to camp time. She laughingly knew exactly what I meant. When it is the third Thursday in June, I think to myself "I would be leaving for camp today; and then that night, I think, I would be playing John Jacob right now." On July 15<sup>th</sup>, I think "Oh no, 1<sup>st</sup> session is almost over - how sad - but not nearly as sad as August 4<sup>th</sup> when campers only have a week or so left. And on New Year's Eve, I always wish I had a candle to light."

I am getting married in June ~ which makes sense to me ~ growing up, June was always my favorite month because I got to leave for camp. I wonder if, as I walk down the aisle, I'll be thinking to myself, "Fifteen years ago this time, I was getting ready to leave for camp!"

Written 2/22/00 by **Betsy Goodman McPherson**  
Kamaji Camper/Staff '83-'91 from St. Louis, MO

### **THE CAMP KIDS' FOUNDATION**

"DIVERSITY ENRICHES CAMP KAMAJI, MIRRORS OUR WORLD, AND REFLECTS OUR FUTURE."

"I think that the [Camp Kids Foundation] was one of the best things that ever happened in my life. Camp was more than just a place to have fun and be with your friends, it was a place where I could be myself. The camp was predominantly white and despite that I was still able to fit in at the camp. It didn't matter how much money I had or where I was from, or my family's background. None of the things that matter at home mattered while I was at camp. It just matters that you were there to have fun. This camp was kind of a place where I was able to release myself and not have to worry about whether or not someone cared what I wore or how I had my hair. I think that I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to go to a camp that just allows you to be yourself. Also, I got to do things that I would never get to do at home living in the city. Though I got homesick many a times, I never really wanted to go home. Kamaji became my home away from home. Mike and Kathy, the counselors and the campers were like a big extended family that I hated leaving at the end of the session. These people became life long friends to me and they aren't just friends, they are some of my best friends. I am so happy to have gotten the opportunity to have met them."

*-Chloe Seals, 6 yr. Kamaji Camper and Camp Kids Scholarship Recipient*

In 1992 a new chapter in Camp Kamaji's history began. We formed a scholarship fund with the purpose of providing scholarships to deserving minority girls. That summer, we welcomed six girls to Kamaji. By 1995 we were offering a camp experience to about twenty girls every summer. These girls have been wonderful additions to our camp community. Many of them have returned for three, four or five summers and next summer at least three members of Kamaji's staff will be graduates of the scholarship program!

Kamaji's scholarship campers have benefitted from their camping experience in the same ways as all of our campers. They return home with a more positive self-image, meaningful and long-lasting friendships, and a sense of joy that only summer camp can bring. In addition, the scholarship campers also receive some benefits that we often take for granted. Many of these girls live in dangerous neighborhoods and camp offers them a safe and secure community during the summer. Some of the campers are exposed to the wonders of the outdoors for the very first time and have a chance to learn skills (particularly swimming and other waterfront activities) which are unavailable to them at home. Camp may also provide these girls with their first racially integrated experience. In

addition, we feel the entire Kamaji community has been enriched by having a racially diversified camp population. We are proud to have offered this opportunity to such wonderful girls.

Between the summers of 1995 and 1996 our scholarship program entered a new phase. A tax exempt charitable not-for-profit corporation, **The Camp Kids Foundation** was formed to fund scholarship campers at additional camps. (Serving on the Foundation's Board are several folks connected with Camp Kamaji including

- **Emily Ronk Zemke** (Norman, OK and San Francisco, CA '79-'90 and '90,'94,'95 & '99) ~ Emily, a former camper, counselor, administrative staff member, year-round assistant director, now administrates The Camp Kids Foundation.
- **Emily Gallop Coen** (St. Louis, MO '83-'89) ~ a former camper and counselor, Emily is now a member of the board.
- **Jill Fisher** (St. Louis, MO '88-'95) ~ former staff member and Assistant Director '92-'95 as well as mom to long-time camper Julie (St. Louis, MO '82-'95), Jill is a member of the board.
- **Judi and David Capes** ~ parents of former Kamaji campers Jodi (St. Louis, MO '87-'92) and Betsy (St. Louis, MO '86-'92,'95) both serve on the board. Judi is in charge of the board while David manages the legal/financial end of the contributions.
- **Jim Cornbleet** ~ father of former campers Amy (St. Louis, MO '87-'90) and Molly (St. Louis, MO '95-'96) is a member of the board.

Clearly, Camp Kamaji has a vested interest and commitment to this foundation as evidenced by the participation on the board by the folks listed above.)

In 2000 the Camp Kids Foundation funded **75** boys and girls who attended **seven** different private camps in the upper Midwest. Each camper attends camp for a minimum of four weeks and participating camps contribute a portion of each camper's scholarship. The goal of the Camp Kids Foundation for 2001 is to send 100 children to summer camp. All of our funding has been donated on a year-to-year basis, so we have no guarantee that we will be able to reach our goal. In order to grow or just maintain the same level of funding The Camp Kids Foundation needs your help. We invite you to contribute a gift that will allow the foundation to once again provide camping experiences to deserving children during the upcoming summer.

The average scholarship cost is \$2200, however, gifts of any size are welcome. We need your help. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, you may do so by writing a check made payable to **Camp Kids Foundation** and mailed to:

The Camp Kids' Foundation  
c/o David Capes  
Rosenblum, Goldenhersh, Silverstein and Zafft  
7733 Forsyth Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63105

If you would like to learn more about The Camp Kids Foundation, or the participants, feel free to contact us. If you would like to help us locate scholarship recipients or administer the foundation, just let us know that, too We would be delighted to talk with you.

## "OVER THE RAINBOW"

This segment of the newsletter is now redundant given that Kamaji Alum can now send messages directly through the website and the Alum Bulletin Board. Too, we received only two messages this past year to pass "over the rainbow" which suggests that the Bulletin Board is a better medium in which to post messages from one to another. Given this, we have opted to put this segment of the Kamaji Alumnae News to permanent rest. In its stead we offer...

## FAQs

Because we don't always find the time to individually answer questions posed in correspondence from alum, we thought we could answer **Frequently Asked Questions** here:

1. **Q:** Do you still yell out "Boy Oh Boy What A Day It's Been!" for camper's birthdays? (**Robyn Freeman** Pissetzky, Joliet IL '83-'86)  
**A.** Yes, for each & every camper's summer birthday, Mike still begins his 10 minute "dissertation" with the words above ~ no less than 40 times (conservative estimate at best) a summer!!!

2. **Q.** Do you happen to remember a little, gap-toothed, blond that answered to Rambo? Do you still give campers nicknames such as you gave me? (**Mary Ramin**, Houston, TX '89-'94)  
**A.** Yes "Rambo", we have campers/alum nicknamed "Shiner", "Fred", "The Big Geshig", "Schmarcus", "Schmorriss", "Mendel", "Little Mendel", "Sherrif", "LaLar", "Hinks" & "Tinks", "Kitten", "Ike", "George" and "Zeus" to name but a few.
3. **Q.** Do you still have Tribe Day and the Tribal Councils with their Chiefs? (**Anonymous** '74-'76)  
**A.** Yes, we still have Tribe Day, Tribes (Ishkaday, Waubun, Mundahmin, Metig, Geshig and Nanahtahga) and Tribe Leaders. (P.S. You can stop by and visit Kamaji anytime you are in the area ~ or whenever for that matter!)
4. **Q.** Do they still wear white on Sundays? (**Carol Hansen** Carlson, Quad Cities, IL '73-'80)  
**A.** Yes, but only for evening services. We also wear white to the final banquet and Candlelight O'Naug She Nodin.
5. **Q.** When you get a chance, could you send me a copy of the songbook? (**Susie Anderson** Wilson, Salina, KS '83-'95)  
**A.** Yes, we're happy to download a copy of the most recent Kamaji songbook (version 1995) to you via an email address (as the songbook is far too much to print out and snail mail). Can you send us your email address? (P.S. The songbook does not contain every single song ever sang at Kamaji in its 85+ year history, however, many of the "old" songs are still sung at camp.)
6. **A.** I do not know if you remember me, however I was a camper at Kamaji in the 80s? My maiden name is Claire Weiss.  
**(Claire Weiss** Millsap, Toledo, OH and Boulder, CO '82-'87)  
**Q.** The Claire Weiss from Toledo, OH who was the smallest Metig camper ever? The Claire Weiss who every older camper and staff member loved to pick up and carry around camp because she was so cute? The Claire Weiss who Roger Riley would hoist onto his shoulders as she sang the Toledo, OH song alone? Nope, sorry ~ don't remember her!
7. **Q.** Any chance you could use a physician or nurse 2nd session this summer? (**Shel Overholt**, McPherson, KS '79-'82)  
**A.** Absolutely, we would love to have you!!! (Shel is spending second session 2001 at Kamaji as Camp Doc, Camp Nurse, canoeing instructor, etc.)
8. **Q.** Looking forward to our next big Alum Reunion ala St. Louis a few years ago. But as Kathy J said then ~ the next one is "on us"...anyone out there willing to organize? Witter.~ we MISSED the next Labor Day...by just four years! Time to start planning our next big event ~ Come on girls, we're not getting any younger!" (**Kathy Larsen**, staff, Wichita, KS '72-'77).  
**A.** Can't answer that one! Any alum out there with the answer please contact Kathy Larson at [KAT1953@aol.com](mailto:KAT1953@aol.com).
8. **Q.** Can you tell me the password for the Alum Bulletin Board? I can't for the life of me (speaks to how old I am!) remember what we called the outhouses! (Anonymous Kamaji Alum)  
**A.** Any of the following variations will admit you to the board: PG, pg, PGS, pgs, Pg, Pgs  
(Please don't ask us what PG stands for as we're clueless!)

## NEWSWORTHY HAPPENINGS

This header lists prior years' life events (i.e., marriage, birth of children/grandchildren). We would like to congratulate the following Kamaji Alum who recently found their lifestyles changed:

"**WEDDING BELL ~ CONGRATULATIONS!!!**" to...

**Leah Fredman** (St. Louis, MO '84-'93) on her November 25, 2000 wedding to Matt Irvin.

**Betsy Goodman** (St. Louis, MO '83-'91) on her June 10, 2000 wedding to Brannon McPherson.

**Jennifer Gerson** (San Antonio, TX '88-'93) on her May 20, 1999 wedding to high school sweetheart Mark Eichelbaum.

**Kathleen Donahoe** (Mission Hills, KS '76-'79) on her July 2000 wedding to Jeffrey Robert Wright.

**Kim Hyman** (Englewood, CO '83-'91) on her September 3, 2000 wedding to Jason Brown.

**Tamara Inks** (Topeka, KS '80-'89) on her September 16, 2000 wedding to Chad Kendall Markham.

**Trina Solano** (camper/staff Rochester, MN '85-'89) on her October 27, 2000 wedding to James Thomas Adams.

**Lee Birch** (Kamaji trip leader Ames, IA '91-'95) on his September 9, 2000 wedding to Jodi Marie Nielson.

We wish all of you a lifetime of love, happiness, good health and LOTS of daughters!!!!!!!

“PITTER PATTER OF LITTLE FEET ~ CONGRATULATIONS!!!” to...

**Lauren Schreiber Brown** (Highland Park, IL '81-'82) and her husband Jeff on the October 19, 1999 birth of son Zachary.

**Mary Sewell Charity** (Topeka, KS '76-'81) and her husband James on the March 24, 1999 birth of son Cameron.

**Cari Hyman Dawson** (Englewood, CO '82-'85) and her husband on the June 24, 2000 birth of son Parker.

**Sharon Miller Remis** (St. Louis, MO '81-'87) and her husband William on the February 16, 2000 birth of son Benjamin.

**Lisa Lala Harris** (Kansas City, KS '84-'87) and her husband on the April 3, 2000 birth of daughter Gigi. Proud grandmom is Kamaji alum

**Susan Dart Lala** (Belleville, KS '59-'64).

**Stephanie Kaplan Scheimer** (Aurora, CO '85-'90) and her husband Scott on the April 27, 2000 birth of son Noah.

**Heidi Greenberg Powell** (Northbrook, IL '88-'90,'93,'95) and her husband Trevor on the July 29, 2000 birth of daughter Madison.

**Hilary Mills Lindsey** (Hutchinson, KS '84-'87) and her husband Troy on the April 6, 1999 birth of twin daughters Nathalie and Allabelle.

**Jennifer Kroll** (Wisconsin Rapids & Madison, WI '87-'90) and her husband Kirk Bromley on the March 23, 2000 birth of daughter Lorelie Fern.

**Claire Weiss Millsap** (Toledo, OH & Boulder, CO '82-'87) and her husband Thad on the November 26, 1999 birth of their son Jacob.

**Susan Carpenter** (St. Louis, MO '75-'82) and her husband Jeffrey Moore on the September 4, 2000 birth of their daughter Sara.

**Brooke Everett Hansen** (Hutchinson, KS '87-'89) and her husband Bradley on the September 2000 birth of son Brandon (who joins 6 year old brother Zane).

**Ruth Anne Ronk** (Norman, OK & San Francisco, CA '82-'92, '95) on the July 8, 2000 birth of daughter Olivia.

## OTHER NEWSWORTHY EVENTS

“Congrats!” to **MJ Catanese** (Wichita, KS '88-'96) on placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in her age group (3 hours/19 minutes) in the Tucson Marathon on December 3, 2000 which qualifies her for the Boston Marathon.

“Congrats!” to **Dave TenEyck** (Cass Lake, MN '85-'86 - ski instructor and mayor of “Cubeville”) on his appointment to the District Court Bench by Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura.

“Way to go!” to longtime camp and Rochester, MN friends **Martha Clagett** Lussenhopp ('55,'60), **Susie Burchell** Profeta ('55-'57,'62-'63), **Jane Logan** Barnard (yrs?), **Bev Henderson** Nelson (yrs ?), **Judy Miller** Halnon ('55), **Linda Masson** Kastendick and **Eloise Holman** Zelk (yrs ?) who have “reunited” many times over the past half-century since they were first at Kamaji!

## IT'S A SMALL, SMALL WORLD!!!

This column tells of chance meetings between Kamaji folks when/where least expected:

☉ “I was walking through the St. Louis Galleria and heard my name. I looked back and it was **Jim Mondl** (Kamaji trip leader '86) whom I hadn't seen in about 12 years! And even more weird, I went to a high school basketball game about a month later, looked over and there was **Loralee Hosely Mondl** (Kamaji counselor '85,'86)! Loralee is a teacher and girls' basketball coach at Marquette (MO) High School and Jim is a lawyer with his own firm in Illinois.” **LEAH FREDMAN** Irving, St. Louis, MO '84-'93)

☉ **Loralee Hoesly Mondl** (Kamaji counselor '85-'86) discovered that one of her favorite co-teachers at Marquette High School is none other than **Jared Reed** (staff '92-'96,'98).

☉ “Last year during my school's 10th/11th grade weeklong trip to the mountains of Santa Cruz, it was my birthday (coincidentally) and we were all divided into tribes ~ my tribe was on kitchen duty after a spaghetti night, so as you can imagine, it was not the best birthday. But over dishes, I randomly asked the roomful of 10 or so others if anyone knew of any camp songs ~ and one of my students burst out with Kamaji tunes ~ within moments, I realized that my student, **Ashley Carter** (Los Angeles, CA '92-'94) ~ who was a cute little Hartchery-ite my last year at Kamaji, when I was a Pine Manor counselor!!! Ashley is a high school senior now and is a wonderful, brilliant young woman. We bonded over dishes that night, belting out camp songs (we were also both Geshigs ~ and ended up in the same “tribe” on this school trip too!) and it turned out to be a terrific birthday!!!” **LIZA BEARMAN** (Santa Monica, CA staff '87,'89,'92).

☉ “Last semester while studying in Spain I...was on the beach in Marabella with some friends on a weekend trip. When I walked into our hotel, I saw a group of American girls, one of whom looked suspiciously familiar. Thinking only that I thought EVERY AMERICAN who I met along the way was a familiar face, I dismissed it. Later that day, I saw the same girl with her friends

and she smiled at me ~ the sort of smile that American college kids on a semester abroad always share with each other, whether or not they know each other. The next day, while playing on the beach with my friends, we saw this group of American students again and ended up talking with them. It took a few minutes of conversation and a couple of long stares before both of us said, practically in unison, “Did you go to Kamaji?” It was none other than **Nora Semel** (Glencoe, IL '89-'92), an old friend from many old Kami days past. Suffice it to say, it turned a good weekend into a great one! It's amazing ~ I always notice that the bigger my world gets, the smaller it actually becomes!”

**HEIDI PADAWER** (St. Louis, MO '89-'95)

☉ “While studying abroad in Spain last year, I was on a weekend trip in Marabella. I was relaxing on the beach when a girl came up to me and asked to borrow something. I looked at her and I instantly knew it was **Heidi Padawer** (St. Louis, MO '89-'95). We had lived together in Cabin 1/Porch 1 ~ I believe the year was 1990. The next weekend I visited Madrid where Heidi was studying; we ran into each other again and she ended up showing my friends and me a very wonderful time out in that city.” **NORA SEMEL** (Glencoe, IL '89-'92).

☉ “My co-worker gets this email from a friend that he thinks is hilarious so he forwards it to me. . .and it's from **Betsy Pekin** (Glencoe, IL '87-'93)! Turns out she also works on Capitol Hill; and **Laura Bronner** (Highland Park, IL '87-'92) and **Leigh Seligman** (Louisville, KY '87-'93) are working in DC too! How funny!! (P.S. I am in a casino in Nassau, Bahamas, of all places and I hear “Simone????” and who is there but **Michele and Genevieve Nisenboim** (Highland Park, IL '90s).” **SIMONE KIERSKY** (Memphis, TN '86-'91)

☉ “Last summer I went on an outward bound-type trip with American's Adventures without knowing another single person. When I got to the airport and met my camping group, I started talking to one of the girls. It turns out she ALSO went to Kamaji; her name is **Lucy Melcher** (England and Chicago, IL '93-'97). We never met at Kamaji because I always went first session and she always went second. But she had heard of me and we knew many of the same people. I thought this was amazing!” **KAT MARTIN** (Milwaukee, WI '94-'96)

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We have a wealth of email addresses for Kamaji alum ~ and anticipate that we will receive via Kamaji's website many more once this newsletter arrives. We are happy to provide any email (and snail mail) addresses upon request. (If there is any alum out there who would prefer not to have us give out their addresses, phone numbers, etc. please let us know. Thanks!)

## DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE CAN FIND. . .

We've got a long list of “missing” alum and would appreciate it if you would carefully look over the list. Should you know the whereabouts of any listed, please pass their names and addresses onto us here at Kamaji. If you have access to the internet, please go to camp's website at [www.kamaji.com](http://www.kamaji.com) & on the Alum page you will find a form that you can complete with info for any of the alum listed below.

Okay here goes ~ (names in parenthesis are married name of person):

Trina Abraham, Beth Abrahams, Susanne Addoms, Leen Al-Bassam, Perri and Sarah Al-Rahim, Harriet Allen, Kathy Allen, Vanessa Allen (Woodriff), Patricia Alvarez, Mercedes Amador, Laura Anderson, Betty Atkins (Morrison), Sophie Auge, Emily Ayars...

Cara Baker, Katherine Baker, Majorie Baker, Elizabeth Barbatelli, Janie Barhydt (Foltz), Georgie Barnes, Buffy Barnes (Nichols), Laura Baron, Jennifer Batchelder, Barbara Baumgartner (Brown), Julie Beall, Debra Bean (Ciriani), Ellie Behrstock, Laura Bell, Emily Berg, Patty Berigan, Gail Berry (Bevan), Allison Bevan, Lisa Bischoff, Andrea Bloch, Bonnie Boyes, Julie Bradbury (Miller), Lisa Bradbury (Schreiber), Jennifer Bradford, Shannon Brennan, Nancy Briles, Joan Bulley, Julie Burka...

Amy Callen, Corby Campbell (Shields), June Anne Chalfant, Mary Chapman, Christelle Collins, Laura Collins, Julie Creveling, Virginia Crosby (Whittier), Gretchen Crowe, Judy Cutler (McGoohan)...

Joan Daunt (Jenkins), Paige Davis, Sarah Davis, Ronnie Denny (Seel), Barbie Douglass (Dalton), Becca Dragon, Barbara Dunham...

Barb Eagle, Buzzy Eagle (LeCluyse), Jenny and Stephanie Ellis, Amy Epstein, Emily Erb (Wadden), Rebecca Erickson, Serena Evenstad (Warren)...

Karen Fayman (Leiker), Janey Fayner (Kernes), Darrah Feldman, Jessica Feldman, Margie Fox, Sarah Fox, Robyn Freeman, Karen Freer...

Mary Giffen, Jennifer Gifford (Satterfield), Jo Giwosky, Julie Giwosky, Jessica Greene, Megan Gregoire, Julie Grider, Liz Guerrero, Maria Guerrero, Barbara Gundaker, Suzanne Gundaker...

Karen Haley (Bettis), Sarah Hart, Smithey Hashagen, Rachel Hauser, Cindy Hayes, Tara Hefty, Beth Heiser (Ensore), Carol Henry (Mackey), Melissa Hillen, Susan Hirsch, Diane Hirschberg (Lea), Windy Hodges, Kerry Hogan, Bette Holbrook, Denise Hull...

Jody Jacobs, Jean Jobe, Becca Johnson, Brooke Johnson, Ann Jones, Molly Jones, Betsy Jones (Schellhourn), Jenny Jordan (Hejtmanek)...

Jennie Kahn, "Bugs" Keller, Laurie King, Tracy Kondla, Molly Krueger...

Ann Lackey, Sarah Lane (Starrett), Nicole LaTessa, Nechy Leny, Nicole Levine, Mary "Tat" Litton (Haukeness), Jennifer Lofgren, Nancy Loftus (Devine), Margie Lowe (Francie), Ann Lowen (Brown), Teresa Lucas...

Laura Maetzold, Julie Markowitz, Sunny Marshall, Gilah Mashaal, Drew McDonnell, Megan McDonough, Kelly McKinnell, Julie Medina, Laura, Lesley and Melissa Merrick, Libby Meyer, Lorna Miller (Seaman), Amanda Moore, Rachel More, Laura Morrissey, Courtney Murphey...

Laurie and Marcy Nehman, Marth Neimeyer (Gart), Pam Netzky, Becca Neusteter...

Sally Odell...Carol Orthwein (Weaver), Betty Jeanne Oseid...

Margaret Papen (Hollister), Karen Patterson (Kuzminsaks), Jill and Marcy Paulsen, Betsy Pearman (Warner), Peggy Peden, Lily Peter, Lauren Phillips, Becky Plough, Kathy Powell, Laura Precourt (Howell)...

Lee Randall (Jones), Judy Randall (Shealy), Katie Reasor, Katie Richards, Susie Rogers, Cori Roth, Sylvia Rothwell (Lyon), Alice Ruth, Maggie Ruth, Hilary Ryan...

Diane Savage, Chrissy Saylor, Sarah Scannell (Hyde), Alexis Schaeffer, Lara Schiller, Sarah Schulte (Ronne), Jessica Shultz, Wendy Schwab, Leslie Selzer, Traci Sewright, Allison Shankman, Mary Shaw (Wilford), Mary Ann Shearer, Jamie Shearer (Calhoun), Molly Shearer (Bragg Lackay), Robyn Shelton (Barnes), Lynne Sheridan, Risa Siegel, Laurie Sinclair, Carol Sloan, Nancy Sloan, Holly Smith, Kelly Smith, Martha Smith, Susan Smith, Dacia Snyder, Lindsey Specktor, Stacy Stamper, Judy Stanfield (Krebs), Tracy Stanfield (Mecum), Betsy Stauffer (Leonard), Laura Steinbrink, Dana Stephan, Brooks Stephenson, Becky Stevens, Jennifer Stevens, Helen Stoney (Wilson), Anne Sundberg...

Diana Thompson, Una Thurston (Bailey), Cara Towey, Christine Towey, Kim Tracy...

Debbie Usinger...

Jean Wahlberg, Susie Walker (Hopkins), Emily Wasko, Marne Wasko, Christine Weidman, Christy Weis (Carnahan), Christy Weis (O'Neal), Naomi Werner, Rachel Werner, Mary Whittier (Sims), Julie Wigdale, Jenny Wigdale (Mahoney), Theresa Wilden (Everett), Camille Williams, Nancy Williams (Elliot), Carolyn Wilson, Coreen Wilson, Jackie Wilson, Susie Wilson...

Jo Yeoman, Lily York, Joanna Young, Megan Young...

Gail Zimmer and Wendy Zimmerman!

Whew, that's some list! Believe it or not, we did have, at one time, current addresses for all those listed above, but many moved and their mail forwarding orders expired and they forgot to send Kamaji a change-of-address notice. This list does not include names of alum that we never had to begin with!!!

We urge you to please take the time to send us the names and addresses of anyone you know who went to Kamaji. Again, don't assume just because they are not listed above, that we have every one else's current info. It's likely that our current correct database barely scratches the surface of former Kamaji campers. In the last week, I received a phone call from an alum ~ Sally Sandburg (Wood) ~ inquiring about camp for her daughter Emma (who has since enrolled); Sally had not been on our alumnae mailing list - she is now!!! So please, please help us out...to reconnect Kamaji with its alumnae! Thank you so very much!!!!!!

And remember, if you're trying to track down the whereabouts of one or two of your camp friends, you can always write us and we'd be happy to provide you with the most recent address(es) if we have them in our database.

## **SECOND/THIRD GENERATION KAMAJIANs**

Below is a listing of '00 campers and staff members whose moms were one-time Kamaji campers:

| <b><u>Camper/Staff* Name</u></b> | <b><u>Mom's Maiden Name/<br/>Hometown &amp; Years While @ Kamaji</u></b>     |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Natalia Baker                    | TRINA SOLANO<br>(Rochester, MN '85-'89)                                      |
| Krysten Barns<br>Jessica Brennan | PAM PAINTER Barnes (?)<br>NANCY RICHARDSON Brennan<br>(Wahpeton, ND '66-'70) |
| Caitlin Brown                    | MARY-DOUG SCANNELL Brown<br>(Milwaukee, WI '67-'76)                          |
| Marie Brown                      | MARY-DOUG SCANNELL Brown<br>(Milwaukee, WI '67-'76)                          |
| Emma Butterfield                 | SALLY SNELL Butterfield<br>(Covina, CA '60-'65)                              |
| Emily Cheng                      | MARTHA SUTHERLAND<br>(Shawnee Mission, KS '69-'72)                           |
| Claire Cox                       | NANCY MORRIS Cox<br>(staff '75 - Kansas University)                          |
| Laura Demarest                   | AMY SANFILIPPO Demarest<br>(Edina, MN '66-'74)                               |
| Sarah Demarest                   | AMY SANFILIPPO Demarest<br>(Edina, MN '66-'74)                               |
| Meredith Fifer                   | SARAH SAVAGE<br>(Tulsa, OK '63-'72)                                          |
| Christal Hannigan                | ROBIN TAGGART Hannigan<br>(Topeka, KS '70-'80)                               |
| Kelly Hanrahan                   | KIM HESS Hanrahan<br>(McPherson, KS '60-'75)                                 |
| Molly Hanrahan                   | KIM HESS Hanrahan<br>(McPherson, KS '60-'75)                                 |
| Anna Kaufman                     | KATIE MASTIO Kaufman<br>(Wichita, KS '65-'66)                                |
| Molly Kaufman                    | KATIE MASTIO Kaufman<br>(Wichita, KS '65-'66)                                |
| Polly Lindon                     | PAM FRENZEL Lindon<br>(Minneapolis, MN '66-'74)                              |
| Julia Monke                      | SARAH SANFILIPPO Monke<br>(Edina, MN '65-'67)                                |
| Ashlee Moore                     | LINDA KOSS Moore<br>(Milwaukee, WI yrs ?)                                    |
| Caroline Owen                    | GINGER MCCORD Owen<br>(Kansas City '65-'72)                                  |
| Maggie Reeds                     | CINDY JATRAS<br>(Tulsa, OK '67-'74)                                          |
| Jennie Snell                     | HATTIE MAYO Snell<br>(Covina, CA '60-'64)                                    |
| Helen Wilbur*                    | JANIE BURCHELL Wilbur<br>(Minneapolis, MN '?)                                |

In addition, several nieces/granddaughters whose aunts or grandmothers attended Kamaji were also at camp in '00:

| <b><u>Camper/Staff* Name</u></b>                                    | <b><u>Alum's Maiden Name - relationship/<br/>Hometown &amp; Years While @ Kamaji</u></b>                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Emma Butterfield}                                                   | SUSAN SNELL Butterfield Cross - greataunt<br>(Rochester, MN '46-'49)<br>HATTIE MAYO SNELL - aunt<br>(Covina, CA '60-'64)                                                   |
| Sarah Koss                                                          | LINDA KOSS Moore - aunt<br>(Milwaukee, WI )                                                                                                                                |
| Ann Marie Johnston*}                                                | JO ANNE OLIVER Posey - aunt<br>(Sallisaw, OK 50s)                                                                                                                          |
| Margie Johnston}                                                    | KAYE OLIVER Ronk - aunt<br>(Sallisaw, OK '57-'61)                                                                                                                          |
| Cally Mastio*                                                       | ANN MASTIO Bauer - aunt<br>(Wichita, KS '62)<br>KATIE MASTIO Kaufman - aunt<br>(Wichita, KS '65-'66)                                                                       |
| Allison Murphy}<br>Dana Murphy}<br>Lauren Murphy}<br>Emily Orthwein | Allison, Dana & Lauren have 3 aunts -<br>the MURPHY sisters from Milwaukee, WI -<br>all of whom were Kamaji campers<br>DOTSY ORTHWEIN Zirkle - aunt<br>(Tulsa, OK '61-'66) |

**Camper/Staff\* Name Alum's Maiden Name - relationship/  
Hometown & Years While @ Kamaji**

Lizzie Smidt CAROL HINSHAW Swift - aunt  
(Wichita, KS ?)  
NANCY LOVE Cox - grandmother  
(Wichita, KS '36-'38)

Jenny Snell} SUSAN SNELL Butterfield Cross - greataunt  
(Rochester, MN '46-'49)

Claire Cox CAROL HINSHAW Swift - aunt  
(Wichita, KS ?)  
NANCY LOVE Cox - grandmother  
(Wichita, KS '36-'38)

Many of the above-listed campers/staff will be returning to Kamaji for the 2001 season. Additionally, the girls listed below are daughters/granddaughters/nieces of former campers and will attend Kamaji in 2001:

**Camper/Staff\* Name Alum's Maiden Name - relationship/  
Hometown & Years While @ Kamaji**

Bonnie Duffield CINDY JATRAS - mom  
(Tulsa, OK '67-'74)

Lucy Evans ELIZABETH EVANS - mom  
(Rock Island, IL '69-'74)

Elizabeth Heddens SUSAN HEDDENS - aunt  
(Kansas City, KS '69-'70)

Catherine Ward DEBBIE BARNES Ward - mom  
(Kansas City '76-'78)

Emma Wood SALLY SANDBERG Wood - mom  
(Kenilworth, IL '67)

As evidenced by the names above, Kamaji is still the camp of choice with several of its former campers. And this list does not even include those alum who have sent their daughters to Kamaji over the last 21 years since we became directors. We are only too happy to provide a camping experience that is uniquely Kamaji to the daughters, granddaughters, nieces and/or grandnieces of former campers in hopes that they will enjoy, as did their moms, grandmothers, aunts and great aunts before them, all that Kamaji has to offer. If you are interested in getting on Kamaji's prospective camper list for your daughter, niece or granddaughter, please let us know.

**ALUM QUESTIONNAIRE**

**★★ WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE TRACK OF YOU ★★**

To that end, we are urging you to take the time **now** to get in touch with us to update your name/address/phone/email address/etc. ~ you can do that one of several ways:

- ★ You can complete the Alum Questionnaire Form below and "snail-mail" via the US Post Office to us; OR
- ★ You can fax the form to us at (314) 721-5309; OR
- ★ You can go on-line and e-mail us at **Kamaji1@aol.com**; OR
- ★ You can e-mail us from the Alumnae page of the website; OR
- ★ You can e-mail us from the Home page by clicking on **info@kamaji.com**; OR
- ★ You can go to Alumnae Page and click on button that reads "News about Me" and fill that form out and, when complete, click on the **Submit Form** button at the end of form.

We would also really appreciate it if you would take the time to send us the complete names and current addresses of other Kamaji alum ~ please don't assume that we have your sister's or your mother's or your aunt's addresses; in fact, don't assume we have your address! Just provide us with as much information as you possibly can so that we can reach as many Kamaji alum as we can! Thank you so much!

**IN CLOSING. . .**

This brings us to the end of our 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Kamaji Alumnae News. As always, our alumnae are very important to us. There is a lot of loyalty and goodwill out there which we'd very much like to keep alive. We look forward to hearing from you via the US Post Office or our new website at [www.kamaji.com](http://www.kamaji.com) - or better yet - in person up on the shores of Big Wolf Lake.

Campingly yours,

*Kathy & Mike Jay*

The following is the most up-to-date information for the Kamaji Alumni News Database and Alumni Directory: (please print or type)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Maiden (Camp Nickname if Applicable) Last

LEGAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Apt. #  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Zip Code

HOME PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Area Code) Please print legibly

CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Birthdate (M-D-Y) Attended Kamaji (Y/N)? If Y, list years and tribe  
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YEARS YOU ATTENDED KAMAJI: 19\_\_\_\_ to 19\_\_\_\_

HOMETOWN WHILE ATTENDING KAMAJI: \_\_\_\_\_ KAMAJI TRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town, State

Please attach a separate sheet with the following to this form:

1. BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: For future issues of the Alum Directory we would like to have a brief current biographical sketch on each - include education, career, family, interests, etc. Please attach a separate sheet with this information to this form.
2. Please include any "NEWSWORTHY HAPPENINGS" including marriages and births as well as any "It's a Small, Small World" encounters for inclusion in the next issue of the Kamaji Alumnae News.
3. Send Names of any and all Kamaji Alum whose whereabouts you know. Include current address, phone, etc. Reminder: We do not always have relatives' names on our database so assume we know no one's whereabouts but yours! Thanks!
4. Send the names/addresses/phone numbers of anyone you think might like to receive camper information about Kamaji as well as the names/addresses/phone numbers of any one you think might be interested in receiving an informational packet about employment at Camp Kamaji. Again thanks!

PLEASE MAIL TO: CAMP KAMAJI FOR GIRLS, Attn: Kathy and Mike Jay, 7436 Byron Place, St. Louis, MO 63105