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CHILDHOOD

Shadows, mem'ries, lingering laughter.
Reach out, touch me, half my life after.
Glimpses, moments, smiling inside me.
Spirits that guide me back to the days of childhood...

Echoes, whispers, I can still hear them.
Something makes me long to be near them.
Places, faces, dreams I'd forgotten.
Dreams that had gotten lost in the days of childhood...

Many mem'ries come and go.
Where they come from, who can know?
Try rememb'ring in your heart;
You will start to see the picture...

Picture childhood... summer and sunshine.
Take your mem'ries, make every one shine.
Cherish childhood as ev'ry child should.
Gather the golden moments the way
a care free child would.
And when the world's asleep,
Childhood's the dream you'll dream, and keep!

RECAPPING THE SUMMER OF 2002

Unlike 2001 when we experienced day-after-day of hot & dry, hot & dry, hot & dry weather conditions, the summer of 2002 had a taste of three seasons. We started out the first days of camp in mid-June with spring-like temps ~ with a rapid warming trend into full blown summer ~ followed at the end of second session in mid-August with fall-like weather. In retrospect, temps more-or-less consistently hovered around the low 80s°F mark save for the very beginning and end of the camp season. Rainfall was normal; however when it rained, it poured(☔) but never to where it dampened anyone's spirits. Of course, the mosquitoes were rampant given the rain...but then, again, what would one expect in Minnesota??!! As always, the campers', the staff members' and even Ye Directors' spirits, enthusiasm, energy level, spontaneity never diminished. As always, everyone made the best of every single moment of every single day.

Camper-wise, our numbers evened out with 163 first session campers and 162 second session campers ~ in spite of our best efforts to keep enrollment to 150 campers per session. Of the total camper enrollment, we had a whopping 52 campers who were 5+ year veterans of Camp Kamaji. And, of our 89 total staff members (including Ye Directors, 4 CITs and our week-to-week camp doctors), 26 had been at Kamaji a minimum of 5 summers. Ye Directors spent our 23rd summer at Kamaji. Five of our camp physicians also marked milestone summers at Kamaji ~ one with five years, three with six and one with 11 summers at Kamaji!! We gave out a total of 28 commemorative paddles to campers and staff who were spending their fifth summer at Kamaji.

YE DIRECTORS' COMMENTS



KAMAJI

in the upper left hand of the envelope...What emotional response, if any, did seeing the familiar logo elicit from you?? For some of you ~ this is quite possibly the first time you've received a mailing from

Kamaji in a long while; for others, it may be one of many you've received yearly for well over a decade; for others still, it may have been but a few summers since you last left your footprints on the paths of Kamaji. Regardless ~ it is our hope that this mailing will jar loose childhood memories of your summer days at Kamaji...and that you'll be carried back to the shores of Wolf Lake. I encourage you to take some quiet time to return to the summer place of your childhood and reminisce of childhood days...summer and sunshine!

We did not add any new activities to our instructional program and, instead, chose to teach well those programs already in place. We did add two new X-boats to our existing sailing fleet (for a combined total of 12 x-boats, Barnetts and a C-scow). Outside of the usual activity expendable supplies, we did little purchasing as activities are really in good shape ~ in fact, it's a bit staggering when one considers just how much activity equipment Kamaji has!



ALL-CAMP PHOTO 1920S

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RECAPPING THE SUMMER OF 2002 (cont'd)

Structurally, Kamaji was in equally great shape so little had to be done in terms of big project renovations or new construction. Our year-round caretaker Joe Drake (who has now been at Kamaji year 'round for 12 years!!!) did reconfigure the parking lot to accommodate an ever-increasing fleet of staff vehicles as well as camp vans. This is part of our five year plan to beautify the road into camp and leave visitors a first time "WOW" impression once they leave their cars and walk into camp. As part of this plan, Joe also designed and built a new welcoming sign to camp as well as all-new camp signs directing vehicle and foot traffic. Additionally, Joe added onto an existing administrative staff housing. And, on an even greater scale, Joe built a stairway leading down the path from the Nutshell Cabin to the Yacht Club (sailing marina) ~ no small feat as evidenced by the picture to the upper right!

Overall, the summer of 2002 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.

STAIRWAY FROM
NUTSHELL TO
WATERFRONT



1932 KAMAJI POSTCARD
CABIN 5 BRIDGE



NEW CABIN 5 BRIDGE

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2003

It's been an up-and-down recruiting season in terms of camper enrollments for 2003. By December 2002, we were well over over-filled with 172 campers already enrolled for second session ~ 26 of those were former first session campers who, for no consistent reason, made the switch from 2002's first session to 2003's second session. Of course, that left us not only with 22 more campers than the 150 we try to maintain each session, but also with a gapping deficit first session!! And then in January we were besieged with a number of cancellations bringing our second session enrollment to a manageable number of 165 campers; while our first session enrollment dropped to only 130 campers as this newsletter goes to print. What's crazy about this all is that of all 2002 campers eligible to be campers in '03, only 59 are not returning which accounts for 19% of our 2002 campers not returning. So our camper return rate still exceeds 80% which is **fantastic** and consistent with the camper return rate percentage of the last several years. What's not-so-fantastic is that our session's enrollments are lopsided, to say the least. What does this mean for us?? It means we are still actively recruiting first session campers!!! And will continue to do so from now right up until the summer. Remember, enrollment is 100% dependent upon word-of-mouth referrals and, as always, we are seeking the names of interested camp families from our current and past camp families as well as alumnae. So if you know of any prospective campers and their families please spread the word about Kamaji!! 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 2003 as well as in future summers. And, as always, we thank you for your continued loyalty and support!

Staff-hiring has been, in a word, EASY! We have a large return rate of counselors who have worked with us in past summers; of those the majority are former Kamaji campers!! As of today, we only have 8 cabin counselor positions left to fill. On the down-side we lost some very long-term administrative staff to "real" jobs, love, etc...As you can well imagine, it helps to have long-time adult Kamaji staff "grow" into the admin positions. So, in addition, to cabin counselors

who can teach windsurfing(!), arts, canoeing/kayaking, tennis, fishing or photography, we also need a Riding Director, a Waterfront Director, Unit Leaders and a Program Director. So, if any of you, would like to be considered for a live-in, full-of-perks (own cabin, three great meals daily ~ that you neither have to make nor clean up after!), out-of-doors in an amazingly beautiful lakeside setting in Northern Minnesota job, you know where to apply!! All kidding aside, we depend upon word-of-mouth staff referrals so, again, if you or someone you know might be interested in working at Kamaji this upcoming summer, please let us know! Thanks!

Physically, Kamaji is in great shape at the moment. We don't really have any structural needs in mind ~ at least for the short term. Of course, down-the-road we envision building additional staff housing, tackling our always-in-renovation-mode camp kitchen, constructing additional storage buildings, replacing Club Med with a state-of-the-art health center (in my dreams given the breadth and scope of that facility!!), adding another tennis court, etc., etc., etc. Of course, those are fantasies of mine ~ I can always dream, right??!! Reality-wise, there truly is little that needs to be done in the immediate future outside of replacing the front office decking, continued long-term landscaping plans, and to-be-expected repair and maintenance tasks. To keep Joe busy this winter, we gave him the daunting task of replacing the Cabin 5 bridge which collapsed at least 15 years ago. Joe rose to the challenge ~ as evidenced by the picture center above. Not exactly an exact replica of the one that once stood between Cabins 4 and 5, but definitely a bridge that defies nature...and will be left standing during this century. Program-wise, we continue to improve on what we offer.

Those are our immediate plans for the summer of 2003. Of course, as the season approaches, we often find our list of "Things to Do" growing 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 for the next 90 seasons as it has the past 90!

CLASSIFIEDS - JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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 23+ years of Kamaji experience that the "best" camp staff are those who were once campers themselves. It is those former campers who remember their favorite (and least favorite) counselors and why they were favored (or not!); 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 in 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. (If you want affirmation of this, check in with Judy WELCH Meisner (Minneapolis, MN 1970's) and Shel OVERHOLT (McPherson, KS '79-'82), two former campers now Kamaji "docs"!)

JOINING YE DIRECTORS...

...to Kamaji's year-round staff line-up as Assistant Director is ADDIE FAULDS. Addie has worked summers in Kamaji's office as an Administrative Assistant. While Addie was never a Kamaji camper and/or cabin counselor, she brings a lot of energy, enthusiasm and computer know-how to her job. Addie is working closely with us on Kamaji's day-to-day camp doings at our winter office including qualifying camper and staff prospects, liaison work between camp and both camp families and staff during the off-season, as well as a vast array of other never-ending tasks that truly do envelope all us during camp's off-season. You can contact Addie by emailing her directly at addie@kamaji.com.



(P.S. Our much beloved Cally Mastio (Wichita, KS '88-'02), our immediate past year-round assistant director, has found true love and has moved to Atlanta, GA where she is working as a corporate recruiter for the Robert Half Company. You can email Cally at callymastio@aol.com.)

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If you haven't done so yet, you absolutely **must** check out Kamaji's website at www.kamaji.com.

The newest "feature" on the Kamaji website is a "virtual tour." Please join us by taking a tour around camp ~ no doubt you will be pleasantly surprised. With the exception of the expanded dining hall and the addition of "Natalie's porch" on the lake-side of the Main Lodge, truly very little at Kamaji has physically changed. (Wait, that's not entirely true: if you ever went horseback riding, you'll notice the new stables and ring area. And to be sure there are a few new cabins and activity buildings as well as washhouses...which don't show up on the tour.) For certain, you will note while taking the tour that camp pretty much looks the same ~ **and** the trees are just as tall as ever!!

Too, definitely plan on visiting the Alum Bulletin Board and leaving a message. Please include your full name (including maiden name if you are now married) and years you 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 info@kamaji.com and we will provide you with the correct password). Finally, 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!



CAPE COD SAILBOAT 1934



PREPPING BED ROLLS '40S

KAMAJI'S ARCHIVES

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of several Kamaji alum, our archives now boast pictures of camp dating back to its days on Star Island. In fact, we have received so many pictures pulled from former camper's "old" Kamaji scrapbooks, we have no place to store them. Given how "fragile" most of the pictures are, we have scanned them and are storing them on CDs for safe-keeping. We did try looking for a photographer who would be able to return many of the frayed and fading pictures to their original condition but the cost is prohibitive!! So instead, we will print the pictures we've scanned and begin putting together collages from specific decades of Kamaji. We hope to then frame those and hang them in the dining hall for all to see. Believe it or not, Kamaji is now working on it's 10th decade!!!

We are sorely lacking photos from the teens, twenties, thirties and forties so if you have any pictures from this era we would love to borrow them ~ temporarily ~ if you'd rather not permanently part with

them. We could scan them (and return them if you'd like)...Better yet, if you have access to a scanner and can download pictures to us via the internet, we would be most appreciative.

We are compiling a pictorial and written history (some of which may be "legend") of Kamaji gleaned from the mementos and writings that Kamaji alum bequeathed to Kamaji. We welcome any written comments from former Kamaji campers and staff in hopes that we can include them, with your permission, in our history. That way, when we orally relay the history of Kamaji to our campers, our words will "come alive" by the pictures and words we are able to share with the kids.

Once Kamaji's pictorial history is complete, we will make it available to all alumnae. We will let you know more about this endeavor the closer it comes to printing ~ at the moment, it is on the drawing board...

THE CAMP KIDS' FOUNDATION ART & PHOTOGRAPHY AUCTION



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



As a continued valued member of our camp community, you are personally familiar with the "magic" that occurs every summer at camp. This feeling of wonder is hard to describe, particularly to those that have never experienced it. We are appealing to you because we know you "get it!"

Camp Kamaji continues to participate in a wonderful scholarship program called THE CAMP KIDS FOUNDATION. (In fact, the foundation was begun as a direct result of a Kamaji camp family who felt strongly about the positive impact camp had on their daughters and wanted that same experience to be shared by those who otherwise could not afford to attend camp.) Many of you are aware of its benefits and have shown your support with generous gifts. We deeply appreciate your past financial support ~Thank You(!!!). As a result **The Camp Kids Foundation** sent 75 African-American children to five Midwestern residential summer camps in 2002: eighteen of these children attended Camp Kamaji ~ 16 of whom were returning campers (and four of those received their five year paddles!). We are proud to have them as an integral part of our camp community. Truly, by diversifying camp with kids of all economic, racial, and economic backgrounds, Camp Kamaji is truly a model for peace and acceptance. How many opportunities are you aware of that allow kids of varied backgrounds to live and play together in such a harmonious, integrated atmosphere? Now, more than ever, this holds special meaning.

In order to raise even more monies for the Camp Kids' Foundation, its board is hosting the first-ever Art and Photography Auction in St. Louis, MO. We have invited former campers and their parents, who currently live in St. Louis, to the auction which is to be held March 13, 2003. We e-mailed many of Kamaji's alum asking them for art and photography donations for the auction ~ the response this email generated was overwhelming, to say the least!! At this date, it is unlikely that we will be able to accept any more art donations for

this year's auction; however ~ optimists that we are ~ we are hopeful that this auction will become an annual event. So if you are an artist, an art collector or know artists ~ discovered or as yet not~ who might want to donate artwork (any medium accepted for next year's event) please get in contact with us via info@kamaji.com. In the off-chance that I get this newsletter out to you in time to still accept canvas artwork or photography (only) for the March 2003 auction ~ contact us if you are interested in contributing this year.

Speaking of contributing...we ask that you join us in our efforts to make Camp Kamaji a unique summer home for all! Please realize the profound difference you'll make in many kids' lives by making a gift to THE CAMP KIDS FOUNDATION. The foundation is already committed to providing returning scholarships for its 2003 recipients and has an additional goal of providing at least an additional 10 scholarships to new campers. Your support is needed. Please send your contribution to

THE CAMP KIDS' FOUNDATION
Capes, Sokol, Goodman & Sarachan
7701 Forsyth Blvd., 4th Floor
St. Louis, MO 63105

If you would like to learn more about THE CAMP KIDS FOUNDATION, please 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.

Finally, we would like to publicly acknowledge all those Kamaji alum and their families who have so generously contributed to the Camp Kids Foundation these past years. A special thanks to the families of Kamaji alumnae. . .

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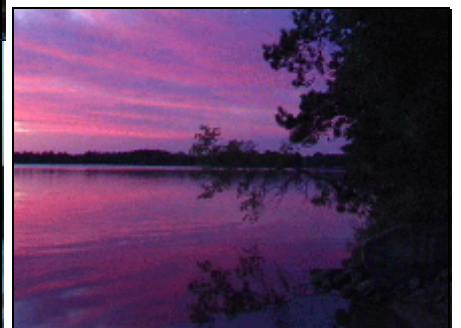
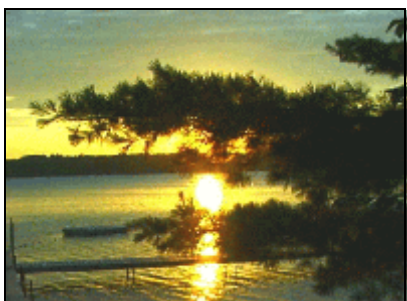
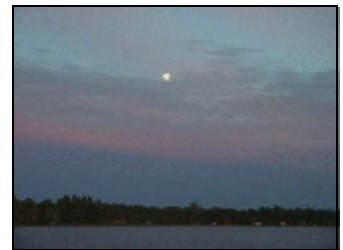
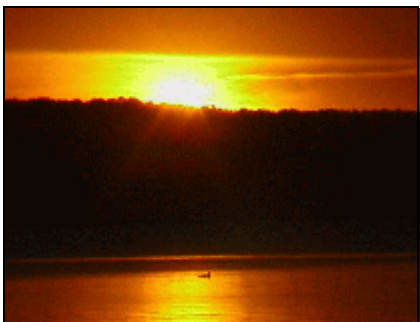
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KAMAJI NEWSBITS & HAPPENINGS

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

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

ALISON TZINBERG (St. Louis, MO '89-'91) on her October 2002 marriage to Dan Rossini.
KK MCGREGOR (Milwaukee, WI '86-'91) on her August 3, 2002 marriage to Douglas Neimann.
LISA LINNICK (Toledo, OH '83-'89) On her May 2002 marriage to Josh Zelvy.
AMI LIPSCHULTZ (Highland Park, IL '86-'93) on her August 4, 2002 marriage to Dan Polonsky.
ABBEY SCHWEIZER (St. Louis, MO '88-'91) on her October 28, 2001 marriage to Jeffrey Small.
CAITLIN TALBOTT (Darien, CT '86-'89) on her October 27, 2001 marriage to Chris Tobin.
MISSY NOVACK (Glencoe, IL '89-'98) on her December 14, 2002 marriage to Matt Friedman.
AMY SHERMAN (Des Moines, IA '88-'91) on her October 19, 2002 marriage to Darren Goldstein.
TARA HEFTY (Denver, CO '90-'91) on her September 2, 2000 marriage to Chris Hume.
LYNN BERNSTEIN (Chicago, IL '80s) on her October 2001 marriage to Jim Hesby.
HEATHER RIFKIN (Highland Park, IL '86-'91, '95) on her December 21, 2002 marriage to Brad Rosenblatt.
BETH BRONNER (Chicago, IL '84-'88) on her September 21, 2002 wedding to Michael Marrion.
LAURA WEISSKOPF (Deerfield, IL '86-'91, '93) on her November 2, 2002 wedding to Tony Bleill.

"CONGRATS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT" Wishes to . . .

BECKY WALDEN (Jacksonville Beach, FL '89-'97) on her engagement and upcoming wedding (August 9, 2003) to Edwin Consunji.
ANNE OSBORNE (Dallas, TX '93-'95) on her engagement to Scott Matlock. Anne and Scott are planning a November 15, 2003 wedding to be held in Stillwater, Ok.
CAROLYN SWEITZER (Saint Louis, MO '88-'91) on her impending wedding on July 19, 2003 to Brett Rubinstein.

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



FOLDING THE SAILS 1990S



SAILING WOLF LAKE 1930S

"PITTER PATTER OF LITTLE FEET ~ CONGRATULATIONS!!!" to . . .

STEPHANIE KAPLAN Scheimer (Aurora, CO '85-'90) and her husband Scott on the November 19, 2002 birth of son Drew Kaplan who joins them and big brother Noah.
SUSAN OFFER Szafir (Winnetka, IL '81-'93) and her husband Ariel on the January 20, 2003 birth of daughter Liliana Ruth.
Nancy Anderson Sullivan (Salina, KS '79-'81, '86-'87) and her husband Patrick on the March 16, 2001 birth of son Brody Patrick who joins big sister Ella.
MEGAN TALBOTT-Moench (St. Louis, MO '75-'79) and her husband John on the March 26, 2002 birth of daughter Bridget who joins big sister Mary Ren.
TAMARA INKS Markham (Topeka, KS '79-'89) and her husband Chad on the December 2, 2002 birth of daughter Lexi Elise.
WENDY MILLS Richards (McPherson, KS '79-'83) and her husband Brian on the November 10, 2001 birth of son Brandon.
KATY KNABLE Cox (Roseville, MN '88-'91) and her husband Bryant on the January 11, 2001 birth of daughter Riley Ruth.
HEATHER LA MELL Cohen (Lake Forest, IL '85-'91) and her husband Howard on the October 1, 2001 birth of daughter Alexa Lillian.
HILARY MILLS Lindsey (Hutchinson, KS '84-'87) and her husband Troy on the October 31, 2001 birth of daughter Claire who joins big twin sisters Nathalie and Allabelle.
AMANDA BEELER (Rochester, MN '79-'89) and her husband Andy Groover on the November 28, 2001 birth of daughter Lucy Belle.
MARY SEWELL Charity (Topeka, KS '76-'81) and her husband Jim on the August 15, 2001 birth of daughter Caitlin who joins older sibling Cameron.
Staff member **JO CLARKE** (England '92-'96) and her husband Mike Anselmi on the March 26, 2002 birth of twins Luca and Rico who join big sister Tiona.
JENNIFER "JT" TIMMEL Buchanan (Salina, KS '82-'89) and her husband Brad on the April 18, 2002 birth of twins Jacob and Zachary who join big sister Lauren.
EMILY "SHINER" GALLOP Coen (St. Louis, MO '83-'89) and her husband Matt on the December 12, 2002 birth of son Henry who joins big brother Will.
BETSY SMITH Hocking (Fremont, NE '82-'83, '87, '90) and her husband Greg on the June 10, 2002 birth of twin daughters Adelaide and Clara who join big sister Elise.
SUSIE ANDERSON Wilson (Salina, KS '83-'87, '91-'94) and her husband Steve on the June 17, 2002 birth of son Alec Mills who was also welcomed by big brother Ben.
MAGGIE WISEMAN Rogula (Fremont, NE '83-'89) and her husband John on the November 7, 2002 birth of daughter Anna Riede.

And finally, "MISCELLANEOUS CONGRATULATIONS!!!" to . . .

LAUREN BAER (Palm Beach Gardens, FL '90-'95) on her Marshall Scholarship to Oxford University graduate program. Lauren graduated from Harvard in June 2002.
JESS FREDRICKSON Franzen (Minneapolis, MN staff '94-'96) on her May 18, 2002 graduation from the Law School at Golden Gate University, CA.

WHO ARE YE, YE DIRECTORS??

I received an unusual request over the past year...from several Kamaji alumnae...asking for personal information about “campingly yours, Kathy and Mike Jay.” Admittedly, we are often asked, likely as a courtesy, how we are ~ mainly by Kamaji campers who know us personally; note; our response is usually a return electronic message telling them about where our sons are, how young we still are (smile), how camp is doing...What was unusual this year was the number of requests we received asking that we write about us in the Alumnae Newsletter. Granted many of you don't know us at all ~ given that we did not arrive on the Kamaji-scene until 1980; then again, 20+ summers worth of campers and staff know us really well...but have not seen us in years. So, to quench anyone's curiosity about us, I offer the following:

When I wrote the first of Kamaji's Alumnae Newsletters way back in 1990 I introduced us to the Kamaji community of past campers and staff in this way: “So much has happened since the summer of 1980 when Nancy and Bob Jones entrusted Kamaji to us. We are no longer in our 20s as evidenced by those so very obvious signs of aging including graying and/or losing of hair; crows' feet etching outward from our eyes; and, gravity causing serious damage around our midriffs. We are settled into Milwaukee, WI where we were able to buy a house five years ago after house-sitting for several years for retired couples who wintered in Florida. On a more joyous note, we became parents to two beautiful and wonderful boys (no bias there, huh?) ~ Nathan now age 6 and Aaron, 20 months. Parenthood and camp take up almost all of our waking hours these days; lest we sound as though we are complaining, we assure you we are not!”

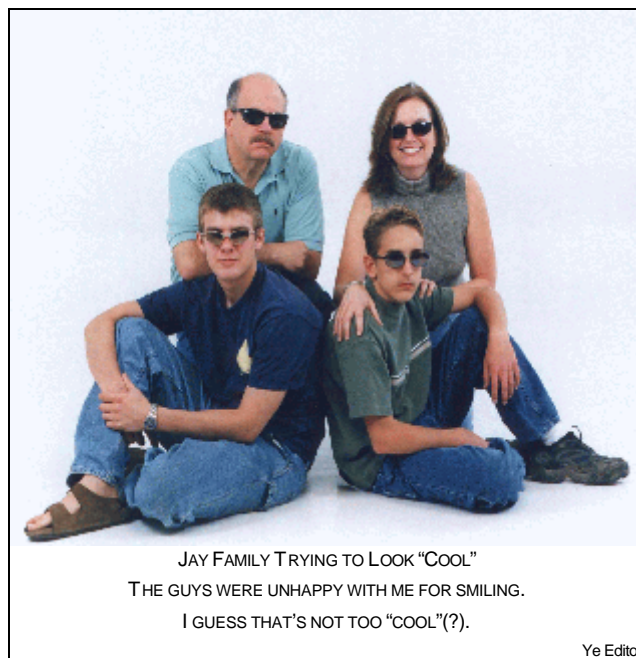
Fast-forward to 2003: We no longer live in Milwaukee, WI during Kamaji's off-season. We moved to St. Louis in 1992 so that we could be centrally located in the United States ~ thus making air travel on Mike a lot easier as he was (and continues to) actively recruiting as well as “reunion-ing with” campers from coast to coast and Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and many destinations in between. As our sons grew up and began school, scouting, sports, etc., Mike wanted to be around more to be a part of their lives. The move to St. Louis allowed Mike to travel more easily and take shorter-term trips instead of heading out by car on the road for weeks on end; as a result he was home to coach our sons' rec basketball and baseball teams as well as attend band concerts, school open houses, teacher conferences and even volunteer as a room parent at school. It's hard to believe that we've already lived in St. Louis 10+ years!!! It's harder yet to believe that Mike and I are no longer in our 20s, our 30s or even our 40s ☹️ We celebrated our third wedding anniversary in 1980, the year we “took over” the guardianship of Kamaji; in October 2002 we celebrated our 25th (🎉). Our sons have aged too: Nathan is 19 years of age and a freshman at the University of Denver where his priorities are snowboarding, skiing, girls, the Beta house, snowboarding, weekends, partying, skiing, did we mention snowboarding??!! We are not certain where academics fits into his otherwise busy schedule?? Aaron is almost 15 years of age and is a highschool freshman who looks forward to getting his learner's permit this May and heading off to college in 2006. He keeps busy with school, waterpolo and diving. Both boys are long-term campers ~ Nathan having spent a total (thus far) of 11 summers at boys' camps ~ most recently at neighboring

Camp Chippewa where he will be returning this summer to be a counselor. Aaron has spent his six summers away at Chippewa at first and, most recently, at Camp Nebagamon; he is currently looking into a combination scuba diving/marine biology learning experiences for this next summer. Both our sons remain “beautiful and wonderful” in this mom's eyes.

Back to “Campingly yours,” Mike and I are teetering somewhere between old-middle-aged and young-old-aged; and are still managing to work side-by-side year-after-year as co-directors of camp. By mutual consent we opted, when gutting and rebuilding our winter office in our St. Louis home basement this year, to have separate spaces. That way, Mike can listen to NPR and whatever current sports game is on to his heart's content while I “groove” to the oldies in my own space at the opposite end of our “suite” of offices ☹️. We are, as always, lucky to do what we do; believing that there are but a few safe, joyous, fun-filled, child-centered places left in this world, we strive to make sure that Kamaji is on that short list. Outside of camp which is fairly consuming (even in the off-season), our priorities include our kids, their education, exercise, our kids, home-life, our kids, an occasional vacation (without the kids:-), and Nathan and Aaron.

That pretty much brings us up-to-date. Suffice it to say, we live in the moment ~ savoring each as it comes along ~ realizing that these days with our kids close by are coming to an end sooner than we would have ever imagined! Given how quickly each year, each month, each day, each hour passes, we try to hold onto every day, every moment...We don't pretend that our lives together (or apart) are always easy...or stable...or sane. But we would not trade it for the world!

Okay, 'nough said...look for the next installment on our lives in another dozen years ☹️.



IT'S A SMALL, SMALL WORLD

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

MELISSA MCCONNELL (Grinnell, IA '90-'98) and **JILL COUSINS** (Chicago, IL '90-'01) literally running into each other heading towards a bus stop in San Francisco where they both now live and work.

STEFIE PESSIS (Highland Park, IL '87-'91) and **SUSIE OFFER** (Winnetka, IL '81-'93) over dinner at a restaurant in Chicago. Turns out Stefie was celebrating her engagement with her then husband-to-be Rick and one of their friends who, in turn, brings his friend to dinner. That friend was Susie Offer who currently lives and works in Texas.

ANN MARIE JOHNSTON (Oklahoma City, OK '89-'01) and **MARY EDWARDS** (OKC, OK early/mid 50s) at a checkout counter at Barnes & Noble. Seems that Ann Marie was wearing a Kamaji sweatshirt and Mary, who now lives and works in NYC, NY asked if that camp was by chance in Minnesota. Mary, who attended Kamaji along with her cousins Lucy and Elizabeth Diggs, remembers Council Fire, an abandoned cabins just off the property and the swim docks.

KAMAJI ALUM PERSPECTIVES

So many alum write to ask if Kamaji has changed since they were last at camp. In a word, **YES!!** as evidenced by a note from former camper Sue Ingersoll Anderson (Michigan Valley, KS early 60s) after a recent visit back to Kamaji:

"It was superb to visit Kamaji again though I wasn't able to stay long. I remember how beautiful the trees were but amazingly the whole acreage had SHRUNK! I thought that when I was a kid that I would be lost forever if I didn't stick to the path. And the swimming area where I passed my first distance area didn't look nearly so formidable in its present state as it did when I first visited the camp. And the distance between the cabins and the archery range seemed like a day's hike (when I was there). Even the horses looked smaller!"



PORTAGING IN CANADA '02



KAMAJI TRIPPERS 1940S



WAR CANOES 1960S

SITED!!!

Former camper **LYNN BERNSTEIN** Hesby (Chicago, IL mid-80s) recently spotted on Ebay at (<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=2810531252&category=28022>) the following



VINTAGE CAMP KAMAJI EMO PUNK SWEATSHIRT

70s Shirt is clean & in nice vintage shape with no stains, rips or holes.

Labeled: no tag wears M/L / Across Chest: 22 / Collar to Hem: 26.5

Sold by: Robert Webb

1912 Parvin

Kansas City, MO 64116

Editorial Note: This was a shirt we sold at camp sometime in the early 90s. Per Mr. Robert Webb who advertised it as a '70s vintage "Emo Punk" (???) Sweatshirt" Kamaji was retro without even knowing it. (P.S. Does anyone out there know Mr. Webb??) Incidentally, this sold for \$3.99 on Ebay ~ which was a lot less than the selling price at camp!!

In New York City former camper **ANNA ROTHSCHILD** (New York City '00-'01) writes us the following: "I was shopping near my house in New York when I came across a trendy little shop called Flying A's. And what did I see when I looked in the window?? A Kamaji sweatshirt!!!! Yes, a Kamaji sweatshirt redone with red sleeves and a zipper! It was part of the store's vintage line and was selling for around \$50. Can you believe it??!" (Editorial comment: To any Kamaji alumna who finds herself outside the Flying A's ~ will you please take a picture of the sweatshirt for us!??)

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

Beth Headley Kendall (St. Paul, MN late 402/early 50s) writes in response to a question I posed in last year's issue of the **Kamaji Alumnae News**: "The hill used for pine-needle skiing was the one which is directly to the North of the old tennis courts...those needles were terribly slippery and falls were frequent. No matter how hot the day, we were supposed to wear long pants if we signed up for skiing. I think it was Sally Ricker from Tulsa, OK who found out the hard way why we were to wear long pants...she wore shorts that sweltering hot afternoon, fell on her way down the hill, and to literally hundreds of pine needle slivers in her leg, from her hip down to her ankle. They were painfully impossible to remove and much of the affected area became inflamed and infected. The rest of us learned our lesson at poor Sally's expense."



PINE NEEDLE SKIING 1940S

Editorial Note: The old tennis courts were removed in the late 80s but new clay ones were built on the exact same spot. The "hill" to the North of the courts are completely grown over with pine and hardwood trees. There remains absolutely no evidence of the ski hill whatsoever ~ at least from the courts. It's great to now know and be able to tell Kamaji's campers the vantage point from which those "skiing" pictures in camp's archives were taken from.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE CAN FIND. . . ?

**Please take the time to read through this section!!!
We FOUND several missing alum who were listed in the 2001 Alumnae Newsletter
thanks to the diligence of our readers!!**

We've got a long list of "Lost" 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 & on the Alum page you will find a form that you can complete with info for any of the alum listed below. OR you can simply email us at kathy@kamaji.com or include information on an attachment to the form at the end of the newsletter. Okay here goes ~ (names in parenthesis are married name of person):

Marnie Abbott, Trina Abraham, Judy Agape (Tuttle), Leen Al-Bassam, Perri Al-Rahim, Sarah Al-Rahim, Harriet Allen, Kathy Allen, Vanessa Allen (Woodriff), Mercedes Amador, Allison Amend, Laura Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Kate Armstrong, Sophie Auge, Emily Ayars...	Jenny Ellis, Stephe Ellis, Betty Ellis (Grindlay), Amy Epstein, Emily Erb (Wadden), Rebecca Erickson, Kristin Etzel, Serene Evenstad (Warren)...	Donna Lathrop (Fontaine), Sally Latinas, Barbara Laven, Sally Leech (Kemp), Necha Leny, Lindsey Lerner, Gerry Leveille (Seldon), Nicole Levine, Mary "Tat" Litton (Haukeness), Jennifer Lofgren, Magie Lowe (Francie), Anny Lowen (Brown), Teresa Lucas...	Sarah Schroud, Sarah Schulte (Ronne), Jessica Schultz, Marcy Seelig, Leslie Selzer, Traci Sewright, Allison Shankman, Jamie Shearer (Calhoun), Molly Bragg Shearer (Lackay), Robyn Shelton (Barnes), Lynne Sheridan, Risa Siegel, Jodi Silver, Laurie Sinclair, Carol Sloan, Nancy Sloan, Holly Smith, Kelly Smith Martha Smith, Dacia Snyder, Lindsey Specktor, Stacy Stamper, Judy Stanfield (Krebs), Tracy Stanfield (Mecum), Betsy Stauffer (Leonard), Emily Steinberg, Laura Steinbrink, Dana Stephan, Brooks Stephenson, Lauren Stern, Kara Sternhell, Becky Stevens, Anne Sundberg...
Cara Baker, Katherine Baker, Suzanne Ball, Elizabeth Barbatelli, Janie Barhydt (Poltz), Georgie Barnes, Buffy Barnes (Nichols), Laura Baron, Joy Ann Bates (Boyle), Moria Bartel, Meg Batterson, Barbara Baumgartner (Brown), Kristen Bays, Julie Beall, Debra Bean (Ciriani), Sara Behr, Laura Bell, Emily Berg, Patty Berigan, Ellen Berrey, Allison Bevan, Liza Bischoff, Madelyn Blue, Robyn Boehmer, Bonnie Boyles, Julie Bradbury (Miller), Lisa Bradbury (Schreiber), Jennifer Bradford, Shannon Brennan, Dara Brown, Pam Brown (Ytterberg), Sarah Bruce, Julie Burka, Tracy Byrom...	Janey Fayner (Kernes), Darrah Feldman, Deborah Feldman, Jessica Feldman, Taryn Fisher, Melissa Foley (Covey), Janet Fothergill (Radcliffe), Margie Fox, Robyn Freeman (Pissetzky), Karen Freer...	Laura Maetzold, Sunny Marshall, Gilah Mashaal, Drew McDonnell, Megan McDonough, Kelly McKinnell, Melissa McNeely (Thompson), Laura Merrick, Lesley Merrick, Melissa Merrick, Libby Meyer, Leigh Miller, Amanda Moore, Jennifer Moore, Leslie Moore, Terri Moore, Rachel More, Laura Morrissey, Courtney Murphy...	Una Thurston (Bailey), Cara Towey, Christine Towey, Kim Tracy...
Amy Callen, Corby Campbell (Shields), Sarah Canepa, Kelly Carroccio, Sami Carroccio, June Anne Chalfant, Mary Chapman, Sarah Clarke, Christelle Collins, Laura Collins, Punkie Cozad (Hunter), Julie Creveling, Holly Crippa, Virginia Crosby (Whittier), Gretchen Crowe, Kaite Cullinan...	Jo Giwosky, Julie Giwosky, Elizabeth Glass, Becca Goldstein, Jessica Greene, Megan Gregoire, Julie Grider, Elisabeth Gorbet, Kelly Gross, Liz Guerrero, Maria Guerrero, Barbara Gundaker, Suzanne Gundaker...	Britt Natvig, Laurie Nehman, Marcy Nehman, Pam Netzky...	Shari Underwood (Potts)...
Paige Davis, Sarah Davis, Allison Day, Ronnie Denny (Seel), Barbie Douglass (Dalton), Becca Dragon...	Karen Haley (Bettis), Kara Hanser, Sarah Hart, Smithey Hashagen, Rachel Hauser, Cindy Hayes, Beth Heiser (Ensor), Carol Henry (Mackey), Lisa Hering, Susie Hering, Melissa Hillen, Susan Hippler, Susan Hirsch, Diane Hirschberg (Lea), Wendy Hodges, Kerry Hogan, Mindy Hogan, Bette Holbrook, Emily Huffman, Denise Hull...	Sally Odell, Carol Orthwein (Weaver), Betty Jean Oseid...	Carol Vodvarka...
Barb Eagle, Buzzy Eagle (LeCluyse), Jenny Eby, Tucky Eby (Humphries), Lisa Eder, Anita Eells (Miller),	Jody Jacobs, Jean Jobe, Becca Johnson, Brooke Johnson, Patricia Johnston (Dale), Ann Jones, Betsy Jones (Schellhorn), Jenny Jordan Hejtmanek...	Margaret Papen (Hollister), Karen Patterson (Kuziminskas), Jill Paulsen, Marcy Paulsen, Betsy Pearman (Warner), Peggy Peden, Lily Peter, Lauren Phillips, Shaina Prizant...	Jean Wahlberg, Susie Walker Hopkins, Phoebe Walters (Marks), Christine Weidman, Christy Weis (Carnahan), Christy Weis (O'Neil), Darrah Westrup, Mary Whittier (Sims), Julie Wigdale, Wendy Wigdale, Teresa Wigdale (Mahoney), Teresa Wildin (Everett), Camille Williams, Coreen Wilson, Susie Wilson, Joni Wright...
	Jennie Kahn, Judy Kaine, "Bugs" Keller, Hannah Kemp, Sarah Kemp, Laurie King, Tracy Kondla, Valerie Kulbersh...	Judy Randall (Shealy), Katie Reasor, Sally Ricker, Dorothy Rhees (Risler), Natty Risler (Blank), Sue Rogers, Sarah Rosenberg, Cori Roth, Cylvia Rothwell (Lyon), Mel Rudner, Joey Rudnick, Alice Ruth, Maggie Ruth, Hilary Ryan...	Jo Yeoman, Lila York, Joanna Young, Megan Young...
		Diane Savage, Chrissy Savage, Sarah Scannell (Hyde), Alexis Schaeffer, Lara Schiller, Kirsten Schoenberg,	Gail Zimmer, Wendy Zimmerman, Helene Zisook...

Whew, that's some list! Believe it or not, we did have, at one time, current addresses for all the 200+(!!!) folks 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. 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 AND FOURTH(!!!) GENERATION KAMAJI CAMPERS

Below is a listing of '02 campers and staff members whose moms were one-time Kamaji campers:

<u>Camper/Staff* Name</u>	<u>Mom's Maiden Name/ Hometown & Kamaji Years</u>	<u>Camper/Staff* Name</u>	<u>Mom's Maiden Name/ Hometown & Kamaji Years</u>	<u>Camper/Staff* Name</u>	<u>Mom's Maiden Name/ Hometown & Kamaji Years</u>
Krysten Barns	PAM PAINTER Barnes (Chanute, KS/Tulsa, OK '65-'67)	Christal Hannigan	ROBIN TAGGART Hannigan (Topeka, KS '70-'80) Molly	Lilly Scheiber	MARSHA HAYLES Scheiber (Rochester, MN '63-'68)
Maria Brown	MARY-DOUG SCANNELL Brown (Milwaukee, WI '67-'76)	Hanrahan	KIM HESS Hanrahan (McPherson, KS '69-'75)	Catherine Ward	DEBBIE BARNES Ward (Kansas City '76-'78)
Emily Cheng	MARTHA SUTHERLAND (Shawnee Mission, KS '69-'72)	Carolyn Monke	SARAH SANFILIPPO Monke (Edina, MN '65-'67)	Elizabeth Ward	DEBBIE BARNES Ward (Kansas City '76-'78)
Laura Demarest	AMY SANFILIPPO Demarest (Edina, MN '66-'74)	Julia Monke	SARAH SANFILIPPO Monke (Edina, MN '65-'67)	Kay Warren	BECKETT HAMPTON Warren (Salina, KS '77-'80)
Sarah Demarest	AMY SANFILIPPO Demarest (Edina, MN '66-'74)	Ashlee Moore	LINDA KOSS Moore (Milwaukee, WI '72-'74)	Sara Warren	BECKETT HAMPTON Warren (Salina, KS '77-'80)
Bonnie Duffield	CINDY JATRAS (Tulsa, OK '67-'74)	Caroline Owen	GINGER McCORD Owen (Kansas City '65-'72)	Helen Wilbur*	JANIE BURCHELL Wilbur (Rochester, MN MN '67-'69)
Lucy Evans	ELIZABETH EVANS (Rock Island, IL '69-'74)	Megan Pense***	CHRISTY DUNKIN Rawlings (Tulsa, OK '75-'76)		
Meredith Fifer	SARAH SAVAGE (Tulsa, OK '63-'72)	Maggie Reeds	CINDY JATRAS (Tulsa, OK '67-'74)		
Hannah Gold-Garvey ***	Alisa Gold Kansas City '71-'75)	Ginny Robinson	SUE KINGSLEY Robinson (Peoria, IL '71-'72)		* Former Kamaji Camper/Current Staff Member *** 4 th Generation Kamaji Camper

In addition, several nieces/granddaughters whose aunts or grandmothers attended Kamaji were also at camp in '02:

<u>Camper/Staff* Name</u>	<u>Alum's Maiden Name - Hometown & Kamaji Years</u>	<u>Camper/Staff* Name</u>	<u>Alum's Maiden Name - Hometown & Kamaji Years</u>
Hannah Gold Garvey***	NANCY BREIDENTHAL ~ great aunt (Kansas City, mid '50s) MARY ANN BREIDENTHAL Nordheimer ~ great aunt (Kansas City '61-'63) SUSAN BREIDENTHAL Bergman ~ great aunt (Kansas City '61-'65) RUTH BREIDENTHAL Snyder ~ great-great aunt (Kansas City 1920s)	Megan Pense***	BETH KENNEDY Dunkin ~ grandmother (Tulsa, '61) BETTY LECOMPTEN Kennedy ~ greatgrandmother (Tulsa, OK '28) ALISON PLOUGH Blen ~ aunt (Memphis, TN '88-'92) MARJORIE HAYLES McCants - aunt (Rochester, MN '61-'65) CAROL HINSHAW Swift - aunt (Wichita, KS yrs?) NANCY LOVE Cox - grandmother (Wichita, KS '36-'38) LINDA LEE KOSS Moore - aunt (Milwaukee, WI '72-'74) PAMELA LEE KOSS Geimer - aunt (Milwaukee, WI '72, '74)
Elizabeth Heddens	HELEN HEDDENS - aunt (Kansas City '69-'70)	Louisa Perlberg	
Cally Mastio*	ANN MASTIO Bauer - aunt (Wichita, KS '62) KATIE MASTIO Kaufman - aunt (Wichita, KS '65-'66)	Lily Scheiber	
Ashlee Moore	PAMELA LEE KOSS Geimer - aunt (Milwaukee, WI '72, '74)	Lizzie Smidt	
Allison Murphy)	Allison, Dana & Lauren have 3 aunts -	Sam Sosey	
Dana Murphy)	the MURPHY sisters from Milwaukee, WI -		* Former Kamaji Camper/Current Staff Member
Lauren Murphy)	all of whom were Kamaji campers		*** 4 th Generation Kamaji Camper

Many of the above-listed campers/staff will be returning to Kamaji for the 2003 season. Additionally, the girls listed below are the daughters/granddaughters/nieces of former campers and will attend Kamaji in 2003:

<u>Camper/Staff* Name</u>	<u>Alum's Maiden Name Hometown & Kamaji Years</u>
Emily Golden	Laura Spero ~ aunt (Washington, DC)
Kelly Hanrahan *	KIM HESS Hanrahan ~ mom (McPherson, KS '69-'75)
Emily Orthwein	DOTSY ORTHWEIN Zirkle - aunt (Tulsa, OK '61-'66)
Keri Welch	JANE WELCH ~ aunt (Rochester, MN '62-'68) JUDY WELCH Meisner ~ aunt (& Kami Doc) (Rochester, MN '67-'72, '02-'03)



COUNCIL FIRE 1930S

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 23 summers since we became directors. We are only too happy to provide a camping experience that is uniquely Kamaji to the daughters, grand-daughters, great grand-daughters, nieces and/or grandnieces and/or great-great grand-nieces 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.

SNAIL MAIL VS E-MAIL



By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have recovered from the awesome task of publishing this once-yearly newsletter ~ a 12 page document in its entirety. In addition to writing the newsletter, we had 1300 copies printed, collated and folded at a local printing company; then “Campingly yours” stuffed, licked, stuck and stamped 1300 envelopes and 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.

Given how time-consuming and costly (and harmful to the environment) it is to send out the yearly Alumnae Newsletter, we were hoping to send the 2003 newsletter via the internet to those alum who have access. To that end, in last year's issue we requested that those alum who would like to receive the annual Kamaji Alum News via the internet, to please respond to kathy@kamaji.com. We had 105 total alum respond affirmatively that they preferred receiving the newsletter via email. A small number to be sure, but a start in this cyberspace age! We don't want to “lose” any alum who are truly interested in continuing to receive the newsletter and/or to restrict the number of “newly-discovered” alum who might be glad to hear that Kamaji is flourishing. However, we also don't want to send the **Kamaji Alumnae Newsletter** to those who would prefer we not. So we find ourselves in a quandary. . .

What we propose is that all of you who are still interested in receiving the annual newsletter to

- (1) email us at kathy@kamaji.com and let us know that you want to receive yearly Kamaji mailings from us via the internet (be sure your correct email address appears in the message) or via “snail mail” (again, include your current legal mailing address); OR
- (2) go to Kamaji's website at www.kamaji.com and double click on the Alumnae link and complete the “News About Me” form found at the bottom of the alumnae page. Also let us know whether to include/remove you from our snail-mail list; OR
- (3) if you do not have internet access, complete the form on the overside of this page and mail it to Camp Kamaji, 7436 Byron Place, St. Louis, MO 63105; or
- (4) fax us the completed overside form to 314-721-5309.

Please know that we really want to continue to be in touch with our Kamaji alumnae and are happy to do so. . .but **only if** you express interest in being on our mailing list. **IF WE DON'T HEAR FROM YOU ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, WE WILL ASSUME YOU NO LONGER WISH TO RECEIVE MAILINGS FROM US AND WILL SUSPEND ANY FUTURE MAILINGS.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us “keep current” our alum mailing list.

IN CLOSING. . .

As we go to print with this ~ the 14th edition of the **Kamaji Alumnae News** ~ our country is in the throes of a severe economic recession as well as facing the very real possibility of war. It is a world that is rocked by violence, terror, instability, uneasiness and, yes, even insanity ~ a world we would never wish for our children. It goes without saying that our hold on what we consider “sacred” is tenuous at best!! Because of that, we are more committed than ever to making certain that Kamaji remains the same safe, accepting, diverse, child-centered community that it has been since its founding in 1914 ~ a place rich with heritage and traditional, “old-fashioned” values. We entered this century committed more than ever to Kamaji's founding principles: to be a place where kids can be kids; where they can grow and develop; learn new things; do things they can't do at home; and cultivate friendships unlike any they've ever had ~ friendships that last a lifetime. And since 9/11, we've made an even more concerted effort to ensure that Kamaji is seen as a “safe” place; a place where diversity is held dear ~ where each girl is judged by her behavior rather than by her beliefs or her appearance; that Kamaji be a place where its campers are treated as individuals, not as stereotypes; where they are respected, trusted, encouraged, praised, loved and, most importantly, valued. We strive to remain, above all, a joyous, fun-filled, child-centered community ~ a place where kids come first. That is the heart and soul of Kamaji. . .

We hope that you join us as we pray for peace ~ for this and for all future generations of the world's children.

And so, this brings us to the end of our 14th 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 email, snail mail, phone ~ or better yet - in person 'neath the tall pines on the shores of Big Wolf Lake. Consider this an “open invitation” to drop by Kamaji ~ to retrace your footsteps...and your childhood!!

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

Birthdate (M-D-Y) Attended Kamaji (Y/N)? If Y, list years and tribe Name

Birthdate (M-D-Y) Attended Kamaji (Y/N)? If Y, list years and tribe Name

YEARS YOU ATTENDED KAMAJI: 19 to 19

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

Important: Please let us know if you would like to be kept on Kamaji's Alumnae Mailing List!!

Please keep me on Kamaji's mailing list!!

Please email me future mailings.

My email address is: _____

Please print legibly and completely.

Please snail mail future mailings to my permanent address above.

I am not interested in receiving mail from Kamaji.

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!**
5. Again(!), please refer to the "Do You Know Where We Can Find...??" list on page 9 of this newsletter and let us know if you know where we might find them. Thanks!!

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