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Greetings from Camp Kamaji!! This is a story about long term friendships and how connected one stays with true friends — regardless of time and distance with all the miles-and-years-in-between. And how, if you're really fortunate, those friends can be so invaluable!! Mike shares with us one such story.

Back in the not-so-latter part of the previous century(!) Rob Baird was a buddy of mine at Oberlin College. After college Rob moved to the west coast where he settled. As for me, in those post college days, I was anything but stationary — transplanting myself from college to Tucson, AZ to Milwaukee, WI to Chicago, IL to Miami, FL. . . . if you 'catch my drift' (pun intended!).

Throughout all my moves, Rob and I stayed in touch. Rob was the kind of friend who knew just about everything about me — and in spite of whatever was going on in my life — was a strong advocate . . . even of my plans to someday own a summer camp. So it should come as no surprise that when Kathy and I purchased Camp Kamaji, Rob and his then-girlfriend Rebecca, made time in their lives to stop

by to visit — the first time in early Spring 1981. As you can imagine, 'stopping' by from California — where Rob was living — took some effort on his part . . . which again speaks to the power of friendship.

One of our favorite things to do when friends 'stop by' camp is to give them a tour — not only of camp but of Wolf Lake, the Mississippi River and other adjoining lakes — via pontoon boat! Before jumping aboard Kamaji's then fishing boat, Rob — being the big city guy he is — drove into Bemidji to get a copy of the **Sunday New York Times** as he was figuring it would be a boring boat ride just looking at trees and loons and ducks and eagles. . . . While he was gone, we packed a picnic lunch and once Rob returned from town, the four of us headed out to explore the waterways surrounding Camp Kamaji.

For those of you who have spent time at Kamaji, you can likely recall a picture-perfect camp day — a beautiful day where the sun is shining, the cloudless sky is painted a shade of blue that's not often seen elsewhere, a slight breeze rustles the branches of the pine trees — a warm-enough-day for shorts and t-shirts. At Kathy's suggestion we headed down river

(the Mississippi River for those not-in-the-know), crossing Lake Andrusia into Cass Lake to Star Island where Kamaji was originally situated. Mooring the boat at Star Island, we clambered up the many steps leading to the old Camp Kamaji's site . . . and trekked not only the ruins of Kamaji's old tennis and basketball courts but marveled at how well preserved the original camp buildings (now owned by others not associated with camp) were. Kathy, ever the Kamaji historian, explained in some detail how the kids lived back before there was plumbing and electricity on Star Island . . . and how the then-director of Kamaji, when choosing a new site for the ever-growing camper population, consciously chose not to stray too much from the rustic feel of Star Island's Camp Kamaji when relocating camp to its present site. Either out of feigned or real politeness and interest, Rob never did open the **New York Times** that day. Instead he asked lots of questions and fine-dined on an 'adventure day' picnic lunch. A few years later Rob and Rebecca returned to Kamaji . . . and ended up 'proposing' marriage to each other while at camp.

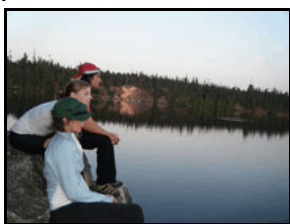
Time went by . . . Rob and Rebecca did marry . . . had two sons and settled into urban life in San Francisco where Rob went to work for Apple Computers. Still we remained friends. In fact, the four of us met for dinner last October when Kathy and I were in San Francisco for a friend's wedding. Rob, who has now been working for Apple years, asked us that night if Apple might use Camp Kamaji as a 'test market' for a new yet-to-be-introduced product. "WoW! How cool would that be!!" was our initial reaction!! Rob was not, at that time, free to tell us much more about Kamaji as a 'test market' but promised to discuss it all in greater detail at a later time.

Engrossed in the usual camp off-season work that we do between summers, we became entrenched in our lives back in St. Louis and didn't give much thought to the over-dinner-discussion we had with Rob in October. . . until late January when Rob called me to ask if we might still be interested in doing something with Apple. Apparently Apple is trying to figure out how to make the new iPad2 more "kid-friendly"...and that's where camp comes in.

GREETINGS (continued)

In between everything else we've been doing to prepare for Kamaji's upcoming summer season, I have been involved in several discussions with the folks at Apple and just learned that Apple wants us to be the test market for something that will set us apart from other camps as well as kind of put Kamaji 'on the map'! Apple wants to gift each camper and staff member with a brand new iPad2 upon their arrival at camp this summer. At the end of their stay at camp, Apple wants them to complete a questionnaire regarding customer camper/staff satisfaction of and recommendations for how to improve the new iPad2.

Given how unplugged Kamaji has always been — since its beginnings on Star Island — the idea of being 'wired' seems more than a bit at odds with all Kamaji stands for. On the other hand, how can we say "No?" to such an amazing offer. I mean the campers and staff members not only get to keep their iPad2 but will be instrumental in offering creative and clever design ideas to Apple. And to think that Apple actually cares what Kamaji campers have to say? Really — how often outside of camp do adults (other than relatives) actually value what kids think and say?



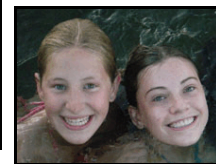
I can think of endless possibilities for in-camp use of an iPad2. Remember what a pain it is when it rains on a Council Fire evening?? Well, instead of all of us crowding into the Lodge for a pseudo Council Fire, we could set up a virtual Council Fire. We'll light a fire in the Lodge fireplace and then webcast it to each porch group in their cabins. The Apple folks say that because these new iPads have cameras, everyone will be able to see and hear anyone who throws in a keylog. And if you're sick and in Club Med you can still 'participate' in activities and all-camp programs. How cool is that? On rainy days and Adventure Days cabin groups will be able to watch a movie of their choosing. Parents can even send input via Skype when campers sit down to choose their weekly activities. AND if parents buy their own iPad2, they can have access to Kamaji's webcam to get 'live' pictures from camp!! Obviously we will have to restrict in-camp use of the iPads because we wouldn't want them to become the focus of camp life. (P.S. There's no way these will go out of camp on overnight canoe/kayak/climbing/riding trips!!

Beyond camp — during the off-season, you'll be able to "skype" with your camp friends anytime! Email will likely become obsolete between Kamaji campers and staff members as you create a virtual reality of your cabin . . . from your home! In a way you could replicate the layout of your porch beds, etc. I am hardly technology-savvy but even I can appreciate that with an iPad2 you can set up your cabin group from within the confines of your at-home bedroom. It will be like living at camp with your camp friends almost 24/7!

To take advantage of this project with Apple, we would have to make a few physical changes at camp. After all, you'll have to be able to charge your iPad2. While it makes sense to put electricity in the cabins, we really don't want to stray in that direction. So our year-round caretaker Randy is in the design phase to use a rarely-used room and/or the Loft area in the Lodge to build lockers complete with charging stations that could house and recharge the iPads. Staff already have like-lockers in 'the Cloud' so we'd only have to add an additional 150 lockers to the Lodge. No worries as I have every confidence that Randy can easily do that without detracting from the rustic feel of that great building.

Bottom line — this whole concept will change Kamaji-life as we know it!! BUT we don't think that is a decision we should make without input from camp families. So we are putting it out to you — campers and camper parents especially — to let us know if you think this is a veer-off-Kamaji-course we should take. Email mike@kamaji.com with either a Thumbs Up meaning "YES!! I am all in favor" or an L on forehead for "Loser Idea!!" Majority rules will determine the outcome so cast your vote now!! We have to give Apple an answer by May 1st (at which time we can let you know the outcome)!!

P.S. No matter the final decision, I have no doubt that Rob and I will remain great friends!! On behalf of all of Kamaji, I thank my long-time friend for pitching Kamaji as a test market for Apple's newest product line!



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—THINGS WE CAN'T FORGET—

FIRST SESSION: orange peels . . . "I like a punk rock chick" . . . WBC . . . "I've got a feeling" dance . . . McFlurry . . . "I got a Polly pocket" . . . Orlee's time-out . . . superlatives . . . Mama Bear . . . "Push it!!" . . .

SECOND SESSION: stargazing . . . Reload . . . kanoodle . . . s'mores at The Point . . . ♪ Keep Holding On ♪ . . . silly bands . . . Shakespeare's secret . . . Taio Cruz ♪ *Dynamite* ♪ . . . alibis . . . clueless . . .



—2011 ENROLLMENT UPDATE—

Kamaji still has camper openings for both sessions in all age groups for 2011. So if you know of anyone who might be interested in a Kamaji experience – please **Refer a Prospective Camp Family** – by going to www.kamaji.com and linking onto the Current Camp Families Parent page where in the left column drop down menu you'll find the link to refer a camp family.

Or you can **Tell A Friend** – by again going to www.kamaji.com and linking onto any page where you'll find the purple icon in the left column. Click there and you can tell ALL your friends about Camp Kamaji!!

As always, thank you for your support and for spreading the word about Kamaji!!



—2011 RETURNING CAMPERS—

Since the last issue of the *Rainbow Connection* went to press, the following Kamaji veteran campers have signed up to return to Kamaji in 2011 Olivia Eubank (returning for her 4th summer after a year's absence) of St. Louis, MO will be an eight week camper; **RACHEL ABRAHAM** 4th summer) of Oak Lawn, IL; **ISABELLA FINLEY** (2nd summer) of Weatherford, TX; **MARIAH JAMES** (3rd summer) of Chicago, IL; **JESSICA KUBERT** (4th summer) of Chicago, IL; and **TYLER MORTON** (2nd summer) of Evanston, IL will be first session campers; and **DANIELA CHACON** (2nd summer) of Monterrey, Mexico and **SOFIA NICOLELLA** (2nd summer) of Topanga, CA will be second session campers. Needless to say we are "over the top" to know that you all will be back with us at Kamaji in 2011!!



—2011 NEW KAMAJI CAMPERS—

Since the last issue of the *Rainbow Connection*, the following girls have signed up to be first year Kamaji campers in 2011: **BETSY LYLE** (8th grade) of Chassell, MI will be an eight week camper; **SOFIA BOGUCKI** (2nd grade) of Purcellville, VA; **ANA LUCIA CHAVEZ** (6th grade) of San Pedro, Mexico; **EUGENIA CHAVEZ** (2nd grade) of San Pedro, Mexico; **ELLA COOK** (4th grade) of St. Louis, MO; **ALEX RENDLEMAN** (4th grade) of St. Louis, MO; **KATE RENDLEMAN** (4th grade) of St. Louis, MO; and **BELLA SWAN** (3rd grade) of Fort Myers, FL will be first session campers; and **HANNIA DAVILA** (8th grade) of San Pedro, Mexico; **SARA DEVEREUX** (4th grade) of Boulder, CO; **CARMEN GARZA** (6th grade) of Monterrey, Mexico; **MARIA TERESA RESINES** of Santiago, Mexico; **KATHERINE SLECKMAN** (6th grade) of St. Louis, MO; and **CAILEIGH SULLIVAN** (3rd grade) of Watertown, MA will be second session campers. We are delighted to welcome you into Kamaji's summertime family and look forward to spending Kamaji's 98th season with you! WELCOME!!!

— 2011 KAMI SISTERS —

We have had a few disappointed new campers who have contacted us to let us know they had not heard from their Kami Sister. Please don't (however unintentional it might be) make a new camper feel unwelcome.

P.S. If you have been asked to be a Kami Sister and are unable to make the commitment, please let us know (telephone 314.721.0475 or e-mail mike@kamaji.com).



ATTENTION 2011 NEW KAMAJI CAMPERS: All new campers need to respond positively to letters and calls they receive from their Kami Sisters. It's likely as summer approaches, you will have questions and concerns that a veteran Kamaji camper might be able to help you with!!! If you have not yet been contacted by (or have lost contact with) a veteran Kamaji camper, please let us know now.



2011 KAMAJI PARENT HANDBOOK

Attention 2011 Campers: Over the past several weeks we have been super busy preparing HEAPS of information about the upcoming summer and how to best prepare for it. The **2011 KAMAJI PARENT HANDBOOK** containing all this info has will be snail-mailed to all first year campers and their parents next week.

We have also emailed everyone's parents and told them they can link to the

www.kamaji.com/wp-content/uploads/2011parenthandbook.pdf

All the usual camper forms – health forms, packing list, clothing information, etc. can also be found at www.kamaji.com or more easily by linking here:

www.kamaji.com/current-camp-families/parents/camper-forms/

Have your parents telephone us
314.721.0475

or email

mike@kamaji.com,
kathy@kamaji.com or
kat@kamaji.com

with any questions,



KAMAJI'S 2011 CLOTHING COLLECTION

All Kamaji clothing must be pre-ordered by April 15th!!! To view this summer's selections please click here:

www.kamaji.com/wp-content/uploads/2011CampKamajiClothingGuide.pdf

THE 2011 KAMAJI CLOTHING COLLECTION IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE PRE-CAMP ONLY!!! . . .we will not be selling any clothing items at camp. Please remind your parents (and we will continue to do so also) that if they would like to purchase any of the items shown on the Clothing Form, they must place the order on

www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJPMTLS

no later than April 15th!!

Winter-Scene Photos appearing on this page and throughout April's **Rainbow Connection** were taken by Kamaji's year-round caretaker **RANDY NYBERG**.

KAMAJI STAFF 2011

Staff contracts continue to come into Kamaji's winter office. Folks who will be joining us as Kamaji Staff for the summer of 2011 include the following . . .

Veteran Staff folks returning in 2011 —

NATHAN JAY, age 27, returns for his 28th summer!! (Nathan's first summer at Kamaji was way back in 1984 when he was only six months old. And he has spent part of every summer since at Kamaji.) A 2006 graduate from DU (University of Denver in Colorado), Nathan spent three years living and working in Denver and Vail . . . before moving back to camp in 2009. Working as a 'conciierge' at the brand new BREC Center, Nathan will take a 'leave-of-absence' to return to Kamaji as a Wilderness Trip Leader this summer.

LANE WASHBURN, age 20, hails from Overland Park, KS but is currently a sophomore at the University of Kansas. At school Lane is majoring in Interior Design of Yachts (who knew?!) and minoring in Art History. In her spare time Lane loves sailing, tennis and DJ-ing. This summer, Lane returns for her 7th summer in the Northwoods to work as a Cabin Counselor and Waterskiing/Waterfront Instructor.

New to Kamaji's Staff in 2011 are —

ANNA AMYS, 20 years old, is from Amnicon, WI and a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Superior where she is majoring in Exercise Science and minoring in Coaching. Anna's hobbies are dancing, baking, working out, kayaking and biking—just to name a few! This summer Anna comes to Kamaji to work as a Cabin Counselor and Canoe/Kayak/Campcraft Instructor!

ANNY ANDALCO RIVAS, age 21, joins us from Tlaxcala, Mexico. She is currently studying Applied Modern Languages at the University of Tlaxcala. For fun Anny enjoys bullfighting, playing with her dog and hanging out with friends. This summer Anny will join us as a member of our Housekeeping staff.

MARY BAUER, age 20, is from Kansas City, Kansas. She is currently a sophomore at the University of Kansas where she is studying social welfare. Mary loves to run, swim, hang out with friends and volunteer. This summer Mary will be teaching swimming and work as a cabin counselor.



KATRINA BUTLER, 19 years old, is from Virginia Beach, VA and is a culinary arts/food service management student at Johnson & Wales University- North Miami. Katrina's hobbies include cooking, reading and watching TV. This summer Katrina will use those culinary skills in our Kamaji kitchen as an Assistant Cook.

ANNY CORREA VILLALBA, 22 years old is from Tecamachalo, Mexico. She is currently studying Tourist Enterprises at BUAP University. Anny loves to listen to music, go to the movies and travel. Anny is going to travel all the way to Kamaji for her first summer to work as a Kitchen Assistant.

BETSY DOWNS, age 25, is a native of Bemidji, MN. She already graduated with a BA in Social Science but is back in school at Bemidji State University to get a degree in English Education. Betsy likes running, reading and cooking. This summer Betsy will work in the office as one of Kamaji's Administrative Assistants.

ZOE FAGAN, 21 years old, is from Dublin, Ireland where she is a junior studying English Studies at Trinity College Dublin. In her spare time Zoe loves traveling, water-sports and drama/theater. This summer, Zoe will share her love on water-sports by teaching windsurfing and also working as a cabin counselor.

SARENA FERGUSON, age 20, grew up in Middletown, Maryland. Sarena is a third year student at Allegheny College where she is a Biology and Studio Art double major. For fun Sarena loves drawing, painting, sculpting- I bet you can't guess what Sarena will be teaching this summer...she will definitely use those skills to work as an Art Instructor and Cabin Counselor this summer.

SARAH HAZEL, 20 years old, calls Laingsburg, Michigan "home". During the school year she is a student at Central Michigan University where she is majoring in Secondary Education – English and History – and minoring in Speech/Theater. When she's not in class or studying, Sarah enjoys singing, dancing, playing volleyball and soccer. This summer Sarah will work as a Cabin Counselor and Drama/Theater Instructor.

KELSEY HECKATHORNE, 23 years old, is from Baldwin City, Kansas. She will be graduating this May with a BS in Nursing from Baker University. Kelsey's hobbies include running, playing volleyball, swimming and playing the piano. This summer Kelsey will join us to work in Club Med as a Nursing Assistant.

TERESA HERNANDEZ, age 20, grew up in Orizaba, Veracruz, Mexico. She is currently a second year student at the University of Veracruzana where she is a Chemical Engineering major. When Teresa is not busy in class or studying she loves dancing, swimming and hanging out with her friends. This summer Teresa will join us in the Kami Kitchen as a Kitchen Assistant.

REBECCA HOMANN, 20 years old, is from Park Falls, WI. Rebecca is a Biology student at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Like a good Midwestern girl, Rebecca grew up in the outdoors camping, backpacking, hiking and climbing. She also is passionate about photography and martial arts. This summer Rebecca will put those outdoor skills to good use as a Climbing Wall/Low Ropes Course Instructor and Cabin Counselor.

CITLALI MENDOZA, age 22, is from Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico. She is a Communications student at the University of Veracruzana. Citlali's hobbies include reading, watching movies and hanging out with her friends! This summer Citlali will join us as a Kitchen Assistant at Kamaji.



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MARIA "MAJO" MORALES is from Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico. She is 22 years old and a student at Universidad del Valle de Mexico. In her spare time Majo loves to listen to music, play volleyball, watch movies and travel. This summer Majo will travel aaaaall the way to Northern Minnesota to help us out as a Kitchen Assistant.

ANA PASTORA TORRES ARCE, 21 years old, is from Puebla, Mexico and is studying Tourism Administration. Ana loves to read, cook and go to the movies with her friends. Ana's love for travel is bringing her all the way to Northern Minnesota to join us on our Housekeeping Staff.

WILL SWIFT, 23 years old, is from Croydon, London, England. He is graduating this May with a Civil Engineering degree. When he's not hitting the books Will enjoys playing soccer and going to the gym. This summer Will will help Randy as the Maintenance Assistant. If the name sounds familiar, you're right, he is none other than Rob Swift's brother!

STAFF PRE-CAMP E-MAILINGS

We are currently working on updating staff forms for this summer. Please check your email for information about when the forms will be posted online.

We will also be snail-mailing you packets of forms and information to help you and us prepare for another great summer at Kamaji.

Stay tuned!!



STAFF NEWS

Kamaji's 2011 Staff is shaping up fantastically. You can "Meet the Staff" by logging online to Kamaji's website and heading to ANY page - Visitors, Camp Families or Staff - where you'll find the most recent copy (we update weekly) that tells you a little about each of those who will be a part of Kamaji's 2011 Staff Line-up! Be sure to check back regularly as we will be hiring additional staff over the next couple of months.

Speaking of staff, we do still have a few staff positions available for the summer. Currently we are looking to fill the following positions:

1. Cabin Counselors who can teach one of the following: Archery, Ceramics, Climbing Wall/Ropes Course, Fishing, Swimming, Photography, Tennis, Windsurfing and Waterskiing.
2. Administrative Office Assistant— must be at least 21 years of age and have a current valid driver's license.
3. Wilderness Trip Leaders — must be at least 21 years of age and have current Lifeguard and Wilderness First Aid or Responder certification.

Obviously the cabin counselor positions must go to women but the other positions listed here can be filled by men and/or women. So, if you have any qualified, experienced friends who might be interested in a summer of hard but fun work, let them know about the available positions at Kamaji!!

Again, while there seems to be a number of activity positions available, most of them only have one position left in that activity area. So if you are a veteran staff member who has not yet signed his/her contract OR if you know someone who would like to be considered for a position, please contact Kat (kat@kamaji.com) ASAP!!



STAFF TRAVEL-TO-CAMP UPDATE

While the contract specifies a start date of June 10th for all new staff (with an arrival at camp no later than June 9th) we wanted to give international staff a "layover" day to rest up and familiarize themselves with camp before beginning work on June 10th.

Sooooo . . . on June 8th we will provide chartered bus transportation for Camp Kamaji staff – international, new and returning staff – from the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport to camp. For those of you who will be flying into the airport and need/would like a ride on the bus, please schedule your flights to arrive NO LATER than 5:00 pm (1700 hours) on the 8th. Too, if you live in the area OR plan to 'bus' it to camp, plan to arrive at the Minneapolis Airport by 4 pm and you can hop aboard the Kamaji Express bus too!!!

Please contact kat@kamaji.com with questions about the bus. Also be sure and let Kat know when you'll be arriving into the airport so she can provide you with all the pick-up details!

If you are a returning staff member, we will also be offering a bus from the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport to camp on JUNE 11TH. You MUST schedule your flight to arrive in Minneapolis no later than 2:00 pm (1400 hours) on the 11th in order to take advantage of the bus. Please email kat@kamaji.com if you would like to jump on board!!

We have received interest from a number of people who say they would like to come to camp early and work during "Work Week". Please let Kat know ASAP if you are interested in earning some extra money and do not mind a little hard work – like washing (A LOT) of dishes, putting docks in the lake, cleaning cabins – and want to come early to help us set up camp.

If you are planning to drive to camp and arrive early and have room to pick up a passenger or two on the way, please let kat@kamaji.com know as we really want to make travel to camp as worry-free as possible. Thanks!!

—A KAMAJI THANK-YOU!! TO . . .—

. . . **ELISA AND REBECA VARELA LOZANA** and their family for opening their home this past month to Kamaji, its Directors, campers, staff and prospective camp families. Your generosity and warm hospitality are so appreciated.



—KAMAJI NEWSBITS—

This section of the *Rainbow Connection* is devoted to special events in (current and former) campers' and staff member's lives. If you have any NEWSBITS, please email info to kathy@kamaji.com.

"Congratulations!!" to . . .

. . . **LEXI "LINKS" MARKHAM** (Canton, GA '10-'11) who not only performed a solo singing "Tomorrow" (from Annie) at the "Evening of Fine Arts" performance in Canton, GA but also won her first doubles tennis match (in a tie breaker) at the Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association.

. . . **CASEY RHINE** (Denver, CO '05-'10) and her doubles partner on taking 1st place at "The Western Slope Invitational" tournament held in Grand Junction, CO last weekend.

. . . **MALISSA LINDSEY** (Chicago, IL '10-'11) who not only was given a speaking part in her musical concert which will be performed on May 15th but also on being invited to compete in track meets with middle school students on April 2nd and May 22nd.

TALIA APTER (Highland Park, IL '08-'11) who made it all the way from the regional spelling bee. . .to the sectional. . . and onto the regionals where she placed 10th out of 12!!

. . . **PHILLIP "RIP" VAN WINKLE** (Chattanooga, TN '10) on his upcoming May 7th graduation from with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology.

Budding playwright, **JACQUELINE STEEL** (Winnetka, IL '10-'11) has been asked and accepted (along with a partner) the not-too-small-task of writing a Greek drama play. The play will be staged and performed in early April before the entire 6th grade student and parent population as a capstone to the study of ancient Greece.

ANDREA ZERBE (Edina, MN '08-'11) went for a 30 mile dogsled adventure into the Boundary Waters.

THEA ZERBE (Edina, MN '06-'11) has been named Captain of the Edina High School Alpine Ski Team for 2012.

—IT'S A SMALL SMALL WORLD—

MAGGIE MCGANNON (Mission Hills, KS '07-'11), **ELIZABETH GREEN** (Mission Hills, KS '05-'11), **EMILY GREEN** (Mission Hills, KS '06-'11), **GRACE GREEN** (Mission Hills, KS '10-'11), **ELLIE WIGDALE** (Milwaukee, WI '04-'09), **KATIE MAHONEY** (Milwaukee, WI '05-'11) and **JULIA KATZMAN** (St. Louis, MO '05-'10) were at in Johns Island, Florida for Spring Break. (Does it come as no surprise that "Katzman" only learned that they were all at the same vacation spot after the fact??!! LOVE YA, Katzman!!)

ELLA FIES (Evanston, IL '08-'11) and **MICHAELA (KAYLA) DESTEFANO** (Evanston, IL '10-'11) coincidentally wound up in the same PE class – archery!! Rumor has it that when they learned that they were in the same class, they immediately broke out their Waubun cheers!



—RANDY'S RAMBLINGS—

Our year 'round caretaker **RANDY NYBERG** sends this update from Kamaji North on the shores of Wolf Lake:

March came in like a lion . . . but is meekly going out like a lamb. After a very very cold start to the month where the layer of ice on the lakes was growing thicker, we had a high temperature of 40° today! And that's no April Fool's joke. While the snow is almost entirely gone, it likely will take several weeks of 70°+ temps before the two foot layer on Wolf Lake even begins to melt!! Not to worry, I am confident there will be little trace of ice when you jump in to Wolf Lake for your swim test!

There remains very little work to be done on the new "SWAMP" – the cabin that will house all the male staff this summer. So it leaves me time to get started on the 'charging station' lockers Mike wants to build in the Lodge. Not sure on what he plans to do with 150 of these things!! The electrician sure is going to be surprised when I ask him to put in that many electrical outlets — all on one or two walls in the small room off the main Lodge.

Patch, Oreo and Bailey have been busy policing camp grounds, rounding up camp's wildlife – squirrels, chipmunks and deer – and letting them know that it won't be long before they need to move over and let the campers in!! Any infractions regarding who lives where once summer is here will be met by camp's 'ground crew' who will bark and chase away those 'intruders' who dare to tread where they don't belong during the summer.

Well that's enough rambling from me, until next time.

*Randy
and Patch, Oreo and Bailey*



KAMAJI PAPARAZZI KAPTURED

Over the past month the following Kamaji folks were captured by anonymous Kamaji-camera-wielding photographers:



APRIL POEM

KAMAJI RAP

Kamaji is the place to be,
If yo chillin' with yo homies like me!
We got drama, fishing, and archery,
Even waterskiing for every girl even in Hatchery!!!
And don't you forget our tribes striving high,
Who's gonna win Capture the Flag dark or light??
I say...
HEY!!! HOOO!!!
And don't forget our rainbow burgers cuz there the best yo.
WORD!!!

—written by Isabella Finley
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IN CLOSING . . .

And so the countdown until Kamaji's Summer of 2010 continues!! Only 77 days remaining till those first bus loads of campers drive into camp . . . and 105 until the second lot of buses stirs up the dust on the dirt road!!

We cannot wait!! Between now and then, we will continue to focus our full attentions on getting camp ready for the summer!!

That said, this brings us to the close of yet another edition of the **Rainbow Connection**. Be on the lookout for the next issue in early May. Till then, take care, keep in touch... and THINK SUMMER!

Chairs and Benches Up!

Kathy, Mike and Kat

P.S.¹ The April Birthday List can be found on Page 9.

P.S.² HAPPY APRIL FOOL'S DAY!! Did we fool you?? Really!?!?! Would we let campers have electronics at Kamaji?!?!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	Ryan Foreman *	13	Annie Broutman
2	Zoe Fagan **	14	Rip Van Winkle
3	Talia Worth	16	Maddie Cuttler
4	Sofia Bogucki *	17	Rosie Kopman
5	Katie Mahoney	18	Elisa Varela
5	Kimmie Tan	19	Erin Blumenthal
6	Maggie Morison	20	Sydney Aronson
7	Julia Addis	20	Amanda Wolter
7	Alexa Farris	22	Elizabeth Helzberg
7	Alexis Schwartz	22	Sara Golden
7	Hannah Sillman	22	Katrina Miller
8	Amanda Ventura	23	Hayley Browning
10	Naomi Weiner	27	Kelsey Heckathorne **
10	Kate Rothman	28	Nina Carroll
11	Becky Keeshin	28	Katherine Prior **
12	Quinn Gorman	29	Amy Aube
12	Laine Schwarberg	29	Pat Coit

HAPPY BIRTHDAY * New Camper
** New Staff Member

For those of you who really enjoyed the story we relayed in the *Greetings* section of Kamaji's April 1st edition of the *Rainbow Connection* —

— all we can say is . . .


Happy April Fool's Day!