

She described how much her brother loved his job, loved his life, loved his family – his wife, his children, his sisters. . . Love is what always motivated Steve Jobs and through love he “treasured happiness.”

When you love what you’re doing and the people you do it with, it can bring you happiness.

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Imagine being back at Kamaji — and you find yourself sailing during the day on Wolf Lake with your closest camp friends. Happy? I am thinking “Yes!” Turning to late night, you might enjoy lying on the tennis courts staring up at the stars. How much better it likely could be when you’re surrounded on that same tennis court by your 8 cabinmates who are also your camp friends!

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At 30 years old, Steve Jobs was fired from Apple, the company he founded. At first he viewed this as a failure — a very, very public and embarrassing failure. As he said “I had been rejected, but I was still in love. And so I decided to start over.” He loved what he did, he pressed on and eventually created Pixar, which is now the most successful animation studio in the world.

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Perhaps you’ve been taking waterskiing for three days . . . and you have not been able to get up. Do you give up . . . or get up? Who knows(?) — it could happen on day four when all of a sudden — knees bent towards chest, elbows tucked low, body tight, pressing slightly forward with both feet — you find yourself pulled up and planing on water! Off-water you might want to climb to great heights. Finding yourself unable to get beyond the second panel on camp’s climbing wall, do you give up . . . or grab hold of a different hold, take a different route, power with your arms and keep in balance with your legs . . . and before you know it, you make the final reach up and ring the bell at the top of the 65-foot wall. You made it up to the top . . . by not giving up.

**G**reetings from Camp Kamaji!! This month’s opener is written by **KAT MARTIN**, Kamaji’s assistant director.

**Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish.**

When reading this, you might think this is the perfect tagline for Kamaji campers: **hungry** for Marjena’s gooey rolls or ‘za . . . and **foolish** while getting dressed up for a Casino Night or for a Finding Nemo scavenger hunt. Hungry and Foolish — if one didn’t know differently, it could be such an appropriate description (in a fun way) of a Kamaji camper.

More than a fitting description, these same two words — hungry and foolish — can also be a way we describe what we hope to achieve while at Camp Kamaji.

These words were famously spoken during a 2005 commencement speech at Stanford University delivered by Apple and Pixar co-creator and innovator, Steve Jobs, who recently passed away. During his speech Jobs shared stories about how he dropped out of college and “dropped into” a

calligraphy class which later had a significant influence on the way typography looks on our personal computers. Steve Jobs purposefully pursued things he found curious and interesting which, in turn, led him to great successes and innovations later on in life.

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Doing things “outside of the box” is how we define many of the instructional activities we offer at Kamaji. Instead of offering competitive sports — such as soccer, field hockey, lacrosse — as instructional activities at camp, we instead encourage Kamaji’s campers to step out of their comfort zone and try something they might never have had the opportunity to do were they not at camp. Think paddle boarding, sailing, horseback riding. Maybe by becoming successful at something new, Kamaji campers will be inspired to try new things in life away from camp . . . which could lead to a new hobby or a new pursuit they’ll love doing for the rest of their lives.

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Speaking of love, when Steve Jobs’ sister talked about one of the things she remembers most about her brother, she talked about the way he loved.

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## GREETINGS (continued)

And in case you're worried about being embarrassed by your efforts, keep in mind that when we fail, we can build a better vision of what we must do the next time to achieve success. Truly there is no failure except in no longer trying.

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Steve Jobs also shared the following thought: "If today were the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today? Whenever the answer has been 'No' for too many days in a row, I know I need to change something."



At camp you can make changes that may alter the way you live for the better. If you love sailing, sign up for it every week. Try different boats, different crews. Keep learning. Spend your free period down at the docks with the Sailing Director learning more about rigging, how to do it adeptly, more efficiently. If the after-lunch songs are getting a little too repetitive for you, bust out with an oldie-but-goodie flashback to Backstreet Boys, "I'll be the One". Be the girl in your cabin who introduces the idea of wearing masks to breakfast just to shake things up a bit. Be foolish. Volunteer to sing the "President's Song" solo during the Variety Show. Write a song about the "Rules of Country Plumbing".



Whatever you do, try new things, participate in different new-to-you activities, meet and befriend campers and staff you didn't previously know, push yourself to do the best every day to make each day as great as possible.

"Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish." — Words we can live by at Camp Kamaji!



## THINGS WE CAN'T FORGET

**FIRST FOUR WEEKS:** Tikinicoon . . . "Flarp it up!" . . . Ridonkulous . . . L.O.V.E. Dance . . . Tall — Grande — VENTI! . . . crumpets and gunpowder . . . bog walk with Mike . . . "There's a party in my tummy, SO YUMMY, SO YUMMY" . . . shufflin' . . . wellies . . .

**SECOND FOUR WEEKS:** Oogly Boogly . . . .Miniaturize — Jumbo Size . . . Piggly Wiggly . . . Quwack . . . laser light show . . . superlatives . . . tickle attack . . . I see the moon . . .



## 2012 ENROLLMENT UPDATE

As we begin the month of November we find both first and second session in a 'dead heat' enrollment-wise for the summer of 2012. With 75 enrollments for each session, we are already one-half filled for next summer!! YEAH!! And we are only J-U-S-T beginning our reunion/recruiting road trips this next weekend!!

What does this mean for you?? Well if you are already enrolled, then you are guaranteed to be at Kamaji next summer. On the other hand, if you've not yet signed up for Kamaji 2012 you might want to do so sooner-than-later!! After all, it's only been 2½ months since we closed the book on camp's 2011 season and already, we're halfway to 'full' for 2012!!

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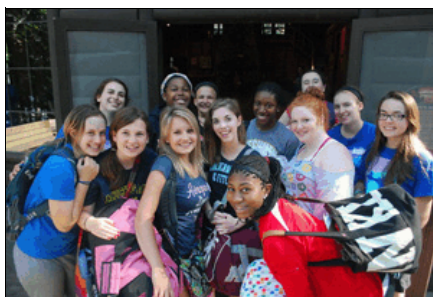
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## 2012 RETURNING CAMPERS

Since the last issue of the *Rainbow Connection* was published, the following veteran Kamaji campers have re-enrolled for the summer of 2012: **LIZZY MILLS** (returning for her 3<sup>rd</sup> summer) of St. Louis, MO; ; **ANGELIQUE PARKER** (6<sup>th</sup> summer) of Katy, TX; and **CHRISTINA PARKER** (6<sup>th</sup> summer) of Katy, TX will be eight week campers; **SOFIA BOGUKI** (2<sup>nd</sup> summer) of Purcellville, VA; **ELLA COOK** (2<sup>nd</sup> summer) of St. Louis, MO; **KATIE DOCK** (3<sup>rd</sup> summer) of Chevy Chase, MD; **CORA GALPERN** (2<sup>nd</sup> summer) of Denver, CO; **ELIZA INDER** (3<sup>rd</sup> summer) of St. Louis, MO; **K..K. KUZMINSKAS** (5<sup>th</sup> summer) of South Hamilton, MA; **KATY RILEY** (3<sup>rd</sup> summer) of St. Louis, MO; **KIYAH SMALLEY** (7<sup>th</sup> summer) of Gilbert, AZ; **BELLA SWAN** (2<sup>nd</sup> summer) of Fort Meyers, FL; and **ANDREA ZERBE** (5<sup>th</sup> summer) of Edina, MN will be first session campers; and **SARA ADDIS** (5<sup>th</sup> summer) of Deerfield, IL; **EVELYN BALLARD-LABRUM** (5<sup>th</sup> summer) of Santa Monica, CA; **PEYTON COX** (2<sup>nd</sup> summer) of Chicago, IL; **LEILANI FITZPATRICK** (2<sup>nd</sup> summer) of Chevy Chase, MD; **MOLLY JONES** (3<sup>rd</sup> summer) of Deerfield, IL; **MALISSA LINDSEY** (3<sup>rd</sup> summer) of Cicero, IL; **CLAIRE MOSS** (6<sup>th</sup> summer) of San Rafael, CA; **LILA MOSS** (2<sup>nd</sup> summer) of San Rafael, CA; **MACKENZIE ROBINSON** (2<sup>nd</sup> summer) of St. Louis, MO; and **JASMINE SAUNDERS** (6<sup>th</sup> summer) of Chicago, IL will be second session campers. **WELCOME BACK!!**



## 2012 NEW CAMPERS

Since the October issue of the *Rainbow Connection* went to press, the following new campers have enrolled for 2012: **MORIAH HIRSH** (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) of Glencoe, IL; **THERESA RORSTED** (5<sup>th</sup> grade) of Meersbusch, Germany; and **DAISY ZIRLIN** (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) of Glencoe, IL will be first session campers; and **ABBY SCHAFFER** (6<sup>th</sup> grade) of Deerfield, IL, **NATALIA SCHIENFELD** (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) of Glencoe, IL; **SAMANTHA SCHIENFELD** (6<sup>th</sup> grade) of Glencoe, IL; and **ALEXANDER SWEITZER** (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) of Chicago, IL will be second session campers. **We welcome you to Kamaji's 2012 summertime family!!**



## KAMAJI'S 2012 CITs

Joining the ranks of Kamaji 'staff' next summer are veteran Kamaji campers:

**JULIA ADDIS** will be returning for her 8<sup>th</sup> summer from Deerfield, IL; **Lindsey Aronson**, back for her 7<sup>th</sup> summer, of Chicago, IL; **ERIN BLUMENTHAL** of Northbrook, IL will return for her 7<sup>th</sup> summer; **EMMA CUSACK** of Millis, MA will be back for her 4<sup>th</sup> summer; **CASSIDY KLEIN** of Deerfield, IL returns for her 5<sup>th</sup> summer; Also from Deerfield, IL **ARIANA MICHEL** will be back for her 7<sup>th</sup> summer; **SHERITA RAY** of St. Louis, MO returns for her 7<sup>th</sup> summer; And from Northbrook, IL **EMMA STANICEK** will be a 7<sup>th</sup> summer Kamaji returnee; **LEAH STAR** returns from Lexington, MA 8<sup>th</sup> summer —



— as does **EMILY TRENTON**, back for her 8<sup>th</sup> summer, from Westwood, KS; **SHAINA WASSERMAN** of Highland Park, IL will spend her 6<sup>th</sup> summer at Kamaji in 2012; **TALIA WORTH** from Deerfield, IL will be back for her 7<sup>th</sup> summer.

Collectively these 12 young women bring 67(!) summers of Kamaji experience to their new roles as Counselors-in-Training. Currently sophomores in high school, our CITs will assist as cabin counselors and activity instructors. We are, needless to say(!), thrilled to have them on the 2012 Kamaji Staff Line-Up!!



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## CAMP KAMAJI REUNION SCHEDULE

We are continuing to work on scheduling dates for this year's Kamaji reunions. **WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WASHINGTON, DC OUR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER SCHEDULES – WHICH FOLLOW – HAS BEEN FINALIZED.** We will fine-tune the exact times and times and locations as well as other city dates as quickly as possible. Look for a more complete schedule in the December/January issue of Kamaji's *Rainbow Connection*.

<b>CITY</b>	<b>DATE/LOCATION</b>
Chicago, IL	Sunday, November 6 <sup>th</sup> — 4:00 PM <b>WINNETKA COMMUNITY HOUSE</b> 620 Lincoln Winnetka, Illinois 60093
Detroit	Sunday, November 13 <sup>th</sup> — 3:00 PM <b>HOME OF ELLIE AND JENNA FRIEDMAN</b>
Kansas City	Sunday, November 20 <sup>th</sup> — 4:00 PM <b>HOME OF LANE AND BOB WASHBURN</b>
Columbus, OH	Saturday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup> — Time to be Announced <b>HOME OF BEX AND DINA SHULMAN</b>
Denver, CO	Sunday, December 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>HOME OF JOSIE CLARK</b>
Philadelphia, PA	Saturday, December 10 <sup>th</sup> — 3:00 PM <b>HOME OF LUCY GROOVER</b>
Washington, DC	Sunday, December 11 <sup>th</sup> **
St. Louis, MO	Sunday, December 18 <sup>th</sup> <b>HOME OF SAMMI REMIS</b>
Atlanta, GA	Saturday, January 7 <sup>th</sup> **
Nashville, TN	Sunday, January 8 <sup>th</sup> **
Monterrey, Mexico	Sunday, January 15 <sup>th</sup> **
San Francisco, CA	Saturday, January 21 <sup>st</sup> **
Los Angeles, CA	Sunday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup> **
Boston, MA	Sunday, February 5 <sup>th</sup> **

\*\* We need families to volunteer to host a camp reunion in these cities. Please contact [mike@kamaji.com](mailto:mike@kamaji.com)!! Thank you!!

At this time we do not have plans for other Kamaji reunions BUT if there are Kamaji families in other cities who would be willing to open their homes to Kamaji for a camp get-together, we'd be happy to schedule a date and time!! Please email [mike@kamaji.com](mailto:mike@kamaji.com) and let him know. Thanks soooooo much!!

## KAMAJI'S 2011 REUNION VIDEO



Would you believe that only one person has seen the 2011 Kamaji Reunion Video thus far??!! And that would be Kat who spent a good part of this past month reviewing all the video footage taken at camp, selecting segments to include in the finished video and then working in a production studio with a pro who put together, with Kat's help, the finished product.

The video's premiere begins this weekend at the first of as-many-as-possible-Kamaji-reunions throughout the country. For more information on when **KAMAJI 2011** is premiering in your hometown, please read the **KAMAJI REUNION SCHEDULE** column which appears opposite.

As always, to keep the element of surprise, we will not pre-mail your DVD copy; instead we will give you your copy at your area camp reunion (and if you're unable to attend or there is not one planned for your city), we will mail the DVD to you following the reunion and/or in late January 2012.

Again, as mentioned in our last newsletter, many of you have pre-paid for a camp video – we have a complete list of those who did so if you want to make doubly sure that you will receive a 2011 Kamaji video, feel free to write [mike@kamaji.com](mailto:mike@kamaji.com).

For those of you who did not pre-order, you will have an opportunity to purchase the video at any of the reunions – cost is \$30.



## RANDY'S RAMBLINGS

Hello from a very quiet Camp Kamaji. Mike, Kathy and Yoda have been gone for a month now . . . and winter is thinking about making its presence known here sooner-than-later. With temperatures this next week predicted to barely reach the 40s during the day and diving into the 20s at night, there's no question but that Mother Nature is ready for yet another seasonal change.

In preparation for Winter's advance, camp is now completely put away; all the buildings have been winterized and the larger boats stored away for the winter. I don't want you to think there is nothing for me to do here at Kamaji just because camp is not in season!! This past month I sanded and refinished all the dining hall tables; I tore out all the Council Fire benches and built brand new ones. I've cut up lots of old dead trees that were intentionally cut down this fall — and their logs are now neatly stacked ready for the first Council Fire of 2012. In the meantime, I've piled up the old brush and the old benches in the main fire pit and will plan to burn all that just as soon as Kamaji has its first snowfall.



This next month I will rebuild a new porch on Cabin 2. It won't be a massive rebuild (as on Cabins 3 and 5 and Pine Manor) but it will definitely have a sitting area. I'd like to say I have a design plan in mind but truthfully until I actually begin the project and get my creative juices flowing, even I don't know what it will end up looking like!!

The boys and I don't see a lot of Bailey these days. But when he does come out to play, Patch, Oreo and Bailey act as if were still summer — chasing the squirrels, disappearing into the woods on the hunt for something-or-other, swimming and lazing in the sun. The only thing missing from their days is all of you!!

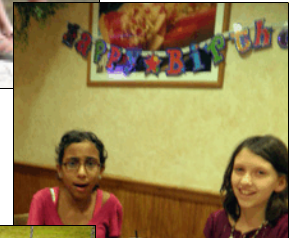
Well It's time for me to abandon this column for now and get back to work! Catch me next month for more ramblings from Kamaji!!

**Randy and the Boys**  
(Patch and Oreo — & Bailey, too!)



## KAMAJI'S PAPARAZZI CAPTURED

Seen out and about this past month . . .



## IT'S A SMALL SMALL WORLD

During the Gateway Classic field hockey tournament in St. Louis **KARLY WORTH** (Deerfield, IL '05-'09) and **ARIANA MICHEL** (Deerfield, IL '06-'12) ran into **ROSIE KOPMAN** (St. Louis, MO '04-'11).



**ELLA FEIS** (Evanston, IL '08-'12) was shopping at Macy's in the Old Orchard Mall (Chicago). Entering the dressing room to try on clothes, she found an unlocked door and pushed it open only to accidentally walk in on **ARIANNA MICHEL** (Deerfield, IL '06-'12) who was 'fully clothed'. Ella writes "It was SO weird that here we were both at Macy's, at the same time, in the same exact place" (and notes this editor) in the same dressing room!!

## NEWSBITS

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

**"Congratulations!!"** to ...

**JESSICA KUBERT** (Chicago, IL '08-'11) who became a Bat Mitzvah on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**CAROLYNE NEWMAN** (Glencoe, IL '08-'11) on her October 22<sup>nd</sup> Bat Mitzvah.



**EMILY MILLER** (Chesterfield, MO '07-'12) on her upcoming November 5<sup>th</sup> Bat Mitzvah. **CASEY BOROVSKY** (Deerfield, IL '08-'12), **KATIE LOWENBAUM** (Glencoe, IL '08-'12), **JESSIE BERGER** (Chicago, IL '80-'11) and **LANIE COHEN** (Highland Park, IL '08-'12) are all coming in town to help her celebrate!!!

**SHAYNA ROSENBLOOM** (Nashville, TN '08-'12) on her quickly approaching November 11<sup>th</sup> Bat Mitzvah.

**KATIE RILEY** (St. Louis, MO '10 - '12) has been playing soccer for the Villa Saints (Villa Duchesne School) 7<sup>th</sup> grade team — a very competitive team ranked as one of the best in its division. Katie has been scoring an average of one goal per game.

**MALISSA LINDSEY** (Cicero, IL '10 - '12) achieved the B honor role on her final exams.

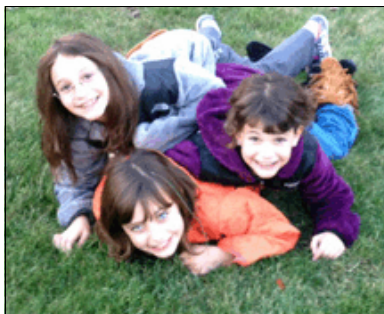
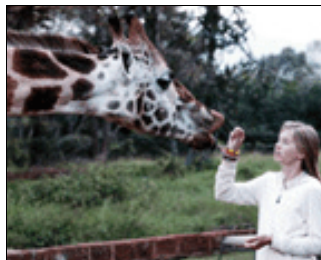
**RYAN "BIRDY" FOREMAN** (Chicago, IL '11-'12) visited cabinmates **ELLIE and JENNA FRIEDMAN** (West Bloomfield, MI '11-'12). Photo to the right.



**MOLLY JONES** (Deerfield, '10-'12) and **REBECCA WORTH** (Deerfield, IL '10-'12) spent Columbus Day Weekend hosting camp friends **REAGAN MITCHELL** (Kansas City, MO '10-'12) and **GRACE GREEN** (Mission Hills, KS '10-'12). Joining them for brunch one morning was their 2011 cabin counselor **SARAH BRONSON** (Highland Park, IL '04-'11).

**OLIVIA MARTIN** (St. Louis, MO '06-'12) just completed her 8<sup>th</sup> grade A Team volleyball season. Her team had an impressive season with just one loss. In addition to volleyball and participating in Girl Scouts and playing the flute in Pep Band, Olivia has put in 40 hours of community service the last three months — working on the World Food Day event, volunteering time at the Lydia House and City Academy, and walking to raise monies for diabetes.

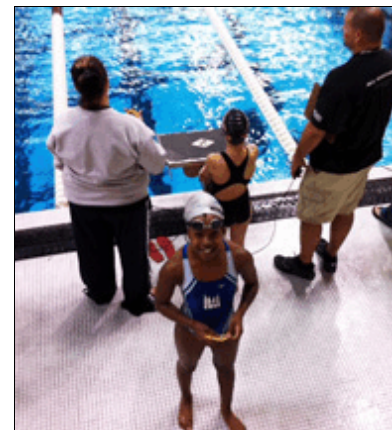
**KENDALL KUZMINSKAS** (South Hamilton, MA '08-'12) took a trip to Kenya this summer with her family including Kamaji alums Mom (**Karen Patterson Kuzminskas**, Minneapolis, MN 'late 70s -early 80s) and grandmother **Lilla Andrews Patterson Gidlow** (late 40's/early 50s).



**MEREDITH GOODALE** (Glencoe, IL/Augustana College '02-'11 minus one summer) was in St. Louis playing in a collegiate rugby tournament at Lindenwood College in St. Louis, MO. Showing up to cheer her on was **BECCA LANGSAM** (St. Louis, MO '06-'11) and **KATHY AND MIKE JAY** (Camp Kamaji 1980-2012+)!! Meredith writes "I feel very blessed to know that my camp family is still family even during the winter months."



In her first major swim meet of the season, held October 22-23 at the University of Illinois at Chicago Natatorium, **JOIA MCKINNEY** (Chicago, IL '11) won her heats in the 100 meter freestyle, 100 meter butterfly and 100 meter backstroke. Joia also swam the 50 meter breaststroke in an amazing 46.65 seconds, just 2 seconds shy of the regional championship qualifying time!!! Level 1 swimming is off to a great start in Chicago and Joia is looking forward to meeting her goal of qualifying for regionals in her three best events.



## NOVEMBER POEM

### MY SPECIAL LIST

I have a list of folks I know all written in a book,  
And every now and then I go and take a look.  
That is when I realize these names, they are a part,  
not of the book they're written in but taken from the heart.

For each Name stands for someone who has crossed my path sometime,  
and in that meeting they have become the reason and the rhyme.  
Although it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim,  
I really am composed of each remembered name.

Although you're not aware of any special link,  
just knowing you, has shaped my life more than you could think.  
So please don't think my greeting as just a mere routine,  
your name was not forgotten in between.

For when I send a greeting that is addressed to you,  
it is because you're on the list of folks I'm indebted to.  
So whether I have known you for many days or few,  
in some ways you have a part in shaping things I do.

I am but a total of many folks I've met,  
you are a friend I would prefer never to forget.  
Thank you for being my friend!



## IN CLOSING . . .

And so this brings us to the close of another issue of the Rainbow Connection – and that much closer to the 2012 Kamaji Season. Before we rush too quickly into the next Kamaji season, let us savor the memories of the summer past. You can join us in reliving the summer of 2011 at the Kamaji reunions being held throughout the country (and beyond) over the next several months. We begin the off-season's round of Kamaji reunions this next weekend with the Chicago reunion. We so look forward to seeing all of you soon at one or more of the camp reunions to be held between now and next spring. Speaking of which, your mom and dad are invited to join us at the reunions as are any other family members and/or friends you would like to invite. And remember – if your family would like to host a reunion in your city or town, please email [mike@kamaji.com](mailto:mike@kamaji.com).

In closing, we extend to you and your family our sincerest wishes for a very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving! And “Thank you!” to all campers and staff who were a part of Kamaji's summer of 2011 for building memories with us and each other – memories that will surely last a lifetime.

With love from

*Kathy and Mike  
& Kat too!*

P.S. The November Birthday List appears on Page 8.



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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1	Carolyne Newman	16	Ana Lucia Chavez
1	Ella Whalen	18	Kate Darby
3	Caroline Combs	20	Alex Rendleman
3	Hannah Suffian	20	Kate Rendleman
3	Isabella Finley	20	Sophie Thall *
4	Samantha Kraft	21	Rachel Abraham
4	Mary Bauer	21	Malissa Lindsey
5	Emily Miller	21	Jamie Hanson
5	Lucy Behn	23	Ashley Gimbel
7	Sarah Bronson	24	Abbey Alderman *
7	Meredith Goodale	27	Lillian Fleisher
8	Julia Sachs	28	Lucy Groover
8	Madeleine Pick	28	Shayna Rosenbloom
13	Sam Lovett	28	Clara Aeder
14	Sissel Batey	28	Caroline Timoney
15	Margaret Combs	28	Eva Timoney
16	Megan Kerr	29	Meagan Mesirov
16	Adena Rosenbloom	30	Kate Bowker

\* – New Camper in 2012  
\*\* – New Staff Member in 2012

**H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y**