

VALKAZON



April showers bring ... loss of power (and lots of damage)

Mother Nature posed some big challenges on the Cumberland Plateau this month. Several camp buildings were damaged by falling trees and the office experienced a prolonged power outage. This is the kind of wear and tear our grounds endure during the off-season.

Karen was quick to assess the damage and secure teams to remove the felled trees and crews manning bucket trucks and tractors got quickly to work. But, keeping all buildings in the best of shape is expensive and time-consuming. That's why we need your help.

[Donations to our annual fund](#) offset the costs of facilities and grounds maintenance and directly fund beautification and improvement projects as well as safety upgrades. Please contribute to our annual fund with a monthly, quarterly or annual gift.

No amount is too small or too large, as these donations are Nakanawa's greatest need. We'll continue to provide updates about Camp's annual fund projects in this newsletter.



support our annual fund



Service Weekend & Spring Reunions Need

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May 19-21

Sign ups are still open!

Just a few more weeks to go until the WO-HE-LO'ing begins! This year is a laughter-packed weekend filled with Camp beautification projects, toasts and singing, and most of all, yes most of all, time together with dear friends.

What's new this year:

- **Four reunion groups are attending** Service Weekend/Spring Reunions. We're thrilled to welcome TR '71 and TR '73 — both celebrating their 50th Reunions! — as well as TR '08 and TR '13. They'll enjoy canoe trips, hikes to Junior, Council Ring, a special Gold Cross Ceremony, song presentations and much more.
- **Walk along the planks of something new.** Attendees will be the very first to "rock the docks" and experience our fully installed, completely renovated Junior Camp waterfront! Thanks to all who contributed to this incredible project.
- **A formal ribbon cutting ceremony** will commemorate Nakanawa's OFFICIAL 501c(3) status. We'll celebrate at the front gates of Senior Camp immediately following breakfast on Saturday, May 20.



Last year's Service Weekend crew. We look forward to seeing many more faces in just a few weeks!

What to know about registration:

An accurate headcount is extremely helpful for planning purposes, so please [register first](#), then get ready for Service Weekend / Spring Reunion at Nakanawa.

WOrk on your registration
HElp beautify Camp
Love the work you did to prep camp for Summer 2023

- If the [CampMinder registration](#) process has proved challenging, we have an easy alternative. Click [this link](#) and answer the questions, and we'll know to expect you. We'll get you registered in CampMinder based on the information you provide.
- If you want to know who else has registered, check that out [here](#). We'll be updating that link with information for those who registered via CampMinder in the coming weeks. Circle back in a few days if you don't find many people listed yet

[register for Service Weekend 2023](#)



More details about our July and Decade Reunion Registration

Visit the [alumnae page](#) on the new Nakanawa website to see information about Decade Reunions and July Reunions. Look up your TR to see when you are scheduled (between now and 2026) to visit.

Reunion Chairs: Please reach out to your TR and encourage them to register! Contact margaretmatens@gmail.com with any questions.

[go to the alumnae page](#)

We Want YOU on our Board Committees

Are you interested in future service on a Nakanawa Board Committee? We have Board Committees that oversee Governance, Finance, Facilities, Communications, Marketing, and Development. Each is led by a member of the Board of Directors and meets several times a year to focus on important current and future projects for Camp.

If you have prior Board or Committee involvement, or have work experience in one of these areas, this opportunity is definitely for you! No prior experience, but have energy to learn and lend a hand? Yes, we want to hear from you as well!

It's exactly like being an assistant to the Wild Woman at the circus - so please get involved! The Wild Woman is certain to escape, if you don't!

Contact Wyeth Outlan Burgess at wyeth.burgess@belmont.edu for more information.



Enrollment update

We're a happy crew! Two Week Junior is completely full with a waitlist. Our other camps are over **85% full** with [camper applications](#) arriving daily. Do you know someone attending Nakanawa this summer who isn't signed up yet? Encourage them to submit their application soon. Just seven short weeks till Two Week begins!

And how about a counselor or two? [Staff applications](#) continue to arrive, but we can always use more qualified counselor candidates for a variety of activities. Please consider spending a heavenly 2, 4, or 6 weeks on the plateau this summer. Bring friends to join in the fun and make a huge difference in the lives of young girls and women.

[submit a camper application](#)



Help preserve Camp's rich history ...

You might say Corie Wilson is like Indiana Jones. She recently uncovered negatives, slides, 8mm reels, and TONS of old Camp photos. While these weren't discovered in The Temple of Doom, they are incredibly valuable treasures from our rich, storied past.

That said, we're launching a new project to convert these media into a digital format and enhance our abilities to share some of the "good old days" with the Nakanawa family. But, this initiative will take time, funds and a bit of work. That's where you come in.

Join our quest to restore these photos! With a contribution to the Annual Fund, this project will be "a snap" and ensure that our legacy is preserved for generations to come.

[give now](#)

... and gear up for Summer 2023

If you're in the middle of Spring Cleaning and trying to decide where to donate your items, think Camp! We could definitely use the following:

- used/working iPads with charging cables
- digital cameras (still and video) with charging cables, batteries, or battery chargers
- memory cards
- adult softball (not baseball) gloves

In many cases, your in-kind donation can qualify as a charitable contribution. Include your name and the monetary value of the gift to receive a tax receipt, if applicable.

Send your items to:
"Out with the Old"
1084 Camp Nakanawa Rd
Crossville, TN 38571



Leave a lasting legacy

Entrusting Camp Nakanawa with a Legacy Gift from your will or trust is one of the best ways to create a lasting legacy and enrich the lives of girls and young women. Click on the link below to view our planned giving webinar to learn more about easy, tax-friendly, meaningful ways to support the future of Camp.

Legacy Gifts benefit the Nakanawa Endowment and help secure our financial future, promote long-term sustainability, and guarantee happy summers for generations.

[learn about planned giving](#)

Zoom Passcode: 7@^e?BE@



“In each living, glowing ember there are friendships to remember ...”

Reconnect via our Camp directory

Find old friends in just a few clicks! Through our new online directory, you can update

your contact information, share details of your time at Camp, and sign up for alerts about city parties or camp get-togethers in your area.

visit the directory

- After completing registration, follow the "Login" link to our extended profile page.
- Look for "My Account" in the top right-hand corner of the Login page. Sharing additional information about your years as a camper or counselor will help link you to others who had similar experiences!

Any questions about the directory? Email campnak@campnakanawa.org or call us at (931) 277-3711. We're open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Alumnae Announcements

Day Lillies and Sunshine



Caroline Harris Bailey



Samantha Newell Rogers, TR '11

Dancing Flames



Mary Lamar Washburne Nicolas, TR '07, is mom to 3 future Amazons! Baby Lucy was born on March 20, 2023. Big sisters Addison (4) and Lillie (2) are thrilled.



Lucy Hunter Washburne, TR '72, holds her granddaughter and namesake, Lucy Nicholas. We love seeing generations of Amazons and Valkyries together!

[Email Molly Cook Britt](#), TR '00, with your updates and photos.



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