

VALKAZON



A Summer To Remember - from Karen Hale, Camp Director

Trophy Night 2023 arrived all too soon and brought with it a series of microbursts keeping things exciting at Camp, as always. This summer was filled with joy, happiness, and LOTS of laughter, and we're grateful to our campers and counselors for a very successful 2023 session. I'd also like to say thank you to all parents for entrusting us with your children.

From a terrific variety of special activities in both Junior and Senior camps (Sock Hop, Hoedown, Circus, various trips, a very memorable Operetta, Prom, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, just to name a few), to the inspirational Sunday church services delivered to us by Pepe (centered around Beethoven's "Ode to Joy") and TR 2023 ("How Words Matter"), we're all now home, back to our everyday lives, encouraged to find joy in our activities and friendships. We're also remembering that words spread like ripples on top of the water and reminded to always choose words that are kind, respectful, and lift up others.

Our Junior Counselors created an atmosphere of consideration for others with their image of "buckets" this summer. Their message: remember to be cognizant of filling up the buckets of others rather than dipping into or taking from them. And don't forget to fill your OWN buckets. If you are a bucket-filler, you make the world a better place to be!

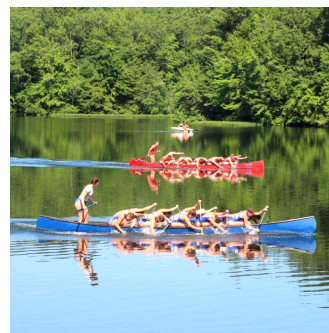
These are themes that permeated our summer from Opening Day to Council Ring, to Rock Meetings, Vespers, and Church. Be kind to each other, find joy, be happy, and be the best version of yourself.

Helen Keller said, "To each one of us is given, in some degree, the power to create and distribute happiness and that is about the best thing any one of us can do."

And as my good friend Cindy always says, “Nakanawa Girls can do ANYTHING!” You just have to believe that nothing is impossible because “I’m POSSIBLE”.

Wo He Lo,
Karen

Snapshots and Smiles



After-Summer Reading: Nakanawa's Strategic Plan

We know what we're doing at Nakanawa because we've been doing it, literally, for generations. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we invite you to learn about our top priorities for Camp in the 2021-2024 [Camp Nakanawa Strategic Plan](#).

A huge thanks to Ashley Stroud, TR '89, for her outstanding graphic design talents and willingness to assist in the preparation of this project. Round the table you must go!

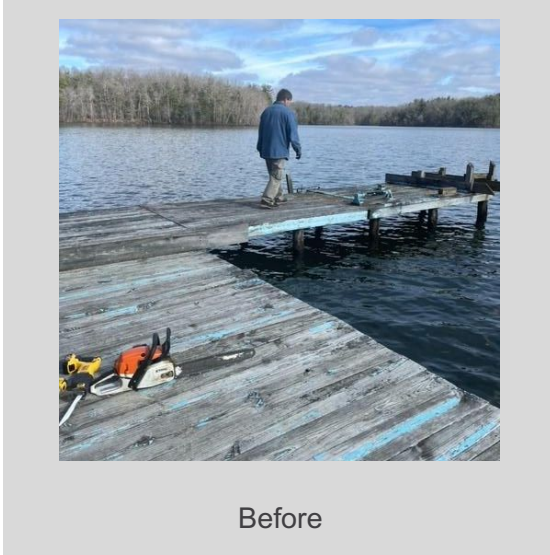
[read our Strategic Plan](#)

Camp continues to grow and evolve to serve future generations thanks to contributions from YOU, our strong alumnae base. As we set our sights on Summer 2024 and beyond, we welcome your support.

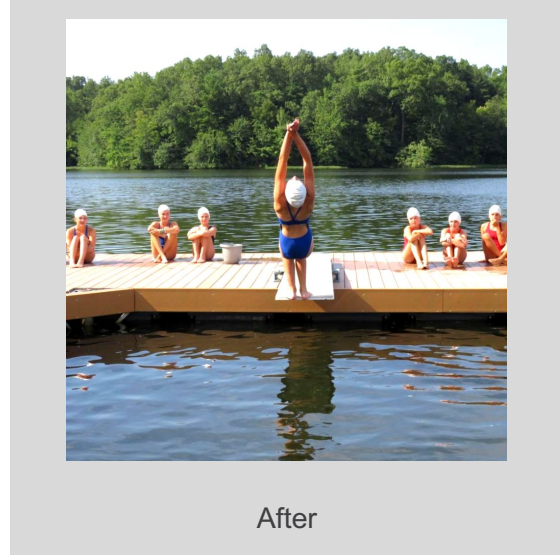
Contributions to our Annual Fund to help cover maintenance and operations costs,

introduce new programming, boost our recruitment efforts, and of course keep our beloved Nakanawa looking and operating at its best.

Just take a look at what we were able to accomplish together for our Junior campers this summer! The new waterfront was a splash hit for the girls. [Senior Camp docks](#) are next!



Before



After

support the Senior Waterfront Project



Members of TR '13 celebrated their 10-year reunion with other friends who came to enjoy the sights and sounds of Nakanawa. From left: Morgan Daily, TR '16; Margaret Leatherbury, TR '13; Lilla Bea McMullan (Granger), TR '13; Caroline Turner (Johnson), TR '13; Mary Stewart Beasley, TR 13; Margaret Roddy, TR '13, and Mollie Gaines, TR '14.

We'll Have Our Reunions

It was so exciting to host our traditional July reunions at Camp once again! We had a

great showing from TR '13 and TR '22, along with representatives from other years. All enjoyed Varsity Soccer, Team Meetings, Amazon Serenade, War Canoe races, and Introductions on the Crows Nest. Members of TR '22 were also welcomed as our newest alumnae during a special luncheon in the Kiosk.

After successful Spring and Summer reunions, we're ready for more! Save the date for two additional opportunities to gather with your Tent Row:

May 17-19, 2024

May Reunion and Service Weekend



If your TR does NOT have an anniversary coming soon, there is no need to wait to gather with your friends. Plan a nostalgic weekend at Camp this Spring. All TRs are welcome. The weekend includes lodging at Camp (some options even include en-suite bathrooms!), five meals and two "Happy-Am-I Hours," and lots of activity options, including canoeing, hiking, visiting your Rocks, s'mores at Council Ring, and much more.

If a weekend at camp sounds great but your group (or part of the group) wants less rustic accommodations, there are several great places to rent close to Camp. Contact Margaret Matens at margaretmatens@gmail.com for more details or to let us know if your group wants to be added to our May weekend list.

July 19-21, 2024

Special Anniversary Reunions



Camp is thrilled to welcome back the following Tent Row groups next summer:

- 50th: TR '74
- 40th: TR '84
- 30th: TR '94
- 25th: TR '99
- 20th: TR '04

- 10th: TR '14
- 1st: TR '23

If you are willing to be the contact point for your group, please email Donya Rose at donya@gmail.com so we can send you additional info.



Tent Row '22 gathered for the Reunion Weekend festivities this summer. We hope to see your TR at an upcoming weekend in 2024.

[visit the alumnae page](#)

Camp Connects Us from Coast-to-Coast

Nakanawa unites us from each different city to each new town. Don't believe us? Just ask these recent Camp meet-ups from sea to shining sea.



Martha Lee McCarty, TR '21 and Katherine Redd, TR '20 welcomed Eleanor Vig, TR '22 to Chi Omega at Ole Miss Bid Day 2023.



Bunk and his wife, Kathy, paid a visit to Mop and Jack Queen during a recent vacation to the Pacific Northwest.



Mop and Jack Queen also welcomed Molly Cook Britt (TR '00) and her family during a trip to Port Townsend, WA.

Extra, Extra! Campsickness is the Real Deal

The New York Times recently revealed something Nakanawa girls know all too well. On August 20, the Opinion section declared, [Campsickness Is Real and a Sign of Something Special](#).

Barbara Keith Payne, a member of our Development Committee, said, "This is a powerful article that does a good job of articulating what camp does and how valuable it can be in today's world. It sends a strong message about focusing on the 'cultural agenda' of camp and how to create that Neverland atmosphere where girls find their best selves."

She added, "Being able to paint a picture of Camp as an essential, irreplaceable experience is the real work."

[read more](#)

Tales from the Waterfront

It was the summer of 1967. A pair of 1st-Year Intermediates and new campers Lucy Hunter Washburne and Mary Miles Loveless remember it raining almost every day during the eight weeks they were at Camp. So, time on the lake was precious.

One evening after dinner, Lucy and Mary loaded up in one of Camp's notoriously squeaky, metal rowboats in an attempt to pass those impossible lines and landings near the war canoe dock. It was close to Pageant time, and the much older Valkyries were on Lake Aloaloa conducting a full dress rehearsal.



With no Daylight Savings Time back then, dusk quickly approached. The canoeing counselor sent the two young campers - both Amazons - back to the canoeing dock. Squeaking with every stroke and competing with "The Ride of the Valkyries" blaring from the record player ashore, the girls narrowly missed a giant war canoe with flaming torches coming in the opposite direction. There was simply no way to be inconspicuous!

Needless to say, the Valkyries and their sponsor were none too happy. Oh, and did we mention Lucy and Mary were Amazons?! Infiltrators in Valhalla!

Share any legendary prank or waterfront stories you have from your days at Camp by simply replying to this newsletter with your tale!

Do you have news to share with the Nakanawa family?

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



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