

# VALKAZON



## Karen's Christmas Corner

Dear Campers, Counselors, Parents, and Friends,

Happy Holidays from the Upper Cumberland Plateau, where we're enjoying "reindeer weather." As we bundle up for a long winter's nap, we reflect on what a wonderful year 2023 has been. We're truly blessed with our Camp friends and family, the most beautiful grounds, and warm memories from each summer. Thank you all for making Nakanawa a special place where the spirit of love and friendship abound. It's a place that allows us to be in nature and experience the world without screens or other outside influences. It's a place where we can truly be ourselves.

We miss our campers, but they are always on our minds as we prepare for the next year. The 2024 Camp season will be here before you know it! We hope you'll continue to follow along with us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

The holidays are all about good times with family. Whether you honor Jesus' joyous birth, revel in the light of Hanukkah, or wait up late for Santa Claus' big night out with Rudolph, this season celebrates joy! This year's ornament is a reminder to be joyful and spread the light of the Spirit of Nakanawa wherever you are.

Enjoy this wonderful time of year and make sure you have plenty of cookies and hot cocoa with marshmallows! From all of us at Camp Nakanawa, we wish you a joyful holiday season filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments. May the Spirit of Nakanawa be with you wherever you go.

Warmest regards,  
Karen

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**Happy Holidays from our Fantastic Staff**



Much love from Ann, Pepe, Corie, Apryll, Annette, Bunk, Donathan, Casey, Bolt, Copper, Dinkleman, and all the horses!

## Holiday Open House Welcomes Friends Old and New

**Oh what fun** was had by all who attended Camp Nakanawa's Annual Holiday Open House on December 17th. Take a look to see who dropped in for some merriment.



Kathy Hall and Ann Perron



May Douglas Smith Bumpus and Bill Tays



Lisa Labuy, Sydney Labuy, Blair Mayfield Rissing and Wyeth Outlan Burgess



Maegan Henry with Meghan Macdonald Carvell and little Keith



Jonny Perron, Robert Perron, Pepe and Donathan Reeves

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## Holiday Tributes

### In Honor of

Cabin 2, 2018  
Mary Shearer Baker  
Hannah, Molly and Grace  
Megan and Anne Grinder  
Kathie Jenkins King  
Jingle Iglehart Hagey  
Cile and Virginia Hutchinson  
Tiny McPhillips  
Juliette Barry, Ellie Barry and Stella O'Conner  
Lucian and Wyeth Outlan

Pamela Pabian  
Caroline Pabian  
Ann and Pepe Perron  
Kathy Quinn, TR 1966  
Kate Golden, TR 1996  
Tent Row 2001  
Tent Row 2023  
Tent Row 2027  
Nan Chamberlain Smith  
Nakanawa Development Team

### In Memory of

Bolt  
Eloise Colcock Born  
Carolyn Boyd, TR 1974  
Lina Boyer  
Jesse Graham  
Lillis Lot Lewis  
Kay Salyer  
Elizabeth Walter

**Honor someone you love with a gift to the Nakanawa Fund**

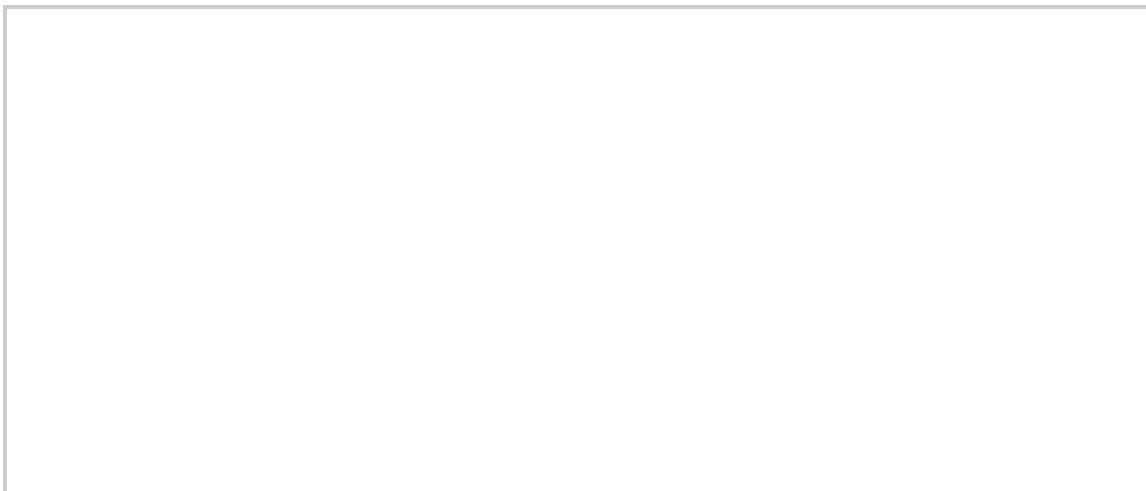
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## Support Nakanawa in your Year-End Giving

**Our transition** from a privately-owned business to a non-profit organization has been a lengthy process, but well worth the wait. The future of Nakanawa is bright, but we still have work to do.

A robust [Nakanawa Fund](#) will allow us to properly plan improvements, pay our counselors and staff competitively, and maintain Camp's beautiful facilities. Your financial participation is vital to our mission.





As you ring out the old year and ring in the new  
Remember to give to dear Red and Blue



### Give Yourself The Gift of Involvement

**Are you interested in future service** on a Nakanawa Board Committee? Alumnae volunteers from across the country oversee our Communications, Development, Facilities, Finance, Governance, and Marketing efforts. Each committee 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! If you don't have previous experience, but bring passion and energy to learn and lend a hand, we want to hear from you as well!

Email Ginny Bass Carl at [ginny@givingwelok.com](mailto:ginny@givingwelok.com) for more information.

### Alumnae Spotlight: Patsy King Hosman (TR '71 & '72)

**Patsy King Hosman** hails from a long line of Camp Nakanawa women. Her mother was the Camp representative for Oklahoma for many years, and all three of her older sisters spent their summers on the shores of Lake Aloaloa.

"Naturally I followed them," said Patsy. She spent six years as a camper, two years as a "regular counselor," and four years as a "Mom counselor" when her youngest daughter, Jane, attended two-week.



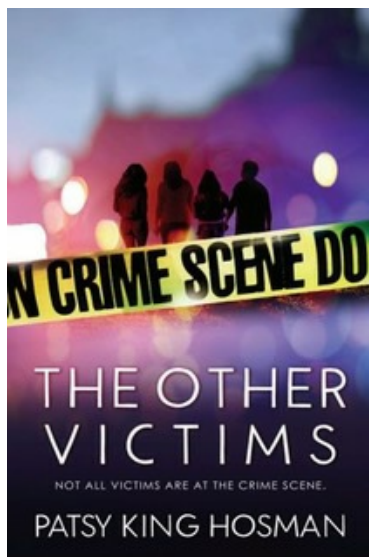
## Whale of a Tale

Recalling her teen years, Patsy says she enjoyed Camp because it introduced her to the beauty of nature in a safe, traditional environment, which helped keep her grounded. Swimming was her favorite Camp activity. Her determination and hard work paid off when she achieved the level of Whale not once but twice!

"What I loved most about Nakanawa was the overall atmosphere, the encouragement to be your best self rather than "the best," living with girls from all over the country, and making life-long friends," she said. "Coming to Camp was a life-changing experience for me during my growing-up years."



Joining Patsy at Service Weekend in May were fellow "Whales" Lee Stewart Bowen and Margot Kepper Berry.



## Lifetime Values

While taking a short story class a few years ago, Patsy's instructor encouraged her to expand on a manuscript she had written.

"Camp played a part in this process," she said. "I learned how to keep trying and not give up; to dig deep and find the tenacity to try for something that was really beyond my reach."

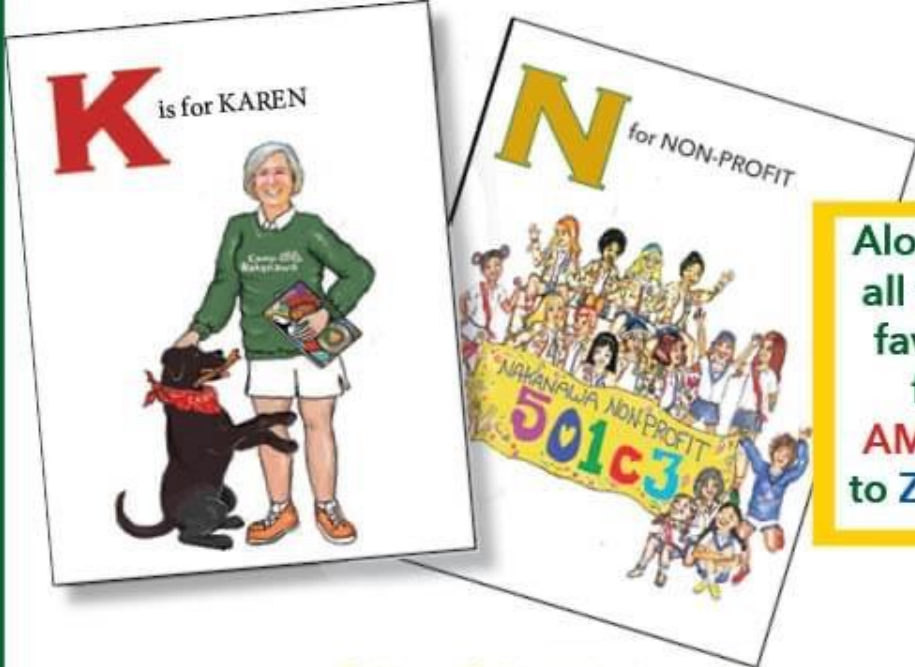
The premise of the story: *"What happened to Alice Bennett, the protagonist, and her family when they learned that Alice's sister, Lou Ella Sutton, was responsible for the deaths of eleven victims at the James B. Saloon in Mineral Wells, OK?"*

"My novel is not an attempt to rationalize a tragic situation, but to ask a question," Patsy said. "In writing it, I tried to find a semblance of an answer to a question that has no real resolution."

Patsy and her husband, Tom, divide their time between Oklahoma and Florida and enjoy being with their three grandkids. She admits she has become a "wanna-be adult camper"

and returned to Camp three times this year! Just goes to show, you can take the girl out of Nakanawa, but you can't take Nakanawa out of the girl.

**W**HAT'S NEW IN THE  
**NAKANAWA ALPHABET?**



Along with all the old favorites from **AMAZON** to **ZIPLINE!**

The revised "NAKANAWA A to Z" is available!  
64 pages of fun camp illustrations. Order now for Christmas.

A percentage of the proceeds from book sales is  
**DONATED to CAMP.**

### How Do You Spell Nakanawa?

**We love how much** Camp Nakanawa stays the same, but a few things have changed. Our **REVISED**, autographed, fully illustrated book, *Nakanawa A to Z*, is available now for order via Etsy. It's a perfect stocking stuffer for the camper young or old in your life.

[order yours today](#)

### All Dogs Go To Heaven

This month, we said farewell to Bolt, one of Ann and Pepe's most beloved furry friends.

After 16 years of riding in the white truck and greeting campers and visitors from the office porch, Bolt—a loyal friend and companion—peacefully crossed The Rainbow Bridge.

We will miss you, Bolt.





# Alumnae Announcements

## Day Lillies



Callen Grace Newell made her debut on December 8, 2023. Parents Molly Claybrook Newell and John Newell are thrilled with their new Christmas gift.

## Out and About



Georgia Graham Mattern had the pleasure of meeting Ashley Smith's mother, Susan Thomas, for the first time at a holiday gathering.



Friends including May Douglas Smith Bumpus and Nan Bumpus helped Karen Barlow Parrish welcome in her 60th year!



Hey, look! Friends Caroline Landau and Mollie Gaines caught up recently in the city by the bay. Wo He Lo!



Let's hear it for TR '66! Twelve of their 15 members gathered in Big Canoe, GA in October.



Shelly Landau recently hosted a Mile High hangout of Nakanawa alumnae in Denver. Thanks, Shelly!

## Sharing is Caring

**Have you celebrated** a wedding, welcomed a child, launched a new business, led a conference keynote, or have any big and exciting news to share, please [email us](#) a photo along with details about your big event. We'd love to help you announce it far and wide to our Nakanawa community.

**Do you know Nakanawa alumnae** who would love to receive *The Valkazon* each month,

but might not be in our email database yet? Encourage them to join our fun. It's easy peasy! In just a few clicks, they can update contact information, share details of their time at Camp, and sign up for alerts about city parties or camp get-togethers nearby.

[sign up here](#)

**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.
- Share additional information about your years as a camper or counselor. This will help link you to others who had similar experiences!

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

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## Corrections

A big thank you to Junior Camp playground donors Helen and Wayne Brafford. Apologies ONCE AGAIN for the incorrect spelling seen in our last TWO issues!! Wayne, we love you!



## Nakanawa in the Know: Dates for 2024

Service Weekend: May 17-19

Two-Week Session: June 16-28

Four-Week Session: July 1-27

July Reunion Weekend: 19-21

Mother-Daughter Weekend: Sept 13-15



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Camp Nakanawa's offices are closed for the holidays and will re-open on January 3, 2024.  
Talk to you in the New Year!

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