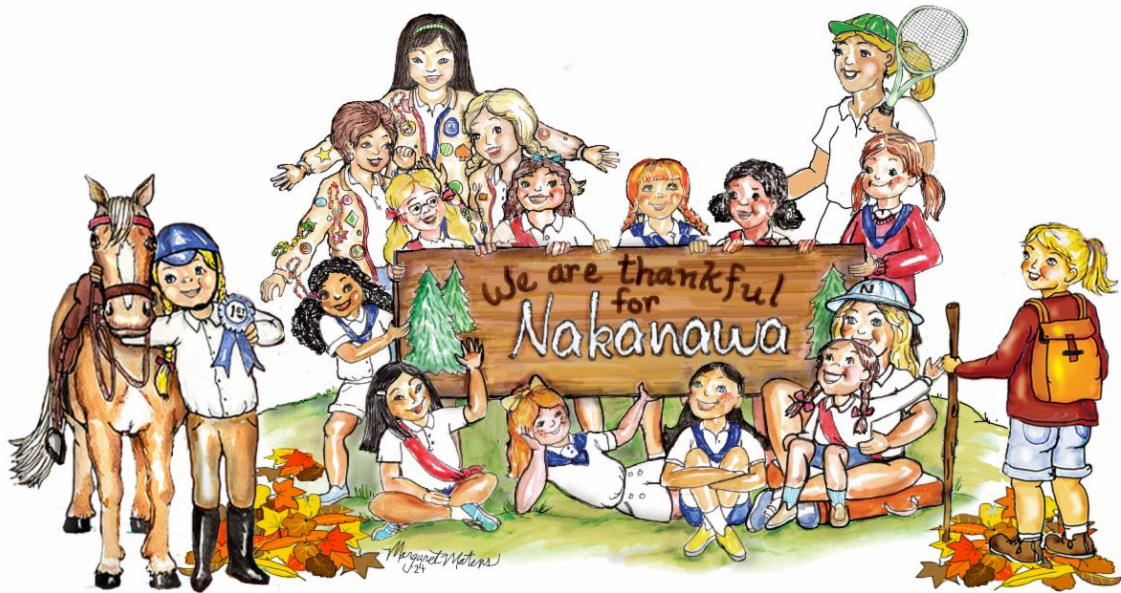


# VALKAZON



## Happy Holidays from Camp Nakanawa

As the holiday season surrounds us, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate 2024 at Camp Nakanawa. Recently, our year-round staff gathered to celebrate the season with a special dinner. It was a beautiful time to sit down, connect, and share in the love and respect we hold for one another. I am grateful for each person who dedicates their time and energy to making Nakanawa such a magical place.

As the evening unfolded, a soft, fluffy snowfall began to blanket the world outside, adding an extra touch of magic to our time together. I couldn't help but wish I had the chance to sit down with each of you — our Camp family — to share stories, laughter, and gratitude for Nakanawa.



I want to extend my deepest thanks to everyone who has been a part of Camp Nakanawa. It has been an unforgettable year. We are so fortunate to have built a place where girls can grow, thrive, and become the best versions of themselves. Our mission — to inspire kindness, courage, confidence, and compassion — continues to shape the lives of our campers in ways that fill us with pride. We are excited to carry this mission forward into 2025 and beyond.

If you're considering ways to give this season, please know that your support for Camp Nakanawa makes a lasting impact. Your generosity helps us continue to offer life-changing experiences that empower girls to discover their potential and embrace their futures with confidence.

From all of us here at Camp Nakanawa, we send our warmest wishes for a joyful and peaceful holiday season. Thank you for being a part of our Camp family.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
Karen



### So Many Ways to Give

**At Nakanawa, we believe in the magic of community** and the power of generosity, and we're thrilled to invite you to join our spirited family of supporters. If you're looking for a true win-win scenario, why not consider donating appreciated securities to Camp? Here are the top reasons why:

- Avoid capital gains by donating shares of stock directly to Camp. *You don't pay the tax and campers reap the benefits of your stock growth.*
- Rest easy knowing your charitable deduction is valued at the current fair market value of your stock.

- Help grow the Nakanawa Fund while preserving your cash and investing in Camp's future.

### how to get started

- Email [Laurie.Heiligstedt@RaymondJames.com](mailto:Laurie.Heiligstedt@RaymondJames.com) for simple instructions to pass along to your advisor or broker for a direct transfer.
- Send a note to [apryll@campnakanawa.org](mailto:apryll@campnakanawa.org) to let us know your name and gift—this way, we can credit you properly. Your stock transfers are kept private until you notify us.

Thank you for your commitment to empowering young girls at Camp Nakanawa; together, we can make a difference.

[donate to the Nakanawa Fund](#)

□ **And the beat goes on** □



**As we wrap up a wonderful year** of Nakanawa slideshows, the spirit of Camp is still going strong. ♥ □ Blair Mayfield Rissing (TR 94) recently hosted a fun-filled gathering in Franklin, TN—complete with Camp magic, friendship, and s'mores. Thank you to

everyone who made our tour so successful.

Still to come in January 2025:

LOCATION	DATE
Mobile, AL	Jan. 10
Atlanta, GA	Jan. 12
Norfolk / Virginia Beach, VA	Jan. 18

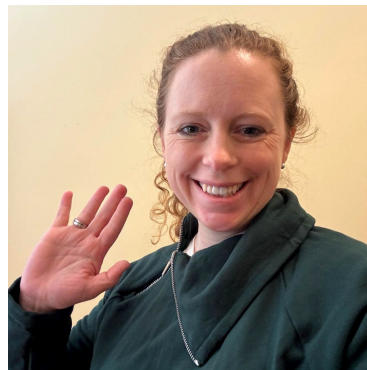
Mark your calendars and please stop by if you're in the area! Interested in hosting a future slideshow in your hometown? Email Blair at [blairrissing@gmail.com](mailto:blairrissing@gmail.com).

### Boom Diddy-ah Goodbye! Board members wrap up three years of service



**Amanda Forgason Dempsey** (TR 97) inspired bold marketing and media innovation for Camp. From sweatshirts to Instagram, her research and guidance continue to pay off each day.

Amanda led the expansion of our representative network, established a long-term vision for "portable" slideshows, and developed partnerships with businesses such as [satchel](#). She continues to serve as a member of Nakanawa's Risk Management and Security Task Force. Amanda, thank you for your gifts of time and talent.



**Pamela Griffith Pabian** (TR 03), our inaugural board treasurer, expertly guided us through the intricacies of our 501c3 organization.

Over the past three years, Pamela generously shared her expertise in non-profit accounting. She built our budget and established a robust financial structure that ensures transparency and accountability. Her diligent work laid the strong financial foundation for Camp Nakanawa and its future. Pamela, we are forever indebted for your pioneering work.



**Sally Tubb Welch** (TR 76) was the ringmaster who coordinated people and parts to produce *The Valkazon*. From penning to proofing to picture-hunting, Sally's hard work ensured that the newsletter landed in our inboxes each month for three years, creating a cherished connection with our Camp community.

She also wrote and edited copy for Nakanawa's new website and crafted engaging content for Camp's social media presence in its inaugural stages. Sally, your patience, diligence and leadership lit our way. Thank you is not enough.

### How Do You Do? Nakanawa Board of Directors welcomes new members



**Patty Lankford Akers (TR 70 & 71)**  
Risk Management/Board Secretary



**Megan Wellford Grinder (TR 90)**  
Development



**Margaret Roddy (TR 13)**  
Treasurer



**Lori Wagner (TR 86)**  
Communications/Marketing

## Alumnae Announcements

### Dancing Flames



Ali Smith Barber (TR 14) and



Lochrane Smith Chase (TR 05)



Anna Post (TR 19) and Brighton

husband Hayes welcomed Ms. Lily Jean Barber on December 2, 2024.

and her husband Brad welcomed Connors Wheeler Chase on December 5, 2024.

Smith welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Weston, on December 16, 2024.

## Setting Suns



### Kathleen "Teena" Greer King

Teena Greer King, former camper and counselor, mother of Janie King Sharp and Mary Bess King, as well as grandmother, aunt, and great-aunt to many Nakanawa campers, passed away peacefully in Knoxville, TN surrounded by her family on November 24, 2024.

Click on the link below to learn more about Teena's very full 92 years of life.

<https://clarksvillenow.com/local/kathleen-teena-greer-king/>

## Alumnae Giving

Honor someone you love with a gift to the Nakanawa Fund

### In Memory of:

Jim Aphorp  
Louise Boteler  
Eloise "Bootie" Born Farnsworth  
Janet Mitchell Gonzalez  
Julia Welles Hawkins  
Teena Greer King  
David Perron

### In Honor Of:

Wyeth Outlan Burgess  
Casey Colwick Fisher  
Lucy Gaines  
Lucia Chandler Outlan  
Ann & Pepe Perron  
Mop Queen  
Tent Row 75  
Tent Row 07  
Tent Row 24  
Karen Lancaster Wellford  
Nakanawa Board of Directors

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## Nakanawa in the Know

**Service Weekend:** May 16–18, 2025  
**Two-Week Junior/Session 1:** June 1–13, 2025  
**Two-Week Session 2:** June 15–27, 2025  
**Four-Week Session:** June 30–July 26, 2025  
**Reunion Weekend:** July 18–20, 2025



**Camp Nakanawa's regular business hours are Monday–Friday, from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Central Time. Messages received outside of those hours will be answered on the next business day.**

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