

# VALKAZON



## □ Exciting News for Summer 2025 □

Hello Camp Nakanawa Family,

We're thrilled to announce that, due to overwhelming demand, we're adding an additional Junior Camp session for the 2025 season! Get ready for even more adventure, laughter, and lifelong friendships at every turn.

### **New Session Details:**

**Ages: 8-11** (completed grades 2-5)

**Dates:** June 1–13, 2025

**Tuition:** \$2,850

**Deposit:** \$500

This new session promises all the fun, excitement, and cherished experiences of our original Two Week Junior session—scheduled just two weeks earlier! Get ready for thrilling activities, team challenges, and unforgettable moments under the sun and stars.

Whether you're returning to our Camp family or joining us for the first time, prepare for epic adventures, new friendships, and memories that will last a lifetime! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity—secure your spot today. We're filling up fast!

Head over to the [camper application](#) now to secure your place in this amazing addition to our summer lineup, OR share this exciting news with potential campers.

Thank you for being part of the Nakanawa family. We can't wait to create more magical moments together in 2025!

Smile, Pep!

Karen Hale and the Camp Nakanawa team



COME ON

AND JOIN

OUR FUN!

▣ In Our Slideshow Era ▣

**Taylor Swift is winding down her Eras Tour**, but ours is just getting started! Here's a look at the 2024 Slideshow Tour, coming to a city near you. Are you *Ready For It?* Be *Fearless* and help us spread the word about Camp Nak, the place we know *All Too Well*.

LOCATION	DATE
Nashville, TN	Nov. 3
Knoxville, TN	Nov 3
Oklahoma City, OK	Nov. 10
Austin, TX	Nov. 11
Dallas, TX	Nov. 17
Birmingham, AL	Nov. 17
Chatanooga, TN	Nov. 17
Bowling Green, KY	Nov. 24
Franklin, TN	Dec. 15
Norfolk / Virginia Beach	Jan. 18

**Truth, Justice, and the Nakanawa Way**

FILL OUT THE GOOGLE FORM AND...

COURAGE  
WISDOM

NOMINATE YOUR

Bold  
&  
Ready

2024

# NAKANAWA HERO

WHO HAD A  
POSITIVE IMPACT  
ON **YOUR** CAMP  
EXPERIENCE?



From November 26th to December 3rd, we will honor a different Nakanawa Hero each day—because here at Camp, we believe everyone has the power to leave a lasting mark!



WO-HE-LO  
SPECIAL  
EDITION

As we prepare for Giving Tuesday, we're asking you to share the story of someone who showed you what leadership, kindness, and courage look like at Camp. Maybe they sparked your journey or left an unforgettable mark on your Nakanawa experience. Maybe it was a counselor, a cabin mate, or a teammate. Heroes come in all shapes, ages, and sizes, and we want to know about them.

Name your hero today! Fill out [this Google form](#) and tell us how your hero influenced your Camp life. From November 26th to December 3rd, we'll be highlighting everyone's heroes— because "We hold the torch high, pass it on, pass it on!"

**Heroes are made here, and their legacy continues to inspire.  
Wo-He-Lo!**

Howdy, Tosha



**HAY there!** We're thrilled to introduce the newest member of the Nakanawa herd: Tosha, a lovely Appaloosa mare. At around 20 years old, Tosha is sound, sturdy, and carries a gentle disposition.

Before joining us, Tosha worked as a trail horse and occasionally provided riding lessons. She earned the nickname "dad horse" for her broader build, which made her ideal for carrying larger riders. With all her vaccinations up to date, Tosha is settling in beautifully on the Cumberland Plateau and has already been welcomed by Biscuit, a proud member of Nakanawa's equine greeting committee. This week, she'll meet the rest of the herd at the barn.

***Editor's Note:** Last month, we announced the arrival of Charger and mistakenly identified him as a stallion. Charger is, in fact, a gelding. (No membership in the Dusty Bottoms Club for our editors!)*

### **Did You Know?**

**Our equestrian program** is one of Nakanawa's flagship programs that sets us apart from other similar camps. Feeding, caring, and equipping our beloved horses is no small feat. Gifts to our Nakanawa Fund support many of our essential Camp operations, including our riding program.

[donate to the Annual Fund](#)

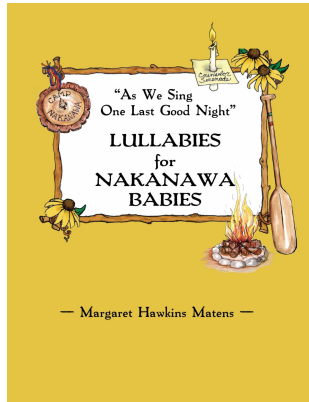
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### **Sweetly Sing to a Lullaby**

**Nearly 40 years ago**, Margaret Hawkins Matens began compiling a collection of Nakanawa lullabies after her friend, Dana Beer, welcomed her first child. It's a project that Margaret had long wanted to complete.

While our counselors practice the Counselor Serenade songs each year, campers only hear them once a summer. And,

since many of the lyrics exist solely in Glee Club notebooks, Margaret hopes that her book, *Lullabies for Nakanawa Babies*, will preserve these traditional songs for future generations.



With contributions from Tiny McPhillips, Alice Layman, Martha McKetchnie, Mop Queen, and others, this beautifully illustrated book by Margaret features a variety of serenade songs, including a few perfect for singing to children.

Additionally, Martha and Alice will be recording the lullabies, and both the book and recordings will soon be available for order on Etsy.

Stay tuned for more details on how to get your copy of *Lullabies for Nakanawa Babies*!

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## Alumnae Announcements

### Dancing Flames



Jessica Killough Short, TR 00, and her family welcomed their newest Amazon on October 5, 2025.

### Setting Suns

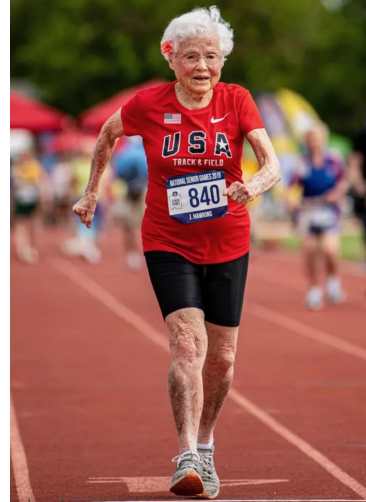
## Julia Welles "Hurricane" Hawkins

**Julia Hawkins**, mother to Margaret Hawkins Matens and Jugie Hawkins Battle, passed away at the age of 108 in Baton Rouge, LA on October 22, 2024.

Julia was a force of nature! She took up running after her 100th birthday at the encouragement of her children, and went on to set two world records in the 100-meter dash, inspiring legions of older athletes.

As a counselor in Junior Camp, Julia assisted Margaret in the Nature Hut—naturally! She will be remembered as a bright light of positivity in the lives of those who loved her, including her surviving family members: her sister, her four children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Read about Julia's incredible legacy [in The New York Times](#) and watch this feature (below) from WAFB-TV Baton Rouge. A true treasure!



### Alumnae Giving

Honor someone you love with a gift to the Nakanawa Fund

**In Memory of:**  
Julia Welles Hawkins

**In Honor Of:**  
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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



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