

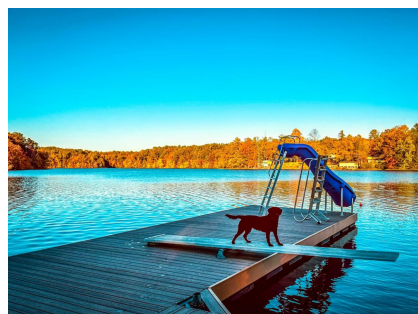
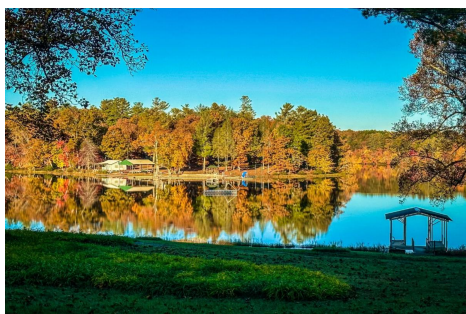
VALKAZON



We're shouting it from the top of the Cumberland Plateau: OUR SENIOR WATERFRONT PROJECT IS FULLY FUNDED

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who answered the call and made this dream a reality. As always, our Nakanawa family banded together to continue to support the improvements of our beloved Camp. We'd especially like to thank our lead donors who thoughtfully and lovingly helped us reach this important funding goal.

- **Where it stands:** Demolition is currently underway. New docks and a new boathouse are slated for completion just in time for Summer 2024!
- **What's next:** Be on the lookout for more details regarding this exciting news and our lead donors in our Development Report, coming to an inbox near you in mid-November.



Karen's Corner

Fall is in the air! The trees have turned beautiful shades of yellow, orange, and red. Keep an eye on social media for updated photos of beautiful Lake Aloaloa showing off those autumn hues.

As the seasons change, so too does our dear Nakanawa. Here are the latest and greatest updates we're working on for next Camp season:

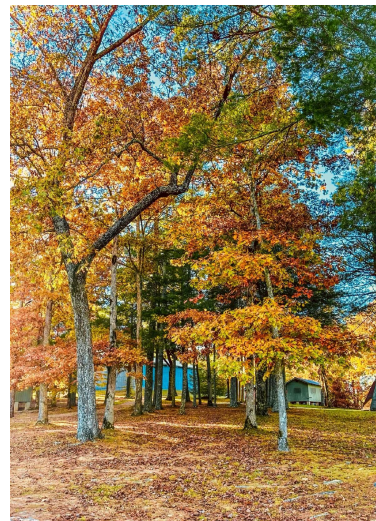
Swing: Brace yourselves for an exhilarating new addition to our already awe-inspiring Climbing Wall in Senior Camp: a new Giant Swing! This isn't just an activity; it's a thrilling adventure that will leave you wanting more.

Swim: Additionally, the Senior Camp Waterfront transformation has begun. With its new shape, 25-meter swim lanes with flip-turn walls, enhanced safety features and improved accessibility, the new dock promises to make the Waterfront experience a big splash.

Play: Repairs are almost complete on the Pavilion after this summer's Closing Day storm. Banner painting and Table Tennis can resume in the vast covered space, and the indoor Climbing Wall will soon have its roof back so campers can ascend to the smiley face at the top.

Prune: At Nakanawa, safety is always paramount. We've prioritized inspections by certified arborists to assess potential risks from trees around activity areas and maintain both adventure and serenity across the property. This month, we've pruned overgrown or dead branches and removed diseased trees. This helps guarantee that our healthy trees will stand tall against time.

Graze: The horses are relishing the cooler temperatures, thanks to their fuzzy winter coats. They continue to eagerly search for apples whenever I approach them. And they, along with everyone here, join me in wishing y'all a very Happy Fall.



Have You Played Today?

Long-time Junior Camp counselor Helen Donelson and her husband, H. Wayne Bradford, donated a beautiful playscape

to Junior Camp in honor of the late Chris Hale. Campers spent many hours swinging, climbing, and sliding and having fun on the new equipment this summer.

The plaque that will permanently accompany this structure asks the question, "Have You Played Today?" May we all remain playful and full of fun long beyond our years as campers and counselors. Thank you, Helen and Wayne!



Board of Directors Update

The Camp Nakanawa Board of Directors gathered 'neath the shining stars and tall trees for their annual meeting Oct. 6–8. Cool, crisp temperatures and gorgeous reds, golds and oranges greeted them and provided the perfect backdrop for planning and forecasting for the year to come.

Welcome, Alex Seblatnigg

Alex Seblatnigg (TR '88) has led our Service Weekend volunteer corps for years. Now, she brings her time, talent, and tenacity to the Camp Nakanawa Board of Directors as its newest member.

In Atlanta, GA, Alex is Director of Volunteer Services and Internal Engagement at The Shepherd Center where she has successfully led external community service groups and internal employees for more than a decade. Fun fact: she's consistently led employee giving to more than \$200,000 annually with 75% or more staff participation, a stellar average.



Her extensive non-profit board service and leadership recognition at community, state, and national levels make her an ideal addition to our Board of Directors. Alex is a doer and a builder who can bring to life intangible unity and purpose, and Nakanawa is fortunate to have her expertise at the ready.

A New Face for Counselor Recruitment

With Blair Mayfield Rissing (TR '94) leading the charge for our Counselor Recruitment Committee, the Summer 2024 staff is



guaranteed to be a dynamite crew!

Blair and the recruitment team —Amanda Dempsey, Francis Fondren, Karen Hale, Aimee Michaels, Pamela Pabian, Blakeley Sisk, and Corie Wilson — have restructured efforts to attract top talent. Their hard work is already paying off, as we already have several interested applicants.

Check back here for counselor spotlights and updates on this team's progress. Way to go!

2023 Counselor Staff Spotlight

Meet Julianne York, a first-year counselor this summer in Senior Camp! After a Camp staff member encouraged her to apply, Julianne, a Business Administration and International Affairs student at Georgia Tech, fell easily into Nak life. Here's what she said about her inaugural summer:

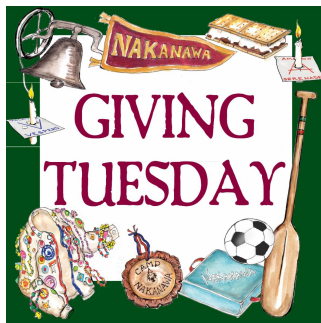


"I loved making connections with all the counselors and staff. I taught Running and Softball and had a wonderful time doing it. Some of my favorite Camp things included the 4th of July cookout, rafting trips, and coffee cake!

There were quite a few memorable moments, too -- like on Opening Day with the ferocity of the campers playing "Birdie on the Perch," organizing a Color Run, and participating in a Lip Sync Battle. I also learned several Camp songs and heard many of my bunkies sing "Taps."

For some quiet time, I loved hanging out in my hammock as well as Colonel Rice's Trails. If I needed to get some work done for school, the Big House Porch and Library were perfect.

This year, I'm on exchange studying at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid in Spain. I'm also looking for an internship at a Spanish company so I can fund my travels around Europe on the weekends! I really like Spain and Portugal but am excited to explore new places!"



November 28: Help Make It Great

Make plans now for your Giving Tuesday contributions. We're humbled by the support of our Nakanawa Community and have an eye on participation from each and every member.

We have a matching gift challenge that will be announced in mid-November. What fun!

Remember: You can support our Annual Fund at any time, which is an essential part of Nakanawa's operating expenses year over year. The fund helps build community enhancements, protects us from emergencies that arise, keeps our office and counselor salaries competitive, and funds tuition waivers.

We love donors like you! Consider a contribution today.

[support our Annual Fund](#)

REUNION REMINDERS Plan Now for 2024

Join TRs '68 & '69 who are already planning their May Reunion at Camp!

Contact your TR to see if reuniting at Camp **May 17-19, 2024** will work for your group. The weekend includes lodging at Camp, five meals, two Happy-Am-I Hours, and lots of activity options -- including canoeing, hiking, visiting your Rocks, and s'mores at Council Ring. Open to all TR groups.



Contact Margaret Matens at margaretmatens@gmail.com for more details or to let us know your group would like to be added to our May weekend list.

visit the alumnae page

Special Anniversary Reunions are scheduled for these TRs on July 19-21, 2024. Listed below are the Reunion Chairs we have on record:

- 50th- TR '74 Libba Bushnell Williams
- 40th- TR '84 Lucille Hodges
- 30th- TR '94 Anne Bracken McGraw (confirmed)
- 25th- TR '99 Emily Eason
- 20th- TR '04 Diana Darling
- 10th- TR '14 Stokes Dunavan
- 1st- TR '23 (volunteer needed)



Please let us know if you are willing to continue as the contact point for your group or want to volunteer. Email Donya Rose at donya@gmail.com.

ALUMNAE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dancing Flames



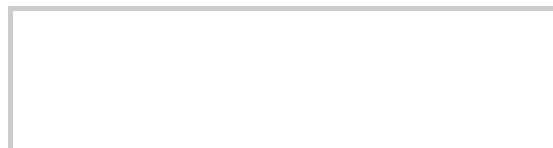
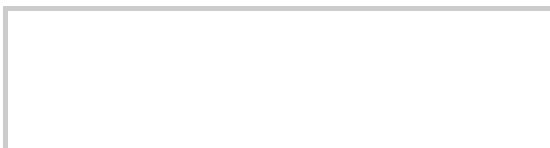
Allison Slatten Henry (TR '09) welcomed baby girl Margot this fall.



Caroline Halleemann (TR '06) welcomed baby boy Tommy Farno on October 17, 2023.



Sarah Beth Jones Auville welcomed baby girl Eleanor on September 19, 2023.





Louisa Knight Rayburn (TR '00) welcomed Hazel Parker Rayburn in September.



Helene Chastain Dellocono (TR 11) welcomed baby boy Sonny on October 2, 2023.

Out and About



"We girls are a very lucky people"! ♥ ? What a perfect TR '88 Camp Nakanawa 35th reunion. Front row: Katherine Wagner, Alex Seblatnigg, and Elizabeth Farmer Black. Back row: Katie Paden Sturdivant, Paige Parvin, Alison Campbell Reilly and Liz Covert Morrison.

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 or call (931) 277-3711. We're open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Spirit of Friendship

Gifts made in honor of:

TR 1970

Sally Hawley Dunning and Meredith Dunning

Gifts made in memory of:

Jesse Graham

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