Katonim Kronicle

Session 1, Week 1 - 2023

Welcome to the Katonim Kronicle! This is where you can find out about all the fun and exciting things that happened at camp this past week.

We had an amazing first week of Session 1 at Camp Katonim! It was so wonderful to see many familiar faces as well as new additions to the Katonim family!

What's New at Katonim

This summer, we welcome 10 international staff to the team from as far away as Australia, Scotland, Italy, United Kingdom, and Ireland.

We also have a new covered outdoor dining area. where we gather for Lunch, announcements and cheers!

We are excited to be bringing in Terri from *Rhythmic by Nature* for each camp session, who will be providing meaningful drumming workshops for every camp group.

We continue to innovate our programming. This year we have a dedicated Nature staff that will guide campers through Nature programming and help prepare campers for their overnight experience.

Sailing is back!!

Highlights of the Week

With the weather being a mix of extreme heat and occasional hard rain, this week provided much opportunity for our campers to participate in just about everything camp has to offer. Our first half of the week was filled with sunshine and heat . Boy - was it hot ! We are so lucky to be by the water!

We declared a beach afternoon on Tuesday - so all of camp was involved in some sort of waterfront activity. Tuesday was also when Terri from Rhythm by Nature joined us and our campers had the opportunity to play and explore a wide variety of world hand drums and percussion instruments.

On Wednesday we had our first Hobby Hubs of the summer! Our bus campers were able to enjoy a dinner prepared from our new camp chef, Haleigh from Wright Catering. Our Hobby Hubs activities included making worms in dirt, making a delicious pudding based dessert, water skiing, making slime, and the ever popular Spa! Although the rain dampened our traditional campfire marshmallow roast, this did not dissuade from songs and cheers that erupted in the shelter of the dining tent.

Regular programming Thursday morning turned into a special themed program for the afternoon - "Around the World". This special programming offered specific international activities like, origami, candy sushi, learning how to do a *Ceili* with some of our English and Irish staff, and learning about the guiro - an adorable frog shaped instrument from Puerto Rico. Everyone had a great time while also learning about different cultures from around the world.

On Friday, staff decked out in tie-dye for Tie-Dye Friday! The week ended with an awesome pizza lunch and fun in the sun!





Waterfront News

This week on the Camp Katonim Waterfront we welcomed our new Waterfront Director Anthony who is leading a wonderful group of new and returning staff.

Our campers have been kayaking and canoeing with returning staff Zoe and our new paddle staff Caoilfhinn (pronounced Keelan).

Our long-time Camp Katonim camper and head of Waterski, Erynn has been helping our campers get up on skis and wakeboards with the help of new ski staff Tilly and Eve.

Our swim instruction program is in great hands with our expert instructor Aylin and our campers have been having fun swimming under the watchful eye of our new lifeguards Aylin, Emma, and Ever.

And finally, former camper and new staff Ariel has been taking our campers on pontoon boat adventures.

And we are beyond excited to be able to resurrect Camp Katonim's sailing program after a 3-year hiatus with the help of expert sailing staff Maddie and Lucrezia! They have been taking campers out on the CL14 and CL16 this past week and we were lucky to have some excellent wind for the campers to enjoy!

We look forward to another week of fun in the sun down at Katonim Waterfront!





Landsports and Creative Arts News

When campers weren't down at the waterfront, our land based programming was in full swing.

Creative minds were applied to creating bracelets and other masterful pieces of art that hopefully made it back home to be put on display.

Our performance arts activities were filled with song, drama games and dance with the rec hall barn-like doors wide open, providing a much needed steady breeze.

Our landsports activities engaged campers in baseball, basketball, ultimate, tag games and much more. The Twix and Tweeners were bouncing on our single-person trampoline and participated in many different group games & field sports/activities.





Staff of the Week



Adira - G3/4 Counsellor



Shreya - Land Specialist

Our Katonim Team!

Camp Director: Mark Office Administrator: Rhonda Director of Waterfront: Anthony Head Tripper / Nature /Sports Billy Director of Arts & Programming: Sydney Head of Junior Camp: Sierra Head of Senior Camp: Jordyn Head of T&T: Ela T&T Counsellor: Mia & Ela **BG stands for "Boys" and "Girls" and the number is their grade



B1/2 Counsellors: Tal & Violeta G1/2 Counsellors: Jessie & Ally G3/4 Counsellors: Adira BG3/4 A Counsellors: Kyle & Lucas BG 3/\$ B Counsellors::Alexander & Willow BG 5 / 6 Counsellor: Dilon BG7/8/9 & LIT Counsellor: Josh & Yuval CIT Coordinator : Jordyn A&C Specialist: Kacie & Grace C. Performing Arts Specialist: Grace M & Tirion Land Specialist: Shreya & Sophie Nature: Ben Custodian : Kouta Swim Specialists: Aylin, Emma, Mikey & Ever Paddle Sports Specialist: Zoe & Caoilfhinn Waterski Specialist: Erynn, Tilly & Eve, Pontoon : Ariel Sail Specialist: Maddie & Lucrezia

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See you Monday!