

## A Letter from the Directors



Carly, Corey & Justin

Greetings & Happy 2023 from Wico!

We hope that you are enjoying the winter. The New Year is an exciting time at camp. Our planning ramps up for the summer, projects at camp start to take shape, we fill up camper groups and continue to hire staff. All of this helps us envision the summer to come. We cannot wait to get started in less than 150 days!

We were fortunate to reunite with many of you at our New York and Boston area reunions. Thanks to those who joined us! See pages 10 and 11 to view photos taken at each of those events. We explored new venues this year and enjoyed both! We reunited with returning campers, met some first-time campers, sampled ice cream (Boston) and green and blue donuts (New York)! A big thanks to our Wico Staff and to **Amanda K**, a Wico parent, who designed special Wico "shrinky dinks" for our New York event and taught all of us how to make them!

In the months leading up to camp we will be busy speaking with many of you. As questions arise, don't hesitate to ask! Rest assured that questions that may feel silly are, in fact, often the most important to ask. Remember that you are not the only one wondering about packing, bunking, camp food or laundry—to name a few! Parents of first-timers, please join us for our upcoming Campfire Chats. Topics will include packing, completing camper forms and adjustment to camp.

Keep an eye out for updates on our building projects. We have included photos in this newsletter of the gym pavilion expansion. We have a few other fun projects in the works and will share those details with you in the months to come! As always, you can expect a few surprises at camp this summer, so stay tuned!!

**Lots of  
Wico Love,**

*Corey, Justin & Carly*



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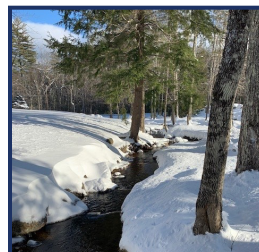
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at Wico*



# CAMPER CORNER

Email fun news about celebrations, activities, school, camp sleepovers, etc. to [corey@campwicosuta.com](mailto:corey@campwicosuta.com). We'll include your news in the next edition of *The Wicosutan*.



**Eva G** hosted **Cami P** in November. The girls went to a UConn football and met up with their counselor and former Wico camper, **Avi B**! Thanks for sharing this awesome photo, girls!



**Elsa K** and **Riley G** met up on New York City in late fall and sent us this great photo!



Check out this adorable photo of **Eden R**, **Gracie D** and **Avery M-P** at Compo Beach in Westport, CT!



**Alexa H** and **Stella C** showed their Wico Spirit at a school friend's Bat Mitzvah in late 2022



The 2022 Bunk 6 girls got together to celebrate **Ellie R**'s birthday! They missed **Jalila M.**, but were so glad to be able to spend time all together!



**A big thanks to these campers for sharing photos of themselves in their new Wico 2023 Enrollment t-shirts! Summer 2023 can't come soon enough!**



**Ella G**



**Martina P**



**Dylan M**



**Alex P**



**Catarina T**



**Makena W**



**Tess & Helen T**



**Emma B & Elsa K,**



**Amelia R**



**Liv L**



**Isla M**



**The Bird Girls**



**Ashley H**



# Joking Around

## WITH JESS



The start of a new year is always an exciting time for those of us looking ahead to the summer.

With the change of a calendar also comes the knowledge that camp is right around the corner. After you get used to writing "2023" on all of your dated papers, you can finally realize how close 2023 Summer at Wico will be! It also helps that February is a short month, so the days might even feel as though they are passing more quickly!

This month also brings the start of a lot of fun camp preparations! New campers can expect to start communicating with their camp Big Sisters, all campers can check out fun new items from the Camp Spot to order for summer swag, and parents can look forward to the release of camper forms and our informative parent handbook! An exciting start to what is sure to be a fun and exciting summer!

As a throwback to my original Wicosutan column, I thought it would be fun to include a few cheesy jokes in this edition. My personal favorite cheesy jokes involve animals, so you might sense a theme!

What do you call an alligator in a vest?

*An In-vest-igator!*

Why couldn't the pony sing himself a lullaby?

*He was feeling a little hoarse!*

What do you call an illegally parked frog?

*Toad.*

Why don't cats like online shopping?

*The prefer a cat-alog!*

Why is it so hard for a leopard to play hide-and-seek?

*Because it's always spotted!*

What do you call a sleeping bull?

If you have any fun jokes to share, feel free to email me:  
jess@campwicosuta.com



**Peace, Love, Wico, Jess**

# Dear Liz...



I hope that everyone had a wonderful winter break and is enjoying the beginning of 2023! I enjoyed seeing so many campers and staff at the NYC and Boston reunions and meeting some of our new campers! I cannot believe that in November I officially hit my 1-year anniversary of being part of the amazing Wico community! Having lived an entire off season and summer at camp, I am even more excited and ready to answer all your questions! Remember, if you have any questions (camp related or not) that you want featured, send them to [liz@campwicousta.com](mailto:liz@campwicousta.com) for the next Dear Liz column!

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**Dear Liz,**

***Time is flying and even though it is only January I am planning for the start of camp! I forget, what is the best way to get my girls up to camp this summer on arrival day?***



***Thanks, Parent, Planning Patty***

Dear Planning Patty,  
Thanks for planning ahead! There are many options for arrival day. Some parents choose to drive their campers to camp and drop them off on arrival day. We also offer buses from Livingston, NJ, White Plains, NY, Westport and West Hartford, Connecticut, and the Boston Logan Airport. For campers who fly to camp, we will share more information on the timing of those flights, including possible chaperoned flights, with you very soon. There will be more information on specific times of drop offs, bus pick-ups, and protocols for each as we get closer to camp. No matter how your child arrives to camp, we cannot wait to see them!  
Love, Liz

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**Dear Liz,**

***Last year I was on the green team for Wico Challenge Cup. Am I going to be on the same team this year? If so, I want to get my green tutu ready for the summer ahead! -Spirited Sally***



Dear Spirited Sally,  
One of my favorite parts of camp was Wico Challenge Cup (1st session) and Color Car (2nd session). For those of you that may not know, each session we have a three-day spirited competition, including sports, arts and crafts and other activities. You never know when either one is going to break (or begin)! Part of the special break is announcing the teams that everyone is on! I am sorry Spirited Sally, you are going to have to wait until break to find out your team – it might be the same, it might be different. Either way, get ready to paint yourself red, yellow, blue or green!

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Thanks for all the questions, keep them coming!  
Counting down until Summer 2023!

**Love, Liz**





# Priscilla's Puzzles

## "FAMOUS PAIRS"



Your challenge is to think up the word that you immediately link with the listed words. The number of letters in the missing word will match the number of dashes after the listed words. Can you name the second half of all the pairs below?

**Sending Wico Love Your Way, Priscilla**

1. ROMEO AND \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

2. MICKEY AND \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

3. BATMAN AND \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

4. MACARONI AND \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

5. WOODY AND \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

6. BARBIE AND \_ \_ \_

7. HANSEL AND \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

8. ROCK AND \_ \_ \_ \_

9. BERT AND \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

10. SALT AND \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

11. BEAUTY AND \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

12. SPONGEBOB AND \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

13. BACON AND \_ \_ \_ \_

14. ELSA AND \_ \_ \_ \_

15. TOM AND \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

16. PHINEAS AND \_ \_ \_ \_

17. OWL AND \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

18. PEANUT BUTTER AND \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

19. TWEEDLEDUM AND \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

20. JACK AND \_ \_ \_ \_

**ANSWERS TO FAMOUS PAIRS:** 1. Juliet, 2. Minnie, 3. Robin, 4. cheese, 5. Buzz, 6. Ken, 7. Gretel, 8. Roll, 9. Ernie, 10. pepper, 11. the Beast, 12. Patrick, 13. eggs, 14. Anna, 15. Jerry, 16. Ferb, 17. the Pussycat, 18. Jelly, 19. Tweedledee, 20. Jill



## WHAT'S NEW AT WICO?

Our facilities team works hard throughout the year to make improvements to camp. They are currently working on our gym pavilion expansion. This multi-purpose space will be used during the activity day, as well as during the evening and on rainy days! In addition, we are purchasing new gymnastics equipment including: a balance beam and vault table. Our team is also redoing the bathrooms in Bunks 5L and 5R. Bunks 5 and 10 are also getting new windows in 2023!

There will be more news to share this Spring, so stay tuned!





# WE WELCOME YOU TO WICO CAMP



**WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW CAMPERS FOR SUMMER 2023...**

*Note: This is not a complete list of first-time campers. The name of each first time camper is included in one edition of the Wicosutan—the edition published closest to their enrollment date.*

**We look forward to welcoming you to camp and to:**

## FIRST SESSION

**1**

### SINGING YOU THE WICO WELCOME SONG

We welcome you to Wico Camp  
We're mighty glad you're here  
We'll send the air reverberating  
With a mighty cheer  
We'll sing you in, we'll sing you out  
To you we'll raise a mighty shout  
Hail, hail the gang's all here  
And we welcome you to Wico Camp!

#### OSKI

Julia C  
Olivia P

#### CASCO

Maya D  
Giuliana K  
Lila O  
Sylvia O  
Isabella Q

#### COO

Dakota A  
Micaela B  
Alessandra D  
Lucia D  
Sadie F-K  
Caroline F  
Sadie I  
Tara K

#### EAGLE

Caroline A  
Margaret B  
Erin L  
Farah L  
Sophia R-L  
Thea R  
Valerie T  
Zoey T  
Madeline W

**2**

### MATCHING YOU UP WITH A CAMP SISTER!

We are in the process of  
matching up all of our first time  
campers with a camp big sister.  
Stay tuned—we will be in touch  
with that information soon!

#### KINEO

Vivienne G  
Layla K  
Penelope M  
Sasha S  
Devon S  
Annabel T  
Malena W

#### AGAWAN

Charlie B  
Mackenzie S



**3**

### HELPING YOU LIGHT A CANDLE IN THE WICO "W" AT OUR OPENING CAMPFIRE ON THE FIRST NIGHT OF CAMP!



## SECOND SESSION

#### OSKI

Ellie D  
Charlotte F  
Ayla H  
Mila L  
Anna M  
Molly M  
Ella M  
Ella T  
Shea W

#### CASCO

Genevieve C  
Vivian E  
Sienna H  
Ashley I  
Kate M  
Ines M  
Willa R  
Caroline S  
Bella S  
Alice T

#### COO

Margaret C  
Madison E  
Maxima F  
Alexa L  
Amelia M  
Mila M  
Caroline R  
Elizabeth S  
Sadie S  
Clara W  
Rowan W

#### EAGLE

Graisyn D  
Prisha K  
Lila L  
Daphne M

#### AGAWAN

Alex B  
Anna V  
Hailey W

#### KINEO

Avery B  
Emma D

Sophia K  
Charlotte W

#### ZUNI

Ciera B

# WICO CAMP SISTER PROGRAM

Our first round of camp sister matches just went out via email. If you have not received your camp big sister's information, yet, it's on the way, and if you were just enrolled, you will hear from us in the next few weeks with that information. Once you get your camp big or little sister, we encourage you to **reach out to each other**. We hope that you enjoy getting to know one another! We are still looking for big sisters, especially in 2nd Session. If you are a returning Coo or older camper 2nd Session camper, please email [jess@campwicosuta.com](mailto:jess@campwicosuta.com) or [liz@campwicosuta.com](mailto:liz@campwicosuta.com) to sign up!



## Wico Cares



If you haven't made a donation and would like to do so, you may donate online at: <http://www.projectmorry.org>. Please note "Camp Wicosuta" in the memo.

Project Morry is a year-round youth development organization that provides to each child a multi-year commitment anchored by a superb residential summer camp experience. The children, for whom these experiences would not otherwise be available, benefit from a network of support and gain increased social skills, enhanced self-esteem, positive core values and a greater sense of personal responsibility.





# Kings n' Queens n' Bishops, too, Wanna wish the best to you!!

## CAMPER BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH

Siena D.....1/2	Samantha T .....2/7	Amalia L .....3/6
Noa M .....1/2	Elsa K.....2/8	Sasha S .....3/7
Avery G.....1/3	Sophia N.....2/8	Ryan M .....3/8
Colette T.....1/5	Alice T .....2/9	Kendall S .....3/8
Luna P.....1/6	Tess T.....2/9	Rowan W.....3/8
Sienna S.....1/7	Morgan B .....2/11	Lia B .....3/10
Rylan R .....1/8	Sienna H .....2/11	Sadie F.....3/10
Katerina S.....1/8	Maria I .....2/11	Isla J.....3/10
Lucy B .....1/11	Liana W.....2/11	Sejal M .....3/10
Sloane L.....1/11	Kate M .....2/12	Sophia K .....3/13
Abigail G.....1/12	Anna P .....2/13	Ashley S.....3/13
Ela R .....1/13	Zoe Z.....2/13	Graisyn D.....3/16
Ofelia P .....1/14	Jane F.....2/14	Marlowe S.....3/17
Livvy P .....1/14	Francesca P.....2/17	Caroline F.....3/18
Mackenzie S.....1/14	Celine L.....2/18	Zoe S .....3/22
Cordelia D .....1/15	Isabella Q .....2/18	Vivian E.....3/24
Remi F.....1/15	Isabella V.....2/20	Prisha K .....3/24
Grace V .....1/16	Sienna W .....2/20	Emma B .....3/25
Lila O .....1/17	Emmeline K.....2/21	Ruth G .....3/25
Kate R .....1/17	Tsega R.....2/21	Ainsley L.....3/25
Annabel M .....1/19	Finley C.....2/22	Alessandra D .....3/26
Fabiana L.....1/20	Elizabeth R.....2/22	Rima P.....3/26
Anjali M .....1/20	Sienna Y .....2/23	Olivia A .....3/27
Violette M.....1/20	Isabella B.....2/24	Tali S.....3/27
Sylvia O .....1/23	Anna K .....2/24	Emerson Watkins.....3/27
Mila T .....1/23	Alexandra P.....2/24	Charlotte F.....3/28
Josephine W.....1/23	Maria C .....2/25	Nori H.....3/28
Olive F.....1/24	Catarina T.....2/25	Elizabeth G.....3/30
Chloe C.....1/25	Haley W .....2/25	Nina P .....3/30
Vivienne L .....1/26	Eloise d .....2/26	Elize O .....3/31
Isabella S.....1/26	Ella S.....2/26	Faith R.....3/31
Reece D.....1/27	Anna V .....2/26	Elizabeth S .....3/31
Remi D .....1/27	Mia O .....2/28	
Cady F.....1/28	Rachel S.....3/1	
Mila R.....1/30	Holly S.....3/1	
Leigh C.....2/1	Josephine G.....3/2	
Zoe B.....2/2	Liliana McGalla.....3/3	
Lila M .....2/3	Lilian Chase.....3/4	
Xaviera P.....2/5	Maria Kuri .....3/6	
Annie M .....2/7	Olivia Kuzakovsky .....3/6	

## WICO STAFF BIRTHDAYS...

Maren Dunabeitia Uribe ....1/4
Maria Gonzalez .....1/13
Jess Moore.....1/14
Nikki Ngom.....1/15
Olivia Howe.....1/21
Liz Pruzinsky.....1/21
Mabel Smaller.....2/3
Kinga Bojarska.....2/6
Leila Todd.....2/19
Eve Powell McQuaide.....2/26
Emily Brewin.....2/27
Ruby Lemmon .....3/6
Sarah Murray.....3/6
Luis Bernal Rosales.....3/9
Nair Tolomeo .....3/9
Tony Anderson.....3/11
Elanna Tolz.....3/14
María del Rivero
Matamoros.....3/18
Cameron Clough.....3/29



# Alumnae & Staff Updates

Hey Carly,

Sandra Bullock here. I saw your Facebook post which was ironic as I've been saying I really want to reach out to you guys lately.

Life update: I just started my own practice as a nurse practitioner, I teach nursing students part time, and work in HIV prevention. Needless to say, life has been very busy lately. Someone was recently asking me how I'm keeping up and, without thinking or realizing it, I immediately said, "I was a camp counselor."

I don't think I ever took the time to fully thank all of you for the opportunity I was given when I worked at Wico. I tell anyone who will listen that everyone needs to be a camp counselor. I always enjoyed the campers and it's so amazing to see them grow throughout the years, but the growth that I personally experienced there was absolutely invaluable. The person that I am today both personally and professionally is because of my time at Wico.

I don't think I'll ever be able to fully express how appreciative I am of my time there. All I know is that I'm a better person because of Wico, the staff, and the campers and for that, I am forever grateful.

I hope that all of you guys are doing well. Please tell everyone hello for me! I love seeing the pictures each summer. I'd love to stop by for a visit sometime!

Talk soon!

Forever Sandra (aka **Marian Allen**)

3 years at Wico

Nurse practitioner

I miss seeing campers accomplish something big - like summiting Mount Washington!!

Wico taught me how to be a bucket filler.



**Eileen McDade** is spending her winter working at The Camp Spot! Justin visited their office recently and got to say hello to Eileen!

## Where In the World is Wico??



Take a photo of yourself wearing your Wico gear and send it to us! We love to see Wico campers & staff showing their Wico Pride while traveling the world!



**Emily B, Rila National Park, Bulgaria**



**Ellie & Rylan R, Ireland**



**Nair T & Hamza E, Marrakech, Morocco**



**Mila T, Steamboat, Colorado**



**Gwennie P, Anna Maria Island, FL**



**Keelin & Nora M, Hever Castle, England**





# Super Star Staff Spotlights!

In each issue of *The Wicosutan*, we spotlight staff who exemplify the Wico Way! They embody our Three Cs: Confidence, Competence & Community and make everyone at Wico better. We have chosen to spotlight the following staff this fall:

## ELLEN FORD

Horseback Riding/cabin counselor-- 2023 will be my 3rd summer at Wico

**HOMETOWN:** Bristol, England

**PETS & THEIR NAMES:** I have two guinea pigs, Peanut and Ginger

**WHEN I AM NOT AT CAMP I:** Am a nanny to 3 amazing kids

**PERSON I WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET:** David Attenborough

**PLACE I WOULD MOST LIKE TO VISIT:** The Grand Canyon!

**PERSON I LOOK UP TO & WHY:** I look up to my girlfriend, Dani. She's a nurse in the NHS. She does incredible work and helps so many people every single day.

**FAVORITE LEISURE ACTIVITY:** Hiking and horse riding

**FAVORITE SINGER OR BAND:** Taylor Swift (of course!)

**FAVORITE ACTOR(S):** Maggie Smith

**FAVORITE CAMP MEAL:** Burrito Bowls

**FAVORITE CAMP SONG:** Princess Pat

**FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY:** Wow this is hard! Break out is always AMAZING, I love the burning of the year, the plays and the counselor dunk at carnival always makes me laugh (but don't tell my campers!)



Ellen Ford

## ORSI JAKLI

Kitchen Staff-- 2022 was my first year at Wico. Can't wait for summer 2023!!!

**HOMETOWN:** Budapest, Hungary

**PETS & THEIR NAMES:** Unfortunately, I don't have any pets.

**WHEN I AM NOT AT CAMP I:** Am studying to become a Hungarian Literature and Drama teacher in Budapest, Hungary.

**PERSON I WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET:** Michelle Obama

**PLACE I WOULD MOST LIKE TO VISIT:** I'd love to go on a backpacking trip to Patagonia one day.

**PERSON I LOOK UP TO & WHY:** I look up to an old high school teacher of mine who taught me how to be strong enough to help others.

**FAVORITE LEISURE ACTIVITY:** I really love baking and videography.

**FAVORITE SINGER OR BAND:** I have two: Adele and Ed Sheeran

**FAVORITE ACTOR(S):** Meryl Streep

**FAVORITE CAMP MEAL:** Chicken Tikka Masala and the fruit bar at breakfast.

**FAVORITE CAMP SONG:** The Wico Goodnight song

**FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY:** I loved when everyone dances in front of the clean-up station in the dining hall after meals.



Orsi Jakli

## MALLORY (MAL) MEEKS

Gymnastics/cabin counselor-- 2023 will be my second year at Wico!

**HOMETOWN:** Birmingham, Alabama

**PETS & THEIR NAMES:** I have a black lab/dalmatian named Shadow!

**WHEN I AM NOT AT CAMP I:** Am a Junior at the University of Alabama at Birmingham studying kinesiology. I want to work with kids in the future doing occupational therapy!

**PERSON I WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET:** I would LOVE to meet either Dolly Parton or Chris Evans; I would drop everything to meet them.

**PLACE I WOULD MOST LIKE TO VISIT:** I have always wanted to visit New Zealand or Italy! Honestly anywhere in Europe, too!

**PERSON I LOOK UP TO & WHY:** I look up to my mom because she has taught me everything I know and I think she is perfect. My mom is my best friend.

**FAVORITE LEISURE ACTIVITY:** I love doing jigsaw puzzles (currently working on a 3000 piece puzzle, going on 3 months now), I love coloring and painting along with playing my switch (I'm on an Animal Crossing and Mario Kart binge)

**FAVORITE SINGER OR BAND:** My favorite singer would have to be The Smiths or Frank Sinatra. I have a soft spot in my heart for older music.

**Favorite Actor(s):** My favorite actors are Idris Elba and Robert Downey Jr. I also enjoy both Eastwoods (Clint and Scott). Basically any actor/actress that makes me laugh or cry I enjoy.

**FAVORITE CAMP MEAL:** Easily the quesadillas, they are bigger than my face, yet I can take down 3 at least. I love how they have spinach tortillas and red pepper tortillas. Options!

**FAVORITE CAMP SONG:** My favorite song is the Milk song. It makes me giggle every time!

**FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY:** My favorite memory was meeting new people from around the world! Campers and counselors came from all over and I think that's super cool. Everybody had something unique about them and I loved learning every single bit!



Mallory (Mal) Meeks



# WICO REUNIONS



Thanks to the following staff members for helping make our NY, Boston and LA Area Reunions a huge hit: **Katy Cannistraro, Alyssa Costa, Priscilla Griffin, Dani Bregman, Melanie Hawthorne & Hilary Judd!**



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## Camp Wicosuta Important Dates 2023



**First Session Full & Explorer Sessions Begin:** ..... **Thursday, June 22**  
**First Session Explorer Program Ends:** ..... **Wednesday, July 5**  
**First Session Ends:** ..... **Sunday, July 16**  
**Second Session Full & Explorer Session Begin:** ..... **Thursday, July 19**  
**Second Session Explorer Program Ends:** ..... **Wednesday, August 1**  
**Second Session Ends:** ..... **Sunday, August 12**

## REMINDERS & UPDATES

We send emails throughout the year to campers and their parents. Please keep us posted of new email addresses and send updates to: [jess@campwicosuta.com](mailto:jess@campwicosuta.com)! Thanks!

