

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS



Carly, Corey & Justin

Dear Wico Campers, Staff, Parents and Alumnae,
Greetings from Wico! Is it really May?!? The office is busier than ever as we plan for Summer Number 103! We are excited to welcome our First Session campers to Wico in just over a month and our Second Session campers 4 weeks after that!

Speaking of, we just completed our Annual Leadership Team Spring Planning Meeting. We spent the day

planning, learning, bonding and having fun! We left our meeting feeling inspired, excited and grateful to have such a talented leadership team. We have included brief bios and photos of many of them in this newsletter. These folks bring a wealth of knowledge to camp—many are educators, nurses and health care providers. Some are new to Wico and many are returning. We hope you enjoy learning more about them.

In other news, we are excited to announce the 2023 camper musicals! Drum roll, please... We know that our Lower Camp actors will have a blast performing in **Raise Your Voice—A Broadway Review!** Our Upper Camp performers can start prepping now for **Matilda!!**

One of the places we most love to hang out over the summer is in Wico's library! We need your help as we select some great new titles to purchase for all of you to share this summer. Please email: corey@campwicosuta.com with your favorite book titles that are appropriate for ages 8-15. Send the name of the book, author and target age to Corey between now and June 10th!

Thank you to all of the campers and staff who have reached out over the last few months to say hello, share updates or check in. Your excitement is contagious and is the best reminder of the power of Wico! We know how much everyone is looking forward to enjoying the fun of camp. We feel the same way and are counting down the days! See you soon in 03241!

Lots of Wico Love,

Corey, Justin & Carly



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CAMPER CORNER



These girls (see photo) had Wico mini-reunion over dinner and a sleepover: **Harley R, Sienna D, Anna K and Abby B!**



Thanks to the **Gabi** and **Cat T** and family for sharing their Wico love with **Carter** and **Nevaeh O-T**. Check out this great photo of Gabi and Carter! We look forward to welcoming back Gabi and to welcoming for the first time, Cat T (Gabi's sister), Carter and Nevaeh to camp!



Amalia L, representing Ridgewood, NJ played lacrosse against **Remi** and **Reese D**, who play for Summit, NJ! Check out this awesome post-game, pic! Go, Girls, Go!



Aubrey U had an off day from playing soccer, but that didn't stop her from meeting up with **Rapha J** after her own away soccer game near Aubrey's hometown in Massachusetts!



Some of our 2022 2nd Session Totems, as well as current camper, **Sylvia O** and her younger siblings, went to visit the Ice Castles in New Hampshire this February. They realized that they would pass right by Wico and made a pit stop! See more pictures on page 3



Kiara K and **Ella P** had a reunion that they will never forget! The girls caught up near Kiara's hometown of Las Vegas and, while there, went to see Taylor Swift in concert. Who's jealous?? (see photo)

Thank you to these campers for sharing their Wico Pride with all of us!



Dani A



Addie B



Noa D



Sienna H



Amelia & Molly M



Caroline & Lizzie S



Alice T

We love to hear news from campers. Email fun news about celebrations, activities, school, camp sleepovers, etc. to corey@campwicosuta.com. We'll include your news in the next edition of The Wicosutan.



Priscilla's Puzzles

Confidence, Competence & Community Word Challenge

For this game, you will need to use Wico's 3 Cs words: Confidence, Competence & Community.



- 1) Write each of the 3 Cs words at the top of a column on lined paper.
- 2) Under each word, write as many smaller words, as you can think up using the letters in the word at the top of the column. The smaller words must have at least 3 letters. Also, the smaller words can only use letters twice if the letter appears twice in the 3C word, i.e., letter m is in community twice, so a smaller word could have two letters m.
- 3) Let's share and compare when we get to camp! For example, we can see which word had the most possible smaller words and/or how many small words we all found from the letters in each word?

Wico Love, Priscilla

Dear Liz...



Now that the sun is shining and the days are getting longer, Summer 2023 finally feels within reach. We have had a busy year getting ready for the extraordinary summer ahead. I have enjoyed speaking to so many of our new and returning staff members and preparing for all the fun that lies ahead. I cannot wait to watch our 1st time campers and staff light their candles in the "W" on opening night, for my first jump into the pool and the views from Newfound Lake.

As we get closer to opening day, I have received lots of great questions from staff and families. Please remember if you have a question – someone else might have the same question. Reach out and your question may be featured in my next DEAR LIZ! column!

Dear Liz,

HELP! I know the forms due date recently passed. My physical isn't scheduled until after the deadline! What do I do?

Best, Worried Wonda

Worried Wonda,

Thank you for reaching out about forms! Forms help us to prepare for your smooth transition to camp (both campers and staff). We understand that life happens and you may be late. If you know you are delayed in some of your forms, please let us know, so we can make a note on our end. For families, please note that if we do not receive your forms by the deadline, we cannot guarantee bunk placement or activity selection. Reach out if you have more personal questions, we are always happy to help!

Dear Liz,

I am getting all my stuff ready for camp and don't know what to do about bedding! What size is my bed? How can I fit everything my duffels?

Sincerely, Sleepy Suzy

Sleepy Suzy,

We can't wait until our 2023 bunks are unpacked and full of campers and staff! Our bunks are equipped with cot/twin size bunk beds. Our staff sleep on top bunks and campers fill in the rest of the beds. We recommend 2 twin size blankets, 2 cot/twin size sheet sets (top sheet, bottom sheet and pillow case) and at least 1 standard pillow. The reason we recommend 2 sets is because on laundry day our items will not be returned until the following day. We provide all bedding and towels for our international staff and campers. All camper bedding and towels should fit inside camp duffels. If you are a staff member and want to send items to camp prior to arriving, please let me know so I can expect your package! Let me know if you need any more help packing.

Thanks for the questions, Wico! Remember to send questions to liz@campwicosuta.com. I look forward to seeing all our 2023 campers and staff so soon!

Love, Liz



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:

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!

FIRST SESSION

OSKI

Julia C
Olivia P

COO

Noa D
Caroline F
Tara K
Lucy P

EAGLE

Maria B
Serena C
Leela D
Addie H
Hana R
Adele W

CASCO

Sofia B
Evie H B
Ines R

KINEO

Eve A
Vivienne G
Kyrene T

AGAWAN

Paula G
Valentina M
Serine Z

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!



3

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

SECOND SESSION

OSKI

Audrey M
Carter O
Liv W

EAGLE

Ellie B
Emerson B
Yitong G
Letizia H
Maggie J
Sophie M
Gigi P
Mila S

KINEO

Avery B
Blu B
Mira C
Liyang C
Martina H
Miaodi H
Sophia K
Juli L-R
Lexi M
Elizabeth S
Nora T
Lulu W

AGAWAN

Daniella A
Alexandra B
Maria B
Eleanor C
Yimeng G
Yanzi H
Hailey W

CASCO

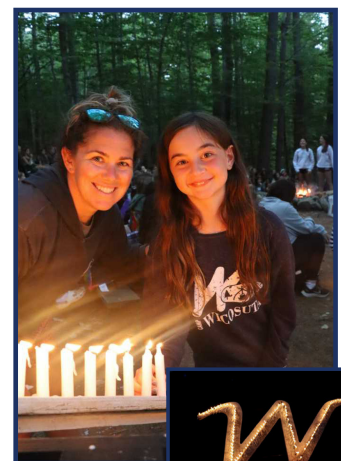
Camille M
Nevaeh O

COO

Sonia G
Savannah H
Zady R
Sonya L-G

ZUNI

Ciera B
Sylvan R



THE WICO KITCHEN - FAQs

We understand that having tasty, healthy food is important and it's one of our priorities! To that end, our goals are to provide a VARIETY of HEALTHY food that kids LIKE TO EAT!

In addition to a main entrée and side dish served for each meal, we offer the following staples:

Breakfast: fresh fruit (including berries), yogurt (Greek and regular), hard-boiled eggs, milk, a variety of breads, hot and cold cereal

Lunch: fresh fruit, an extensive rotating salad bar, deli/sandwich bar, yogurt, hard-boiled eggs

Dinner: fresh fruit, an extensive rotating salad bar, deli/sandwich bar, plain pasta (white & whole wheat), yogurt, hard-boiled eggs.

****We serve two healthy snacks—one mid-afternoon and the other before bed.**

How does food service work?

We serve buffet-style. Campers and staff have access to several food stations at each meal.

What do you do to make sure the food at camp is healthy?

Lots of things! We collaborate with a nutritionist and our terrific food service providers who review our menu and makes recommendations of meal choices, vegetarian options, snacks, etc. Additionally, we make as much from scratch (in our kitchen) as possible. There are healthy protein and vegetable options at each meal. Our staff encourage campers to try new things and to balance their plates.

What if my daughter cannot find something she likes to eat?

Should your daughter have trouble finding something she likes, she only needs to tell her counselor. Our counselors are happy to help campers find things that they'd like to eat. Our dining hall manager is a great resource, as well. She will happily help any campers who are having trouble find appropriate options.

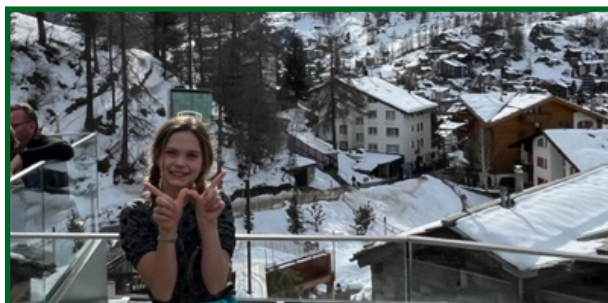
Have you added anything new to food service this year?

Our main focus this year has been on the overall balance of meals and of snacks/treats. In addition, returning campers will see more expansive breakfast and lunch options specifically on Trip Days. Historically, Trip Day meals include a quick breakfast, a bagged lunch and cookout dinner. We have worked on balancing these options, so that our breakfast on this day will be a higher protein meal designed to sustain campers throughout the day. When they return, the evening cookout will offer better and more expansive options, as well. We also plan to add in a few additional outdoor dining meals. Finally, we consult with our chefs year-round to come up with new meal ideas. Over the last couple of years, we have added favorites like burrito bowls and chicken tikka.



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS WICO??

Take your Wico gear with you on your travels, send us a photo of you in your Wico gear, and let us know where you visited. We post these photos on the walls



Nicola G, Zermatt, Switzerland



Elizabeth G, Crete, Greece



Claire M, Dubai UAE



Scarlett & Nina R, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore

COFFEE CHAT

with Catherine

If you are like me, the first thing you did this morning was turn on your coffee pot. I do some of my best thinking in the morning, as I wait for my coffee to brew. Coffee Chats with Catherine is meant to represent those early morning thoughts as your brain is first waking up, awaiting the first cup of coffee (or breakfast). While I was thinking about my first Wicosutan entry one morning while making a mug of coffee, I began to reflect on my time as a Wico camper and how those experiences ultimately helped me land back here, as a full-time Wico team member.

My parents like to say they picked up a new person when they picked me up from Wico after my first summer thirteen years ago. When they dropped me off at the bus on my first day, they dropped off a shy camper, who was nervous about being away from home for the first time. On my last day of camp, I said goodbye to friends and counselors through tears, screaming camp songs at the top of my lungs, and walking my parents around with the confidence of feeling at home.

Summer 2023 will be my first summer returning to Camp Wicosuta as a staff member. I am filled with the same nerves and excitement I felt in 2010, the same nerves and excitement I know many new campers feel before they come to camp for their first summers. This time around, I come to camp equipped with the skills and confidence that I gained as a camper at Wico many years ago. I lived the C's philosophy: I was more CONFIDENT and COMPETENT because I had found a COMMUNITY at Wico. These feelings have persisted and shaped me into the spirited, excitable, loud, and caring adult I am today.

I was a camper who loved camp. Wico was a place where we could stand on the tables and cheer during lunch. Wico was a place where Crocs were not only acceptable, but cool. Wico was a place where I tried new things (celery), met new friends, and grew into myself.

I am now an adult who loves camp. I still love all the things about Wico that I loved as a camper (I am particularly excited to break out my new Crocs this summer), but now, I can better appreciate the ways in which Camp Wicosuta helped influence the person I am today. I am so thrilled that I will have the opportunity this summer to not only help others grow the way many at Wico helped me grow, but to continue to grow and learn myself.



Summer 2023 cannot come fast enough! I cannot wait to meet you all so soon!

Fondly, Catherine



CATHERINE



A NOTE ABOUT THE FAMILY HANDBOOK...

We strongly recommend that all parents thoroughly read our family handbook. In this document we share suggestions about writing letters to your child, outline our policies regarding communication, electronics and health care, as well as transportation to and from camp! We update this document annually, so it's important to review to make sure that you are aware of any new policies and/or procedures regarding this summer.

Parents Information Page

THE 4 PS: PREVIEW, PRACTICE, PRAISE, NO PICK UP DEALS

Dear Parents of 1st Time Wico Girls,

At Wico we talk about the 3 Cs. As it pertains to prepping for camp, we also talk about the 4 Ps! Wico's 4 Ps include: Preview, Practice, Praise and (no) Pick-Up Deals! To that end, we thought it would be helpful to preview the first couple of days of camp! After you preview this for your child, she may practice her independence with a sleepover or two before camp. Remember to praise her for being brave and trying something new (Wico).

Finally, please do not promise to pick her up if she is homesick. The indirect suggestion made that she might not "make it" might cause her to doubt herself. Instead she needs to know that you, like we, have faith in her! Rest assured, that we will take wonderful care of your daughter. She is in great hands and in good company!

You will note that our first full day of camp is called Bunk Day. Our goal is provide a typical day of camp while allowing each group to get acquainted (re-acquainted) with one another and their counselors-- campers of all ages move through this day with their age group.

The preview here is a sample schedule. It should provide a sense of all of the elements of the day though the order of day/periods may be different from what you see here.

We begin our typical A, B, C rotation and elective schedule after Bunk Day.



Arrival Day

1-2:30 PM	CAR ARRIVALS
2-3:30 PM	BUS ARRIVALS
3:30-5:30 PM	CAMPER CHECK-IN
5:50-6:10 PM	WASH UP
6:15 PM	DINNER
6:50 PM	FLAG LOWERING
7:30 PM	CAMPFIRE
8:30 PM	COOKIES & MILK
9 PM	BEDTIME BY AGE

WHAT'S CAMPER CHECK-IN?

- YOU WILL MEET YOUR COUNSELORS
- GET A NAME TAG
- GET A HEALTH & HEAD CHECK
- MEET YOUR GROUP & BUNKMATES
- SEE YOUR BUNK
- TAKE A TOUR OF WICO!



Bunk Day

7:50 AM	WAKE-UP
8:10 AM	BREAKFAST
8:50 AM	FLAG RAISING
9:10 AM	CABIN CLEAN-UP
9:40 AM	AM MEETING
10 AM	1ST PERIOD
11 AM	2ND PD: TEAM BUILDING
12 PM	LUNCH
12:30 PM	REST HOUR
2 PM	3RD PD: SWIM CHECKS
3 PM	4TH PERIOD
3:50 PM	SNACK
4 PM	5TH PERIOD
5 PM	SELECTIVE
5:50 PM	WASH UP
6:15 PM	DINNER
6:50 PM	FLAG LOWERING
7:30 PM	WELCOME SHOW
8:30 PM	SNACK
9 PM	BEDTIME BY AGE

Kings & Queens & Bishops, too, Wanna wish the best to you!!



CAMPER BIRTHDAYS - APRIL, MAY, JUNE

Pilar G.....4/1	Avery M4/28	Blu B.....5/26
Willa R.....4/1	Lucy B.....4/30	Riley G5/26
Julia C.....4/2	Edie M.....5/1	Lexi S5/26
Ayla H.....4/2	Kate S.....5/1	Emma D5/28
Sommer C.....4/3	Nola G.....5/2	Zoe S.....5/29
Madeleine C.....4/4	Juliana P.....5/2	Daniella A5/30
Tess K.....4/4	Lilly P5/2	Audrey C.....5/30
Victoria N.....4/5	Ella S.....5/2	Lila S.....5/30
Maria B.....4/6	Miriam T5/3	Claire C.....5/31
Camille S.....4/7	Maya B.....5/6	Emma F.....5/31
Tessa B4/8	Margot K.....5/6	Scarlett R5/31
Adelaide H.....4/8	Violet S5/6	Nicole G.....6/1
Lulu M4/8	Ellie B5/7	Evangelina L6/1
Stella M4/8	Olivia B.....5/8	Nora M6/1
Madeleine M.....4/8	Ilana M5/9	Margaret W.....6/1
Yvonne M.....4/8	Madelyn M.....5/9	Genevieve C.....6/2
Keelin M.....4/9	Sofia R5/10	Hazel H.....6/4
Ella T4/9	Sophia C.....5/11	Maeve T6/5
Stella C.....4/12	Lilah D5/11	Abigail T.....6/5
Luisa K.....4/12	Mariola M5/12	Nevaeh O.....6/6
Mia G4/13	Aislin F.....5/13	Sofia U.....6/7
Ella M4/13	Annabel T5/14	Ruby A.....6/8
Philomena D4/14	Camilla P.....5/15	Madison E.....6/8
Olivia L.....4/14	Madison W5/15	Aubrey U6/8
Fiona A4/15	Gilly O5/16	Blue C.....6/9
Stella M4/16	Dakota A.....5/18	Georgia M.....6/9
Esther G4/7	Sienna L5/18	Lola B.....6/10
Elizabeth S.....4/18	Mila L5/18	Gigi P6/11
Dylan S.....4/18	Jalila M.....5/18	Sofia B6/12
Morgan V.....4/18	Sophie M.....5/18	Sadie S.....6/12
Nina R.....4/19	Abigail W5/18	Sloane V6/15
Margaret C.....4/20	Andie K.....5/19	Abigail B.....6/16
Dylan M.....4/20	Hannah R.....5/19	Izabelle C6/16
Eva W.....4/20	Carter O5/21	Kate S.....6/16
Aera D.....4/21	Dahlia P.....5/21	Ella G.....6/18
Elsa W.....4/21	Maisie S.....5/21	Ana L.....6/18
Ruby B.....4/24	Mila M.....5/22	Penelope S6/18
Lucia D4/24	Sophie M.....5/22	Skylar B6/19
Daphne S4/24	Alexa H.....5/25	Elizabeth M6/19
Lucia R.....4/25	Vasilisa L.....5/25	Charlie B.....6/20
Selena T4/25	Sophia L5/25	Stella B.....6/20
Mia Z.....4/25	Valentina M.....5/25	Agnes M.....6/20
Penna Z.....4/25	Louise P.....5/25	Sylvia B.....6/21
Meredith P.....4/26	Amber Z.....5/25	Madeleine W.....6/21
Sadie K4/28	Avery B5/26	

WICO STAFF BIRTHDAYS...

Carly Meltzer.....4/6
Eileen McDade.....4/9
Laura Atenco Santos..4/11
Kendra Levesque.....4/15
Jacqueline Juarez Sanchez.....4/7
Greta Molnar4/23
Roza Kovacs.....4/23
Porter EganFrei.....4/24
Skye Robicheau4/24
Beth Kelly4/26
Catherine Cooney.....4/27
Shanelle Williams4/27
Kelly Jackson.....4/30
Layne Hazzard.....5/6
Emily Philbrook.....5/9
Justin Dockswell5/7
Dayshia Espinosa5/10
Yhosuara Galeana.....5/11
Alyssa Costa.....5/2
Jasmine Smith5/12
Sonny Durr.....5/16
Lisa Benedetti.....5/17
Cristian Monarca Cruz.....5/20
Shyann Hall.....5/25
Shona Lawrence.....5/30
Eleanor Cotton6/1
Avi Bialik6/2
Kylee Lines.....6/6
Lauren Reinhart.....6/6
Kimberly Carney-Wong6/10
Corey Dockswell6/10
Alissa Pratt6/12
Priscilla Griffin6/13
Jozie Peters6/15
Arantza Cons.....6/17
Ava Ponczoch.....6/19
Shannen Haviland.....6/19

Celebrations

MAZEL TOV TO: Emma B (see below) and **Rapha J** on their recent Bat Mitzvahs! Both girls were able to celebrate with some of their Wico peeps!



Left to right in photo after Emma's Bat Mitzvah:
Aubrey U, Morgan B, Violet S, Rachel S, Daphne S, Emma B, Charlotte L, Elsa K and Faith R.

Note: We love to hear about all of the celebrations in your life. Please email any special dates, celebrations, births, engagements, etc. to corey@campwicosuta.com.



Wico Gives Back

Kudos to Wico alum, **Sadie G**, and her friend, Kate, who have decided to put together a fundraising drive at their school to benefit Project Morry. We are so glad to see campers paying forward and including Project Morry in those efforts! Wicosuta raises money for Project Morry each summer on our annual Project Morry Day. For more information on Project Morry go to: www.projectmorry.org. Stay tuned this summer for more information about this incredible organization!



Alumnae & Staff Updates



Katie "Coach Katie" Pawlowski traveled to London recently. While there she went to visit **Morgan Squirrel**. Morgan has her pilot's license and flew the two of them from London to Paris... for lunch! When asked, Katie said, "we only have camp to thank!" (see photos)



A bunch of 1st Session T'21 girls got together in New York City recently. **Dani Perez** was visiting from Mexico City and met up with **Sophie Dockswell, Morgan Hecht, Audrey Moussazadeh** (took the photo below), **Phoebe Oblak** and **Bianca Shively**. Thanks for sharing, girls!



Hamza E, Orsi J, Nair T and **Heni P** met up recently in Budapest, Hungary! When they parted ways, they were able to say, "see you in a month at Wico!" We look forward to seeing you all soon!

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS OUR STAFF FROM?



ARGENTINA

Nair Tolomeo 3



AUSTRALIA

Emma Peacock 1
Meg Sheldrick 4
Isabelle Robinson 2
Ruby McIlroy 1
Sarah Murray 1
Mahala Beasley 1



BRAZIL

Luana da Silva 1



COLOMBIA

Leandro Varon 1



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Shiarah Tejada 11



ENGLAND

Dillon Allen 1
Rowena Brennan 5
Emily Brewin 3
Rachel Clay 1
Cameron Clough 1
Eleanor Cotton 1
Caitlin Donaldson 1
Ross Driver 2
Isobelle Elkins 1
Isabella Gregson 1
Megan Harris 1
Olivia Howe 1
Shona Lawrence 5
Ruby Lemmon 1
Eve Powell McQuaide 1

Millie Rogers 1
Abigail Rose 1
Mabel Smaller 1
Jasmine Smith 1
Leila Todd 1
Philippa Trollope 1
Abby Vincent 1



HUNGARY

Greta Molnar 1
Dzsenerfer Nagy 2
Orsolya Jakli 3
Henrietta Parak 2
Roza Kovacs 1



IRELAND

Beth Kelly 1



MEXICO

Edith Reyes Capilla 2
Noel Varela Rosas 1
Denisse Aparicio Robles 2
Laura Atenco Santos 1
Luis Bernal Rosales 7
Yhosuara Galeana 9
Cristian Monarca Cruz 1
America yael Perez Dominguez 1
Arelly Villegas Flores 1
Arantza Cons 1
Jacqueline Juarez Sanchez 1
Daniela Hernandez Reyes 1



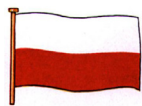
MOROCCO

Hamza Errigada 2



NORTHERN IRELAND

Eileen McDade 2



POLAND

Bartlomiej Slonina 1
Kinga Bojarska 1
Klaudia Lisowska 3



PUERTO RICO

Natalia Colón Feliciano 1



SLOVAKIA

Veronika Gracikova 1



SOUTH AFRICA

Alodie Gould-Wagenaar 1
Jack Kapp 1
Liam Rein 2
Luke Rein 1
Chelsea Van Der Poel 1



SPAIN

Nile Arrizabalaga 1
Maria Gonzalez 1
Álvaro Del Campo Carrascosa 1
María del Rivero Matamoros 1
Delfina Visconti 1
Maren Dunabeitia Uribe 1
Nicolas Lopez 1



USA

ALABAMA

Katelyn Bray 1
Laura Browning 10
Mallory Meeks 2

ARIZONA

Iscent George 12

CALIFORNIA

Mitch Captein 1
Shyann Hall 1

Shannen Haviland 1
Trisha Hite-Burress 1
Amath Ngom 12
Nikki Ngom 7

COLORADO

Anyia Turner 1

CONNECTICUT

Avi Bialik 3
Maddie Hawks 1
Lauren Russo 10

FLORIDA

Sonny Durr 16
Katie Ellison 1
Giavanna Hahn 1
Florine Jean-Baptiste 1
Abigail Lowrimore 1
Tami Streib 1

GEORGIA

Ingrid Bennett 6
Sarah Calvert 5
Kate Langbo 1
Yuri McClaire 1
Raleigh Phillips 1
Chloe Ravish 1

IDAHO

Ava Ponczoch 1
Shanelle Williams 1

ILLINOIS

Mary Donohue 1
Elizabeth Hulick 1
Rime Tliih 1

INDIANA

Meredith Antz 1
Stephanie Belmontes 1
Mary Wilson 1

IOWA

Chloe Finn 1

KANSAS

Jennifer Broockerd 1

KENTUCKY

Kelly Jackson 1

LOUISIANA

China Brown 2

MAINE

Tyra Wooster 1

MARYLAND

Porter EganFrei 1
Juliette Gray 1
Julia Weigel 7
Camille Williams 1

MASSACHUSETTS

Julia Bosco 1
Katy Cannistraro 2
Kimberly Carney-Wong 1
Lindsey Macedo 1
Lily van Baaren 1

MICHIGAN

Kenya Ramirez 1

MISSISSIPPI

Regan Steen 2
Kristin Young 1

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Alyssa Costa 10
Gabrielle Gray 1



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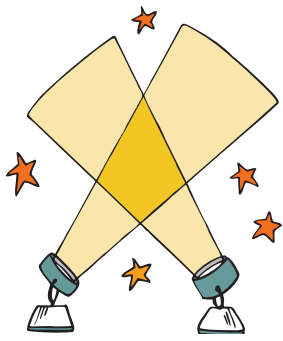
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* The number next to their name indicates their years at Wico!



Super Star Staff Spotlight...

Introducing our Summer 2023 Leadership Team!

PROGRAM TEAM



PRISCILLA "PRISSY, PRIS" GRIFFIN

Program Team, 58th summer, Latham, NY

When I am not at Wico
I... work part-time on Wico

planning/projects for the summer and also enjoy reading, swimming and traveling.

What brings you to Wico? The opportunity to work with really super people, and to provide an amazing summer for a camp full of great kids.

This summer I am most excited to: provide some really fun activities for all the campers to enjoy.

What goal(s) do you have for the campers at Wico for this summer? To make a new friend and to learn something new.

If I asked your friends to describe your "Super Power" what would they say?

I am a hard worker. I am always busy on work or a project.

Leadership quote: "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." - John Quincy Adams



MELANIE "MELON" HAWTHORNE

Program Team, 12th summer, Durham, NH

When I am not at Wico

I... am a residence hall director at UNH (University of New Hampshire)

What brings you to Wico? I get to be my best self at camp!

This summer I am most excited to: be back at Wico!

What goal(s) do you have for the campers this summer? I want everyone to have so much fun!

Which of Wico's 3 Cs is your favorite and why? I love all the three C's, but confidence is my favorite. I love watching campers and staff gain confidence during their time at camp!

HEALTH CENTER



KIM CARNEY-WONG

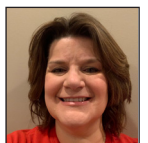
2nd Session Health Center Administrator (Meds & Operations), 1st summer at Wico, Arlington, MA

When I am not at Wico I... work as a nurse at Boston Children's Hospital, teach Irish dance, and spend as much time as I can with my two girls and husband.

What brings you to Wico? I have actually been to camp several times after the sessions have ended with the Irish dance school where I teach. Wico always seemed like such a special place and community, one that I would love to experience. This summer the stars aligned and I will be working at camp and my girls will be campers. We are all really excited.

This summer I am most excited to: finally experience camp Wico and be part of a great community!

What is your experience in the activity/area you supervise/oversee? I have been a nurse for 19 years and while I specialize in oncology and deal with bone marrow transplants. I am also CPR certified and have a Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition, and Stabilization Certification. I love working in pediatrics and have done so my entire career.



MARY "MARE" WILSON

1st Session Health Center Administrator (Meds & Operations), 1st summer at Wico, Indianapolis, IN

I spend the 10 months before camp... As a school nurse, and spending time with my family.

What brings you to Wico? Some of my best childhood memories are from the time I spent at camp. I am looking forward to being a part of a team!

What goal(s) do you have for the campers at Wico for this summer? To have a safe, happy, and happy camp experience

Which of Wico's 3 Cs (Confidence, Competence & Community) is your favorite and why? Community is my favorite. I truly believe that it takes a village to raise a child! We all must work together as a team to make camp safe & happy for all of us!

Complete this sentence: When I grow up I want to be...a camp nurse!

OPERATIONS



KRISTIN YOUNG

Operations Coordinator, 1st summer at Wico, Olive Branch, MS

When I am not at Wico I... Coach competitive soccer.

This summer I am most excited to: enjoy and explore the beautiful outdoors.

What goal(s) do you have for the campers at Wico for this summer? To give campers an amazing experience that they will remember forever.

Which of Wico's 3 Cs (Confidence, Competence & Community) is your favorite and why? Confidence; I think it is such a vital skill that everyone have confidence in themselves and I love that Wicosuta helps to foster that.

MEDIA



CHINA BROWN

Media Coordinator/Activity Head, 2nd summer at Wico, New Orleans, LA

I spend the 10 months before camp...at college (I just graduated!) or home with my family.

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Super Star Staff Spotlight Continued

What brings you to Wico? Wanting to capture a wonderful experience for young girls and further the betterment of myself.

This summer I am most excited to: be part a part of the Leadership Team and being able to return to Wico again.

What is your experience in the activity/ area you supervise/oversee? I was a part of the Media Team Summer '21. I just received a bachelor's in communication specializing in sports journalism, new media, and marketing from Northwestern State University of Louisiana. I've spent a lot of my time in the past few years working and being a consultant for small businesses in helping to better their brand and marketing.

What goal(s) do you have for the campers at Wico for this summer? To amplify the fun experiences of Wico and to improve my skills in media.

Which of Wico's 3 Cs is your favorite and why? Competence because I pride myself on putting as much effort, if not maximum effort, into my work. I try to make sure with anything that I do, I do it effectively and consistently. It's important to be competent not only for myself but for my staff and others around me.

Complete this sentence: When I grow up I want to be: a sports columnist writing for a news publication.

If I asked your friends to describe your "Super Power" what would they say? Helping people and not only looking to better myself but I look to better the people around me.

RES LIFE



SARAH CALVERT

Head Counselor, 5th summer, Atlanta, GA

When I am not at Wico I OR I spend the 10 months before camp... I am a registered nurse!

What brings you to Wico? Wico is a home for me. The environment is so special and unique, that it pulls you to want to be there. The friendships and memories I have made there are incredible.

Which of Wico's 3 Cs (Confidence, Competence & Community) is your favorite and why? Community is my favorite C. The people at camp are what makes it so unique. Everyone is so supportive and creates a safe space that allows you to be your true self.

If I asked your friends to describe your "Super Power" what would they say? That I am always laughing and having fun, but know when to be compassionate and a good listener.



ALYSSA COSTA

Head Counselor, 10th summer; I just moved to Andover, NH

I spend the 10 months before camp... teaching high school music!

What brings you to Wico? I keep coming back to Wico for the community. I have never felt as safe and supported as I do at camp. I also just love the fun we have at Wico. There's always something exciting happening!

What goal(s) do you have for the campers at Wico for this summer? I hope that campers will try something outside of their comfort zone, whether that's try a new activity or talk to someone they've never met before!

Which of Wico's 3 Cs (Confidence, Competence & Community) is your favorite and why? Community is my favorite because that's the foundation of everything we do at camp. That's why everyone keeps coming back to camp!



CLAIRE "CLAIRE BEAR" MORRISON

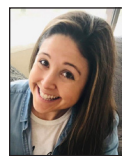
Head Counselor, 5th summer, Troon, Scotland, UK

When I am not at Wico I... am a Primary 2 (Kindergarten) teacher in Scotland. My class are obsessed with all the Wico songs and are determined to learn the Birthday Song before school finishes!

What brings you to Wico?: We don't have camps like Wico in the UK and there really is no place like it! You truly are your 'best self' at camp - the friends that you make and the memories that you create stay with you forever.

This summer I am most excited to: Zoom down the slip and slide at Carnival! You can just be a big kid the whole time and it is my favorite day of the summer by far! I also can't wait to see all the 'OCC' (Oski, Casco, Coo) kids again!

If I asked your friends to describe your "Super Power" what would they say? I'm a super positive person and I always try to see the good in every situation. My glass is always half full and I've been told I spread 'sparkle' wherever I go! I'm also known to jump super high in my 'jumping pictures' - ask me to give you a lesson this summer!



LISA "LISA B" STIBBARD

Head Counselor, 7th summer, Barrington, NJ

I spend the 10 months before camp... teaching Special Ed and raising a toddler.

This summer I am most excited: for my son to be at camp with me.

What goal(s) do you have for the campers at Wico for this summer? To try something new and feel part of a community.

Which of Wico's 3 Cs (Confidence, Competence & Community) is your favorite and why? Community- I have never been part of a community that has given me so much confidence and competence.



SHIARAH T "SHI, SHI-SHI" TEJADA

Head Counselor, 13th summer, Cap Cana, Dominican Republic

When I am not at Wico I... teach middle school ELA (English as a Second Language)

What brings you to Wico? Wico is my happy place. It is a place where I can be myself and where I have grown both personally and professionally.

This summer I am most excited to: be back at camp with the most amazing people ever!

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? I want everyone to feel at home. I want the girls to be authentic and to be themselves at all times, but above all, I want everyone to smile often and experience true happiness.



JULIA WEIGEL

Head Counselor, 7th summer, Rockville, MD

When I am not at Wico I OR I spend the 10 months before camp... I am a 5th grade public school teacher.

What brings you to Wico? I keep coming back to Wico because of the amazing campers. Seeing campers grow up from year to year has been so rewarding.

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Super Star Staff Spotlight Continued

This summer I am most excited to: Welcome brand new campers and help them find their Wico spirit and Wico sisters.

What is your experience in the activity/area you supervise/oversee? In my previous years at Wico, I have always worked with Explorer campers. I love finding ways to make each and every day memorable for these special campers.

What goal(s) do you have for the campers at Wico for this summer? To make a new friend and try something new!

Which of Wico's 3 Cs is your favorite and why? My favorite of the 3 Cs is community because the Wico community has been transformative for me personally. I love seeing how our accepting, fun, and welcoming community transforms each camper into the best version of herself!

If I asked your friends to describe your "Super Power" what would they say? My camp superpower is braiding hair. My campers know that if they can count on me for double dutch braids and more!

ACTIVITY HEADS



ROWENA "ROW" BRENNAN
Pool Activity Head, 5th summer, Felixstowe, Suffolk, England

When I am not at Wico I... run a swim school in the United Kingdom.

What brings you to Wico? The community!

What is your experience in the activity/area you supervise/oversee? I learned to swim at a very young age, took part in a club, started teaching at 15 and have been in the leisure industry since.

What goal(s) do you have for the campers this summer? To try new things, make new friends and have a wonderful experience.

Which of Wico's 3 Cs is your favorite and why? This is tricky. I think confidence and community are tie for me because I felt these had the biggest impact on people in my summers at camp.

Which special event or evening activities is your favorite and why? The welcome campfire (1st night) and the final campfire (2nd to last night).



MITCH CAPTEIN

Waterfront Activity Head, 1st summer, Rocklin, CA

When I am not at Wico I... am a huge fan of hiking and playing basketball. Staying active and playing sports is a big part of my life. I am also an actor, so I spend a lot of my time auditioning and working in TV and film!

What is your experience in the activity/area you supervise/oversee? I was a competitive swimmer for 11 years and lifeguard for 6. I have also taught swim lessons and coach a swim team.

Which of Wico's 3 Cs (Confidence, Competence & Community) is your favorite and why? Confidence is one of my favorites because of what it represents. Being able to help instill confidence in others and build in your own confidence brings together people in a positive way! Sometimes being confident is simply learning a new skill and improving upon it everyday!

If I asked your friends to describe your "Super Power" what would they say? Being able to understand others and create a positive atmosphere! I am a very positive person and I am a huge fan of caring and helping others!



ROSSI DRIVER

Landsports Activity Head, 2nd summer, Felixstowe, Suffolk, England

When I am not at Wico I... work as an electrician.

What brings you to Wico: I am returning, so that I can teach soccer in the sun, and help my team teach all of the other landsports at camp!

What goal(s) do you have for the campers this summer? My goal is for a camper to beat me in a PK (penalty kick) shootout!



JACK KAPP

Outdoor Adventure Activity Head, 1st summer, Cape Town, South Africa

When I am not at Wico I... graduated with a Bsc Honours degree in Agriculture in December 2022, and have spent the last few months working at different farms and labs to gain work experience in my field. I have just returned from Namibia where I worked on Appaloosa Horse stud training and schooling horses.

What brings you to Wico: My younger "brother" worked at Wico last year on the waterfront (Liam Rein), and when he came back talking about his experiences at Wico it was hard not to want to join him this year.

What is your experience in the activity/area you supervise/oversee? My family is very outdoorsy. My father made sure that I grew up in a tent in the middle of nowhere with as little as possible and taught me all he knows about the great outdoors. Family holidays were usually camping trips, which included mountain biking or hiking in the area to properly explore the nature. Being outdoors is where I feel most at home.

What goal(s) do you have for the campers this summer? To make sure that everyone finds something in nature that cannot be compared to whatever they can find on a screen online. I would love to invoke a passion for nature in each camper and staff member.



SHONA LAWRENCE

Challenge Course Activity Head, 4th summer, Northampton, England

I spend the 10 months before camp...Traveling the East Coast of the US and then living in Australia for the past 8 months!

What brings you to Wico? It's a home away from home - somewhere you can be who you truly are, living life as it should be.

This summer I am most excited to: To see the campers and reunite with friends!

What goal(s) do you have for the campers this summer? To learn at least one new skill or try one new thing.



ASHLEY MCCAMMON

Visual Arts Activity Head, 1st summer, Lawrence Township, NJ

When I am not at Wico I... am a professional comic artist, connecting to others via art & story.

This summer I am most excited to: get to know everyone and be a part of the community!

What is your experience in the activity/area you supervise/oversee? I am an artist professionally, and have been a counselor for young artists at the Pratt pre-college summer program!

What goal(s) do you have for the campers at Wico for this summer? For everyone to leave camp with a new or stronger confidence in their creativity.

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Super Star Staff Spotlight Continued



KATIE "KMORGS" MORGAN

Ceramics Director, 7th summer, Buffalo, NY

When I am not at Wico,
I: am the Production

Assistant for a local business that designs and fabricates a wide range of percussion mallets for musicians, school bands/orchestras & music stores located all over the world.

Leadership quote: "A good mentor hopes you will move on. A great mentor knows you will." - Mr. Higgins (S2: E12 of Ted Lasso)

Which of Wico's 3 Cs is your favorite and why? My favorite of the 3 C's is Community because I believe that if one has a solid support system filled with loving and uplifting people that anything is possible.

This summer I am excited to: meet new campers/staff members and to enjoy the beautiful New Hampshire sunshine!



KYLEE LINES

Dance & Fitness Activity Head, 2nd summer at Wico, Millersport, OH

When I am not at Wico
I: teach dance classes and

have a dog walking business.

What brings you to Wico? I chose to return to Wicosuta because I get the opportunity to teach dance and travel at the same time.

This summer I am most excited to: meet new campers and dance to good music at The Pointe, Wico's dance studio!

What goal do you have for the campers at Wico this summer? A goal I have is for them to take a dance or fitness class they've never tried before!



EILEEN MCDADE

Horseback Activity Head, 2nd summer at Wico, Ireland

I spend the 10 months
before camp... This year,

I spent the last couple of months working for The CampSpot, the outfitters for camp.

This summer I am most excited to: meet the horse riding team and to see my friends I have made from last year.

What is your experience in the activity/area you supervise/oversee? I have been horse riding my whole life and compete my own horse at home. I have also been training horses and teaching children for the last several years.

What goal(s) do you have for the campers at Wico for this summer? To see the children excel in their horse riding skills and become more confident than when they first started.

Which of Wico's 3 Cs (Confidence, Competence & Community) is your favorite and why?

Community. Wico has such an amazing community, everyone feels like family and makes Wico feel like its home.

If I asked your friends to describe your "Super Power" what would they say?

My super power is cheering people up and making them laugh if they are having a rough day.



SKYE ROBICHEAU

Theater Activity Head / This is my first year at Wico, Plainfield, NH

When I am not at Wico I...
spent the last four years at

Keene State College getting my BA in Theater with a double major specialization in Acting and Directing and dual Minors in Sociology and Early Childhood Development.

This summer I am most excited to: I am most excited to meet the campers and help them discover new passions!!

What goal(s) do you have for the campers at Wico for this summer? My goal for every camper at Wico is to step outside their comfort zone at least once during the session. Wico creates a space where campers can try new things; I hope every camper takes advantage of that. Whether it's trying out the musical or a higher level on the ropes course, the Wico staff will be there to celebrate and support them through this transformative journey.

If I asked your friends to describe your "Super Power" what would they say? The first thing people often say about me is that I'm kind. My close friend says, "Your kind, you care with the deepest part of your heart, and it has so much love behind it."



NAIR "NAI" TOLOMEO

Tennis Activity Head, 3rd summer at Wico, Mar del Plata, Argentina. Living in Málaga, Spain for the last 7 years

When I am not at Wico I... travel as much as I can, but also work, of course. I teach English, tennis, and anything else I can!

What brings you to Wico? The good working environment, the fun, the friends, the campers and being away from the crazy world for a while!

What goal(s) do you have for the campers at Wico for this summer? To have fun while learning. I want them to go home having learned a new skill and for them to say: "I learned this at Wico!"

Which of Wico's 3 Cs (Confidence, Competence & Community) is your favorite and why? Oh, that's hard! I feel like the three of them are so important. I will choose confidence because that's something I got at Wico myself. Being encouraged to do better and having a support system around you helps your confidence grow.

If I asked your friends to describe your "Super Power" what would they say? Details! I have a bad memory, but I will always remember what each person likes and, so I'll always try to be ready for you with a little gift or invitation to do something you like.



ELANNA TOLZ

Gymnastics & Cheer Activity Head, 7th summer, Marlton, NJ

When I am not at Wico I: am a special education teacher and the mom to a 2 year old daughter!

This summer I am most excited to: get to spend my 7th summer at my home away from home and be in the gym coaching my favorite sport.

Which of Wico's 3 Cs (Confidence, Competence & Community) is your favorite and why? Community because at camp, everyone is so inviting, helpful and supportive. No matter what role people are in at camp, we are one big team. Everyone is there for one another and it truly makes camp my home away from home.

If I asked your friends to describe your "Super Power" what would they say? It's the ability to listen to others and help out when needed. I'm always a shoulder to lean on and always willing to lend an ear.

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Super Star Staff Spotlight Continued

FOOD SERVICE



SONNY DURR
Head Chef, 16th
summer, Gainesville,
Florida

When I am not at Wico I OR I spend the 10 months before camp... I work at a catering hall.

What brings you to Wico? I enjoy working with people from all over the world.

What is your experience in the activity/area you supervise/oversee? I have been a chef for 25 + years in various places including U of F and other summer camps.

What goal(s) do you have for the campers this summer? Have a positive attitude. I wish each of them a wonderful life!

This summer I am most excited to: be creative and show everything that I can do! I enjoy what I do and like being able to share my love for my job with the kids.



AMATH "CHIEF" NGOM
Sous Chef, 12th summer, Dakar, Senegal (currently Huntington Beach, CA)

When I am not at Wico I... work as a chef and manager at various restaurants.

This summer I am most excited to: introduce new dishes and an even better eating experience to the campers!

What is your experience in the activity/area you supervise/oversee? I've been working in restaurants for years. I am amazed when I see people come to camp with just a little bit of kitchen experience and go home with very strong skills and knowledge that they will use for the rest of their lives!

When I grow up I want to be... Denzel Washington.



YHOSUARA "YHOSU" GALEANA OLVERA

Dining Hall Manager, 8th summer, Puebla, Mexico

When I am not at Wico I... work as a second language teacher. I work with students ages 10 years and older. Teaching

different ages and styles has given me the chance to learn how to manage situations outside the classroom.

This summer I am most excited to: See people I've met in previous summers, and of course meet new campers and staff. For the number of summers I have worked in Wico, I have been able to see campers from their first year until becoming TOTEMS. It has been very nice to see how they have developed so many skills in this community.

What goal(s) do you have for the campers at Wico for this summer? I want to continue to give campers the confidence to know that the kitchen staff is always informed about each ingredient of the food, so that campers can ask us any questions and have doubts that they would be sure that they will receive a correct response.

Which of Wico's 3Cs (Confidence, Competence & Community) is your favorite and why? Definitely my favorite Wico's C is COMMUNITY. Every year since my first summer I've seen how important is to develop a welcoming environment between staff and campers. At the end of each session, I love to see how many friendships have been made between campers, and campers with counselors.

WHAT'S NEW AT WICO FOR 2023?

Hello from 03241! Although camp has been quiet since the campers left in August, it's been busy with lots of activity! First, we want to welcome **Shawn Demers**, Wico's new Maintenance Director, who started in February and has jumped in with both feet! Second, we are SO looking forward to the addition of Wico's American Ninja Course (see pics here) and the new gym pavilion. Install for the Ninja Course is taking place this spring; it will be ready this summer for you to tackle the warped wall, amongst many other obstacles. The Ninja Course will be used during our Fitness classes! The Gym Pavilion will welcome campers this summer and will be used for a variety of daytime and evening activities along with birthday dinners and other camp gatherings.

In other news, Wico is getting a new bridge to connect the office side of camp with the dining hall side. Bunk 5 has received an update in the form of new bathrooms, windows, and lights. Finally, we are looking forward to some new signage around camp along with a garden that will be planted next to the cooking studio!





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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 Wednesday, July 19
Second Session Explorer Program Ends Tuesday, August 1
Second Session Ends Saturday, 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! Thanks!

