

THE WICOSUTAN

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Winter 2024

A Letter from the Directors

Dear Wico Campers, Staff, Parents and Alumnae,



Greetings & happy 2024 from Wico! We hope that you are enjoying the winter. The New Year is an exciting time at camp. Our summer planning ramps up, projects at camp start to take shape, camper groups fill and we continue to hire amazing staff. In short, we can envision the summer to come and we can't wait to get started in less than 150 days with our First Session and less than 200 days with our Second Session!

We were fortunate to reunite with many of you at our New York and LA area reunions. Thank to those who joined us! See page 2 to view photos taken at each of these events. We reunited with returning campers and met some incredible first-time campers. A big thanks to these awesome Wico Staff for their help: Juliette G, Katy C, Priscilla, Lisa S, Bridget S (and Teddy, of course!), and Sophie D and to Amanda Kingloff, a Wico parent, who assisted us again this year. Amanda designed special Wico "shrinky dinks" for our New York event and taught all of us how to make them! Our Boston event was rescheduled due to weather. Thanks to Jess Moore for help in LA! We look forward to that event on February 10th!

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 some 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,



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WICO REUNIONS

NEW YORK





































LOS ANGELES













CAMPER CORNER



Avery M-P sent us this great photo showing her Wico Love over the holiday break—thanks, Avery!



Stella B, Sienna H and Charlie B had a great time reconnecting over the holiday break—their moms (not pictured) were included in the fun!



Mia P bumped into Emma F and Ava F over the holiday break while both families were visiting Sloomoo Institute (the ultimate slime museum)!

Caroline M, Ava P and Elle M were super surprised when Myla Z fly up to New York this fall to surprise them!



Mimi T, Stella C and Alyssa H got a jump start on Totem bonding when they reunited in Florida over December break!



Ella A, Nina M, Chloe K and Syra K had a "mini" camp reunion in November and sent us these pics as proof! Looks like fun, girls!



Rowan W and Shea W were super excited to receive their copies of the 2023 camp yearbook! We can't wait to see you in 2024, girls!

Check out all of these terrific photos of campers showing their Wico Spirit!



Addie and Sophie B



Aila B



Alex P



Ava F



Kayla A



Lily H



Mackenzie W



Olivia S



Oseychik Girls



Rhea A



Scarlette and Nina R



Siena D



Sienna H



Yara B

CELEBRATIONS



Mazel Tov to Laura K on her Bat Mitzvah this fall! Celebrating with her were: Kendall S, Anji M, Alexa H and Ilana M (pictured here)!



Congratulations to **Abby H** on her election to National Junior Honor Society!

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.

We look forward to seeing all of you in your Wico 2024 enrollment t-shirts! Email us a photo of you in your new Wico swag to be included in the spring newsletter.



WE WELCOME YOU TO WICO CAMP

WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING FIRST-TIME CAMPERS FOR SUMMER 2024...

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 love welcoming first-time campers to Wico! Assuring that you feel included, welcomed and comfortable is a priority for us! We do several things to help you feel welcomed to camp including:



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!



MATCHING YOU UP WITH A CAMP SISTER!

You can look forward to receiving your big sister's name and contact information in the new year!

FIRST SESSION

OSKI

Harper B
Sybbie B
Tess F
Eleanor M
Annabelle M
Seta M
Anne S
Paige S
Leni W

EAGLE

Maeve G

CASCO

Sade A Rose F Fiona G Morgan H Charlotte S

KINEO

Avery C Olivia G Ruby N Maddie P Emma S Thalie S

COO

Violet E Layla K Daphne L Charlotte M

AGAWAN

Romy R Karina S



SESSION

SECOND S

OSKI

Aliza B Madeleine C Ava F Gabriela G Livy O

EAGLE

Vani A Sydney K Gemma M Claire P

CASCO

Ines A
Lily D
Chloe F
Calie G
Lyla O
Elizabeth T
Savannah T

KINEO

Sofia A

Zuni

Daphne H

COO

Teagan G Maya G Ava L Sofia S Violet S Clara V Talia W

AGAWAN

Lila B Suzie L Hadley M Anamika S

HELPING YOU LIGHT A CANDLE IN THE WICO "W" AT OUR OPENING CAMPFIRE ON THE FIRST

NIGHT OF CAMP!



Where In the World is Wico??



Going on vacation? Take a photo yourself in your Wico gear while on your travels. Make sure to let us know your location and we will include your photo in the newsletter. You will also see your photo hanging on the wall in the dining hall this summer!







Izzy B, St. Anton, Austria









Dear Liz...

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful start to 2024! I am so excited that camp is officially THIS YEAR! It was wonderful to see so many campers (new and returning)



and staff at the New York area reunion! We have been busy hiring our 2024 staff and are excited to welcome so many 2022 and 2023 back to their summer home!

I have received some great questions from all of you—thanks! Remember, if you have ANY questions (camp related or not) that you want featured in the Wicosutan, send them to liz@campwicosuta.com for the next Dear Liz column!

Dear Liz,

I totally forgot to let you know, I want to be a big sister! Is it too late? Best, Samantha the Spirited Sister

Dear Samantha-

It is not too late! Thank you for volunteering to be a big sister. Big sister matches begin this month and continue on a rolling basis as new campers enroll until the beginning of each session! Every single new camper will receive a big sister. Everyone who wants to be a big sister should continue to let me know and I will do my best to get everyone a match! Once you have your pair, you will receive monthly journal pages to help you keep in touch and make connections with your camp sister before summer! We have fun big/little events planned once camp starts, as well! Best, Liz

Dear Liz,

My daughter is begging me to sign up for horseback riding this summer. When and where should I do this?

Please help, Mother of Galloping Gabrielle

Dear Mom.

This is a very common question! Horseback riding is a private lesson at Wico. Sign-ups for private lessons will open in March and are completed through your Forms Dashboard on CampMinder. We also offer private lessons in tennis, volleyball gymnastics, and soccer. There will be several communications sent out with reminders about signing up for privates – including the 2024 family handbook which outlines everything you need to know! Space is limited for the available private lessons and allocated on a first come, first served basis. Hope this helps!

Liz

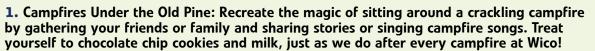
Thank you, as always, for reaching out. I look forward to helping our staff and campers get ready for an unforgettable Summer 2024 ahead! Thanks for all the questions, keep them coming! Counting down until Summer 2024!



COFFEE CHAT with Catherine

Dear Wico Peeps,

As the winter chill settles in and the days grow shorter, many of us find ourselves yearning for the warmth and nostalgia of camp. The memories of campfires under the Old Pine Tree, kayaking on Newfound Lake, and our Wico friends linger in our minds. Fortunately, there are plenty of ways to bring the spirit of Wico into the winter months!





CATHERINE

- 2. Crafting at the Art Barn: Make friendship bracelets, create "shrinky dinks", or try your hand at DIY camp-themed decorations. See below for instructions for an activity that you can try at home!
- 3. Winter Waterfront: Go ice skating or organize or attend a winter polar bear plunge!
- 4. Connect with Camp Friends: Write letters, call, and schedule times to connect with your camp friends. We recently saw many campers at our NYC reunion in January - and it was incredible!

Bunk Popsicle Stick Photo Frame



MATERIALS:

- 11 Popsicle sticks
- Green & brown paint
- Green paper, cut into tree shapes
- Glue
- White label

- 1. Paint 7 popsicle sticks brown and 4 popsicle sticks green. Let dry.
- 2. Arrange brown popsicle sticks into square shape, with two sticks on the left, right, and bottom, and one popsicle stick on the top.
- 3. Arrange the green popsicle sticks into a triangle with the top of the square.
- 4. Attached trees to corner of frame and add label for photo description.
- 5. Glue your favorite camp photo to the back of the frame.

You now have a reminder of an incredible summer memory to keep you excited for Summer 2024!

While the winter months may bring cold temperatures and snow-covered landscapes, the spirit of Wico can continue within us. Gather your friends, bundle up, and let the warmth of these Wico-inspired activities brighten your days. After all, the magic of Wicosuta knows no season!

Love you a latte, Catherine

WHAT'S NEW AT WICO? FACILITY UPDATE

Through the snow, rain and cold, Shawn and the team have been busy getting Wico ready for 2024! Nothing stops this team! Here are some of the things they are working on for this coming summer:

- Staff Housing: The Main House got a face lift (inside and outside) with new paint, updates to bathrooms, kitchen area, and the addition of a sky light!
- Bunk 10: This bunk will receive new windows and doors, so it looks incredible for its summer residents!
- Campfire Update Part 2: The Old Pine/Campfire area has been leveled and we have added new and updated seating and lighting to the area.
- Volleyball: Get ready to check out our updated volleyball area located near the Big Top!

PRISCILLA'S PUZZLES

Can you "read" these word challenges below?



Answers to Priscilla's Puzzles: 1. The ball's in your court, 2. Big fish in a little pond, 3. All in a day's work d. Repeat after me, 5. One in a million, 6. Banana Split, 7. Too funny for words, 8. Double trouble 9. Swim with a buddy, 10. Camping overnight, 11. Put on a clean shirt, 12. Top bunk, 13. Chicken soup 14. Wait and see, 15. Frisbee on the roof, 16. Getting on the bus

WICO CAMP SISTER PROGRAM

Calling All Wico Big and Little Sisters (aka First-Time and Returning Campers)! We are gearing up to announce our first round of Big/Little match-ups! We match on a rolling basis and as campers enroll in camp.

I am a first-time camper. When can I expect to hear from Wico and then from my big sister? If you have not heard from us already, we will email you with your big sister's contact information in the next few weeks. We will also share a journal page that you may complete and send to your big sister to help her get to know you and vice-versa.

I am a returning camper who wants to be a big sister. What do I do next?

Are you a returning Coo or older? If you answered "yes," email liz@campwicosuta.com and let her know that you want to be a big sister (if you have not already). Liz is looking for volunteers and would love to hear from you! Please note: If you have already been a big sister, you may volunteer again! All returning Agawans will be matched automatically. It's one of the ways these older campers take on leadership at camp. We match up new campers as they enroll. For big sisters, that means that some of you will hear from us in February and others later in the year as we continue to match first-time campers.

For both big and little sisters:

Once you get your camp sister's name and contact information, we encourage you to reach out to each other ASAP. There's no reason to wait! We hope that you enjoy getting to know one another!

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

CAMPER BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH

Clara H1/1	Remi D1/27	Olivia K 3/6
Kayal A1/2	Cady F 1/28	Amalia L3/6
Siena D1/2	Mila R 1/30	Kareena D3/8
Noa M1/2	Leigh C2/1	Ryan M3/8
Avery G1/3	Zoe B2/2	Kendall S3/8
Yara B1/5	Lila M2/3	Rowan W 3/8
Luna P1/6	Rhea A2/4	Lia B3/10
Caroline R1/7	Xaviera P2/5	Sadie F3/10
Sienna S1/7	Nora M2/6	Evie H3/10
Rylan R1/8	Olivia G2/7	Isla J3/10
Hannah E1/9	Vani A2/8	Sejal M3/10
Hannah P1/9	Elsa K2/8	Margot G3/13
Lucy B1/11	Sophia N2/8	Sophia K3/13
Eleanor C1/11	Tess T2/9	Ashley S3/13
Gabriela G1/11	Sienna H2/11	Carolina P3/14
Sloane L1/11	Maria I2/11	Annabelle M3/15
Sade A1/14	Liana W2/11	Graisyn D3/16
Livvy P1/14	Jane F2/14	Marlowe S3/17
Mackenzie S1/14	Celine L2/18	Caroline F3/18
Aziza T1/14	Sienna W2/20	Fiona G3/21
Remi F1/15	Emmeline K2/21	Franny G 3/22
Charlotte M1/17	Tsega R2/21	Lucie S 3/23
Lila 01/17	Finley C2/22	Vivian E 3/24
Kate R1/17	Elizabeth R2/22	Prisha K 3/24
Allie K1/19	Isabella B2/24	Emma B 3/25
Annabel M1/19	Anna K2/24	Ainsley I 3/25
Fabiana L 1/20	Alexandra P2/24	Olivia A 3/27
Anjali M 1/20	Mabel B2/25	Tali S 3/27
Violette M 1/20	Maria C2/25	Caroline F 3/28
Sylvia 0 1/23	Daphne L 2/25	Charlotte F 3/28
Mila T 1/23	Catarina T2/25	Nori H3/28
Josephine W 1/23	Haley W2/25	Ava F3/30
Olive F 1/24	Eloise d2/26	Elizabeth G 3/30
Margot M 1/24	Ella S2/26	Elize 03/31
Cordelia D 1/25	Mia 02/28	Faith R3/31
Vivienne L 1/26	Lyla 03/2	Elizabeth S3/31
Isabella S 1/26	Eleni A 3/3	

Maria K 3/6

Reece D......1/27



WICO STAFF BIRTHDAYS...

Manuel Hernandez
Ramos1/10
Nikki Ngom1/15
Alivia Rapp1/27
Mabel Smaller2/3
Sarah Carlton2/11
Faith Barker2/17
Catherine Kerns 2/22
Megan O'Donnell3/1
Esmeralda Ramirez Montero3/6
Luis Cuenca Martinez 3/6
Yola Sandoval Reyes 3/7
Luis Bernal Rosales 3/9
Nair Tolomeo 3/9
Tony Anderson3/11
Hana Witters3/12
Elanna Tolz3/14
Kimberley Thompson3/19
Elizabeth Kaleugher 3/23
Sara Ramírez Zayas 3/26
Cameron Clough 3/29





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 in this issue:

TONY "BIG T" ANDERSON

Waterfront, 2023 & 2024

HOMETOWN: Glasgow, Scotland

PETS & THEIR NAMES: Dog called Jules, an Irish Terrier

WHEN I AM NOT AT CAMP I: Study medicine at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland



PERSON I WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: I would love to meet Adele the singer as she seems very funny!

PLACE I WOULD MOST LIKE TO VISIT: I would love to visit South Africa as I made friends from camp last year who are from there.

PERSON I LOOK UP TO & WHY: My Older sister Bobbi. She has done so much for me and is always there for me. She always gives the best advice and I see her as one of my best friends.

FAVORITE LEISURE ACTIVITY: I love to swim. I have been swimming my entire life and swam competitively for Scotland. I still swim for my university team and have just been to Lanzarote with them.

FAVORITE SINGER OR BAND: Sza - good days

FAVORITE ACTOR(S): Probably Phoebe Waller Bridge. She is hilarious and a British icon.

FAVORITE CAMP MEAL: Chicken tikka masala by far!

FAVORITE CAMP SONG: I think I would have to say my favourite camp song is Moose Alpaca.

FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY: Taking the kids out on the boats for early morning ski. The sky is beautiful and the kids are so eager for some skiing!

LILY FETTERMAN

Visual Arts/ Land Sports counselor in 2022, Land Sports in 2024

HOMETOWN: Tunkhannock, PA

PETS & THEIR NAMES:
A Yellow Labrador named
Tucker



WHEN I AM NOT AT CAMP I: Study Neuroscience at Temple University

PERSON I WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: David Goggins, a retired US Navy Seal and famous long-distance runner.

PLACE I WOULD MOST LIKE TO VISIT: Bern, Switzerland, Munich, Germany and Tuscany, Italy.

PERSON I LOOK UP TO & WHY: My mom, she is just the coolest and very hardworking at what she does.

FAVORITE LEISURE ACTIVITY: Reading (which is something that resurfaced after my time at camp), but I have also been watching the new Percy Jackson series on Disney.

FAVORITE SINGER OR BAND: Hozier/Peach Pit

FAVORITE ACTOR(S): Jennifer Lawrence, Miles Teller

FAVORITE CAMP MEAL: THE TIKKA MASALA

FAVORITE CAMP SONG: The Campfire Goodnight Song (I often, randomly, hum it to myself!)

FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY: Revealing the team plaques at the end of the WCC and Color War!



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SUPER STAR STAFF SPOTLIGHTS **Continued**



KATHERINE (KATE) LANGBO

Waterfront, 2023 & 2024

HOMETOWN: Savannah, GA

PETS & THEIR NAMES: My dog,

Archie

WHEN I AM NOT AT CAMP I: Study biological sciences at Clemson University, but I hope to be a teacher and get my master's in education after my bachelor's degree at Clemson.



PERSON I WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: Anne Frank

PLACE I WOULD MOST LIKE TO VISIT: South America

PERSON I LOOK UP TO & WHY: My mother, because she has the best character and strength of anyone that I know.

FAVORITE LEISURE ACTIVITY: Reading in my hammock!

FAVORITE SINGER OR BAND: Lorde

FAVORITE ACTOR(S): Tom Hanks

FAVORITE CAMP MEAL: Chicken Tikka Masala

FAVORITE CAMP SONG: The Milk Song

FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY: Attending the campfires where we sang camp songs and learned about the history of WICO :)

2023 & 2024 Pool/Eagles & Waterfront

HOMETOWN: Cape Town, South Africa

CHELSEA VAN DER POEL

THEIR NAMES: 3 German shepherds named Spike, Sparky

and Lila

WHEN I AM NOT AT CAMP I: Just finished my gap year and will be studying Law at the University of Cape Town



PERSON I WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: It's actually a group-- One Direction, but the 2013 version before they broke up because they were my favourite band growing up.

PLACE I WOULD MOST LIKE TO VISIT: The Palace of Versailles in France.

PERSON I LOOK UP TO & WHY: My mom is my ultimate inspiration, she's the best. She has never let anything get in the way of her goals. She goes above and beyond to help others. Even in her work life she has won numerous accolades from her company for her hard work. On top of it all, and the hardest job by far, she is a mom to my little sister and me!

FAVORITE LEISURE ACTIVITY: A lazy beach day-swimming, walking down the beach and just soaking up the sun.

FAVORITE SINGER OR BAND: Fisher

FAVORITE ACTOR(S): Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston, I especially like the movies they are in together.

FAVORITE CAMP MEAL: Chocolate croissants

FAVORITE CAMP SONG: I think I would have to say my favourite camp song is the campfire goodnight song.

FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY: My favourite camp memory by far is arrival day, meeting all the campers, seeing camp friends reconnect and of course the Kona ice.

Alumnae & Staff Undates



Char W's mom sent us a photo of this terrific memory blanket they created for her after many years of camp!

The blanket we made with Char's t-shirts came back today and made me want to thank you again for all her amazing memories over the years! Many, many thanks!

- Kate

Wico Gives Back

The Ngom Family (Nikki, Rayna, Amath and Lebasse) delivered boxes of leftovers from our summer kitchen to a pre-school in Senegal. We were so happy to see these photos and to know that the extra food did not go to waste! We hope that all of the kids were able to enjoy these snacks as we do over the summer!





We are proud to support the efforts of recent alum and Totem '23 camper, Sofia Ramos. Please join us in supporting Sofia and this incredible cause!



Hi! I'm Sofia Ramos, 15 years old, and live in Short Hills, New Jersey. I was a Totem in 2023 and went to Wicosuta for 5 years. I reached out to Wico and to you to help me raise awareness and support for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Student Visionaries of the Year fundraising campaign. I am part of a team competing in Northern New Jersey along with two of my best friends, Pia and Alexandra. Our team name is Hopeful Hearts, and our campaign runs from January 10 - March 2, 2024. My family has had a long and difficult history with different types of cancers. From my cousin, who had recurrent cancer treatments for 10 years throughout his childhood, to my grandma, one of the people who I could truly not live without, beating breast cancer 5 years ago. We have been very fortunate to have gotten through it all. However, I have seen the difficulties of being in the family of a cancer patient firsthand, so my friends and I want to help provide people with the support they need through these difficult times. One of my passions has always been helping others by being someone people know they can always count on no matter what, something that Wico has always helped me do. Through

our Project Morrey Campaigns Zuni year and helping lead my Color War team, Wico has taught me how to care for others and be a leader. LLS allows me to spread this support beyond just my inner circle and look to help people who have to watch their loved ones go through these terrible experiences. So, if you could take a moment and donate through this link: https://events.lls.org/cran/svoynorthnj24/thopefulhe or QR code below to help raise awareness and funds for cancer research and patient care, I would be so thankful.

We have also included information with the different sponsor levels and benefits here for you to review. As we mentioned, our campaign kicks off on January 10 and we are able to accept the commitment forms whenever but we can't accept payment until January 10. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need anything else from us.



Thank you so much again for your time, and we hope to hear from you soon,

Sofia, Pia and Alexandra
Team Hopeful Hearts





4 New King Street White Plains, NY 10604





Camp Wicosuta Important Dates 2024



First Session Full & Explorer Sessions Begin:	Saturday, June 22
First Session Explorer Program Ends:	Friday, July 5
First Session Ends:	Tuesday, July 16
Second Session Full & Explorer Session Begin:	Friday, July 19
Second Session Explorer Program Ends:	Thursday, August 1
Second Session Ends:	Monday, August 12

REMINDERS & UPDATES

