



# CAMP KATA KANI

*Where Campers Thrive*



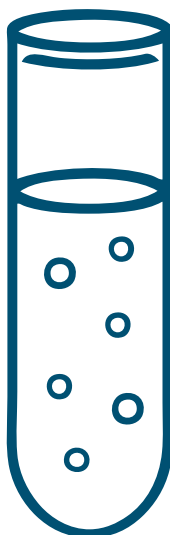
## CAMP REMINDERS

Has your camper forgotten some belongings at camp? Are they missing a belonging and don't know where they had it last? Our Lost & Found pile is growing! Come by the cabin and check if we've found your belongings. Unclaimed belongings are donated at the end of the summer camp season.

Grand Council Fire will be held at 3:30 p.m. this Friday. Please join us as we celebrate and say our goodbyes to the 2018 camp season.

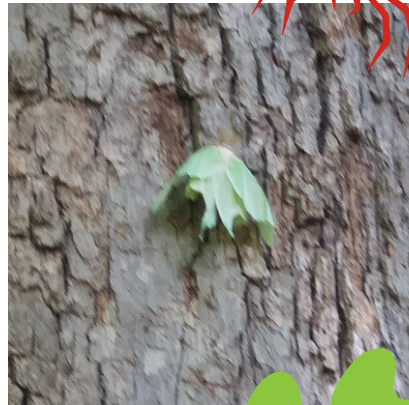
## STEM WEEK 2

This week at Camp Kata Kani, we've been getting messy with science experiments! We started off our week learning a bit about chemistry as we made slime, and made our own play doh to take home. We also learned about plants and prepared some pinto beans for our germination activity. Then we prepped bags with slices of bread to see if we can get any mold to grow on them. Unfortunately, the squirrels and chipmunks found our bread, so we didn't get to see if any mold had started growing. We also got the chance to play one of our camp favorite games: Night Watchmen. Then, on Tuesday, we had some fun with magnets as we made our own fishing sets, complete with magnetic rods and foam fish to catch. We had a blast fishing in the camp fish tank! We also made sandstone, started growing crystals, had a contest to see whose paper structures could hold the most books, and baked monkey bread almost completely on our own! On Wednesday, we headed to Pelican Harbor for our last session of splashes and fun for the camp season. We will miss swimming every other week, when we all head back to school. And on Thursday, we enjoyed playing capture the flag, searching for bugs and learning about different types, like moths and stick bugs and harvestman, and making our own volcanoes, which we then made eruptions in. We also discovered that our pinto beans from Monday had started sprouting! Plus, we made a habitat for ants and learned that there are many different kinds of ants even just on our playground at camp. Still to come, we're looking forward to our last cookout and closing Grand Council Fire. We are going to miss one another as we say goodbye to camp and head back to our respective schools and homes. But as a great camp song says, "And come September, I will remember our camping days and friendships true, mmhmm, and as the years go by, mmhmm, I'll think of you and sigh, mhmm, this is goodnight and not goodbye."



# Weekly Highlights

## Learning About Bugs



### Letter from our Assistant Director

Dear Camp Kata Kani Family,

These past 9 weeks have come and gone faster than anyone could have expected them to. Here at camp, we have seen campers and staff from all different backgrounds come together as one community. Camp is a place where your friends become family, and you can truly feel at home, and I can honestly say, that for the past 9 weeks, Camp Kata Kani has been home for each and every one of us. Camp has touched all of us. From building our confidence, to making new friends, to learning new skills and practicing old ones, to finding our dislikes, and discovering our sparks, we have all grown, and each of us is a different person now than who we were the day we first stepped into camp this summer. I hope that our campers enter this school year knowing that they are stronger than they were in June. I hope that the good memories and sparks ignited stay ablaze through the school year and serve as a guiding light for our campers striving toward their goals. I hope that our campers remember that when one way doesn't work, they can always try another; and that the more they practice at something, the better they will get. It has been an honor and a privilege to spend the 2018 camp season at Camp Kata Kani with all of you. Have a wonderful school year, I hope to see you all again next summer! May the Great Spirit bring sunshine and happiness into our hearts, one day, one night, and many times over. WoHeLo.

Your friend,  
 Amanda "Beta" Held  
 Camp Kata Kani Assistant Director

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## Making Monkey Bread



### Monkey Bread Recipe

- Biscuit Dough
- Sugar
- Cinnamon
- Butter

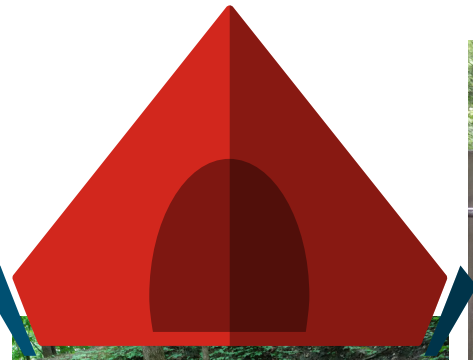


Break biscuit dough up into small balls. Roll balls in a mixture of cinnamon and sugar. Coat your baking pan with butter, then add the cinnamon sugar dough balls. Top with pieces of butter. Bake at 350 degrees until biscuits are done ~ 1 hour. Let cool and enjoy! Yummy!



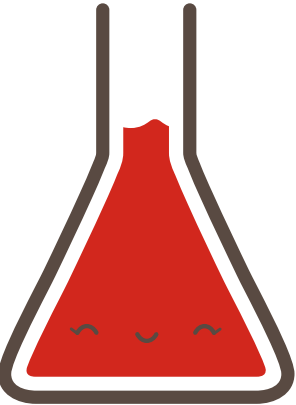
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## Hanging Around At Camp



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## Exploding Volcanoes





# A Letter from our Director

Dear Camp Families,

As this summer comes to a close, I would like to thank every one of you for joining us over the past nine weeks. If you were here all summer, or only a single week, you added something special to our camp. It is thanks to families like you who choose to come to Camp Kata Kani each summer that allows us to continue to run our programs and offer opportunities for children to experience a safe, supportive, and engaging outdoor experience.

It is hard to believe the summer is almost over, and that school is just a few short weeks away, or days for some of us. This year was filled with exciting games, cool crafts, science experiments, field trips, and many other opportunities. Our older campers were able to complete our Leadership Training program, and are ready to move on to more advance topics and discussions in leadership and community activism. Some of our highlights of the summer included visits from Critter Chris and Maggie the Clown as well as our walking trip to the Bolingbrook Police Station.

I have enjoyed getting to know each of my campers, and seeing them grow over the course of the summer. I watched shy, timid, little campers grown into outgoing friend magnets. I saw campers who embraced leadership and stepped up to become role models for their fellow campers. I saw campers embrace challenges, step out of their comfort zones, and dive into new experiences with a smile.

We are already discussing the lessons of this past summer, and working on ways to enhance our camp experience for next year. Every year is an exciting time to see what worked and what we can change to better meet the needs of our campers and families.

Some changes already being worked on will be more diversified age based activities, and having camper age groups better defined, with different activities and programs designed to support campers at different levels. This has always been a goal of Camp Fire, and will be a driving focus of next season to ensure campers can have fun, are challenged, and offered more opportunities to grow and ignite sparks.

We are also doing away with the week long specialized camp experiences, Feedback from parents, staff, and camper showed that a full week of a single activity or theme was not the best structure for our program. We will be returning to a traditional day camp schedule, in which samples of the different types of activities and programs will be offered throughout the week. In our revised program schedule, campers will be exposed to sports and recreation, performing and creative arts, nature and wilderness exploration, and STEM based activities each week, along with our traditions like camp songs & games, fishing and hiking, and archery, and our D.E.A.R. program.

We also have some exciting new programs to support our campers of different ages on our drawing boards. We are looking at options to include an adventure obstacle course and overnight camping experiences for older campers. Please note these are still in early development and are not guaranteed to be added to our programs as of now. Check back for more details and development news.

We also experienced some great successes in our program over the past nine weeks as well, which we will continue to offer and develop. Our leadership training program proved to be a success and will continued to be offered to campers aged 10 and older who choose to participate. Campers who completed this program over the past summer will return to develop the skills learned and discuss new ways to apply and utilize what they learned. Campers will have the opportunity to lead a service project on camp, and even discuss leading a fundraising effort for a cause of their choice.

We will continue to offer our weekly field trips. Due to both the popularity of the location, and the opportunity to offer swimming activities to our campers, Pelican Harbor will continue to be a be-weekly destination. Locations such as Plainfield Lanes, Tivoli Theater, Naper Settlement, and JJC have proved to be great experiences and will continue to be options for future summer, as well as exploring new locations to offer new experiences for our campers.

I hope you have a great Fall, Winter, and Spring. I look forward to seeing you all again next summer. Thanks again for choosing Camp Kata Kani.

~Ryne "Ranger" Hanz  
Camp Kata Kani Director

## QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

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