



# THE WICOSUTAN

Building Confidence, Competence & Community Since 1920

Early Spring 2021

## A Letter from the Directors



Corey & Justin

Dear Wico Campers, Staff, Parents & Alumnae,

Greetings from Wico! It's hard to believe that it's already the end of March. We hope that this Wicosutan, and news of camp, brings a ray of sunshine and positivity to your home. We cannot wait for Summer 2021! We are counting down the days and look forward to

seeing all of you in a few months! We are preparing for a summer full of memory making, celebrations (Wico's 100th Reboot) and fun and are glad that you will be a part of it.

The past few months have been jam-packed with planning, hiring staff and talking with lots of first-time and returning camp families. We have loved our Zoom Campfire Chats with parents and the many virtual home visits we have done this year. Seeing all of your faces and hearing your voices in any capacity has been incredible.

As many of you know, Covid has forced us to reimagine parts of our camp program including our trips and special events. The silver lining to all of this is that we have redoubled our efforts to make everything we do on camp as fun and exciting as possible! Campers can expect to spend the first few days of camp in activities primarily with their bunk groups which will allow for more bunk bonding and exposure to almost all of the activities we have on site. Kids who might normally not try new activities will get a taste of almost all of them!

We will continue to be in touch over the next few months. 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 likely not the only one wondering about packing, bunking, camp food or laundry. We are looking forward to another wonderful summer and to speaking to you as we all gear up for Summer 2021—it will be worth the wait!

**Lots of Wico Love,**



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# CAMPER CORNER



Thanks to **Anabelle F** and **Zoe B** for sharing their recent "reunion"! The girls have not seen each other since they were 4 years old and recently realized that they will both be at Wico this summer! Anabelle has been sharing all of her Wico experience with Zoe including teaching her to make the Wico "W"!



**Marissa S** and **Myla Z** bumped in to each other a couple of months ago at a West Palm Beach volleyball tournament!

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*Apologies to **Leigh C-W** whose name we misspelled in the last edition of the Wicosutan. Sorry about that, Leigh!!*

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**These girls look great sporting their Wico 2021 gear:**



**Abby T**



**Ava and Remi F**



**Bennett S**



**Billie and Dylan S**



**Brigid A**



**E.V. V**



**Fiona A**



**Grace V**



**Morgan V**



**Stella M**



**Siena D**



**Vivienne A**

*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.*

# Joking Around

## WITH JESS



Hey Wico Girls!

Now that spring is within reach, summer is right around the corner! The ground is thawing in 03241, and soon camp will be filled with the sounds of all of you! With an extra year of planning, I know our 100th summer will be that much sweeter! As you begin to order your supplies, fill out your forms, and pack your camp duffels, know that summer will be here before you know it!

Speaking of summer, I can't wait to celebrate our centennial with all of you! 100 years of Wico is quite a feat; a whole century of Wico girls and tradition is certainly an amazing legacy! We are in good company, as the following brands are also celebrating 100th birthdays in 2021:

- 1 Baby Ruth:** This candy bar was invented in 1921 by the Curtiss Candy company, and later went on to be the official candy bar of Major League Baseball. This sweet treat has certainly stood the test of time!
- 2 Chanel no. 5:** This popular women's fragrance was developed in 1921 by Coco Chanel and is still a staple in stores today! Back in 1921, Coco Chanel wanted to create a fragrance that smelled like nothing else, and her vision came true when this scent was born!
- 3 Wonder Bread:** This grocery store staple was first introduced to the public in May of 1921. The colorful packaging was apparently inspired by images of hot air balloons!
- 4 Cheez-It:** This cheesy snack cracker was first found on grocery shelves in March of 1921! Who knows? You may even see this snack food during an afternoon snack at Wico this summer!
- 5 United States Figure Skating Association:** This organization was founded in 1921! When it first started, there were only seven member clubs. Since then, the organization has expanded immensely to over 800 member clubs!

What a list! It is certainly fun to be included in this group of centennial celebrators. What are you looking forward to most about our 100th summer? Let me know by sending me an email: [jess@campwicosuta.com](mailto:jess@campwicosuta.com).

***Peace, Love, Wico, Jess***

# DEEP THOUGHTS

## with Carly



### Hey Wico, Hey What?!

Have you ever found yourself wondering, "What does Carly do when she isn't at camp?!?". If you have, today is your lucky day because I am going to give you some insight into what I do when I am not at camp.

One of the things I do over the winter is meet with Prissy about once a month. We spend that time working on the Evening Flagpole call and response cheer (to kick off flagpole and get everyone's attention). Every year it is different, and it takes us a while for us to get it right! While that takes up some of my time, I spend most of my days speaking to and hiring the amazing staff that work with us.

So how do we find these amazing people to join us every summer? We look for people who care about kids, are talented, passionate and a good fit for our culture. Ask any adult you know who went to camp about their favorite camp counselor and, without hesitation (and a big smile on their face), they will tell you all about that person!

### We are looking for staff that can do or possess the following:

- Connect with kids
- Create fun
- Build a positive team and family spirit
- Are humble
- Are open minded, adventurous and creative
- Can build open and honest relationships
- Have competence in a specific activity area
- Are passionate, determined and adaptable
- Have the WOW or IT factors



As much as a staff member needs to be the right fit for camp, we want them to be sure we are the right fit for them, as well. We spend a lot of time during our conversations with potential counselors talking about camp and teaching them about Wico. Being a camp counselor is serious business! We are looking for people who know how to have fun while doing one of the most important jobs they will ever have.

Camp will be here before you know it and the staff we have hired for Summer 2021 are amazing! Our staff, both new and returning could not be more excited for this memorable summer.

Do you have an idea for our evening flagpole cheer? Do you want to ask me more questions about how we hire our staff? Send me an email [carly@campwicosuta.com](mailto:carly@campwicosuta.com).

Looking forward to seeing you all soon. As we have said... Summer 2021, it's worth the wait!

***From the lakes, from the hills,  
from the sky, Carly***

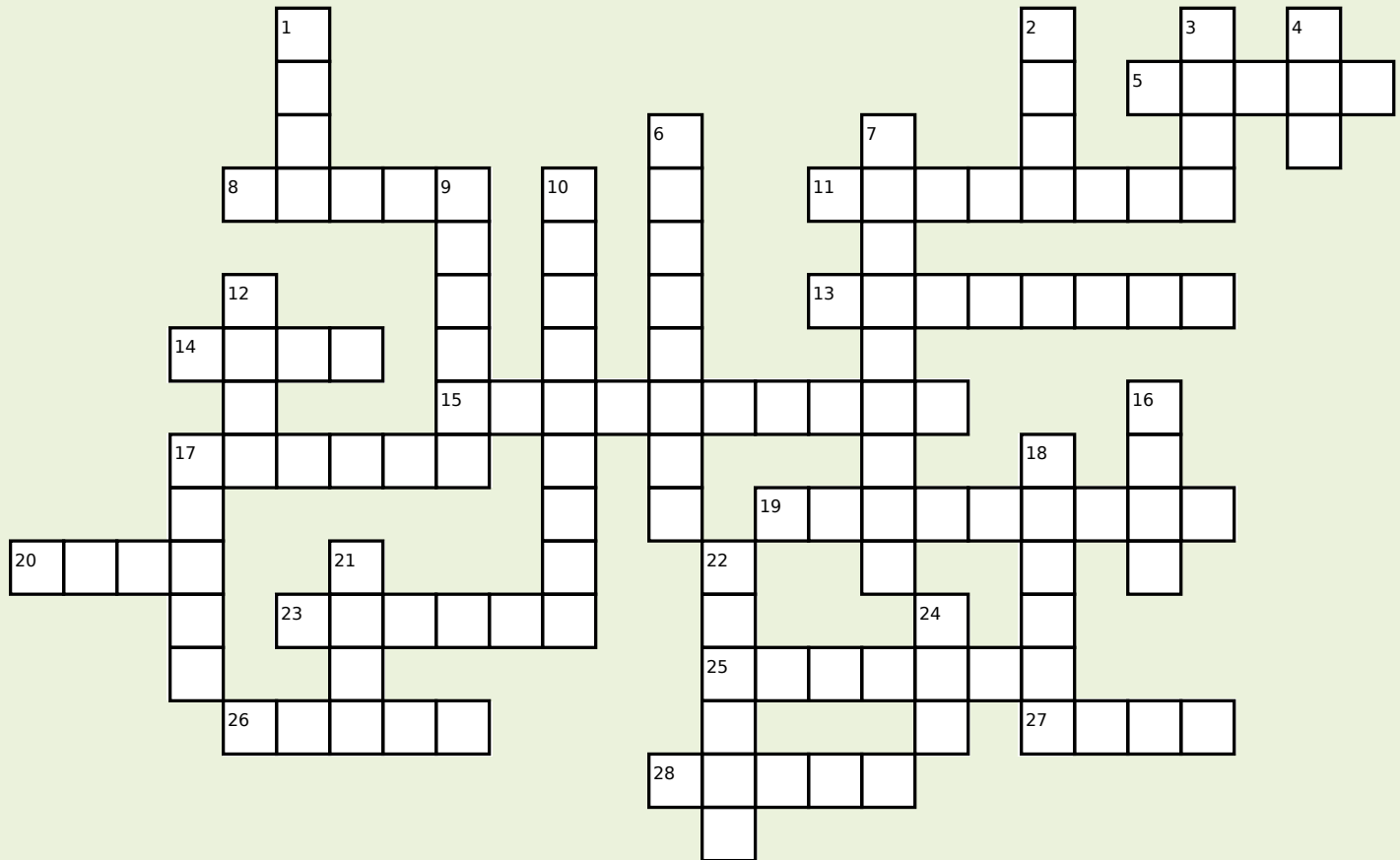
# Priscilla's Puzzles



PRISCILLA

Program Team  
(Special Events & Traditions)

We are excited to introduce a new column to The Wicosutan! Priscilla Griffin has been at Wico for over 55 summers. Her skills are many and one of the fun things she contributes to camp is the daily bulletin! The bulletin is on each table when we arrive at breakfast and includes a schedule of the day, daily birthdays, upcoming special events, and evening activities. Oftentimes, on the back side of the bulletin, Priscilla includes a fun puzzle or set of brainteasers to keep us busy during breakfast. We will include one of these puzzles in each edition of The Wicosutan!



## Down:

1. Wico's youngest bunk of campers.
2. Favorite pudding at Camp.
3. We have campfires at the Old \_\_\_\_\_.
4. One end of the pool to the other end.
6. We sing together at the Old Pine during \_\_\_\_\_.
7. You ride behind the motorboat on this.
9. You shoot these into a target.
10. Though not a camper, she sleeps in a bunk.
12. Wico's colors are green and \_\_\_\_\_.
16. A walk in the woods.
17. Wico's oldest bunk of campers.
18. Special breakfast item on Trip Days.
21. Dockswell's dog's name.
22. Wicosuta is located in this town.
24. Some campers arrive at camp in this.

## Across:

5. NH state flower.
8. Favorite meal for many.
11. You play this game with a stick.
13. Wicosuta is on this lake.
14. We raise this in the morning at camp.
15. Tallest mountain in NH.
17. You aim to get the ball over the net in this sport.
19. Colorful nighttime display in the sky.
20. You can sleep outdoors in this.
23. You aim to get the ball in the net in this sport.
25. The last special dinner of the summer.
26. You use a double-bladed paddle in this boat.
27. Final event in WCC or CW is the \_\_\_\_\_.
28. A Director at Camp Wicosuta.



# WE WELCOME YOU TO WICO CAMP



## WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW CAMPERS FOR SUMMER 2021...

*Note: We include each new camper in one edition of the Wicosutan—the edition published closest to their enrollment date. We often include their home town, so therefore include only the first initial of their last name in order to protect their privacy.*

### **A big Wico Welcome to the following new campers:**

#### **FIRST SESSION**

The **OSKIS** are excited to welcome **Ellie B** to their crew! Ellie hails from Philadelphia, PA and will be joined at camp by her big sisters! We can't wait to get to know you, Ellie! **Cordelia D** has Wico in her blood! Her mother was virtually born at camp and her grandmother is none other than Priscilla Griffin! Cordelia brings her enthusiasm and curiosity to camp from Cleveland Heights, OH! **Lexi E** comes to us from The Big Apple! We have the Finzi Family to thank for sharing their Wico Love with Lexi and Family! We can't wait to get to know you, Lexi! **Remi F** cannot wait to come to Wico this summer! She and her big sister, Ava, will be first time campers together. We are excited to have both of them at camp! Bala Cynwyd, PA will loan us **Shira F** for the summer! Shira is excited to follow in the footsteps of her father and brother and is ready to become a camper herself this summer! **Calder G** comes to Wico from Beverly Hills, CA! She has heard about camp for years from her big cousin, Lily G! Thanks for spreading the word, Lily! Welcome, Calder! **Keelin M** (of New Jersey and Moultonboro, NH) has camp in her veins—her mom and dad met at and now run a camp together! Keelin is curious, kind and full of energy and we can't wait to have her at Wico! **Jillian S**, of Mt Pleasant, SC, is excited for Summer #1 at Wico! She follows in the footsteps of her mom and dad, both long time campers, and will come to camp with her big sister, Samantha! The **EXPLORER OSKIS** are psyched to welcome **Ella P**, of Greenwich, CT, to their group this summer! Ella has heard about camp for years from her big sister, Alexandra P! Ella is outgoing and loves trying new things. Welcome, Ella! A big **CASCO** welcome to **Chloe C** of Westport, CT! Chloe is a performer who brings energy and a positive attitude everywhere she goes! We look forward to seeing you in action, Chloe! **Sommer C** loves making new friends and trying new things! We welcome her to camp from Brooklyn, NY! **Allison J** joins the group from Tyndall AFB in Florida! Allison plays volleyball and soccer and is a whiz with Legos! Hopefully, you can teach us some of those skills at camp this summer, Allison! **Elle M** comes to Wico from The Big Apple, but has spent most of this year in Menlo Park, CA. Elle has a big, friendly personality and loves gymnastics. She heard about camp from her friend, Lila W! Elle's dad grew up at Wico's brother camp, Camp Winaukee! Hailing from Sag Harbor, NY, is **Mia O**! Mia loves to try new things and has a long list of activities she wants to try this summer! We have the Bercun Family to thank for sharing their Wico Love with Mia and her family! **Dylan S** brings her infectious smile and bubbly personality to Wico from Summit, NJ! She has heard about camp for several years from her big sister, Billie, and is ready to take the plunge! We are lucky to have you, Dylan! The **COOS** will get a bump in the form of **Eva C** of New York, NY! Eva enjoys sports and is a talented dancer. She caught the Wico Spirit

from her friend, Lila W! Thanks for sharing, Lila! Welcome, Eva! **Hayden C** joins us this summer from Los Angeles, CA! She is a good friend to all and looks forward to playing soccer, participating in theater and all of the electives at camp! We look forward to seeing you in action, Hayden! **Ellie P** comes to camp from Manhattan, NY! Ellie enjoys gymnastics, swimming and arts and heard about Wico from her friend, Annabel M! **Holly S** (Sea Ranch Lakes, FL) loves all sports, but specifically soccer and lacrosse. She has had some shorter overnight camp experiences and is now ready for more! We love that, Holly, and are glad to have you! Coming to Wico from Bethesda, MD is **Olivia Z**! In addition to dance (which she does with fellow Wico Girl, Talia K), Olivia wants to try gymnastics, basketball, tennis, softball and water sports while at camp this summer! We look forward to watching you try all of those and more, Olivia. We are glad to have you! **EAGLE** Land will be the summer home for **Maya B** of Philadelphia, PA this summer! Maya is the big sister of Ellie and little sister to Zoe. She is a great friend who enjoys making new friends. We know you will do a lot of that this summer, Maya! A big Wico Welcome to you! **Gwen C** (Westport, CT) is the big sister of Chloe C! She is an excellent soccer player, an experienced equestrian, and most importantly a thoughtful person! We are lucky to have you, Gwen! Coming to camp from Philly, PA is **Ava F** (Remi F's big sister)! Ava heard all about Wico from her friend, Thea M! Thanks for sharing the Wico Love, Thea! Ava, we are glad to have you! **Emma K**, of McLean, VA, is excited to make new friends, try rock climbing and tennis! We are fortunate to have you, Emma! **Rhea M** comes to us from Austin, TX! She spent her early childhood in Brooklyn, NY and is a long time from of Mera S. Thanks to Mera for sharing her Wico Love with Rhea! **Kiera R** joins us from New York City! She enjoys lots of outdoor activities including archery, challenge course and horseback riding. Kiera's folks heard about camp from a friend of her mom's who went to Wico when she was a kid. We are glad you decided to give Wico a try, Kiera! Another camper from McLean, VA is **Maddie W**! Maddie enjoys art, specifically musical theater! She hopes to be in our camp musical and we look forward to watching her on the stage! The **KINEOS** are fortunate to have **Zoe B** (Philadelphia, PA) in their group this summer! Zoe, sister of Ellie and Maya, enjoys gymnastics, sewing and basketball. After having the experience of a few nights at a similar program with her school, Zoe decided that she wanted more of that fun. We are glad she did and welcome her to Wico! **Siena D** comes to us from Lloyd Harbor, NY and heard about Wico from Billie S! Billie (and sister, Dylan) and Siena's families are close friends that feel like family. We are fortunate to welcome Siena to the Wicosuta Family this summer and are thrilled that she, Dylan and Billie will get to share their Wico

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# WELCOME TO WICO *Continued*

experiences together! A big thanks to Lily H and Valentina C for sharing their love of Wico with **Nora H!** Nora comes to camp from Harrison, NY and looks forward to fun, friends and spending as much time at Newfound Lake as possible! We know she will love Wico!

**Samantha S** (big sister to Jillian) is a great addition to her group! She enjoys lots of activities including sailing, soccer, swimming, theater and dance (to name a few). She attended a two-week camp closer to home a few years ago and is now ready for more. We are lucky to have you, Samantha! A big **AGAWAN** welcome to **Annabel E** (see Lexi E, Oski) of New York City! Annabel caught the Wico Spirit from her friend, Francesca F. We are so glad to have you, Annabel! Thanks, Francesca and Family!! **Camilla P** comes to us from Ketchum, ID! Camilla is an experienced camper who attended riding and theater camps in the past. She loved those experiences and is excited for even more this summer at Wico! **Rima P** is a great addition to this group. She is from Naperville, IL, and currently lives in Mexico! Rima heard about Wico from Lake of the Woods Camp—we thank them for spreading the buzz about Wico! Welcome to the crew, Rima! Last, but not least is **Michaela R** (NYC)! Michaela loves acting and performing! We look forward to seeing her on stage at Wico! A big thanks to Min C-W for sharing her Wico Love with Michaela!

## SECOND SESSION

The **EXPLORER OSKIS** cannot wait to welcome **Annabelle G** of Bedford, NY! Annabelle is active and adventurous and we are lucky to have her! **Sareena M** and **Zaina M** join this group from New Orleans, LA! Zaina loves sports and Serena enjoys ballet and swimming. We look forward to watching them on the fields and on the stage at camp this summer! An enthusiastic **CASCO** hello to **Val M** of Brooklyn, NY! This funny, smart future Casco is pumped for watersports, climbing, cooking, art and then some! We are glad to have you, Val! Thanks to Violet S for telling Val about camp! Hailing from Madison, NJ is **Ellie S!** Ellie is pumped for her first Wico experience and we are glad she decided to give us a try! We have the Hepp Family to thank for sharing their experiences with Ellie. The **EXPLORER COOS** are fortunate to have **Lucy B** joining their group! Lucy comes to us from Somerville, MA and heard about Wico

from her big sister, Virginia B. Welcome, Lucy—we can't wait to get to know you! Joining Lucy is **Josie G** (older sister of Annabelle G—see Oskis)! Josie loves all things creative and looks forward to being at the waterfront this summer. Josie and Annabelle's dad went to camp in NH and they will follow in his footsteps! **Sienna W** of Hingham, MA, is an easy-going person with a love of soccer and ski racing. She and we are excited about her first summer at camp! The **EAGLES** are fortunate to have **Holland G** in their group this summer! Holland comes to us from Deerfield, IL. She enjoys cooking, performing and visual arts, as well as tennis and riding! **Ava M** is the older sister of Sareena and Zaina (see Oskis) and heard about Wico from Zoe S! She enjoys tennis and ballet and looks forward to Summer #1 at Wico! Welcome to the Wico Family, Ava! **Maisie W** brings a smile to camp from Chicago, IL! She is cousins with Holland G! The girls look forward to sharing their first Wico experience and we can't wait to see them in action. Welcome to both of you! The **KINEO** group is excited to get to know **Nora L** of East Setauket, NY! Nora brings a love of all things water to camp this summer. She has experienced a number of these activities and looks forward to even more! We are so glad to have you, Nora! **Vivian O** comes to us from New York, NY! She looks forward to being involved in our theater activities and to all of the independence at camp. We are fortunate to have you, Vivian! **Lily S** lives in New York City and heard about Wico from Alyssa H—thanks, Alyssa! Lily enjoys tennis, swimming and basketball and looks forward to participating in those and other activities at camp this summer! A hearty **AGAWAN** hello to **Hudson G!** Hudson is game for most things! She is a leader, a good friend, a soccer player and now a Wico Girl! We welcome her from NYC! Reading, MA will loan us **Sabrina S** for the summer. Sabrina found Wico through her own search, so kudos to her! She is excited about swimming, challenge course and visual arts and we are excited to have her! Last, but not least, in this list of amazing campers, is **Maya W** of Hingham, MA (see Sienna W, a Co)! Maya loves sports and arts. At Wico, she is looking forward to choice, independence and free time with her group. We have the Ocko, Torrey and Lee Families to thank for pointing Maya and Sienna in the direction of Wico!

## From Justin: “And the call goes out all across Wico-land...”

Each night at flag lowering, I make a call to the camp community to see if anyone lost a tooth. It's a very spirited, exciting time at flagpole!! We have started asking the same of campers during the “off-season”/school year. Although there is no nightly call or weekly update, we publish names of those who lose teeth in our newsletter. Campers, when you lose a tooth, please email me at [justin@campwicosuta.com](mailto:justin@campwicosuta.com). But, remember, just like at camp, teeth need to fall out naturally (no vinegar or extra sugar allowed).



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If you lose a tooth during the school year, please send an email to [justin@campwicosuta.com](mailto:justin@campwicosuta.com) and I will include your name in the next edition.

*Hello Justin!*

*We just read the Wicosutan and had to let you know: last month, Marlowe lost one tooth on the same day she had 4 teeth pulled! She lost it in the morning and then had to go to her scheduled appt to get 4 pulled for her orthodontist.*

*So technically, she lost 5 teeth in one day! Does she win!?! ;)*

*We definitely celebrated with ice cream once she got home, and she cashed in big time with the tooth fairy!*

*Not sure if the 4 pulled count as “natural” - but it sure was a feat! ;)*

*Very best,*

**Carlyn and Marlowe S**

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

## CAMPER BIRTHDAYS - MARCH, APRIL & MAY

Carolina Abahusayn.....	3/1	Maddie Polsky.....	4/5
Rachel Schwartz.....	3/1	Quinn Farmer.....	4/8
Holly Sullivan.....	3/1	Lulu Malik.....	4/8
Josie Goldman.....	3/2	Stella Meisel.....	4/8
Lilian Chase.....	3/4	Keelin McCormack.....	4/9
Lilly McGrath.....	3/4	Marin Shea.....	4/10
Sydney Hecht.....	3/6	Serena Siegel.....	4/10
Ines Caillaux-Diaz.....	3/7	Stella Carlough.....	4/12
Avery Manley.....	3/7	Philomena Dellasalla.....	4/14
Ryan McGrath.....	3/8	Fiona Allendorf.....	4/15
Holland Gray.....	3/9	Stella Marckowski.....	4/16
Mia Lynn.....	3/9	Sareena Motwani.....	4/16
Cora Barrett.....	3/10	Zaina Motwani.....	4/16
Lia Bischoff.....	3/10	Dylan Sylvester.....	4/18
Isabella Martinez-Lima.....	3/11	Morgan Vanni.....	4/18
Charlotte Tharin.....	3/11	Charlotte Appel.....	4/19
Zoe Jones.....	3/14	Dylan Mandeville.....	4/20
Sofia Bercun.....	3/16	Ruby Black.....	4/24
Amaya Mejia.....	3/17	Eva Caronna.....	4/24
Marlowe Schlechter.....	3/17	Georgia Hoseman.....	4/24
Charlize Von Spiegel.....	3/17	Roxy Shapiro.....	4/24
Sophie Holten-Moravek.....	3/19	Daphne Spies.....	4/24
Jadyn Schwartz.....	3/20	Mia Ziering.....	4/25
Liv Shrednick.....	3/20	Sasha Czarniak.....	4/27
Parker Skillman.....	3/22	Carys DeMar.....	4/27
Carly Knutzen.....	3/23	Katherine Ventura.....	4/27
Zoe Georgantas.....	3/24	Katie Funk.....	4/28
Sophie Miller.....	3/24	Sadie Katzner.....	4/28
Emma Brenner.....	3/25	Morgan Hecht.....	4/29
Kate Frost.....	3/25	Lucy Benno.....	4/30
Ruth Grier.....	3/25	Nola Gabler.....	5/2
Samantha Hecker.....	3/26	Lilly Poole.....	5/2
Samantha Mendoza.....	3/26	Ella Schoenburg.....	5/2
Rima Peterson.....	3/26	Zoe Weiss.....	5/2
Olivia Agnew.....	3/27	Ryan Leshner.....	5/3
Charlotte Finzi.....	3/28	Miriam Tarlow.....	5/3
Olivia Meyer.....	3/28	Paloma Hostin.....	5/4
Kayla Castillo.....	3/31	Tessa Fastiff.....	5/5
Elize O'Connell.....	3/31	Abigail Limbird.....	5/5
Faith Roch.....	3/31	Margot Kaplan.....	5/6
Lizzie Small.....	3/31	Violet Simms.....	5/6
Tessa Tobias.....	3/31	Sasha Batzofin.....	5/7
Kathryn Martin.....	4/1	Ellie Biles.....	5/7
Grace Michel.....	4/1	Bridget Cohen.....	5/7
Zoe Robb.....	4/1	Margot Matouk.....	5/9
Sommer Cohen.....	4/3	Ilana Meth.....	5/9
Victoria Nolli.....	4/5	Madelyn Meth.....	5/9



Lila Beckerman.....	5/10
Charlotte Manasse.....	5/10
Sofia Ramos.....	5/10
Sophia Caravella.....	5/11
Lilah Drucker.....	5/11
Natalie Drees-Gross.....	5/12
Francesca Gajarsa.....	5/12
Valentine Milberg.....	5/12
Natalie Brenner.....	5/14
Lily Roch.....	5/14
Camilla Parks.....	5/15
Fernanda Valdes.....	5/15
Maddie Woo.....	5/15
Allison Jones.....	5/16
Gilly O'Connell.....	5/16
Abigail Weiner.....	5/18
Andie Kanarek.....	5/19
Gabby Kosoy.....	5/20
Maisie Schlechter.....	5/21
Lily Kurtz.....	5/22
Sophie Myers.....	5/22
Ava Luke.....	5/23
Corinne Page.....	5/23
Katya Dolgonos.....	5/25
Alexa Hess.....	5/25
Sophia Lowe.....	5/25
Alix Borges.....	5/26
Riley Goldstein.....	5/26
Lexi Schreiber.....	5/26
Elle Mason.....	5/27
Olivia Cohen.....	5/28
Rania Mankodi.....	5/28
Rossana Isita.....	5/29
Waverly Nanda.....	5/29
Zoe Schwartz.....	5/29
Celia Blechinger.....	5/30

## WICO STAFF BIRTHDAYS...



Caillyn Jeffrey.....	3/6
Sophie Reynolds.....	3/6
Enrique Bernal.....	3/9
Anne Gorayeb.....	3/15
Audrey Messinger.....	3/16
Madeline Hoffman.....	3/19
Rowena Brennan.....	3/20
Madison Gabriel.....	3/23
Heather Zubko.....	3/24
Anneke Belman.....	3/29
Shania McAmis.....	3/29
Katie Davidson.....	3/31
Carly Meltzer.....	4/6
Elsa Horgan.....	4/8
Grace Campbell.....	4/8
Alexandra Crowthers.....	4/12
Aly Hetherington.....	4/18
Tania Herrera.....	4/20
Eve Cruz.....	4/30
Amanda Jones.....	5/2
Taylor Strnad.....	5/5
Justin Dockswell.....	5/7
Ava Messinger.....	5/7
Yhosuara Galeana.....	5/11
Sonny Durr.....	5/16
Victoria Pratt.....	5/22
Emma Bach.....	5/25

# Alumnae & Staff Updates

Thanks to the following alums for reaching out over the last few months:

Hi Corey,

I hope this email finds you well; it's been a while since I have reached out. I was so sad to hear that Wico didn't open last summer. During quarantine, I've been lucky to reconnect with old co-campers and co-counselors. I can never thank you and Justin and Wico enough for my time there, the lasting friendships and memories I've made from my summers.



It's been quite busy in the "M" household. Jane is about to start her second year at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, where she is playing softball and majoring in Econ.

Last May, I quit my job to walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain and ended up traveling for a couple of months in Europe and the Middle East. I learned so much and met so many amazing people. I spent the last part of my travels working in Israel, where I discovered my passion for the Law. I am now working towards getting my paralegal certification with the idea of Law School on the horizon. Amid job searching, during quarantine, I've come across an amazing work opportunity at an Ecology School in Maine, working as a seasonal educator.

Please, give Justin, Sophie, and Charlie, my best. I hope that you are all staying safe and doing well during these chaotic times.

Cheers, **Anna M**

Good morning,

My aunt Ruth Saiber was head counselor at Wico in the 1950's. the owner of the camp was Red Bogart. I was a camper for 5 years at Tomahawk. I have only fond memories of my summers at camp. Happy to know that Wico is still there.

Regards, **Ricky C**

Hi! Hope you are all doing well.

I am so sorry that this summer was different than expected, and I was really considering becoming a counselor once the rules changed for the year. Hopefully I can next year! Just wanted to reach out to say how much I miss you all and camp in general. I just graduated high school and will be attending Vanderbilt University in Nashville this fall. Still in touch with my camp friends and speak to a lot of them basically every day. Thank you guys so much for everything you did for me throughout my 8 years at Wico, hopefully I get to see everyone soon!

Wico Love, **Meghan H**

## Save the Date!

Please join us as we celebrate 100 years of Wico! Stay tuned for more information about the event including registration!

SAVE THE DATE:  
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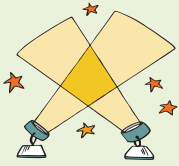
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August 27th- 29th, 2021  
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Please Note: Alumnae under the age of 21, must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.





# Super Star Staff Spotlights!

## KATIE DAVIDSON

**POSITION AT CAMP/YEARS:** Pool Lifeguard / Bunk Counsellor (2019, 2021)

**HOMETOWN:** Manchester, England

**PETS & THEIR NAMES:** a puppy called Barney

**WHEN I AM NOT AT CAMP I:** am in my last year at the University of Strathclyde in Scotland, studying Business

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

**PLACE I WOULD MOST LIKE TO VISIT:** Hawaii

**PERSON I LOOK UP TO & WHY:** My mum because she works really hard

**FAVORITE LEISURE ACTIVITY:** Going to the beach and playing with my dog

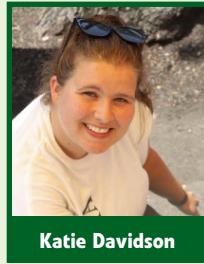
**FAVORITE SINGER OR BAND:** Taylor Swift

**FAVORITE ACTOR(S):** Kerry Washington

**FAVORITE CAMP MEAL:** Cookout

**FAVORITE CAMP SONG:** "On the Line"

**FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY:** Arrival Day! It's so much fun to see everyone be reunited and meet new people. I love the first campfire!



Katie Davidson

## CRYSTAL PUCHOL

*(but my students call me Miss. Puchol)*

**POSITION AT CAMP/YEARS:** Camp Mom (2019, 2021)

**HOMETOWN:** Avon, CT

**PETS:** I have a bird (Lily) and a fish (Finn)

**WHEN I AM NOT AT CAMP I:** am studying Early Childhood Education (Teacher's Certificate) at Plymouth State University

**PERSON I WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET:** Bethany Hamilton (a pro-surfer)

**PLACE I WOULD MOST LIKE TO VISIT:** Paris, France (La Vie En Rose)

**PERSON I LOOK UP TO:** My mom! I would not be where I am, finishing my degree, without her compassionate love and support!

**FAVORITE LEISURE ACTIVITY:** Hiking and Reading

**FAVORITE BAND:** Imagine Dragons

**FAVORITE ACTOR(S):** Jennifer Lawrence

**FAVORITE CAMP MEAL:** Sun Butter and Strawberry Jam

**FAVORITE CAMP SONG:** The Welcome Song!

**FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY:** One rainy night, when a dance party brought some sunshine into the bunk!



Crystal Puchol

## Family Camp at Wico 2021

Ever wonder what your kids actually do over the summer? Want to participate in those activities with them? Or do you, parents, want to go back to your glory days and experience camp as a camper all over again? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Wico Family Camp is for you!

Family Camp is a 4-night vacation held at Wicosuta after our typical camp sessions come to a close. It is an opportunity for Wico families and friends to spend time away from technology in a COVID safe environment while being immersed in nature and having access to Wico's expansive program offerings. Spend quality time with your kids playing tennis or try your hand at archery, waterskiing, paddleboarding, visual arts, the zipline or many other awesome Wico activities! Parents and kids may participate together or sign up for our camp activities individually. You may take advantage of down time to relax by the lake or dive head first into a full day of activities. In short, your experience will be as structured or relaxed as you choose!



To learn more about this unforgettable week and to submit an enrollment application, visit [www.campwicosuta.com/family-camp/](http://www.campwicosuta.com/family-camp/)

Join Us... Week 1: Monday, August 23 - Friday, August 27, 2021

Week 2: Wednesday, September 1 - Sunday, September 5, 2021



# Parents Information Page

Dear Parents of 1st Time Wico Girls,

Welcome to Wico! We're looking forward to getting to know your daughter this summer. Here is a list of FAQs and answers to help you prepare your daughter for a great summer at Wico! We will follow up with more FAQs in the May edition of *The Wicosutan*!



## FAQS OF FIRST-TIME WICO PARENTS

### PACKING/CLOTHING/BAGGAGE:

#### **How do I know when and what to pack for camp?**

The Wicosuta Apparel & Accessories digital catalog from The Camp Spot is a terrific packing/purchasing guide for this summer. Please see their packing list for any questions. Go to [www.thecampspot.com](http://www.thecampspot.com) for more information.

#### **Are there certain things that "everyone has?" I want to make sure my daughter fits in and doesn't feel left out!**

As a general rule, there are few things at Wico that "everyone" has. We downplay competition and the value of extra stuff, so please make packing decisions based on your child's needs. Please remember that Wico does not allow any packages, so pack reading materials, playing cards and similar items in your daughter's duffels, so that she has them at camp.

#### **Do I need to buy an egg crate for my daughter's bed?**

There's no need to buy an egg crate for your daughter. Our mattresses are comfortable. We suggest an egg crate for camp only if your daughter is used to sleeping on one at home.

#### **What size sheets fit best?**

Cot-sized sheets work best on our beds. Twin sized sheets will have a little extra room for a mattress pad, should your child want one. Cot sized sheets will fit snugly.

#### **Do I need to pack special color-specific clothing for Wico Challenge Cup/Color War?**

Our packing list accounts for the need for team-colored t-shirts, so as long as you stick to our required clothing list your daughter will have what she needs. Additionally, each camper gets a team t-shirt in the appropriate color, so between what you pack and what we give her, your daughter will have what she needs.

#### **Does her sleeping bag really need to be one for outdoors?**

Your daughter's sleeping bag should be an outdoor bag, but does not need to be a "technical" sleeping bag designed to withstand winter weather.

#### **My daughter is in Lower Camp (grades 1-5), does she need Wico logo'd shorts?**

Our uniform, for lower camp campers, consists of a Wico logoed t-shirt or tank top and athletic, non-designer shorts. Gym shorts from home are sufficient. Shorts do not need to be logoed with our insignia.

#### **I know from reading The Camp Spot catalog that designer clothing and visible designer labels are not permitted at Wico. Does that include athletic brands like Nike, Adidas and Under Armour?**

Nike, Adidas and Under Armour are not our concern. Our goal is to decrease competition over clothing AND encourage girls to wear clothing appropriate for their camp activities. We discourage non-athletic designer labels like Hollister, American Eagle, etc. Clothing labeled with school logos is okay to wear at Wico.

#### **Do my daughter's bathing suits need to be athletic (i.e. Speedo)?**

All bathing suits must be one piece, full coverage and appropriate to be worn when participating in swim and/or waterfront activities. They do not need to be athletic brands like Speedo or TYR. Tankinis, monokinis, and bathing suits with back or side cutouts are not allowed at camp.

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## **ADJUSTMENT TO CAMP**

### **How do I respond if my daughter says she is nervous about camp?**

Pre-camp nerves are normal for both first-time and returning campers. A good rule of thumb when discussing this with your child, is to take your cues from her, as opposed to suggesting things that might be bothering her. For lots of girls, having insight into the details of camp (and some of the information provided here) helps them feel more comfortable about the experience. It is helpful to remind girls that missing home, should they feel that way, is normal and makes sense because they feel comfortable at home. It often takes time to settle in to camp, but once they do, they will love the experience.

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### **What happens if my child cannot fall asleep?**

It takes time for all of us to adjust to sleeping in a new bed in a new place. After the first few days, girls generally settle in and have no trouble falling asleep. In preparation for camp, we recommend encouraging your child to fall asleep without you or the help of electronic devices. If they read on a Kindle or iPad before bed at home, encourage them to switch to a book or music that may be played on a basic mp3 player. Girls have access to both music and paper books while at camp. Tell your daughter that her counselors will be happy to help with TLC before bed as needed.

## **FOOD**

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, a rotating salad bar, deli/sandwich bar, yogurt, hard boiled eggs

**Dinner:** Fresh fruit, a rotating salad bar, deli/sandwich bar, plain pasta (white & whole wheat), yogurt, hard boiled, fried or scrambled eggs

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

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

Lots of things! We collaborate with a nutritionist who reviews our menu and makes recommendations of meal choices, vegetarian options, snacks, etc. Wico does not fry any food. Additionally, we make as much from scratch (in our kitchen) as possible. We understand that having special treats is important every once in a while, too! We make time for campfire cookies and Snack Shack slushies once a week.

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### **What if my daughter can't 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.

*We encourage all parents to thoroughly read our parent handbook. In it we share our policies, procedures and other helpful and important information. **We are, of course, available via phone or email to answer any additional questions!***



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## Camp Wicosuta Important Dates 2021

<b>First Session Begins</b> .....	<b>Wednesday, June 23</b>
<b>First Session Explorer Program Begins</b> .....	<b>Wednesday, June 23</b>
<b>First Session Explorer Program Ends</b> .....	<b>Tuesday, July 6</b>
<b>First Session Ends</b> .....	<b>Sunday, July 18</b>
<b>Second Session Begins</b> .....	<b>Wednesday, July 21</b>
<b>Second Session Explorer Program Begins</b> .....	<b>Wednesday, July 21</b>
<b>Second Session Explorer Program Ends</b> .....	<b>Tuesday, August 3</b>
<b>Second Session Ends</b> .....	<b>Sunday, August 15</b>

## REMINDERS & UPDATES

If you have not been getting emails from camp, please email a note to [jess@campwicosuta.com](mailto:jess@campwicosuta.com)! Email addresses change all the time, so please send your most up to date email address, and we will update our records. Thanks!



## CAMP SISTER CORNER

A big thanks to the many returning campers who volunteered to act as "Big Sisters" to first-time Wico girls! If you have not already, please reach out to your little sister and introduce yourself. We know that you will love helping your little sister feel welcomed to our Wico community! Big and Little matches who were made in advance of Summer 2020, should reconnect, as well! Don't wait for camp to reach out. Your camp sister is eager to hear from you!

