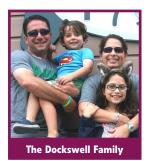
# THE WICOSUTAN

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# A Letter from the Directors



Dear Wico Campers, Staff, Parents and Alumnae,

Greetings from Camp! As we write this letter, we are preparing to move up to camp. Time flies when you're having fun and planning for camp is definitely that!!

We recently wrapped up our Annual

Leadership Team Spring Planning Meeting. Fifteen of us

spent the weekend planning, learning, bonding and having fun! We have great things in store for this summer!

Some of the qualities that stand out most about our leadership team are: their love of camp, their commitment to making an impact on campers and counselors, their impressive backgrounds in education, athletics, the arts, a commitment to be their best and give their best, and, finally, their love and respect for one another. We could not ask for more! We have included brief bios and photos of our leadership team in this newsletter. Check them out!

Speaking of staff, our 2015 counselors are a talented group! We have a combination of strong, seasoned returning staff members and new, talented, enthusiastic first time counselors—including former Wico campers! They bring a combination of activity-based skills and experience with children to camp. Many are education, recreational or psychology/counseling majors and love working with kids. A number of them are collegiate athletes and performers. We look forward to watching them shine both in and out of the cabin and cannot wait for you to meet them!

We have exciting news to announce! Each summer, Wico girls have the option to audition and perform in one of two musical productions. This summer our Lower Camp will participate in "Cinderella". Our Upper Camp girls will participate in "Mulan"! We cannot wait to see these musicals performed for the first time on the Wico stage in just a couple of months!

That's all for now from Wico! Please call or email us any with questions as you prepare for the summer. We love speaking with you

about camp and are happy to help!

Lots of Wico Love,





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# CAMPER CORNER

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.



Julia Eason and **Zoe Simonte** had a sleepover recently and sent us this adorable photo of their fun together. Thanks, Ladies!



Hi Corey! Here's some fun recent news that I think would be cool to include in the Wicosutan: Kate Saluti (left), Victoria **Ruffo** (center) and I (right) planned a "Wico Spirit Day" at school! We all wore our Kineo shirts and took many pictures. It was so fun!

- Sophia Sheumack

P.S. I am counting down the days until camp starts. I literally have a calendar devoted to camp countdown! See you in July!



**Alexa King** visited Los Angeles over Spring Break. Her family took this photo while on a hike near the Griffith Observatory. Thanks for sharing your Wico Love with us, Alexa!



Hey, Rachel, Just wanted to tell you about my little reunion with **Grace Villano**! We met up in Boca Raton, Florida and spent a couple days together. We had so much fun talking about camp memories and cannot wait until this summer (our totem summer)! Lots of Wico love, Lisbeth Rubin



The Diller Family (Emma and Talia) spent their Spring Break in New Orleans. They built a house in the 9th Ward. They were responsible for "mudding" which has to do with smoothing out the tape and seams after sheet rocking. Nice work, Diller Family!





Hi Corey! How are you? I miss camp and can't wait for summer 2015! Attached are a few pictures of Ava Cardoso-Smith, Sophie **Driscoll**, and I in LA when Sophie came to visit over Presidents' Day Weekend! Sophie and I had a great time eating at some of my favorite restaurants, hiking to the Hollywood sign, going to my birthday party, and attending a fashion exhibit with Ava. Next week, Daniela **Anzures**, who was my counselor last summer, is coming to LA; I'm really excited to see her! Just thought I'd fill you in on what has been going on, and I hope everything is good with The Dockswells. See you all soon! Love, **Dorrit** Corwin

Kylie Bogar's ski cross racing this year led her to the National Championships in Colorado at Copper Mountain. Kylie is ranked #1 in New Hampshire!! See photo of **Kylie** and **Lindsay** Bogar in Where in the World section.

# CAMPER CORNER





Hi Corey and Justin!

I'm so pumped for my Totem year at Wico, I literally can't wait! I just wanted to share with you that because of Wico I was inspired to try new sports when I wasn't at camp. I went out of my comfort zone and I tried (believe it or not) wrestling! Turns out it came pretty naturally to me and I was the only girl on my high school team. I recently won a tournament of 26 women near my home town in Vermont. I thank you for helping me have the courage to put myself out there and try new things. :)

Wico Love, **Lilly Waite** <3

P.S These photos are from my first ever first place win at the tournament



Greetings from Santo Domingo!! Wico girls **Amanda Contin, Sofía Gamundi** and **Ana Lopez** got together recently to plan for the summer. Thanks for sending this photo, girls!



**Crosby Jassem** and **Lucy Cutler** reminisced about Wico at their annual family Easter egg hunt. We love your sunny smiles, girls!







**Meghan Halvey, Sydney Saltiel** and **Molly Schwartzberg** enjoyed a mini-reunion/bowling night. Thanks for the awesome photo, ladies! Speaking of Meghan, she sent us a couple of great photos from some recent college touring she did with her sister and Wico alum, **Grace Halvey**. While there they saw alum, **Alexa Kimmel**, and **Frankie Grossman!** 





Jordan Kohn and Lexie Moskovit had a mini reunion over Easter weekend. They sent us these photos of them in their camp gear aka tutus!



Here is **Irene Schechter** at Camp Nou (football stadium) in Barcelona watching FC Barcelona take on Manchester City Football Club in the EUEFA European Champion's League! Her Wico shirt is hidden under several layers of warmth! Thanks, Irene!

## **CAMPER CORNER** Continued from previous page.



Jenna Luper spent time in St. Thomas recently and managed to find a "Wico" boat. Thanks for sharing, Jenna!



Sophie Dockswell had a visit with **Anica Schonberger** all the way from California.

# Fun Facts with Rachel Max...



Hi Wico Girls!

Can you believe in just a few weeks it's SUMMER? That means it's Wico's 95th anniversary! Wow – how incredible is that?! You will be a part of a fabulous celebration. We have a lot in store and can't wait to see you in just a few weeks so we can kick off the 95th!

One of the greatest things that we do at camp each and every summer is giving back. We are fortunate enough to participate in community service all year round and specifically at camp in the summer. The two organizations that we focus on during the summer are Project Morry (we do a swim-a-thon each year!) and Faulkner Sagoff Breast Center in MA (we do a dance marathon in second session). So for this newsletter...Here are some Charity/Community Service Fun Facts!

### DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Fred's Team is Memorial Sloan Kettering's (MSK) athletic fundraising program dedicated to bringing us closer to a world without cancer. Did you know that Justin has run 5 races (New York City Marathons and Half Marathons) with Fred's Team?! Run, Justin, Run!
- Helping a stranger is the most common type of charitable giving. During a typical month, 1.9 billion people will help a stranger, 1.3 billion will donate money, and nearly 1 billion will volunteer.
- **3** Australia is the most generous country in the world. On average, more than two thirds of Australian's help strangers or donate money while one third volunteer. Ireland is the second most generous country, followed by Canada.
- 4 Project Morry is a year-round youth development organization which runs a camp in the summer – they are getting ready to celebrate their 20th this summer! We are thrilled that our campers will participate in a swim-a-thon for them this year!!
- Recently, Corey, Justin, Carly and I volunteered at the Westchester County Food Bank where we packaged 1300 lbs. of macaroni for local families in need.



Please tell me about your favorite not-for-profit organization. If you have any questions at all (about camp, life or just want to say hi!) email me at rachel@campwicosuta.com. See you all in just a few weeks!

Lots of Wico Love, Rachel

# Meltzer's Mixtapes

### Hey Wico, Hey What!

Who is counting down the days until camp? I am! By the end of the month we will have moved up to camp...can you believe it?!

In the spirit of celebrating our 95th summer, I thought it would be fun to take a look back on music through each of the decades leading up to 2015 and see how things have changed (or haven't)!

### Here we go...

**1920 (Wico's first year):** Considered the "Jazz Age" with artists like Louis Armstrong, Al Jolson & Mamie Smith. Swanee and April Showers were some of the top songs!

**1930:** Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby, Billie Holiday and Shirley Temple were considered "popular performers"!

**1940:** Swing artists like Benny Goodman and crooners like Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra were popular. Can you name any of their songs?

**1950:** Jazz and blues music took a back seat to Rock 'n' Roll. "Great Balls of Fire", "Hound Dog" and "I Walk the Line" all came out. Does anyone know who sang any of those songs?

**1960:** The original One Direction...The Beatles hit the scene along with a few other British Rock 'n' Roll Bands. Motown and R&B were also really popular with powerful women voices like Aretha Franklin and Gladys Knight.

**1970:** Some of the top songs of the 70's can still be heard at camp! Who recognizes "Ain't No Mountain High Enough", "American Pie" or "Y.M.C.A"?!

**1980:** With the creation of MTV, music videos were born. "Video Killed the Radio Star" was the first broadcast video. Madonna, Whitney Houston and Cyndi Lauper were some of the top female pop stars.

**1990:** Three words for you- "Ice, Ice, Baby"! Maybe if we are lucky, Justin will perform a version at the talent show this summer!

**2000:** Faith Hill had one of the top songs with "Breathe", Beyonce was still part of Destiny's Child and Justin Timberlake was still singing with 'N Sync.

**2010:** Some of DJ Chuck's favorite songs topped the charts: "Empire State of Mind", "Teenage Dream" and "I Gotta Feeling"

**2015:** What do you think the songs of the summer will be?

There it is...95 years of music history! I cannot wait to see everyone up in New Hampshire in a few weeks!

Want to say "hi" before the summer? Email me carly@campwicosuta.com.

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

P.S. I just got back from some time in New Orleans. Check out this picture. >>











Carly Meltzer (far right) with Hoda Kotb (front, far left) at Jazz Fest



#### WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW CAMPERS FOR SUMMER 2015...

#### **FIRST SESSION**

The Oski group is happy to welcome **Georgia Patry** to camp! Georgia hails from New York City and joins big sister, Izzy Patry at Wico! We are glad you decided to join us, Georgia! The Eagles are lucky to have Ayla Shively, of Greenwich, CT, in their midst this summer! Ayla brings her creativity in dance and drama to Wico this summer! The Kineos will get a bump with the addition of Anna Friedman (Woodbury, NY)! A big thanks to Sydney **Appelbaum** for sharing her Wico Love with Anna—welcome to camp! Gabrielle Waller-Whelan joins Anna from The Big Apple! Gabrielle is a good friend and a great dancer. We cannot wait to see her on stage this summer! The Zunis are excited to welcome **Emma Daitz** of New York City! Emma loves basketball and tennis and is excited about a new camp experience. Welcome, Emma! Laura Ghouzi comes to Wico from NYC and looks forward to her first Wico experience. Laura heard about Wico from her cousin and friend, Emma Daitz! Clara Roca comes to Wico all the way from Barcelona, Spain! Clara heard about camp from long-time Wico girl, Lucia Prado! Thanks, Lucia! Welcome, Clara!

#### SECOND SESSION

The Oskis welcome Lauren Hasty of Argyle, TX! Lauren enjoys arts and sports and can't wait for Summer #1 at Wico! We have Devon Berkowitz to thank for pointing Giselle Redmond in our direction. Giselle is an ice skater (she skates with several Wico girls) from New York City and we are lucky to have her! Talia Kohn is a native of NYC, an experienced day camper and Wico little sister! We thank **Jordan Kohn** for sharing her Wico experiences with Talia! Welcome to Wico, Talia! Chloe and Sofie Niebuhr come to us from Sarasota, FL! These girls love playing tennis, skiing and horseback riding-to name a few. We look forward to watching you try all of this and more, ladies! Martha Yam lives in Manhattan during the year and will now call New Hampshire her summer home! She is looking forward to her first sleep-a-way camp experience. Welcome to the Wico Family, Martha! The Coos are looking forward to **Sofia Alessi's** arrival! She brings her love of riding, basketball and soccer to Wico from Windsor, CT! Ava Basile and Estelle **Guira** are good friends and now Wico girls! A big thanks to the **Liebenthal, Cutler** and **Jassem** girls for spreading the Wico Love to Ava and Estelle. We welcome these girls from The Big Apple! Brooke Lange shared her Wico experiences with her little cousin, Tara Valas. Tara liked what she heard and decided to give Wico a try! Tara comes to us from Raleigh, NC! The Eagles welcome Isabelle Alessi (big sister of Sofie) with open arms! Isabelle is a big swimmer and also enjoys fencing—How cool is that?! Welcome, Isabelle! Isabella "Isa" Palumbo hails from Caracas, Venezuela and comes to camp at the recommendation of Alexandra Yanes and Mariana Salge-thanks, girls! Welcome, Isa! Laura Yam (big sister of Martha) is from New York City! She is excited to participate in sports, dance and swimming. Welcome, Laura! The Kineos welcome Molly Fischman to their crew from Wellesley, MA! Molly plays tennis and soccer and looks forward to her first Wico summer. See you soon, Molly! Kristina Karabanova, a Scarsdale, NY native, is excited to try the water trampoline and to play lacrosse. She is an ice hockey player and will get lots of practice on the ice at Wico! The Agawan Group looks forward to having Angelina Foglio Briner and Fabiana Greco both of Maracaibo, Venezuela! We know the trip to New Hampshire will be worthwhile, girls! We look forward to spending time with you this summer! Lilly Hunter, of Westwood, MA, plays hockey, lacrosse and soccer. She spent some time in New Hampshire last summer and looks forward to her Wico experience in 2015—welcome, Lilly!

#### **FIRST SESSION TWO-WEEKERS:**

Welcome to the Oskis, **Kate Rice**! Kate comes from Cambridge, MA and heard about Wico from **Sophia DelSole** and **Claudia Hanenberger**. Thanks, ladies!

#### **SECOND SESSION TWO-WEEKERS:**

The Oskis welcome **Reagan Hasty** (little sister of Lauren) to camp! Reagan is excited to meet new people and we can't wait to meet her! **Rachel Starr** comes to Wico from Boston, MA! Rachel loves to be active and is a great friend—a wonderful combination for camp! Welcome, Rachel! The Cascos are lucky to have **Amelia Knights** of Bethesda, MD! Amelia is a neighbor of **Molly & Elizabeth Irvin**—thanks for spreading the word, ladies! Hailing from Plymouth Meeting, PA is **Samantha Newbold!** After hearing great things about Wico from her cousin, **Louisa McFarland**, Samantha decided to jump on board. We are glad you did, Samantha! Another friend of the **McFarland Family** is **Ali Stoddard** of Wyndmoor, PA! Ali loves horseback riding and now Wicosuta—welcome, Ali! The Coos are excited about the addition of **Avery Kurzontkowski** of Shrewsbury, MA! She loves to read, play soccer and be with her friends. Camp will be great for you, Avery!





# Parents Information Page

Dear Parents of 1st Time Wico Girls,

Welcome to Wico! We are looking forward to spending time with your daughter this summer! We know you will have questions as you prepare your daughter for camp. Here is a list of FAQs that will be helpful for you and your daughter in the weeks leading up to camp!



### **NEW PARENT INFO** (Part 2 of 2. Part 1 is in the March Wicosutan.)

### **Preparing Your Child for Camp**

# What can I say to my child if she says she is getting nervous?

Reminding your child of the following will help increase her confidence and excitement about camp:

- You (her parent) made a smart decision to send her to Wico.
   Wico is a safe and fun place to spend her summer with great directors and staff that you trust. Note: If you trust us, your daughter will trust & feel safe with us.
- You have confidence in your daughter and know that she will make plenty of friends, try new things, and have a blast!
- Missing home is normal. Everyone (including the counselors) misses home from time to time. Remind your daughter that should she miss home, you know she will get through it. Remind her of things she has overcome in the past. DO NOT TELL HER THAT YOU WILL COME PICK HER UP. The unspoken message to your child is that they may not "make it" through the session. Positive reminders work best—tell your daughter that you know she will love camp! Let her know that the counselors and campers at Wico care about her and will help her if she needs support, love, etc. Your daughter will take her cues from you—if you have faith in her, she will have faith in herself.

#### What can I tell my daughter about the first day of camp?

The first day is packed with fun activities designed to help your daughter feel comfortable and happy at camp!

When campers arrive, they are welcomed at the Dining Hall. After checking in, they will play some name games and take a tour of camp. Once in their cabin, they will notice that their bed is already assigned and made up for them complete with a name tag. Clothing is unpacked and stored in cubbies. Campers go on a tour of camp, meet other campers in their age group, and participate in name games around camp. At dinner the first night, girls are introduced to our dining hall procedures and traditions including Wico singing and cheering! The whole camp participates in our opening night campfire during which each first time Wico girl lights a candle in the Wico "W." Afterwards, campers share an evening snack of homemade chocolate chip cookies and milk. Before bed-time each cabin has a bunk meeting, plays get-toknow-you games and talks about some of the most exciting activities at camp. Our Res Life team (our head counselors, Corey and Carly) make the rounds of the cabins to say goodnight.

Wico Bus Transport: In order to do away with "seat-saving" and to increase the comfort of all campers, seating on the camp bus is assigned. When girls arrive at the bus the counselor in charge shows them to their seat and introduces them to the camper sitting next to them (another camper in their age group). The bus ride is fun! Campers ride air conditioned coach buses complete with DVD players. We play movies, our camp DVD, and camp songs all the way to camp! When campers arrive we check them in and introduce them to their bunk counselors who show them to their cabin and give them a tour of camp.

# How and when will my daughter know what bunk she is in? Does she meet her bunkmates in advance?

Our goal is to create the best bunk communities for all campers. We put tremendous thought and care into the process and honor as many requests as we can. We place new campers with a mixture of new and returning campers and those who share similar interests. Campers find out their bunk placements when they arrive at camp.

#### Can my daughter bring an iPod to camp?

Wicosuta is almost electronics-free. For girls who enjoy listening to music, we allow basic, music only, MP3 players (the iPod Shuffle is a great one) to be used in the cabin only. Devices that access the internet are not allowed at camp. By extension, music players that play video must be cleared of all video before they are allowed at camp. Kindles, e-readers and Apple Watches are not allowed at camp, so please pack books for your daughter and let her know that she can exchange books with friends and/ or borrow from the Wico library. \*\*Please refer to the Parent Handbook for our complete electronics policy. As a reminder, any item that makes phone calls OR can access the internet is strictly prohibited at camp.

If you haven't done so already, we encourage all parents to thoroughly read our parent handbook. In it we share suggestions about writing letters to your child, outline our policies regarding communication, electronics, and visiting day to name a few! We are, of course, available via phone or email to answer any additional questions!

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

## CAMPER BIRTHDAYS - JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

Avigayil Bialik6/2	Devin Berkowitz7/1
Samantha Hamelsky 6/2	Sophie Candler7/1
Charley Halperin 6/3	Selene Lopez7/1
Maya Rhodes-Kropf 6/5	Charlotte Nanda7/1
Nina Cutler 6/6	Lily Song7/1
Stella Hatch6/8	Elizabeth Fridman7/1
Luciana Zherka6/8	Anabella De Oliveira
Sara Bavuso 6/9	Castro7/1
Elena Reguero 6/9	Carolina De Oliveira
Sydney Kosoy6/11	Castro7/1
Leanna Muhati6/11	Veronica De Oliveira
Paulina Guajardo6/12	Castro7/1
Briana Figueroa6/13	Alexandra Favale7/1
Lily Makari6/16	Olivia Shore7/1
Daniela Siegal6/16	Julia DeSantis7/1
Darby Campbell6/17	Catherine Saluti7/1
Tess Krensky6/17	Miranda Ariza7/1
Ryan Floyd6/18	Ava Roitburg7/1
Madeline Baildon 6/20	Emma Zeik7/1
Charley Rock6/21	Valeria Lopez7/1
Jane Malafronte6/23	Reagan Hasty7/2
Corie Meyerowich6/23	Danielle Sonnenleiter7/2
Camila Cruz6/26	Hayley Wahl7/2
Amelia Galin6/26	Elizabeth Finch7/2
Gabrielle Sakhai6/26	Claudia Hanenberger7/2
Valentina Belloso6/27	Kylie Bogar7/2
Molly Schwartzberg 6/28	Sandra Gutierrez7/2
Lillian Waite6/30	Emma Hoesterey7/2
Isabella Palma7/1	Victoria Di Giulio7/2
Maddie Lewis7/2	Abigail Trapp7/2
Abby Wilder7/2	Sara Levinson7/2
Chloe Bancel7/3	Gaby Moussazadeh7/2
Hannah McGrath7/3	Amelia Lower7/3
Sophia Pasalis7/4	Audrey Moussazadeh7/3
Emma Young 7/4	Caroline Frank8/
Allison Bergman7/6	Claudia Schmidt8/
Valeria Escobar-Seager 7/6	Madeline Kocher8/
Mollie Schwarz7/8	Hannah Monash8/
Noa Bregman7/9	Talia Schonberger8/
Ruby Davis7/9	Isabella Lopez8/
Louisa Egolf7/9	Carian Schofield8/
Isabela George7/9	Gabrielle Sevillano8/
Meghan Halvey7/11	Sofia Gamundi8/



Ella Gumbinner	8/5
Jordan Kohn	8/7
Paige Krsulich	8/8
Emma Portnay	8/8
Maggie Major	
Katie Hopmans	
Nicole Hopmans	
Margaret Zachary	
Julia Lombardo	
Skylar Matusz	.8/14
Lindsay Bogar	.8/16
Ari Solot	.8/18
Emma Saltiel	.8/19
Chloe Schnitt	.8/20
Sophia Leone	.8/21
Alina Gill	.8/22
Renee Lopolito	.8/22
Sofie Alessi	.8/23
Piper Jassem	.8/23
Alexa King	.8/23
Georgia Tritak	.8/23
Lizzie Manowitz	.8/25
Maddy Stewart	.8/25
Sabrina Bardi	.8/26
Maria Angarita	.8/27
Maria del Mar Beltran.	.8/28
Bea Gumbinner	.8/29
Daniela Hinojosa	.8/29
Amelia Wiener	.8/29
Laila Hartman-Sigall	.8/31

# STAFF BIRTHDAYS...

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Maddie Luscombe	6/4
William Brown	
Corey Dockswell	6/10
Ruth Purtell-Sharp	6/12
Priscilla Griffin	6/13
Erin Giles	6/15
Julia Smith	6/20
Steph Lovelock	6/21
Petra Fryckova	6/23
Rachel Max	6/24
Amy Tarleton	6/25
Linsey Aitken	6/30
Casey Griffin	6/30
Katie Smith	
Madeleine Smith	7/6
Sarah Ward	7/6
Linda Grass	7/7
Natalie Altman	7/9
Kimberly Spicker	7/10
Juan Estepa	
Ingrid Goedde-Bennett	
Laura Browning	7/14
Melanie Hawthorne	7/16
Ingrid Purich	7/20
Kylie Tejera	7/25
Aurelio Portuondo	7/28
Celena Guerrero	7/31
Kathryn McGeoch	8/8
Maria Gustaferro	8/14
Rayna Cazares	8/22



# Where In the World is Wico??

Bring a Wico shirt on your next vacation. Take a picture of yourself in front of a well-known monument and send it to us to add to our collection!





Lindsey and Sophie Candler at Universal Studios Theme Park, Orlando, Florida

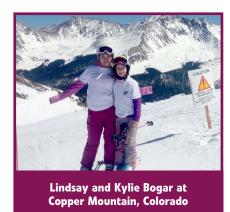






in Agra, Delhi





Abby Sobol and Anna Yarkin in Florida

Note from Katie Kemp: In this photo, I just finished the Inca Trail, the hardest thing I have ever done! I rocked my Wico gear—it was the hardest day to get that "go girl go attitude" on (boy, did I need it!) and here's a photo from the end at Machu Picchu!

# WHERE IN THE WORLD IS OUR STAFF FROM?



#### **ARGENTINA**

Matias Aignasse 2 Hernan Geria Reines 2



#### **AUSTRALIA**

Maddie Luscombe 1 Ingrid Purich 2 Ruth Purtell-Sharp 2 Amy Simpson 1 Bridget Stibbard 3 Chelsea Taylor 1



#### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

Petra Fryckova 1 Radka Laurinova 1 Hana Napravnikova 1



#### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Shiarah Tejada 8



#### **HUNGARY**

Kinga Fodor 1 Hanna Hullar 1 Nora Patyi 1



#### **IRELAND**

Stephanie Buntain 2 Laura Cahill 1 Annie Condren 1 Ellen Finucane 1 Fiona Hallahan 1 Cathy Knight 1 Roisin McCormack 2 Gina McDonagh 1 Elizabeth McEvoy 2 Daire O'Farrell 2



#### **MEXICO**

Jessica Itzel Badillo 1 Yhosuara Galeana 1 Diana Godinez Martinez 1



#### **NEW ZEALAND**

Danielle Craill 1 Cam Duncraft 3 Steph Lovelock 2 Sara Stannard 3



#### **POLAND**

Aleksandra Bobrzyk 2 Katsiaryna

Kachmaryk 1 Daria Leszczynska 1 Szymon Okon 1 Viktoryia Turanskaya 1



#### **SENEGAL**

Amath Ngom 4 Ibrahima Seydi 1



#### SLOVAKIA

Veronika Sotakova 1



#### S. AFRICA

Charne Bacon 1



#### **UNITED KINGDOM**

Linsey Aitken 3 **Matthew Barnes 1** Isabel Blackhall 1 Katie Bohill 1 **India Carruthers 2** Rachel Chamberlain 2 Samuel Davenport 6 Fay Dowler 1 **Anders Eason 4 Emily Finney 1** Scarlet Gibbs 1 Lizzie Grindrod 1 Alice Grindrod 1 Lauran Hunter 1 Lucy Martin 1 Laura McBride 2 Lydia Morland-Allen 2 Catriona Murray 2 Martha OBrien 1 Leanne Walker 1 Ellie Whitehead 2 Kate Williamson 2



#### **USA**

#### **ALABAMA**

Laura Browning 6 Nair Tolomeo 1 Lauren Thompson 1

#### **ARIZONA**

Rayna Cazares 1

#### **CALIFORNIA**

Jolie Cornell 2 Allison Smith 1 Kimberly Spicker 1 Kathryn Weiss 1

#### **CONNECTICUT**

Corey Dockswell 10 Sheri Knox 1 Julie Sutton 1

#### FLORIDA

William Brown 2 Courtney Canfield 1 Taylor Douglass 1 Sonny Durr 9 Erin Giles 1 Casey Griffin 1 Keith Hanson 1 Jessica Morris 1 Haley Rice 1

#### **GEORGIA**

Ingrid Goedde-Bennett 1

#### **ILLINOIS**

Hannah Redden 3

#### **INDIANA**

Celena Guerrero 1 Elizabeth Riggs

#### **KANSAS**

Jacqueline Wing 1

#### KENTUCKY

Kathleen Topley 4

#### **LOUISIANA**

Madeleine Smith 2

#### **MAINE**

**Alexis Soucy 1** 

#### **MARYLAND**

Madison Reilly 1
Julia Smith 3

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

Natalia Flaster 3 Molly Geffken 1 Maria Gustaferro 1 Tricia Murray 8 Rowan Sockwell 2

#### **MICHIGAN**

Madeleine Pazzi 1

#### **MINNESOTA**

Olivia Mayer 2

#### MISSISSIPPI

Lucy Ridge 1

#### MISSOURI

Amy Tarleton 1

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Kendall Berton 1 Alyssa Costa 4 Linda Grass 4 Melanie Hawthorne 4 Diane Hewitt 1 Samantha Hilston 1 Hilary Judd 3 Jane Leonard 1



Tammie Moffett 1 Chuck Noel 29 Catherine Shannon 1 Keleigh Thompson 1 Sarah Ward 6

#### **NEW JERSEY**

Lisa Benedetti 4 Kennedy Carlick 1 Rachel Max 6 Jess Moore 2

# NEW MEXICO Darby Jones 1

#### **NEW YORK**

Natalie Altman 1 Hayley Barnes 2 Elizabeth Charles 1 Justin Dockswell 10 Priscilla Griffin 50 Anna Malafronte 1 Grace McGeoch 2 Kathryn McGeoch 1 Carly Meltzer 4 Oreo Portuondo 25 Carlena Reagan 1 Morven Whalley 1

#### <u>OHIO</u>

Allison Lano 1 Katelyn Vancouver 1 Emily Yusko 1

#### **OKLAHOMA**

Regina Kerr 8

#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

Juan Estepa 1 Grace McGeehan 2

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

Stacey Packer 1

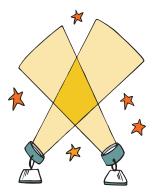
#### **TEXAS**

Daniela Anzures 2 Jennifer Ma 1 Brenda Rojas 2

#### **VIRGINIA**

Kylie Tejera 1

<sup>\*</sup> The number next to their name indicates their years at Wico!



# Super Star Staff Spotlight...

# Introducing our 2015 Leadership Team!

We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of staff leaders at camp this summer. Here are bios and pictures of many of them. We know they will do a fabulous job!

#### **FULL TIME STAFF**



Name: Rachel Max, Associate Director, 6 years at Wico

Nicknames: R. Max, Max, Mini Croc

Hometown: New York,

When I am not at Wico I: love to travel, bike ride and spend time with family and friends

**College/University & major:** Penn State University, BA, Public Relations

**Favorite leadership quote:** "One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes... and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility." ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

This summer I am most excited to: have fun!



Name: Carly Meltzer, Staffing Coordinator, 4 years at Wico

**Hometown:** Oceanside, NV

#### When I am not at

**Wico I:** live in New York City and work at Wico hiring all the staff for the summer!

**College/University & major:** Tulane University, Sociology & Communications; University of Florida, Masters in Tourism, Recreation Administration

**Favorite leadership quote:** "Example is not the most important thing about leadership. It is the only thing."

**This summer I am most excited to:** know what Prissy's "flagpole cheer" will be for 2015 and for the first time we sing the goodnight song as a whole camp!

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**Name:** Jay Cole, Facilities Manager, 7 years at Wico

Hometown: Hebron,

When I am Not at Wico I: enjoy spending

time with my kids & cooking.

A leader is... someone whose ultimate goal is to do their best to ensure that someday, if so desired, each member of the team will have the competence and confidence to be a leader in their community.

**This summer at Wico I am most excited to:** see the excitement on the faces of staff and campers as camp begins!

#### **OFFICE & OPERATIONS**



Name: Sam "Samboy" Davenport

**Position at camp:**Operations Coordinator,
6th summer at Wico

Hometown: Worcester,

UK (where the famous Worcestershire sauce is made).

**When I am not at Wico I:** am a restaurant and hotel manager.

**College/University & major:**Performance and Excellence in Sport

**Being a leader means:** Being a positive influence on the people they're leading, setting the tone, being motivational, inspiring and having a never give up attitude about things!

**This summer I am most excited to:** see old friends, meet new people and take on new exciting challenges! I'm really looking forward to seeing you all very soon!



**Name:** Amy Tarleton **Position at camp:** Office Manager, 1st summer!

Hometown: Mavville, Wl

When I am not at Wico I: am a full time student

**College/University:** University of Missouri-Columbia, Hospitality Management

**Leadership quote:** "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." -John F. Kennedy

**This summer I am most excited to:** be outdoors, make lifelong friends, and become a part of the amazing family at Camp Wicosuta.

#### **HEALTH CENTER**



Name: Laura "Lala or LB" Browning

**Position at camp:** Head Nurse, 6th summer

Hometown: Jasper, Alabama

When I am not at Wico I: am a registered nurse working in an intermediate care unit

**College/University & major:** Bevill State Community College

**Favorite leadership quote:** "Winners never quit and quitters never win." -Vince Lombardi

**This summer I am most excited to:** meet all the new campers and reconnect with former campers!

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#### **PROGRAM TEAM**



Name: Priscilla "Prissy"

**Position at camp:** Program Team, 50th summer!

Hometown: Latham, NY

When I am not at Wico I: teach kindergarten

**College/University & major:** St. Lawrence University – BA English; Boston U. – M. Ed. Elementary Ed.

**Favorite leadership quote:** "Leadership is unlocking people's potential to become better." Bill Bradley

**This summer I am most excited to:** provide exciting special events for the campers and work with the Totems to create some memorable campfires for the camp!

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**Name:** Jessica "Jess" Moore, but my friends call me Kassie! (from my middle name)

**Position at camp:** Program Team, 2nd summer

Hometown: Scotch Plains, NJ

**When I am not at Wico I:** am just about to graduate college... on May 17th!

**College/University & major:** Ithaca College, Sociology

**Being a leader means:** Enabling others to achieve their fullest potential with the support and guidance they need to succeed.

**This summer I am most excited to:** plan some awesome new events with my Program Team partners in crime, Hannah and Prissy!



Name: Hannah Redden
Position at camp: Program
Team, 3rd summer

**Hometown:** Libertyville, Illinois (outside of Chicago)

**When I am not at Wico I:** am just finishing up my college degree and playing lacrosse for my university!

**College/University & major:** Concordia University-Wisconsin, Sport Entertainment Management

**Favorite leadership quote:** "To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart." —Eleanor Roosevelt

This summer I am most excited to: get my three year shirt and see my campers from two summers ago as Totems!! ☺

#### **HEAD COUNSELORS**



Name: Alyssa Costa

Position at camp: Kineo
Head Counselor, 5th summer
Hometown: Cumberland,
RI, but right now I live in

Dunbarton, NH

When I am not at Wico I: am a middle school music teacher!

**College/University & major:** Plymouth State University, Music Education

**Favorite leadership quote:** "To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart." Eleanor Roosevelt

This summer I am most excited to: see how much all the 2014 Eagles have grown after their first year of middle school, to meet my new campers, and take another swim class! Hopefully I can get up to Level 5 this summer!



Name: Melanie Hawthorne Position at camp: Coo Head Counselor, 4th summer

Hometown: Laconia, NH

When I am not at Wico I: teach High School Spanish and am two (very short) classes away from receiving my Master of Education from UNH in Spanish!

**College/University & major:** UNH, B.A. in Spanish and History

**Being a leader means:** giving others the chance to succeed, while building an environment in which everyone can be their best selves!

**This summer I am most excited to:** have a new job at camp. Every day is a new day and every day is a great day to be at Wico!



Name: Hilary or "Hil-Dog" Judd

**Position at camp:** Agawan Head Counselor, 3rd summer

Hometown: Bow, NH

**When I am not at Wico I:** am a full-time nanny for five kids in New Hampshire

**College/University & major:** Boston College, Sociology, Women and Gender Studies

**Favorite leadership quote:** "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." -John F. Kennedy

**This summer I am most excited to:** get to know all of my campers and help celebrate Wico's 95th summer!



Name: Daire O'Farrell

Position at camp: Eagle
Head Counselor, 2nd summer
Hometown: Dublin, Ireland
When I am not at Wico I:

am a veterinary assistant and also teach horse-riding.

**College/University & major:** Equine Science, The University of Limerick, Ireland

Favorite leadership quote: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."
-Mahatma Gandhi

This summer I am most excited to: see the new and returning campers. It is great to see the girls grow in confidence as they learn and develop new skills. I don't think there is a better feeling than the one you get from helping people to grow and be their best self.



Name: Shiarah Tejada, but at camp I go by Shi, Shishi, Chichi or Cheech

**Position:** Oski/Casco Head Counselor, 8th summer (6th as a counselor)

**Hometown:** Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

**When I am not at Wico I:** am a special education teacher in an elementary school

**College/University & major:**Manhattanville College with a major in Psychology

**Favorite leadership quote:** "Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others." –John C Maxwell

This summer I am most excited to: spend one more summer at the place I call my summer home, also to be surrounded by amazing and unique people. And... to have a completely new age group and meet all my campers and have a blast with them.

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Name: Kate Topley
Position at camp: Zuni/
Totem 1st Session Head
Counselor, 4th summer
Hometown: Lexington,
Kentucky

When I am not at Wico I: teach middle school English and science

**College/University & major:** University of Kentucky, Middle School Education with concentrations in Science and English Language Arts

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

**This summer I am most excited to:** laugh, learn, teach and make more life long memories with the staff and campers from my summer home!!

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Name: Sarah Ward

Position at camp: Zuni/
Totem 2nd Session Head
Counselor, 6th summer

Hometown: Milford, NH

**When I am not at Wico I:** teach 8th grade Spanish at Milford Middle School and coach girls basketball

**College/University & major:** Plymouth State University B.A. Spanish & M.Ed Spanish Education

**Being a leader means:** motivating those around you to be the best version of themselves.

**This summer I am most excited to:** meet the new campers and staff and to reunite with the returning ones! Yeah, Wico!

#### **ACTIVITY HEADS**



Name: Hayley or "Hayles" Barnes

**Position at camp:** Theatre Activity Head, 2nd summer! **Hometown:** Ocean Springs,

Mississippi. I currently live

in Pittsfield, MA

**When I am not at Wico I:** work for Berkshire Theatre Group as an artist-in-residence

**College/University & major:** University of Southern Mississippi, B.F.A in Acting

**Favorite leadership quote:** As Ms. Frizzle always says, "Take chances, make mistakes, and get messy!"

This summer I am most excited to: reconnect with campers and staff and make 2015 the best vet!



**Name:** Lisa Benedetti or "Lisa B"

**Position at camp:** Landsports Co-Activity Head; 4th summer

**Hometown:** Barrington,

NJ... South Jersey!

When I am not at Wico I: coach high school softball and am a substitute teacher

**College/University & major:** Rowan University, MA Special Needs, BA Health and Exercise Science K-12, Elementary K-6 & Students with Disabilities

**Favorite leadership quote:** "Never let the fear of striking out, get in the way of swinging." –Babe Ruth

**This summer I am most excited to:** see new and returning campers and meet all the new staff! And of course we can't forget celebrating Wico's 95th!

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Name: Kendall Berton
Position at camp:
Landsports Co-Activity
Head, 1st summer

**Hometown:** Portsmouth, NH

When I am not at Wico I: am a substitute teacher and coach

**College/University & major:** James Madison University B.A. Media Arts and Design with a Corporate Communication Concentration

**Favorite leadership quote:** "It's not your aptitude but your attitude that will determine your altitude." –Zig Ziglar

**This summer I am most excited to:** embrace the culture and traditions of Wico and make Landsports the best it can be!

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Name: Courtney "Court or Court Street" Canfield

**Position at camp:** Xtreme Activity Head-Outdoor Adventure, 1st summer

Hometown: Wekiva Springs, Florida

**When I am not at Wico I:** JUST finished my undergraduate degree at Ohio University. Looking to travel, meet great

people and get the most out of life and new experiences!

**College/University & major:** B.S. in Recreation and Sport Sciences, Outdoor Recreation & Education. Minor: Ecotourism

**Favorite leadership quote:** "I have three rules for leaders in the outdoors: You have to know where the people you're leading are coming from, you have to know what you want to do with them, and you have to love them." -Paul Petzoldt



Name: Julia Smith

**Position at camp:** Xtreme Activity Head-Challenge Course, 3rd summer

**Hometown:** Ellicott City, Maryland

**When I am not at Wico I:** am either in school, playing sports, or traveling!

**College/University & major:** University of Mary Washington, Psychology. I will be attending George Mason University in the fall to pursue a graduate degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

**Favorite Leadership Quote:** "Leadership is unlocking people's potential to become better." - Bill Bradley

**This summer I am most excited to:** meet all the new campers and staff and take on my new role at camp!

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**Name:** Keith "Scuba" Hanson

**Position at camp:**Waterfront Director, 1st
Summer

Hometown: Fort Myers, FL

When I am not at Wico I: work in law enforcement and am a SWAT medic instructor.

**College/University & major:** American Military University

**Favorite leadership quote:** "Leadership is an action, not a position." Donald McGannon

**This summer I am most excited to:** have new experiences and bring new experiences to others!

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Name: Katie Kemp
Position at camp:
Cooking Activity Head,
2nd summer

**Hometown:** Perth, Australia

When I am not at Wico I: am a nutritionist. Currently, I am traveling the world!

**College/University & major:** Bachelor of Science, Nutrition & Human Biology, Edith Cowan University

**Being a leader means:** striving to be the best person you can be, while inspiring and motivating others to do the same.

**This summer I am most excited to:** be back in the kitchen cooking delicious recipes with the girls, reuniting with friends from around the world and of course standing on my chair and sing songs during meal times!



Name: Regina Kerr Position at camp: Pool Activity Head, 8th summer

Hometown: Moore,

Oklahoma

When I am not at Wico I: am a nursing student

**College/University & major:** Nursing **Favorite leadership quote:** "The world will be destroyed not by those who do while, but by those who watch them without doing anything." Albert Einstein

**This summer I am most excited to:** see old friends and campers and welcome new ones!



**Name:** Olivia "Olive" Mayer **Position at camp:** Horseback Riding Activity Head, 2nd summer

**Hometown:** Big Lake, Minnesota

**When I am not at Wico I:** am the Assistant Manager at Silver Thread Farm for Thoroughbreds

**College/University & major:** St. Cloud State University, Major: Business Management, Minor: Psychology **Favorite leadership quote:** "The best way to predict the future is to create it." - Peter Drucker

**This summer I am most excited to:** see all my friends and learn a new skill. I want to either master doing the splits or a back walkover!



Name: Laura or "Luaz" or "McBridey" McBride

**Position at camp:**Gymnastics Activity Head,
2nd summer

Hometown: Glasgow, Scotland

**When I am not at Wico I:** am a full time university student.

**College/University & major:**University of the West of Scotland (UWS), BA-Childhood Studies. Pursuing a Master's in primary education in the fall.

**Being a leader means:** being an effective role model-- encouraging others to be themselves and assisting others in having the confidence to try new things.

**This summer I am most excited to:** see how much the campers have grown, be reunited with familiar and new faces, and be in my summer home--a brilliant community! Oh and Snack Shack is definitely in my top 10, too.



Name: Grace "Gracie" McGeoch

**Position at camp:**Dance & Fitness Activity
Head. 2nd summer

**Hometown:** Argyle, New York

When I am not at Wico I: perform (dance, act, sing). Currently, I am playing Cinderella in a production of Into The Woods with a theatre company in Troy, NY

**College/University & major:** SUNY Cortland: Musical Theatre

Favorite leadership quote:

"Whatever you are, be a good one." – Abraham Lincoln **This summer I am most excited to:** share my love of dance & make more memories with the staff & campers at my summer home.



Name: Oreo Portuondo Position at camp: Tennis Activity Head, 25th summer

Hometown:

Saugerties, NY

**When I am not at Wico I:** teach tennis full-time at Total Tennis

**College/University & major:** University of Miami, BS Recreational Management

**Leadership means:** Being a leader means having a do-whatever-it-takes attitude—it's what camp is all about!

**This summer I am most excited to:** work with my returning staff and train the new staff. I love raising the standards each summer of what we can accomplish as a team!



Name: Bridget Stibbard (Stibb)

**Position at camp:**Assistant Waterfront
Activity Head, 3rd
summer

**Hometown:** Forbes, NSW Australia

**When I am not at Wico I:** am a High School PDHPE (Health and PE) Teacher

**College/University & major:** Charles Sturt University, BA, Health & Physical Education

**Favorite leadership quote:** "There is no 'l' in Team."

**This summer I am most excited to:** enjoy every single second of my time at camp and use my new role on the leadership team to motivate and inspire all campers and staff to make the most of their time at Wico.

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Name: Keleigh Thompson

Position at camp: Arts & Crafts Activity

Head, 1st summer

Hometown: I grew up in Coventry, RI, and

now live in Manchester, NH

When I am not at Wico I: am an art teacher and make-up consultant.

**College/University & major:** New Hamphire Institute of Art, BFA Ceramics; K-12 Art Education certified

**Favorite leadership quote:** "We need leaders who add value to the people and organizations they lead; who work for the benefit of others... who inspire and motivate...."

-Mary Kay Ash

**This summer I am most excited to:** learn everything I can from the amazing people I am going to work with and have a blast with some great kids!

#### **FOOD SERVICE**

Name: Sonny Durr

Position at camp: Head Chef, 8th summer

Hometown: Gainesville, FL

When I am Not at Wico I: am the head chef at a sorority at

the University of Florida

**This summer at Wico I am most excited to:** create a terrific menu and serve food the kids and staff will enjoy!

# 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 spirited, exciting time at flagpole!! Although there is no nightly call or weekly update during the school year, we publish names of those who lose teeth in our newsletter. Campers, when you lose a tooth, please email me at justin@campwicosuta.com. Remember, just like at camp, teeth need to fall out naturally (no vinegar or extra sugar allowed).

Congrats to Sophia Leone who lost 4 teeth since our last newsletter was published!

# Celebrations...

Congrats to following girls on their recent Bat Mitzvahs: Jenna Brandaleone, Isabelle Bregman, Caroline Solondz, Ava Zaslavsky and to Jordan Hamelsky (in June).

Belated congrats to **Maddy Macneille** on the birth of her sister, **Mackenzie!** Wico 2020??

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.



# Share the Wico Love...

Check out this beautiful poem written by **Amelia Leone**. We know you will love it as much as we do!

#### **ODE TO CAMP**

by Amelia Leone, Casco' 15

After you've been cramped
in the car
for 7 hours
you smell it...
the old pine woods,
you race
into the dining hall
to see your friends
new and
old

your counselor greets you with a friendly, smile and hello you shake hands and run off and can't believe it hasn't even started



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# Camp Wicosuta 2015 Important Dates:

First Session Begins	Saturday, June 27
First Session Two-Week Program Begins	Thursday, July 9
First Session Programs End/Visiting Day	Wednesday, July 22
Second Session Begins	Saturday, July 25
Second Session Two-Week Program Begins	Thursday, August 6
Second Session Programs End/Visiting Day	Wednesday, August 19
2015 Alumnae ReunionFriday, Augus	t 21 - Sunday, August 23

### LOOKING AHEAD...

### **2016 DATES!**

**1st Session Begins:** Saturday, June 25

1st Session Two-Week Program

Begins: Thursday, July 7

1st Session Ends/Visiting Day:

Wednesday, July 20

2nd Session Begins: Saturday, July 23

2nd Session Two-Week Program

Begins: Thursday, August 4

Second Session Ends/Visiting Day:

Wednesday, August 17

## REMINDERS & UPDATES

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