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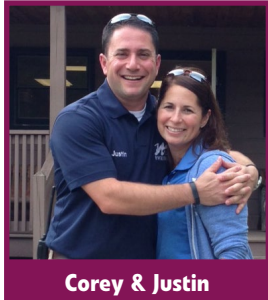


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A Letter from the Directors

Dear Wico Campers, Staff, Parents and Alumnae,



Corey & Justin

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

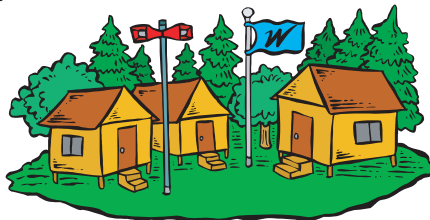
Some of the qualities that stand out most about our leadership team are: their love of camp, their commitment to making an impact on campers and counselors, their impressive backgrounds in education, athletics, the arts, a commitment to be their best and give their best, and, finally, their love and 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 2017 counselors are a talented group! We have a combination of strong, seasoned ambassador counselors and talented, enthusiastic first time counselors! 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 "101 Dalmations". Our Upper Camp girls will participate in "Seussical"! These are some of our favorite shows and we cannot wait to see them performed on the Wico stage!

That's all for now from Wico! Please call or email with questions as you prepare for the summer. We love speaking with you about camp and are happy to help!

Lots of Wico Love,

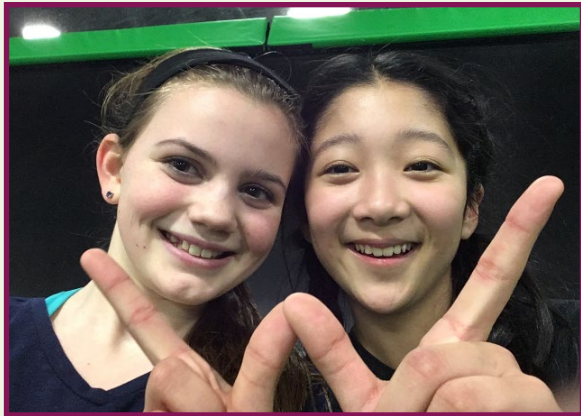


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CAMPER CORNER

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*.



Hi Corey,

Alisa Ishii and I met up at Launch Trampoline Park recently. Sending all of our Wico love.

- **Amory Gordon**



Sophie Dockswell and **Jadyn Schwartz** reunited in April at Jadyn's house.



Cookie Motroni, **Lulu Malik**, and **Mia Jones** came to visit **Matilda Sales** for an Oski mini-reunion. Here they are getting a jumpstart on Team Formations!



The Dockswell Family spent time at Wico over their February break. While there, they went to the movies and bumped into **Jaydie & Janney Halperin!**



While in New York City for February break, **Zoe Gerstenblatt** made plans to meet her camp big sister, **Aliza Hacking!** Aliza made Zoe feel some comfortable and excited for camp. Great job, Aliza! Thanks for sharing, Zoe!

CAMPER CORNER

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We love this photo of third generation camper, **Sadie Batista**, and her younger siblings! We look forward to having Sadie back at camp and cannot wait for all of you to join us in a few years!



Lexie Hamburger visited her family in New York. While there, she made time to catch up with **Reese Bosonac**!



Isabelle Krugman showed her Wico spirit while on a recent trip to Rome, Italy, with her family. Here is Isabelle at the Colosseum in Rome!



The Camp Spot Road Show pics: Campers were pleasantly surprised to see Wico summer staff, **Vontella "V" Thomas** and **Mike Nelson** at their Camp Spot road show appointments. Here are a couple of photos, one of **Cookie Motroni** and the other of **Emma Rose** with Mike and V. Thanks for sharing!



Mia and Lily Jacobson show their Wico spirit (and excitement) when trying on their new logo'd clothing from The Camp Spot! We LOVE this photo, girls! See you soon!

Joking Around

WITH JESS



JESS

Hey Wico!

The weather is getting warmer, I've started wearing my flip flops everywhere, and camp will be here in a few weeks! Now that it's May, summer is so close that I can taste it. That Newfound Lake water spraying on my face, the smell of chicken nugget day in the dining hall, and the laughter of all of you as you go around camp. With only a few weeks left until we head up to New Hampshire, here are some fun events to put on your calendar as you look forward to camp!

May 15th: Chocolate Chip Day

Now, I'm always a fan of chocolate, but there is just something special about chocolate chips. Specifically, I love chocolate chip cookies that are warm, gooey and right out of the oven! At camp, we have campfire cookies and milk after every campfire, which is absolutely a highlight of my week! Don't tell my mom, but I think campfire cookies are better than her homemade ones!



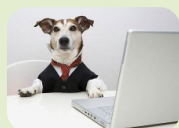
June 2nd: National Donut Day

Although I don't eat donuts very often, I look forward to special donut breakfast on camp trip days! In addition to our other breakfast options, everyone is allowed a special donut treat! What is your favorite type of donut? Mine is definitely a chocolate glazed, but only if it has rainbow sprinkles. My second choice is a glazed munchkin, no frosting or sprinkles. Come find me this summer on a trip day to talk about your favorite kind!



June 23rd: Take Your Dog to Work Day

Anyone that knows me knows I love dogs. Growing up, I always had a dog or two, and they were always dachshunds (which are the ones that look like hot dogs!). Even though I don't currently have a dog of my own, I will frequently stop walking in the street to say hello to dogs walking by. Though I won't be celebrating this day in person at camp, I'm sure I'll be thinking of dogs all day long!



June 24th: Swim a Lap Day

In addition to June 24th being Swim a Lap Day, this is also the first day of camp! I don't know that I'll get a chance to swim a lap that day, but we do have a swim-a-thon to support Project Morry near the end of camp. Our Zunis run the event. Each of you will have a chance to swim a lap (and hopefully lots of laps) to celebrate this day a few weeks late! Our swim-a-thon is one of my favorite camp events to watch-- everyone comes together to swim for an awesome cause!



I can't wait to see all of you at camp in a few short weeks!

Wico Love, Jess

STAFF AND ALUMNAE NEWS

Look who stopped by the New York office in February! Carly & Jess loved catching up with **Nikki and Amath Ngom** and their children.



Dorrit Corwin T'16, reached out to us recently to say hello...

*I actually just got home from visiting **Noelle Norona** in Florida. We had the best time and talked non-stop about Wico, of course, and last week when I was in New York I met up for dinner with **Julia Weber!***

I can't get my head around the fact that I won't be returning this summer; I'm going to miss everyone so much. But I will be on the east coast in August and hopefully able to come visit! Is there any kind of alumni day I should know about? Hope to see you soon.

Xoxo Dorrit

Lily Marcus is counting down to Summer 2018, when she is eligible to work at Wico! We are excited about that, too, Lily! In her spare time, she created a quilt from all of her old Wico t-shirts. How awesome is this?? Well done, Lily!



DEEP THOUGHTS *with Carly*



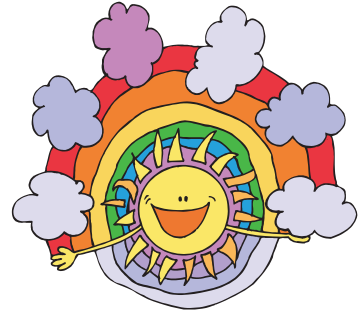
Hey Wico, Hey What?!

In the blink of an eye, just like that it's May! For me, this is the month I pack my bags and move to camp for the summer. After planning all year and counting down the days since last summer, I couldn't be more excited!

As you pack your bags for camp and getting ready for Summer 2017, enjoy this crossword filled with all things Wico. Think you can figure out all the clues?!

I cannot wait to see you all as the busses and vans roll in to kick off Summer 2017!

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



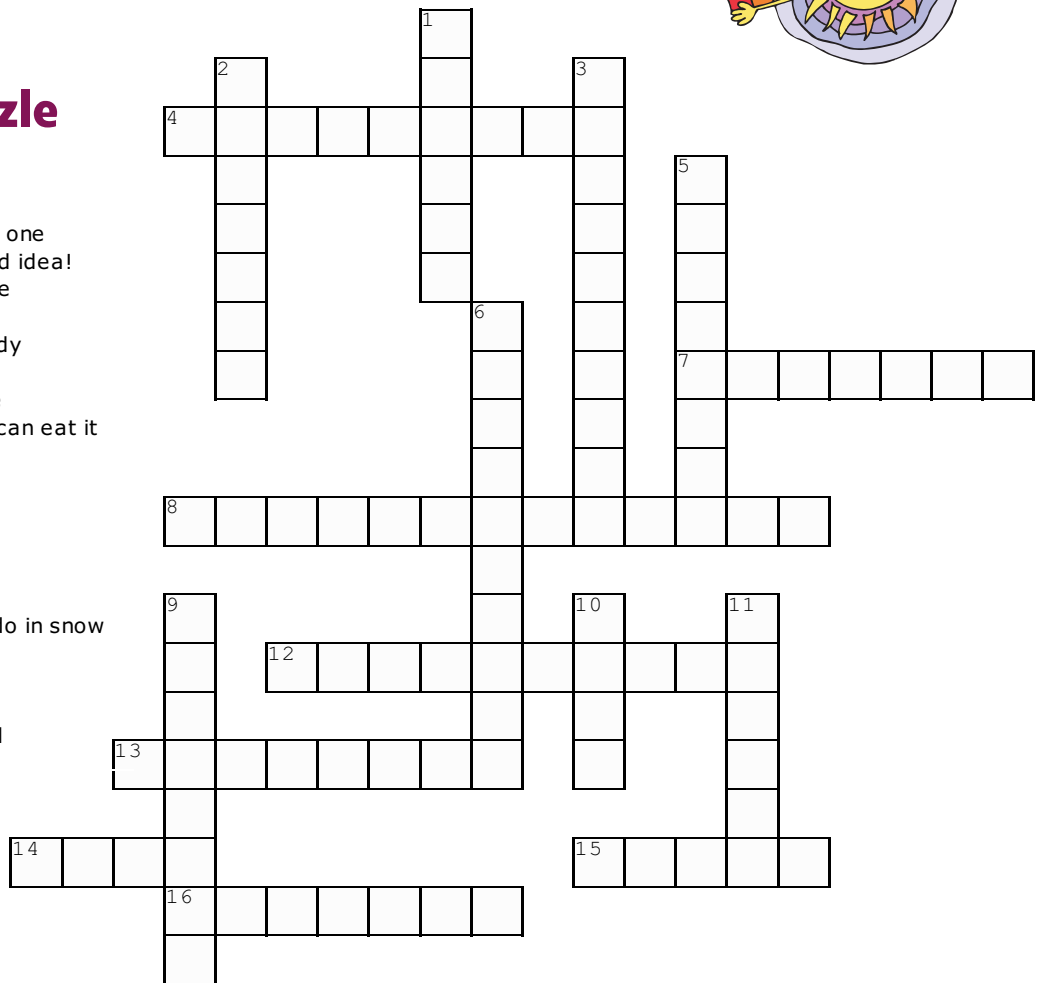
Word 2 Wico Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 4. We have three of them this is one
- 7. In 1920 she had a pretty good idea!
- 8. Wicosuta calls this state home
- 12. Bunk 2 lets us all know...
- 13. Games, Rides & Cotton Candy
- 14. Started at the bottom
- 15. Treat to eat over a campfire
- 16. This activity is so good you can eat it

Down

- 1. 'Love' this sport
- 2. Campfire saying
- 3. You will flip over this activity
- 5. This is also a sport you can do in snow
- 6. She's a
- 9. On a wheel or in a pinch
- 10. A color of Wico
- 11. Some staff call this football



*P.S. A big shout out to **Julia T.** for finding not one or two but all of the hidden objects in the last edition. Check your mailbox Julia...some Wico swag is coming your way!*



WE WELCOME YOU TO WICO CAMP



WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW CAMPERS FOR SUMMER 2017...

FIRST SESSION

The Eagles are fortunate to have **Angelina Moore** from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic! She attends the St. Michael's School, along with some current and previous Wico campers. Welcome, Angelina!

SECOND SESSION

The Oskis are excited to welcome **Ta'kiyah Hall** from New Rochelle, NY! Ta'kiyah enjoys gymnastics, step, soccer and arts & crafts. We cannot wait to see you in action, Ta'kiyah! The Cascos are joins by **Kelsey Leshner** of Bedford, NH! Kelsey enjoys team sports, especially soccer! Welcome, Kelsey! **Daisy Weaver**, of Mendham, NJ, is funny and outgoing. She enjoys playing soccer and wants to try horseback riding at camp this summer. Welcome, Daisy! **Najah West** comes to us from New Rochelle, NY! She loves to swim and is excited about waterfront, ziplining and Visual Arts! We look forward to seeing you in New Hampshire, Najah! The Coos are in good company with the addition of **Gabbi Dowling** (Brooklyn, NY)! Gabbi is very excited about her first sleepaway experience. She has gone to day camp for the last few summers and is definitely ready for more! Welcome, Gabbi! **Halle Earl** of Montclair, NJ, loves to dance and looks forward to giving that (and other activities) a try at Wico! A big thanks to **Perri Katz** for sharing her Wico Love with Halle! Welcome to the Eagles, **Rita Bailey**! Rita hails from Bloomington, MN, and loves to ride horses. We look forward to seeing you at camp, Rita! **Lena Benabdallah** (and her sister, see Two Week Campers) are our first two Wico Girls from Marrakech, Morocco! We look forward to having you at camp this summer, Rena! Coming to Wico from Haverford, PA is **Dwyer Hinckle**! Dwyer plays field hockey and lacrosse at home. She is excited for camp, so that she can try things she doesn't do at home like waterskiing and cooking. We know that you will love both, Dwyer! See you soon! **Ryan Leshner** (big sister to Kelsey) lives in Bedford, NH and is a competitive gymnast! We are excited to see you in the gym and everywhere else in camp, Ryan! **Ele Polli-Ziehler** is a New Yorker at heart, but will call Hebron, NH her summer home! Ele loves tennis, riding and skiing, to name a few. We are glad you chose Wico, Ele! We are lucky to have **Raquel Shayani** (Old Westbury, NY) join us this summer! Raquel heard great things about Wico from her big cousin, **Maddie Zeltzer**! Raquel, we are glad you decided to give Wico a shot and know that you will have a blast! Thanks, Maddie! **Zadie Weaver** (big sis of **Daisy Weaver**), enjoys reading, writing, arts & crafts, and looks forward to playing tennis at Wico. We know that you will enjoy doing all of that at camp, Zadie! Thanks for joining us! The Kineos welcome **Anika Bhatia** from Syosset, NY! Anika enjoys swimming and drama. She looks forward to meeting great girls at Wico and enjoying the whole camp experience. Welcome, Anika! **Kitty Chen** comes to Wico all the way from Chengdu, China! Kitty

likes swimming, dance and tennis and looks forward to trying those activities and some new ones while at camp this summer. Welcome, Kitty! We welcome **Grace Hudson** from Studio City, CA! Grace heard great things about Wico from **Chloe Appel** and **Emma & Sydney Frank** and decided to give us a try. We are so glad you did, Grace! **Lulu Johnson** is a Brooklyn, NY native and heard about Wico from, alum, **Tea DiPrima**! Lulu loves theater and singing, so we hope to see her on stage this summer! **Riley Swerdloff** has spent most of her life in Larchmont, NY, but has lived in Whistler, Canada for the last 6 months! While there, she enjoys snowboarding and does it quite often! We look forward to welcoming you to a third home in New Hampshire, this summer, Riley! **Alice Wang** lives in San Marino, CA and heard about Wico from **Glory & Jo Ho**! Thanks for sharing, girls! Alice, we look forward to having you at camp this summer! The Agawans are getting a bump with the addition of **Priscilla "Prissy" Carias** and **Maria Santana**, both from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic! Prissy and Maria are cousins and attended a shorter camp last summer. They enjoyed that experience and are now ready for more. We are glad you chose Wico, girls! The Zunis welcome **Alicia Benjamin** from London, England! Alicia did her own camp research, found Wico, and decided that we were the camp for her! We are so glad that you did, Alicia, and look forward to getting to know you this summer! Hailing from Surfside, FL is **Malia Longo**! Malia loves watersports and sailing and heard about Wico from her big cousin, **Nadime Hasbun**! Thanks for spreading the Wico Love, Nadime! Welcome, Malia!

SECOND SESSION TWO-WEEKERS:

The Cascos are fortunate to have **Kenza Benabdallah** from Marrakech, Morocco! Kenza is excited for her first overnight camp experience and we lucky to have her! **Isabella Donovan** likes to play lots of sports-- she is also creative and has a great sense of humor! We are excited that she chose to have her first sleepaway camp experience at Wico! **Isabella Small** is another new Casco! Isabella brings her camp spirit to Wico from New York City! We are excited to see you in action, Isabella! **Avery Dollard** joins the Coos from Montclair, NJ! Avery enjoys swimming and looks forward to trying lots of new activities at Wico, this summer! **Chloe Kilpatrick**, also of Montclair, plays tennis and swims year-round! She is ready for her first camp experience and we are so glad she chose Wico! **Ryan Lang** hails from Hansom AFB, MA! She loves arts and sports and we cannot wait to see her in action this summer! **Emily and Hannah Morris** have camp in their blood! Their dad grew up at camp and now they get to give it a try at Wico! We look forward to having you, girls! **Quinn Reicherz** caught the Wico spirit from the **Darmanin** and **Catanzaro Families**! Quinn is on a dance team and also enjoys swimming, lacrosse, soccer and tennis! Welcome, Quinn!



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 (Part 1 is in the February Wicosutan.)

Preparing Your Child for Camp

What can I say to my child if she is nervous about camp?

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, too!*
- You have confidence in your daughter and know that she will make plenty of friends, try new things, and have a blast!
- Her feelings are normal. Both first-time and returning campers often feel a little nervous before camp. Her nerves will likely dissipate quickly once she gets to camp and settles in.

What should I say if she says she thinks she will miss home?

You may tell her that 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 (where they may grab a snack). After checking in, they play name games and take a tour of camp. Beds in the cabins are pre-assigned and made for each camper complete with a name tag. Clothing is unpacked and stored in cubbies. At dinner, girls are introduced to our dining hall 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-to-know-you games and talks about some of the most exciting activities at camp. Our Res Life team (our head counselors, Corey and Sarah) 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 and our camp DVD on the way to 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?

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!***

GENERAL PARENT INFORMATION...

We have received questions about the following topics and want to clarify:

- 1 FIDGET SPINNERS** are allowed at camp this summer. They are allowed in the bunk, but not at activities.
- 2 SLIME**, however, is not allowed at camp. Sticky slime, like chewing gum, is hard to remove and can muck up our courts, bunks, and campers' personal items. **Thank you for leaving your slime at home.**
- 3 BUG REPELLANT** — parents may pack bug repellent with or without DEET. We encourage campers to apply bug spray throughout the day and into the evening.
- 4 PACKAGE POLICY** — Please see Page 7 of our Parent Handbook (Page 8 in the Two Week Parent Handbook) for information on Wico's mail, specifically our **NO PACKAGE POLICY.**



Celebrations...

Congratulations to **Sarah Doane** on her recent Bat Mitzvah! Joining in the celebration were **Ava Lewis**, **Caroline Sosler** and **Annie Winter!** Great photo, girls!



Celebrating Sarah Doane's Bat Mitzvah

We are proud to share that **Jadyn Schwartz** was recently cast in the Broadway National Tour of "Fun Home"! Break a leg, Jadyn! We know that you will do a great job!

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.

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. But, remember, just like at camp, teeth need to fall out naturally (no vinegar or extra sugar allowed).

First-time Wico girl, **Sylvie Black**, emailed us this exciting news! Sylvie, we hope you hold on to a few teeth, so they can be added to our summer tooth count!



Hi Justin,

Today I lost my 12th tooth!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
I'm so excited for camp!!!!

Love, Sylvie Black

If you lose a tooth during the school year, please send an email to justincampwicosuta.com and I will include your name in the next edition.

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



CAMPER BIRTHDAYS - MARCH, APRIL & MAY

Olivia-Marie Bouscaud.....	3/1	Emily Greenhow.....	4/3	Raquel Shayani.....	5/3
Elizabeth Trachsel.....	3/1	Reese Bosonac.....	4/5	Anna Chau.....	5/4
Valentina Kuschnir.....	3/2	Chloe Broser.....	4/5	Paloma Hostin.....	5/4
Jenna Brandaleone.....	3/3	Zoe Oslan.....	4/5	Chloe Sarno.....	5/4
Alexis Haskins.....	3/3	Maddie Polsky.....	4/5	Tessa Fastiff.....	5/5
Crosby Jassem.....	3/3	Madeline Ross.....	4/5	Amory Gordon.....	5/5
Lilian Chase.....	3/4	Rania Challita.....	4/6	Abigail Limbird.....	5/5
Lauren Davis.....	3/4	Ann Najork.....	4/6	Lucy Cutler.....	5/6
Abigail Pauls.....	3/4	Elizabeth Najork.....	4/6	Philomena Topham.....	5/6
Lauren Siegel.....	3/4	Haley Forman.....	4/7	Olivia Berger.....	5/7
Darby Shaw.....	3/7	Quinn Farmer.....	4/8	Emily Morris.....	5/7
Tess Rich.....	3/8	Liv Freundlich.....	4/8	Hannah Morris.....	5/7
Katie Burke.....	3/9	Izzy Intrater.....	4/8	Ava Zaslavsky.....	5/7
Tara Kamshad.....	3/9	Lulu Malik.....	4/8	Aubrey Weygant.....	5/8
Mia Lynn.....	3/9	Siyng Zhou.....	4/8	Maya Zilberstein.....	5/8
Alisha Tiller.....	3/9	Taylor Slow.....	4/9	Margot Matouk.....	5/9
Sydney Appelbaum.....	3/10	Ryann DeStefano.....	4/10	Jordan Dattoma.....	5/10
Avery Manley.....	3/10	Ava Lewis.....	4/10	Chloe Clement-Finkel.....	5/11
Emae Forman.....	3/12	Pamela Haddad.....	4/13	Nina Driscoll.....	5/11
Alexandra Kasel.....	3/12	Helen Swerdlhoff.....	4/13	Kate Golden.....	5/11
Daniella Bregman.....	3/13	Philomena Dellasalla.....	4/14	Mary Loreto.....	5/12
Emma Hardyman.....	3/13	Caroline Yandell.....	4/16	Sofia Najri.....	5/13
Sylvie Watts.....	3/13	Sophie Chau.....	4/17	Natalie Brenner.....	5/14
Dwyer Hinckle.....	3/14	Emma Frank.....	4/17	Eliana Eichman.....	5/14
Zoe Jones.....	3/14	Sydney Frank.....	4/17	Talia Kohn.....	5/14
Sarah Doane.....	3/15	Camryn Herman.....	4/18	Sydney Piccoli.....	5/14
Anne Gorayeb.....	3/15	Charlotte Appel.....	4/19	Avery Kurzontkowski.....	5/16
Amaya Mejia.....	3/17	Lexi Mason.....	4/19	Caroline Sosler.....	5/17
Haley Matusz.....	3/18	Caitlin Rogoff.....	4/19	Julia Winter.....	5/17
Sarah Hecker.....	3/19	Shira Huemer.....	4/20	Andie Kanarek.....	5/19
Tess O'Brien.....	3/20	Lucy Elliott.....	4/22	Pia Fernandez.....	5/20
Livia Shrednick.....	3/20	Lauren Miller.....	4/22	Sophia Jarvis.....	5/22
Madison Zeltzer.....	3/20	Sydney Saltiel.....	4/22	Lily Kurtz.....	5/22
Amelia Zolidis.....	3/22	Kate Lavin.....	4/23	Sophie Myers.....	5/22
Carly Knutzen.....	3/23	Ita Wang.....	4/23	Samantha Luper.....	5/23
Seren Fowler.....	3/24	Olivia Eichman.....	4/24	Corinne Page.....	5/23
Zoe Georgantas.....	3/24	Georgia Hoseman.....	4/24	Eva Salzman.....	5/23
Julia Kurzontkowski.....	3/24	Madera Lipson.....	4/24	Katherine Dolgonos.....	5/25
Isabelle Patry.....	3/24	Annabel Mattia.....	4/24	Talia Hartman-Sigall.....	5/25
Lyla Whitenack.....	3/25	Roxy Shapiro.....	4/24	Sara Oh.....	5/25
Sydelle Bernstein.....	3/26	Hannah Satran.....	4/25	Olivia Silva.....	5/25
Samantha Hecker.....	3/26	Katherine Ventura.....	4/27	Tara Valas.....	5/25
Olivia Agnew.....	3/27	Eloise Banks.....	4/28	Ellie Culman.....	5/26
Grace Hudson.....	3/29	Katie Funk.....	4/28	Liliana Greyf.....	5/26
Morgan Daily.....	3/30	Sadie Katzner.....	4/28	Eliza Vander.....	5/27
Camille Newman.....	3/30	Charlotte Wolford.....	4/28	Olivia Cohen.....	5/28
Kayla Castillo.....	3/31	Isabel Amelia Cabral.....	4/29	Eliza Liles.....	5/28
Elizabeth Small.....	3/31	Morgan Hecht.....	4/29	Avery Mattoon.....	5/28
Tessa Tobias.....	3/31	Alexis Bienstock.....	5/1	Waverly Nanda.....	5/29
Grace Michel.....	4/1	Alyssa Dickstein.....	5/1	Lily Lamelas.....	5/30
Zoe Robb.....	4/1	Margo Klein.....	5/1	Sophie Silverstein.....	5/30
Dylan Krsulich.....	4/2	Zoe Weiss.....	5/2	Tess Taetle.....	5/30
Sophie Smith.....	4/2	Sophie Erlinger.....	5/3	Zoe Weber.....	5/31
Ella Teichberg.....	4/2	Ryan Leshner.....	5/3		

STAFF BIRTHDAYS...

Courtney O'Connor.....	3/3
Lucy Stock.....	3/5
Isabella Davis.....	3/6
Niamh Robinson.....	3/7
Enrique Bernal.....	3/9
Marie Hornsby.....	3/9
Kendall Berton.....	3/11
Freya Pearce.....	3/13
Elanna Tolz.....	3/14
Rowena Brennan.....	3/20
Gemma Dunlevey.....	3/20
Nora Kele.....	3/23
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Riley Oshiro.....	3/26
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Marissa Williamson.....	3/28
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Eva Gruenberg.....	4/1
Auriel Haack.....	4/1
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Matt Harland.....	4/19
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Emily Campbell.....	4/25
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Alyssa Costa.....	5/12
Sonny Durr.....	5/16
Dianee Da' Lama.....	5/20
Gratia Rowell.....	5/21
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Where In the World is Wico??



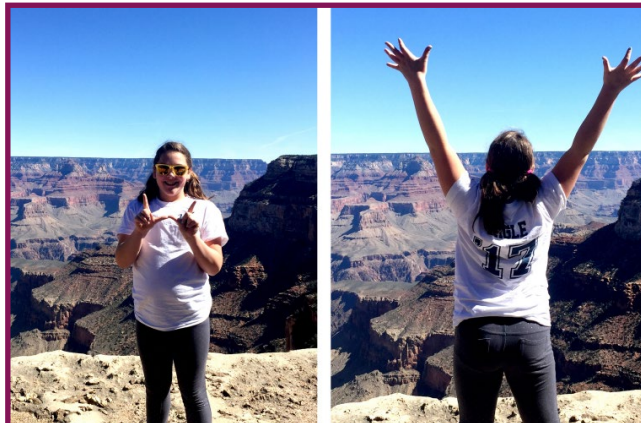
Ann, Evelynn, and Beth Najork, Olympia, Greece - the site of the Ancient Olympics for centuries



Emma & Leah Larit, St. Kitts



Ava Mack, Riviera Maya, Mexico



Abi Limbird, The Grand Canyon



Aubrey Weygant, Animal Kingdom, Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL



Julie Weinstein, Bethany Beach, DE



Katherine Millien, Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL



Charlotte Wolford, Maui, Hawaii

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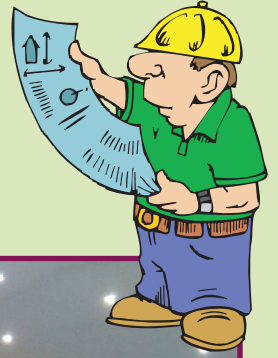
Our First Annual L.A. Reunion

Our first Annual L.A. Reunion was a huge success! A big thanks to all of the girls who attended and to **Sam Davenport** and **Jenny Malone-Brown** for helping us run the event!



Greetings from Newfound Lake...

WHAT'S NEW AT WICO?



Fitness Center Exterior



Fitness Center Interior



Library With Railings



Library Front View - Door



Library Side View

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS OUR STAFF FROM?



AUSTRALIA

Matt Harland 1
Sebastian Gabb 2
Thomas Gilley 1
Lani Collins 1
Jerrie Liberati 1
Amy Simpson 3
Katie Kemp 4
Jayden Faul 2



CZECH REPUBLIC

Radka Laurinova 3



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Shiarah Tejada 10



HUNGARY

Anasztazia Katona 1
Boglarka Papp 1
Fruzsina Foldi 1
Lili Kovats 1
Petra Barany 1
Aliz Kulcsar 1
Greta Kulcsar 1
Anna Fekete 1
Villo Karajz 1
Nora Kele 1
Adrian Toth 1



INDIA

Vishu Prasad 2



MEXICO

Enrique Bernal 1
Yhosuara Galeana 3
Karina Sandoval Flores 2



NETHERLANDS

Marleen Kristen 1



NEW ZEALAND

Elise Brown 2
Steph Lovelock 4
Aaron Ball 9
Tayla McAdam 1
Scarlett Norton 1



POLAND

Aleksandra Bobrzyk 4
Iga Sokolowska 2



SOUTH AFRICA

Kate Turner 1



UK - ENGLAND

Alex Paterson 1
Madeline Rotherham 1
Shona Lawrence 1
Sylvie Copley 1
Hollie Devitt 1
Jessica Ovens 1
Matthew Barnes 2
Kathryn Binks 2
Amy Bowman 2
Rowena Brennan 1
Danielle Causer 1
Rhianna Doulton 1
James Gilley 4
Abigail Hall 1
Marie Hornsby 1
Bethany Lomax 1
Dorothy Martin 1
Freya Pearce 1
Sarah Riddell 2
Lucy Stock 1
Jeyda Tahir 1
Abbie Warton 1



UK - IRELAND

Ashleigh Currie 2
Rebecca Preston 1
Kathy Byrne 3
Aoife Tiernan 1
Elaine Mernagh 1
Niamh Robinson 1



UK - SCOTLAND

Chloe Cowie 1
Linsey Aitken 5
Laura Speirs 2



UK - WALES

Isabella Davis 1
Chloe Hazell 1
Miriam Plassmann 3



USA

ALABAMA

Ingrid Goedde-Bennett 3
Martha Anne Lucas 2
Candace Wilson 1

ARIZONA

Carmen Baca 1
Rebecca Richards 2
Breagh Watson 1

CALIFORNIA

Elissa Tauscher 3

CONNECTICUT

Susanna Casey 2

FLORIDA

William Brown 4
Courtney Canfield 2
Kaija Crowe 2
Sonny Durr 10
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GEORGIA

Anneke Belman 1
Jade Cox 1

ILLINOIS

Sophie Weck 1

KANSAS

Caroline Ewing 5

KENTUCKY

Eleanor Crecelius 1
Vontella Thomas 2
Kathleen Topley 6

LOUISIANA

Federico Boscarino
Vazquez 2
Madeleine Smith 4

MAINE

Sarah Cost 1

MASSACHUSETTS

Rahel Block 1
Lauren McCoy 1
Augusta Nau 2
Carly Roderick 1
Celia Welch 1

MICHIGAN

Rebecca Martin 1
Brooke Mason 1
Samantha Schmelzer 1

MINNESOTA

Rayna Bailey 1
Mamadou Gueye 3
Dana Riebe 2
Marissa Williamson 1

MISSISSIPPI

Hayley Barnes 4
Nathalia Sato 2

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Stephanie Anderson 1
Kendall Berton 3
Olga Cauble 1
Alyssa Costa 5
Melanie Hawthorne 6
Brianna Kichler 1
Tatum Robinson 1
Audrey Thompson 5
Donna Toohey 1
Sarah Ward 8



NEW JERSEY

Elanna Tolz 1

NEW YORK

Emily Campbell 1
Kristin Dowdy 4
Priscilla Griffin 52
Kathryn Morgan 1
Courtney O'Connor 1
Oreo Portuondo 27
Emily Radler 1

OHIO

Jess Clody 1

PENNSYLVANIA

Tasha Comstock 1
Juan Estepa 2
Eva Gruenberg 5
Annie Morgan 1
Colby Schmitt 1
Julia Weigel 2
Phoebe Wraith 1

RHODE ISLAND

Laurie Anderson 4

TEXAS

Hannah Bablak 1
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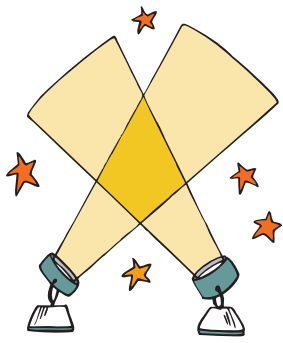
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Hannah George 1

WASHINGTON D.C.

Riley Oshiro 2

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



Super Star Staff Spotlight...

Introducing our Summer 2017 Leadership Team!

OFFICE STAFF & PROGRAM TEAM

**KATHY BYRNE**

Office Manager, 3rd summer, Dublin, Ireland

When I am Not at Wico:

Usually I work as an accountant, but this

year I got to leave that behind and travel around New Zealand for a few months made possible by some amazing Wico friends.

Favorite leadership quote: "No one else can write your story."

Experience in your area: I have over 10 years working in an office environment, 7 of those years have been in a managerial position.

This summer I am most excited to:

Catch up with friends from last year, see returning campers, meet first-time campers and spend time out on Newfound Lake.

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why?

As an international staff member it so important to feel a sense of belonging and Wico makes you feel at home instantly.

**PRISCILLA "Prissy" GRIFFIN**

Program Team, 52nd summer, Latham, NY

When I am Not at Wico:

I teach Kindergarten.

Favorite leadership quote: "Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others." – Jack Welch

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer?

Develop confidence in yourself. Make a close friend. Be a responsible member of a community.

This summer I am most excited to: work with the Totems on fun plans

for the camp and work with the new program "dream team" to develop some great activities for the whole camp.

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why?

Confidence. Girls leave Wico ready to be members of a community and ready to develop their competencies in a variety of different endeavors.

**HAYLEY "HAYLS" BARNES**

Program Team, 4th summer, Ocean Springs, MS

What brings you to Wico?

A chance to return to what I know and love - the people, the place, and everything that those represent.

Being a leader means: Admitting when you don't know something and accepting help from your team.

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer?

I hope they will allow themselves to be the kids they are and fully embrace the separation from technology.

This summer I am most excited to:

Be a part of the magic that the Program Team creates for camp.

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why?

Community! Every job at camp is hard, but it's worth it -- I've never had a job at which I felt more at home and more loved.

**KATIE KEMP**

Program Team, 4th summer, Australia

What brings you to Wico?

It may sound cheesy, but....

They say find a job you love, and you'll never work a day in your life - working at Wico is that job for me.

Being a leader means: Striving to be the best you can be while inspiring and motivating others to do the same.

What goal(s) do you have for the

girls at Wico for this summer? To make the most of every moment and approach every opportunity camp gives them with a positive, can do attitude.

This summer I am most excited to:

Take on a new role at camp, and rock my favourite hairstyle, the high side pony, without any weird looks for 3 months!

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why?

Definitely community, as it's what keeps me coming back to Wico and away from home year after year!

**SARAH "SJW" WARD**

Res Life Coordinator (Supervising Kineo, Zuni & Totem Head Counselors), 8th summer, Milford, NH

When I am Not at Wico: I am a Spanish teacher for 6th-8th grade students and a fitness instructor at Hampshire Hills Athletic Club.

What brings you to Wico? I love being able to share my love for camp and Wicosuta each summer with our campers and staff.

Experience in your area: Over the last five summers I have worked as a Head Counselor for Kineos, Agawans, Zunis, Totems.

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? One goal I have is for our girls to push themselves outside their comfort zone and to try as many new things as possible.

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why? Confidence-It is incredible to watch the girls at Wicosuta become the strongest, most confident versions of themselves while making friends and learning new skills.

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HEAD COUNSELORS



MELANIE "MELON" HAWTHORNE

Head counselor, 6th summer, North Conway, NH

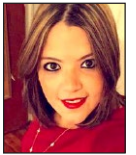
When I am not at Wico: I

teach high school Spanish.

What brings you to Wico? I come to Wico every summer because it's my favorite place to be!

This summer I am most excited for: The Eagle moving up ceremony. It's so special and so much fun!

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why? My favorite Wico C is community. I love being part of something bigger than myself. I also love how open and accepting our camp community is-- I know I can be myself with no judgement.



SHIARAH "SHI, SHI-SHI" TEJADA

Head counselor, 10th summer, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (currently New York City)

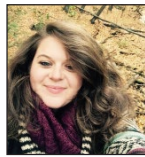
When I am not at Wico: I just completed a Masters in Early Childhood and Special Education at Columbia University, Teacher's College

Favorite leadership quote: "Great leaders don't set out to be a leader...they set out to make a difference. It's never about the role--always about the goal."

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? 1) I want all the campers to enjoy the experience, to have fun and to be themselves at all times. 2) To not be afraid to try new things. 3) To gain confidence and to feel part of the wonderful Wico community.

This summer I am most excited to: Meet all the new campers and to also reunite with all the returning campers! I am also really excited about all the activities and to spend one more summer at my 2nd home!

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why? I cannot just pick one. The community allows both campers and staff to grow and to become more confident in themselves and competent in many different areas. Knowing that you are in a place where you feel welcomed/connected, gives you the freedom to step out of your comfort zone and try new things (gaining confidence and developing competence).



RAHEL "RAHELI" GRUENBERG

Head Counselor, 1st summer, Boston, MA

How I spend the 10

months before camp: I am an educator and help to run a 6-12th grade youth program.

Favorite leadership quote: "If your actions create a legacy that inspires other to do more, be more and become more, then, you are an excellent leader." Dolly Parton

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? To be their most authentic selves.

This summer I am most excited to: Meet awesome campers and staff, be outside, and visit the horses!

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why? Community because when we are in community, we have the foundation to grow the most and become the best versions of ourselves.



KATE TOPLEY

Head Counselor, 6th summer, Lexington, KY

When I am not at Wico: I teach 7th and 8th grade Science, and coach travel volleyball.

What brings you back to Wico? I come back to Wico because of the interactions I get to have with the kids outside the classroom. Every summer I get to come back to this amazing camp, and see how much all the campers and staff have grown over the last few months.

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

Experience in your area: My experience at Wico has included being a bunk counselor, Activity Head, and currently being a Head Counselor. Since I have held multiple positions at camp I try and help the girls within my division not only have a wonderful experience within their cabins, but at all their activities.

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!!



LINSEY "LINS" AITKEN

Head Counselor, 5th summer, Glasgow, Scotland

What brings you to Wico?

It's something special that I can't really put into words.

Camp life is so unique and the last four summers have been nothing short of life changing for me. I'm very excited to see what Summer 2017 brings.

Favorite leadership quote: "Be the kind of leader that you would follow."

Experience in your area: For the past two years at camp I have worked with the Res life team as a Group Leader, and Assistant Head Counselor. Outside of camp I am also a Physical Education Teacher, so a lot of my time is spent working with kids.

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? Make new friends, but keep the old. Learn something new, teach something new to another, and have the summer of their lives!

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why? Community, the community at Wico is one of the strongest I've ever been a part of. I met my best friends at Wico, and I know I am not alone. Watching the girls make lifelong connections with campers and counselors is such an amazing thing. Camp community doesn't end when you leave Wicosuta, it will stay with you for the rest of your life, and that to me is something very special.



CAROLINE "KANSAS" EWING

Head Counselor, 5th summer, Kansas City, Kansas

When I am not at Wico: I am a part time poet/ghost writer/rapper - Full time high school English teacher and soccer coach.

What brings you to Wico? I started coming to Wico for the slight competitive edge we seem to hold annually in the inter-camp tooth competition, I keep coming back because it's the only place I've worked that consistently does what is right for kids; everyone is the best version of themselves at Wico.

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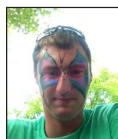
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What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? I want the girls to learn about what it means to leave legacy and help them discover, shape and leave their own legacy. I also want the girls to grow more confident in developing and using their unique voices.

This summer, I am most excited to: Sit down and learn how to make a friendship bracelet – hopefully host a Wico Poetry Slam – “make new friends and keep the old” and to hang out with Priscilla Griffin.

Which of Wico’s 3 C’s is your favorite and why? I honestly can’t pick because they all of the three C’s are aligned with my core value; they are integral to how I live my life and you can’t have one without the other.

ACTIVITY HEADS



AARON “Azza” BALL
Pool Activity Head, 9th summer, Christchurch, New Zealand

What brings you to Wico:

The ability to work with children and to make a difference in their lives!

Favorite leadership quote: “A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? For them to have fun and improve in swimming.

This summer, I am most excited to: See the growth in the campers from the beginning of the session to the end.

Which of Wico’s 3 C’s is your favorite and why? Confidence! Camp has given me the chance to do so many things I would never had done before. I know I can thank Wico for that!



ALYSSA COSTA
Drama Activity Head, 6th summer, Concord, NH

How I spend the 10 months before camp: Teaching music to middle schoolers!

What brings you to Wico? I have always loved working kids and I love that Wico gives me the opportunity to do that during my summers off from teaching. I always learn so much at camp and I love incorporating what I learn in the summer into the rest of the year!

Favorite leadership quote: “You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things.” – Mother Teresa

Experience in your area: During the school year, I’m the director of the drama program at the middle school and I’m the vocal director of the musical at the high school. I’ve also been involved in theater since elementary school.

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? I’m excited to see the girls gain confidence by being involved in the drama program. Performing can be one of the scariest things and once you try it and get through it, you’re much more confident about the next time!



KENDALL BERTON
Landsports Activity Head, 3rd summer, Portsmouth, NH

How I spend the 10 months before camp: As a language and culture assistant for the community of Madrid in Spain. I assist English classes for grades 4, 5 and 6 at a public elementary school.

What brings you to Wico? First, I come back for the campers. I love seeing how much these amazing girls grow and learn from summer to summer, not only in landsports but also throughout all areas of camp. Second, I come back because I love to share my knowledge and passion of sports with girls who are looking to try a new sport or improve a sport they have been playing for years.

Favorite leadership quote: “People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel.” – Maya Angelou

Experience in your area: Growing up there wasn’t a season where I wasn’t on a soccer team, running track or ski racing competitively. Throughout high school and college, I kept up with soccer and ski racing. After graduating from college, I returned to my hometown and was a coach at Portsmouth High School for girls’ soccer, ski racing and winter and spring track. I was also a substitute teacher. After a year and a half at PHS, I was accepted into the language auxiliary program of Spain to gain more experience inside the classroom.

This summer, I am most excited to: Reconnect with the campers both old and new! It is so cool how many of the girls choose to come back to Wicosuta every summer and it is amazing to see how much they have grown from summer to summer. What is even more special is how open and welcoming returning girls are to new campers. I love being able to share that experience of helping new campers feel comfortable and excited about camp with the help of veteran campers. It really unites the whole camp!

Which of Wico’s 3 C’s is your favorite and why? At this point in time, Community is my favorite. We have so many great campers from all over the world. They are able to build such strong, positive relationships with one another that are continued outside of camp. That community has lead campers to travel to different places and have new experiences with each other. Now with social media and email, they can share and maintain their friendships within the Wico community beyond Hebron, NH. What is so interesting is that I have gone through the same thing. Thanks to camp, and the friendships I have made, it has lead me to travel more and have amazing experiences while also having the support system via technology as I live abroad.



ELISE “Kiwi” BROWN
Horseback Riding Activity Head, 2nd summer, Ashburton, New Zealand

When I am not at Wico: I work on a farm milking

cows. I milk 800 cows twice a day which takes about 5 hours at time. I also teach horse riding to children in the district.

What brings you to Wico? Summer camp in America is something that is very hard to describe. It’s an unreal feeling, and a life changing experience. I return to Wico because I know I can have a strong influence on a lot of young girls’ summer camp experience and help be a positive influence in their lives.

Experience in your area: I have ridden horses since the age of 9 and competed pretty consistently since then in dressage, show jumping and eventing (cross country). I have taught horse riding in

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New Zealand since I was 18 years old. I have attended a few instructor courses to improve my teaching style and take on new ideas. I been a riding instructor and/or riding activity head at a camp for the past 7 summers.

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? My goal is that every girl goes away with a positive experience and some new skills learned. To have a safe and fun program that excites them!

This summer I am most excited to: Make the horse program a program that the children and staff enjoy. I am excited to get back involved with the philosophies of Camp Wicosuta and to have one of the best summers of my life!



COURTNEY "COURT" CANFIELD

Landsports Assistant Activity Head, 2nd summer, Orlando, FL

When I am not at Wico: I enjoy traveling; I just got back to the States from spending 8 months in New Zealand!

What brings you to Wico? I love teaching and helping others! I believe camp can have an immensely positive impact on children and their development and it's very rewarding to be a part of that. Of course the beautiful location brings everyone back!

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? Don't be afraid to try new sports! We are all here to help you succeed at trying new things and building one another's confidence.

This summer I am most excited to: Have fun and build some great connections with both campers and counselors.

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why? Community! Camp is like one big family. The friendships made at camp can last a lifetime and strong ones can get you through anything in life!



ASHLEIGH "ASH OR CUZZA" CURRIE

Outdoor Adventure Activity Head, 2nd summer, Belfast, Northern Ireland

How I spend the 10 months before camp: Keeping myself very busy with three jobs; coaching 6-10 year old kiddies in after-school clubs, marshalling in a trampoline park and serving lovely people

tasty food in Slims Healthy Kitchen. Playing rugby with my favorite people and looking after my two beautiful doggies are my favorite past times... all whilst planning my next world-wide adventure!

What brings you to Wico? Oh, the cookies and milk after campfire for sure! ;-)

Experience in your area: As well as spending a lot of my time in the great outdoors in the beautiful green countryside of the United Kingdom, I have completed four years of military training. My training included skills in navigation, mountaineering, survival techniques as well as leadership and problem solving abilities.

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? To challenge themselves to go out of their comfort zones whether by climbing mountains, camping out under the stars or giving up some of their comforts and going back to basics to appreciate the simpler things in life. I hope they gain an understanding of leadership and teamwork qualities and how these can be applied not just in Outdoor Adventure, but in all aspects of life!

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why? Confidence. For me, confidence is the fundamental quality of achievement and happiness... having confidence in yourself and your abilities can allow you to do anything and allow you to fully accept yourself. For me, that is happiness.



KRISTIN "K*BIRD, KDOWDZ" DOWDY

Dance and Fitness Activity Head, 4th summer, St. Louis, MO

Favorite leadership quote:

Leadership is about "laying the groundwork for others' success, and then standing back and letting them shine." -Chris Hadfield

Experience in your area: I have been a dancer for 20 years and once I finished my Undergraduate degree in dance performance, I performed and taught in New York City for 2 years. Now I am back in school getting my Masters in Dance Pedagogy and Choreography while maintaining my connections in the city. I have been teaching dance, gymnastics, and fitness classes since I was 16, and it is truly what I love to do.

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? I want campers to learn something new and have energy and enthusiasm in all of their activities.

This summer I am most excited to: Judge for Color War and WCC – those are my favorite days at camp, there is so much excitement, energy, and spirit packed into those three days.

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why? Community is my C of choice. If you have a supportive community or team around you, you can achieve anything.



JAYDEN "JAY, JAYDO" FAULL

Waterfront Co-Activity Head, 2nd summer, Melbourne, Australia

How I spend the 10 months before camp: Working as a firefighter for Forest Fire Management of Victoria preventing and fighting bushfires.

Experience in your area: I grew up waterskiing with my family. I continue to ski in my free time and over the summer, of course!

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? For each and every girl to come off the boat or beach with a smile on their face after achieving a new goal or level on the water.

This summer I am most excited to: Meet new people, eat s'mores and make sure everyone has a laugh!

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why? Confidence, it goes a long way whether it's at camp or in the future. It's a major life skill that helps with meeting new people, getting out of your comfort zone and feeling good about yourself!



STEPH LOVELOCK

Waterfront Co-Activity Head, 4th summer, Ashburton, New Zealand

How I spend the 10 months before camp: Teaching school kids in NZ how to sail!

What brings you to Wico? I love the people of Wico; the staff and campers make for a great community.

Being a leader means: Setting a good example and helping and inspiring others to set good examples, too.

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? I would love for the Wico girls to try their best and

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work on perfecting their water skills and confidence. Don't give up, figure something else out... try again!

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why? I really like the community of Wicosuta; I have always felt supported and felt an urge to support others in turn. The community spirit makes it such a special place.



MIKE "MOUNTAIN MIKE" NELSON
Xtreme Challenge Course Activity Head, 2nd Summer, Orem, Utah

What brings you to Wico? I heard Wico was THE best and it was, which is why I'm back for my second summer! I really enjoy nature, climbing, and adventure in general and I especially enjoy sharing my passion for it with others. Seeing the campers face challenges and overcome fears while having tons of fun makes my whole summer.

Favorite leadership quote: "Successful leaders see the opportunities in every difficulty rather than the difficulty in every opportunity." - Reed Markham

Experience in your area: 21 years of hiking/wilderness experience and 11 years of climbing experience. I was basically born on a mountain... reached my first peak at 5 years old and started rock climbing at 15 years old. Through the years I've been fortunate to learn from amazing climbers, explorers, and mountaineers who have taught me valuable lessons on safety and how to make the most of your surroundings.

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? My goal is to help each camper who comes to my area achieve their own personal goal (from going to the top of the giant swing or getting half way up the rock wall) and to learn something more about themselves, facing challenges, and making real life applications while doing so.

This summer I am most excited to: Be back at my summer home and to see the growth, progress, and happiness that comes from being in the Xtreme area of camp!



OREO PORTUONDO
Tennis Activity Head, 27th summer, Saugerties, NY. Originally from San Jose, Costa Rica

What brings you to Wico? The spirit of Wicosuta and the girls—I love seeing them grow, learn and enjoy their camp experiences.

Favorite leadership quote: "Actions speak louder than words."

Experience in your area: I have been a professional tennis coach for upwards of 30 years.

This summer I am most excited to: Watch the girls experience things for the first time—new activities, new friendships, positive challenges, etc. and to spend another summer on Newfound Lake.

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why? Community—it's what we are all about at Wico!



ELANNA TOLZ
Gymnastics Activity Head, 1st Summer, New Jersey (born and raised in Philadelphia)

How I spend the 10 months before camp: Working as a Support Teacher for grades K-3, coaching a gymnastics team and teaching gymnastics classes.

Favorite leadership quote: "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think"—Winnie The Pooh

Experience in your area: I was a competitive gymnast for most of my life and have been coaching for the past 9 years.

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? I would like the girls to gain new skills both in and out of the gym, as well as have a safe and fun summer that they can look back on. I want them to make new life-long friends and create experiences they would be unable to get elsewhere.

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why? Confidence is my favorite of the Wico 3 C's because confidence is needed in all aspects of life. You need confidence in order to achieve any goals, to feel good about yourself, and to grow into a well-rounded individual.

OPERATIONS



JAMES GILLEY
Operations Director, 4th summer, London, England

When I am not at Wico I:

Since summer 2016, I have been working remotely (managing a running charity I founded) whilst travelling around New Zealand and Australia. My home has been a great little van called Lucy and my profession, a driving singer!

Favorite leadership quote: "Ease is a greater threat to progress than hardship. Fall down seven times, get up eight. Keep moving, keep growing, keep learning. See you at work." - Denzel Washington

Experience in your area: My professional life has focused on working with youth, helping those who are less fortunate than I, and delivering at management level. Working at Wicosuta enables me to play a role in empowering young women, something I'm very proud of.

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? To see how many times we can high five!

This summer I am most excited to: High five until my hand turns red!

HEALTH CENTER



PATRICIA "TRICIA" VATRANO
Head Nurse, Melbourne, FL

What brings you to Wico? The opportunity to positively affect the lives of the girls at

the camp and to pass on some of the knowledge I possess.

Favorite leadership quote: Believe in yourself and you're halfway there!

Experience in your area: I've been a nurse for 21 years in multiple disciplines.

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? I want them to have an amazing time while learning life skills and building friendships to last a lifetime.

This summer I am most excited to: Witness the magic of Wico in action. It's one thing to see it on a video, but to see it in person is going to be amazing!

Super Star Staff Spotlight *Continued*

FOOD SERVICE



SONNY DURR
Head Chef, 10th summer,
Gainesville, FL

When I am not at Wico:
I work at a catering hall.

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

Experience in your area: I have been a chef for 25 + years in various places including U of F and other summer camps.

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

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



EVA "EVA THE DIVA" GRUENBERG

Food Service Coordinator,
4th summer, Boston, MA

When I am not at Wico:
I am a full-time graduate student earning my Master's in Social Work.

What brings you to Wico? The chance to attend Monster Mash for the first time ever...maybe even Gold Rush, too! And all the great people!

Favorite leadership quote: "When people talk, listen completely." --Ernest Hemingway

What goal(s) do you have for the girls at Wico for this summer? Form positive friendships, learn new skills, and love being outside in the fresh New Hampshire air!

Which of Wico's 3 C's is your favorite and why? Competence- there is no place quite like camp where you can safely try so many new things!

FACILITIES



JAY COLE
Facilities Director, 8 years
(full time), Newbury, VT

How I spend the 10 months before camp:
Preparing camp for the next season!

What brings you to Wico? The challenge of making a nice place even better.

Being a leader means: Giving skills to others so that they can someday be a leader.

This summer I am most excited to: See the burning of the "2017". It's beautiful and a highlight of each summer.

Which of Wico's 3 Cs is your favorite and why? I don't think you can have the other two Cs without the first: Confidence!

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Social media is a great way to keep in touch with camp friends all year long! We do want to remind you to be careful and considerate with the things you post on Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, and Twitter. Continue the Wico spirit of inclusion and acceptance throughout the year and be sensitive to others in your Internet conversations with friends.



Just remember to "Be your best self" in all you do!



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First Session Begins	Saturday, June 24
First Session Two-Week Program Begins	Thursday, July 6
First Session Programs End/Visiting Day	Wednesday, July 19
Second Session Begins.....	Saturday, July 22
Second Session Two-Week Program Begins	Thursday, August 3
Second Session Programs End/Visiting Day	Wednesday, August 16

TOTEM ALUMNAE DAYS

**For 2014, 2015
and 2016 Totems:**

**Saturday, July 15
and Saturday, August 12**

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