THE WICOSUTAN

Building Confidence, Competence & Community Since 1920 Winter 2025

Letter from the Directors

Greetings & Happy 2025 from Wico! The New Year is an exciting time at camp. Our summer planning ramps up, projects at camp start to take shape, camper groups fill and we continue to hire amazing staff. In short, we can envision the summer to come and know that Wico's 105th will be our best yet!

We were fortunate to reunite with many of you at our New York and Boston area reunions. Thank you to those who joined us! See page 5 to view photos taken at each of these events. We reunited with returning campers and met some incredible first-time campers. A big thanks to these awesome Wico Staff for their help: Priscilla Griffin, Sarah Calvert, Katy Canistraro, Chloe Finn, Hilary Judd, Melanie Hawthorne, Lisa Stibbard, Sophie Dockswell and to Amanda Kingloff, a Wico parent, who assisted us again this year with our annual Shrinky Dinks project. Each year, we add more art "stations" to the reunions—this year we added hair tinsel!

In the months leading up to camp, as questions arise, don't hesitate to ask! Rest assured that questions that may feel silly are, in fact, often the most important to ask. Remember that you are not the only one wondering about packing, bunking, camp food or laundry—to name a few! Parents of first-timers, please join us for our monthly Campfire Chats. Topics include packing, completing camper forms and adjustment to camp.

Keep an eye out for updates on our building projects. We have included some photos in this newsletter and will share more in the spring. As always, we are just a phone call away!

Lots of Wico Love,

Grey, Justin & Carly

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CAMPER CORNER



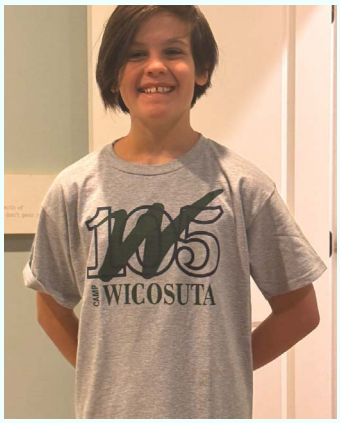
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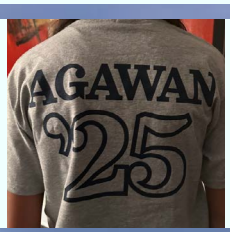
Bea S.
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Elsa W.
Kineo



Harper B.
Casco



We LOVE seeing all of you in your Wico 2025 enrollment t-shirts! Shirts are mailed monthly. Keep an eye on your mailbox and email us a photo of you in your new Wico swag!



Dear Liz...



I hope that everyone is having a wonderful start to 2025! I am so excited that our 105th Summer is officially THIS YEAR! It was wonderful to see so many campers and staff at the New York and Boston reunions! We have been busy hiring our 2025 staff and are excited to welcome so many 2023 and 2024 staff back to their summer home!

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

Love,
Liz

Dear Liz,
My daughter loves Wico and can't wait to go back, but she was homesick last summer during the first few days of camp. Do you have any tips to help her adjust more easily this summer?

Dear Homesick Parent,
It's great to hear how much your camper loves Wico! Missing home is normal, even for returning campers. Sometimes it is even harder for returning campers because they know what to expect. Let her know it's okay to miss home and remind her how quickly those feelings fade once she dives into camp activities. Encourage small moments of independence before summer, like sleepovers or tackling new challenges. Pack pre-addressed envelopes for letters home, and when you write, keep your tone upbeat. Remind her, our staff is trained to support campers through these moments, helping them settle in and enjoy all that Wico has to offer! We can not wait to welcome her back to her summer home!

Dear Liz,
I'm super excited for camp this summer, but I always have a hard time deciding what activities to pick when there are so many fun options! How can I make sure I don't miss out on anything awesome?
Dear Activity Explorer,
It's awesome that you're excited to try everything! My advice is to keep an open mind and be willing to step outside your usual comfort zone. Try new activities even if they're different from what you've done before—it's a great way to make new friends and discover new passions. Don't forget to ask your counselors or friends for recommendations, too! At Wico, there's always something fun happening, so you'll never miss out on the adventure and will have the opportunity to switch around your schedule if you feel like you missed signing up for anything you wanted in advance.

Email fun news about celebrations, activities, school, camp sleepovers, etc. to corey@campwicosuta.com. We'll include your news in the next edition of The Wicosutan.

WE WELCOME YOU TO WICO CAMP

First Session

Note: This is not a complete list of first-time campers. Each first-time camper will be included in one addition of the Wicosutan.

Oski

Tiwa A.
Darcy C.
Reese C.
Rowan C.
Cecelia F.
Serena F.
Audrey H.
Maria R.
Austin S.
May Z.

Coo

Victoria C.
Sofia C.
Felicity C.
Ana M.
Pippa M.
Devin S.
Marley S.

Casco

Sally B.
Colette D.
Paige F.
Louisa L.
Noa L.
Caroline S.
Maya S.

Zuni

Roberta C.
Madelyn H.S.

Kineo

Lucrecia C.
Violet F.

Agawan

Maelani C.
Thea G.

Eagle

Adhira C.
Fatima H.
Ariana L.
Charlotte M.
Emilia O.

Second Session

Oski

Isabella B.
Penelope G.
Goldie S.
Mathilde S.

Casco

Sara R.
Lila S.
Teya D.

Coo

Bianca C.
Charlotte D.
Zoe K.
Alexis M.
Caroline O.
Nina R.
Harper S.
Grant S.
Grace T.
Grace Y.

Eagle

Rowan B.
Lucia E.
Sofia I.
Ana K.
Macey M.
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Kineo

Teddy F.

Agawan

Cassie A.
Kumi L.



Winter Reunions!

















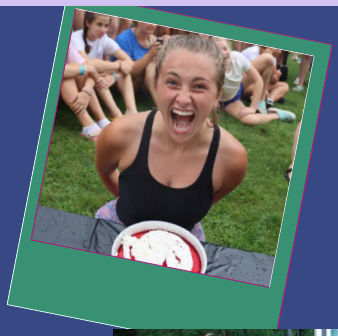






Coffee Chats with Catherine

HEY WICO!



As you may already know, I was a Wico girl well before I joined the full-time team in March of 2023. My first summer at Wicosuta was in 2010 as a camper. This summer, Wicosuta turns 105 . Coincidentally, Summer 2010 (my first summer) was Wico's 90th year celebration. In the 15 years since my first summer, much has stayed the same – we sing the Goodnight Song after evening activity; we do our weekly campfires up at the Old Pine Tree; we send wish boats across the lake on our last nights at camp; we write bus notes to friends and counselors, and so much more.

While each day at Wico is baked in tradition, our team works all year long to evolve programs, facilities, and new traditions!



Every year our maintenance team works to renovate and refresh our bunks – from the bathrooms to the porches; My first bunk at Wico, Bunk 6, still stands in the same place, with my bunk plaque hanging on the wall.



Like many of our families, my parents would look throughout the summer to see pictures of me at camp posted to the website. We now have a facial recognition feature to easily find your camper in the photos posted daily during the summer – I used to wear bright, knee-high socks every day, so my mom could easily spot me in photos!



Each summer, we hold a fundraiser. Project Morry Day. In 2010, we swam laps to fundraise for Project Morry. Last summer, we revamped the day and move to a Walk-a-Thon, counting laps run or walked around camp! Take a look at my participation certificate from 2010!

As we celebrate Camp Wicosuta's 105th summer, I'm proud to be part of a legacy that continues to bring joy and growth to generations of campers. I cannot wait until the summer is here – and for you all to see what's in store for Summer 105!

Love you a latte,
Catherine

Priscilla's Puzzles



Here is a list of words, each of which can be represented by a single letter of the alphabet. Can you figure out what letter?

1. A liquid you can drink hot or cold: _____
2. An exclamation: _____
3. A question: _____
4. A vegetable: _____
5. Someone who likes to solve puzzles: _____
6. You see with it: _____
7. People waiting in line: _____
8. A large body of salt water: _____
9. An insect: _____
10. Exclamation, _____whiz:_____

Answers: 1. T; 2. O; 3. Y; 4. P; 5. U; 6. I; 7. Q; 8. C; 9. B; 10. G

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Alana Berard

Years at camp & position: *Dance & Fitness, 2024 & 2025*
Hometown: *Haverhill, Mass*
When I am not at camp, I am... *Studying psychology at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts*
My inspiration for working as a camp counselor is: *I loved my summer camp experiences as a child. I want to help give the next generation of girls those same experiences, so they can grow in confidence and create a supportive community.*
Person I Look Up To & Why: *My mom. I really admire her work ethic and devotion to her family.*
Place I Would Most Like to Visit: *New Orleans, LA because I want to try really good beignets!*
Favorite Camp Meal or Snack: *The campfire cookies are the best treat!*
My go-to karaoke song: *Any song by Olivia Rodrigo*
Favorite Camp Memory: *I loved participating in Sing at the end of the sessions. Getting to see the campers' enthusiasm for camp through song was something I really enjoyed.*
My advice for a first-time Wico camper is... *Talk to everyone! Putting yourself out there can seem intimidating, but everyone at Wico is super friendly, and making connections will make your camp experience so much better!*

Years you've worked at camp & position: *Waterfront, 2024 & 2025*
Hometown: *Sydney, Australia*
When I am not at camp, I am... *usually working a retail job and getting training in music, but as of this year, I am traveling the world.*
My inspiration for working as a camp counselor is: *My love traveling, staying active, and meeting new people—and I've always loved working with kids. It is the perfect way to combine all the things I enjoy into one amazing experience.*
Person I Look Up To & Why: *My mum. She is the perfect example of strength, kindness, and selflessness. Her support and love are constant, and she inspires me to be the best version of myself.*
Place I Would Most Like to Visit: *Morocco!*
Favorite Camp Meal or Snack: *Greek Chicken*
My go-to karaoke song: *When We Were Young by Adele*
Favorite Camp Memory: *Staying up late in the cabin, sharing stories, laughing uncontrollably, and creating bonds that made our time at camp unforgettable!*
My advice for a first-time Wico camper is... *Embrace every moment with an open mind. Try new activities, make an effort to talk to people, and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone.*



Sarah Carlton

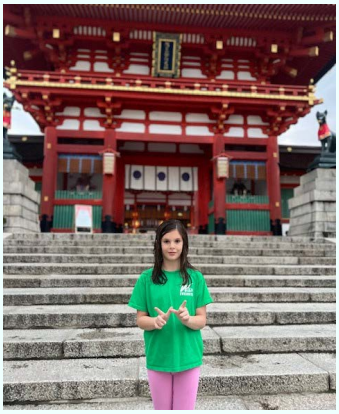


Abbie Letham

Years you've worked at camp & position: *Horseback, 2024 & 2025*
Hometown: *Glasgow, Scotland*
When I am not at camp, I am... *Studying business and marketing at The University of Stirling and working in a retail store.*
My inspiration for working as a camp counselor is: *Knowing that I can be part of so many campers' and counselors' forever memories, while sharing my passion for horses and riding.*
Person I Look Up To & Why: *My older sisters. They have always supported and encouraged me in everything I do while surrounding me with so much love and positivity. Being at camp allows me to do the same for the campers and pass on the knowledge and support my sisters have always given me!*
Place I Would Most Like to Visit: *The Maldives*
Favorite Camp Meal or Snack: *Cook Out*
My go-to karaoke song: *Wagon Wheel by Darius Rucker*
Favorite Camp Memory: *My favorite memory is arrival day; seeing & meeting campers, and watching them reunite with friends.*
My advice for a first-time Wico camper is... *Jump in and always try new things! It might feel scary and uncomfortable, but by the end you will want to relive every moment!*

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS WICO?

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



Franny G.
Fushimi Inari Shrine,
Kyoto, Japan



Charlotte & Vivienne W.
Aruba



Marlowe S.
The Liberty Bell,
Philadelphia, PA



Maya G.
The Bahamas



Tess & Helen T.
Baker's Bay,
The Bahamas



Malena W. & Olivia Z.
Jingle Ball,
Washington D.C.



Lilla E. & Sophie D.
Top of the Rock,
New York City



Charlotte B.
Disney World,
Orlando, Florida



Rayna & Amath N.
The Duomo
Milan, Italy



Gracie D., Avery M.P., & Eden R.
Sabrina Carpenter Concert,
Hartford, CT



Abbie R. & Elsie C.
London, UK



Lily G. & Scarlett R.
Brookline, MA

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS!



Congratulations to alumae, Sarah Perlis, on her recent wedding! In attendance were Wico alumnae: Kayla Schwartz (bridesmaid) and Caroline Perlis (sister and maid of honor).

Mazel Tov to Juliette H. on her recent Bat Mitzvah! Juliette was fortunate to celebrate with some of her Wico besties!





A group of Wico 2024 staff reunited for Abbie Letham's 21st at the end of November - the theme was to dress up as something that starts with the first letter of your name. They danced to Cotton Eyed Joe and Hot To Go on repeat!



Arabella V., Zoe L., and Alexandra, Seraphina & Elyanna V., cheered on both Carly and Catherine as they ran the 2024 NYC Marathon in November. Thanks for being such great cheerleaders, girls! Carly and Catherine, you inspire us all!







KINGS & QUEENS & BISHOPS TOO, WANNA WISH THE BEST TO YOU!

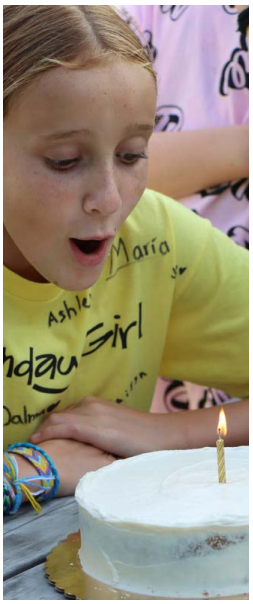
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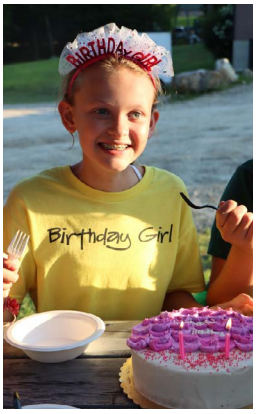
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Lu M. 1/20
Samantha G. 1/22
Sylvia O. 1/23
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Mila T. 1/23
Margot M. 1/24
Vivienne L. 1/26
Isabella S. 1/26
Reece D. 1/27
Remi D. 1/27
Cady F. 1/28
Mila R. 1/30
Leigh C.W. 2/1
Teya D. 2/1
Zoe B. 2/2
Lila M. 2/3
Rhea A. 2/4
Poppy M. 2/4
Ana M. 2/5
Xavi P. 2/5
Nora M. 2/6
Olivia G. 2/7
Elma J. 2/8
Elsa K. 2/8
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Serena F. 2/11
Sienna H. 2/11
Maria I. 2/11
Liana W. 2/11
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Elizabeth G. 3/30
Olivia L. 3/31
Elize O. 3/31
Faith R. 3/31



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Rhiannon Williams 1/2
Manuela Hernandez Ramos 1/10
Grace Easton 1/11
Nikki Nom 1/15
Georgia Wright 1/16
Juliana Coelho 1/17
Salma Sosa Vazquez 1/26
Isobel Trophy 1/31
Mabel Smaller 2/3
Natalia Calderon 2/6
Maja Jasaraj 2/10
Shandrey Allman 2/11
Sarah Carlton 2/11
Olivia Harper 2/12
Gracen Kerns 2/22
Mallory Godwin 2/26
Leonardo Ortiz Lopez 2/26
Lydia Tustin 3/8
Enrique Bernal Rosales 3/9
Nair Tolomeo 3/9
Hana Witters 3/12
Elanna Tolz 3/14
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Leigha Hughes 3/17
Karen Castillo Aguilar 3/24
Daisy Scott 3/27
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CAMP SISTER PROGRAM

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

I am a first-time camper. When can I expect to hear from Wico and then from my big sister?

We will email you with your big sister's contact information over the next few weeks. We will also share a journal page that you may complete and send to your big sister to help her get to know you and vice-versa.

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

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



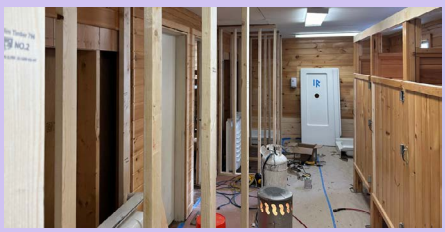
For both big and little sisters:

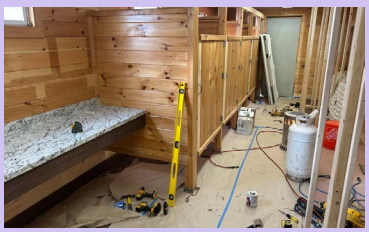
Once you get your camp sister's name and contact information, we encourage you to reach out to each other ASAP. There's no reason to wait! We hope that you enjoy getting to know one another!

WHAT'S NEW AT WICO?

Wico is closed for the winter months, but our maintenance team is as busy as ever! Here are some projects they are working on for the 2025 camp season!

- Updating bathrooms in Bunks 9, 14 and 15!
- Coming in the spring... We are beautifying the Art Barn/Bungalow exterior areas with new paving, walkways, additional seating & landscaping
- Waterfront: Reupholstering our motor boats!
- Fitness: Get ready for new equipment for our fitness center!







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Important Dates

First Session Full & Explorer Session Begin.....Wednesday, June 25th
First Session Explorer Program Ends.....Tuesday, July 8th
First Session Ends.....Saturday, July 19th
Second Session Full & Explorer Session Begin.....Tuesday, July 22nd
Second Session Explorer Program Ends.....Monday, August 4th
Second Session Ends.....Friday, August 15th

WICO TURNS 105!

Believe it or not, Summer 2025 will be Camp Wicosuta's 105th summer! We will be welcoming Wico alumnae from T'21 and older up to camp from August 22-24, 2025 to celebrate! Please contact catherine@campwicosuta.com for questions.

We send emails throughout the year to campers and their families. Please keep us posted of new email addresses and send updates to: catherine@campwicosuta.com! Thanks!