



THIS SUMMER WILL BE THE BEST EVER! WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO READ ABOUT:

- ☐ The winners of our Design Your Greystone Meal contest. What will you be eating at your session?
- ☐ Quiz: How well do you know your camp bestie?
- ☐ Brand new updates all around camp (think new FAC covered porch, new blob, chicken aviary, and more!)
- ☐ The 50 things that go through your mind before 8:30 a.m. on Opening Day.
- ☐ Bunk decorating tips!

READY FOR SUMMER!

A letter from Jimboy, as we countdown the days until the BEST SUMMER EVER!



JIMBOY MILLER
OWNER & DIRECTOR
and
KATIE MILLER GRANT
JUNIOR CAMP DIRECTOR

This is the last Sparks magazine for this season, and it is one of my favorites! In it you will get a glimpse into the people and the places that will make this summer our BEST SUMMER EVER. We think it will be the best summer of your life!

How can we make such a bold prediction? Because of the people! The campers and counselors that attend Greystone make camp what it is...and it is FUN. Campers are fun to get to know (writing each other before camp, saying hi to new people at the softball field on Opening Day, smiling and hugging during those first moments in the cabin, chatting, singing, laughing, dancing). You will love meeting the other campers! Counselors work hard to make camp fun for you (preparing great classes, always ready with a big smile and comforting word, always willing to talk, and always willing to listen). You will love meeting our counselors! This makes a great combination: a LOT of people who are serious about making friends and sharing good times. Everyone REALLY wants to be at Greystone because Greystone is the best place on earth!

Some of you may have waited a long time to come to camp. You may have spent months or even years on the Wait List - but now it is finally time for you to come! You are what makes camp great... and every year is better than the year before. We love our camp, love our campers, and love our counselors. Thank you for deciding to be here; we can't wait for you to arrive!

This is going to be the Best Summer EVER!

-JIMBOY







OPENING DAY

We cannot wait until Opening Day! We have the best summer planned, and we know you are going to love every minute of it. The fun starts when you arrive on the first day of camp! Remember to wear comfortable shoes as you'll be walking up the Pageant Court to your cabin. Bring an umbrella, just in case. See you soon!

NEW THIS YEAR

BUNKS:

Junior, June, AND August campers will have their beds assigned for them, making Opening Day a real breeze. When you arrive at your cabin on Opening Day, you will meet your counselor and then find your labeled bunk. It is so much fun to settle in to your new bed!

Main campers will choose their bunks when they arrive at their cabins on Opening Day morning. You'll meet your counselor and then pick out your bunk and begin to unpack (we don't allow any bunk saving).

CAMP BEDDING:

When you find your bunk on Opening Day, your bed will no longer be made for you. We will have sheets and a red jersey style blanket available for you to use, if you would like.

Remember for decorating your bunk, you can only bring bedding and photos.



OPENING DAY TIMELINE:

7:30 A.M - GATES OPEN

You can arrive at camp any time after 7:30 a.m. We will tag your bags and let you know your cabin assignment when you arrive. Head to our Opening Day tent to grab some camp SWAG, meet some camp families, and get your questions answered.

NEW THIS YEAR: OPENING DAY TENT

When you arrive at the Opening Day Tent, we will have our big cabin or age group signs around our softball field. If you would like to meet your Group Leader and other girls in your age group, head towards your sign.

8:30 A.M. - HEAD TO CABIN

Campers can head to their cabins at 8:30 a.m. We will have Staff at the Opening Day tent who can help you find your cabin. Your counselor will meet you at your cabin.

8:30 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. Unpack and settle in

After finding your cabin, you can unpack, take any medicines to Pill Hill, visit our Greystone Store, stop by our Parent Reception on the Dining Hall porch, and visit the Office (if you have a question).

10:15 A.M. - PARENTS SAY GOODBYE AND HEAD HOME!

All parents need to leave by 10:15 a.m. Camp begins!







PARENT & ALUMNAE RECEPTIONS

Join us at our Parent and Alumnae receptions on the Dining Hall porch on Opening Day from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

PARENT RECEPTION

Parents, you are invited to a reception hosted by the Millers on the Dining Hall Porch on Opening Day. Please come and meet Jimboy, Margaret, and Katie while also tasting our wonderful scones. We look forward to seeing you!

ALUMNAE RECEPTION

Alumnae, you are invited to the Alumnae table on the Dining Hall porch during the Parents Reception on Opening Day. We LOVE welcoming our Alumnae back to Greystone each summer! We want to honor you with special stickers and great giveaways, so bring your daughter by our table and snap a picture for the website; you might even run into some old camp friends from your years at Greystone!



OPENING DAY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Arrive through our staff entrance after 7:30 a.m. and we will have staff showing you where to park.
- ☐ Meet a Greystone Staff member at your car to find out your cabin assignment.
- ☐ Have your heavy bags tagged.
- ☐ Come find us at the Opening Day tent to grab some fun camp stickers.
- ☐ At our Opening Day tent, find your cabin or age group sign to meet some girls in your age group.
- ☐ At 8:30 a.m., head to your cabin for the first time! Group Leaders will be available to help you find your cabin, if you are not sure where your cabin is located.
- ☐ Carry your loose items up to the cabin area.
- ☐ Walk in your cabin and meet your counselor!
- ☐ Find your bunk, receive your name-tag, and start unpacking your things.
- ☐ Introduce yourself to the girls in your cabin and meet your new friends.
- ☐ Drop off all medications in the Health Hut.
- ☐ Visit the Dining Hall porch for the Parent & Alumnae reception.
- ☐ Visit the Greystone Store to purchase some camp merchandise.
- ☐ Hug your parents goodbye!





NEW PET POLICY

We love animals at Greystone! But on Opening Day, we ask that dogs and all other animals stay below our Lower Road, not going into the cabin area. Please put all animals on a leash.

50 THOUGHTS YOU HAVE BEFORE 8:30 AM ON OPENING DAY

- 1. IT'S HERE.
- 2. !!!!!!!!!
- 3. Drive faster, mom.
- 4. Ekkkkk, its the Tuxedo sign.
- 5. Here we are here we are!
- 6. Huh. Guess everyone else decided to come early too. Wonder how long this is gonna take?
- 7. What's my cabin what's my cabin tell me my cabin.
- 8. Okay great I love being an Upper! 10's a good number. I like TU10.
- 9. Where's Tentalow 10 again?
- 10. Who cares Softball Field here we come!
- 11. How can I carry my pillow in a non-awkward way?
- 12. THERE'S MY FRIEND!!!
- 13. *drops pillow to tackle friend*
- 14. We're in the same cabin!! Best year ever!!
- 15. Oh, pillow. Whoops.
- 16. The grass is SO WET. Why do I always forget how wet the grass is?
- 17. THIS IS THE BEST DAY EVER!
- 18. Wait it's only 7:40? How is it only 7:40? That can't be right.
- 19. Who's my counselor?
- 20. I CAN'T STAND THE ANTICIPATION.
- 21. So many people I love where do I even look now?
- 22. 30 more minutes now eeekkk.
- 23. I'M SO EXCITED!!!!!
- 24. Okay also nervous, just a little nervous too. This is normal, right?
- 25. Deep breaths.
- 26. Wonder what kind of scones they're going to have this year?

- 27. What does it say about me that I always want a bottom bunk?
- 28. I don't know if I can run up this whole hill.
- 29. Okay people are lining up that's a good sign right?
- 30. Wait there's still 15 minutes why are we all standing here?
- 31. Oh well, joining the crowd.
- 32. Okay, strategy time.
- 33.If I break away from the group and go to the left that would put me at the perfect angle to go straight to my cabin.
- 34. Does it really matter if I'm the first in there?
- 35. Probably not.
- 36. Are these Crocs going to fall off if I run?
- 37. Should have gone with the Chacos.
- 38. WHO IS MY COUNSELOR?!?!
- 39. Okay okay five minute countdown.
- 40. THIS IS HAPPENING.
- 41. Just going to inch forward a little closer to the line...
- 42. TOO CLOSE.
- 43. Ribbon's broken now, nothing stopping me from taking off...
- 44. 10... 9.... 8....
- 45. I'm so ready I could EXPLODE.
- 46. 6.... 5.... 4....
- 47. There's no way these Group Leaders can keep up with us.
- 48. 3... 2... 1...
- 49. I've trained all year for this.
- 50. BEST SUMMER EVER STARTS NOW!!













SUMMER THEME VERSE

Our theme for camp this summer is Joy! We'll be focusing on the verse:

"IN YOUR PRESENCE THERE IS FULLNESS OF JOY." PSALM 16:11

How exciting for us to learn that the way to find real, true and lasting joy is to be in God's presence! At camp, we feel joy all the time and that joy is greater because we are focused on God in prayer, devotions, praise & worship, and loving each other.









Here are some other joy verses you can think about and maybe even memorize before camp!

- "The joy of the Lord is your strength." -Nehemiah 8:10
- "I take joy in the God of my salvation." -Habakkuk 3:18
- "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." -Galatians 5:22-23
- "You have put more joy in my heart." -Psalm 4:7
- "For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy."
 -Ecclesiastes 2:26
- "The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord." -Isaiah 29:19
- "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people."
 -Luke 2:10
- "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."
 -John 15:11
- "Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."
 -John 16:24
- "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing." -Romans 15:14







CLASS AND FACILITY UPDATES!

We have some BIG things going on in our different activity areas, with many updates to the facilities where your classes take place. Hard to believe it's that time of year where all of these projects are coming together for the summer. We can't wait for you to see these changes to camp!



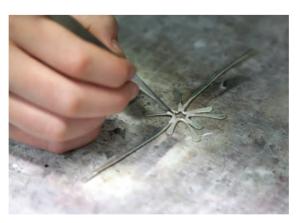
FINE ARTS PORCH

The FAC porch is being redone and we are adding a NEW ROOF to add more outdoor space for you to create without getting rained on. Can we get an "AMEN" for outsmarting NC afternoon showers!?!? You'll love this updated space at the FAC!



METAL JEWELRY Metal Jewelry is one of our most

Metal Jewelry is one of our most popular classes for our oldest girls at camp. The facility is getting a serious refresh; you'll love seeing its floors shine!





PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography will have a new and improved photo booth. Who doesn't love the octagon studio? Probably one of the only ones around!





CLASS AND FACILITY UPDATES CONTINUED





COOKING

Cooking is getting new gadgets (who doesn't love food processors, mixers and such?!). We love our Solveig, and she wants nothing but the best for you Greystone gals!



SEWING

Get excited Sew-ers! New sewing machines are coming your way!







FARM AND GARDEN
Farm and Garden is getting a new aviary for our wonderful feathered friends! This will keep the chickens safe, entertained, and ready to be cared for once you campers arrive.





CLASS AND FACILITY UPDATES CONTINUED



WATERPARK

Waterpark is getting a NEW BLOB, a NEW BIG SLIDE, and NEW PADDLE BOARDS! Watch out wedgie slide; these updated elements will be hard to beat.





TENNIS

The Tennis Courts are getting a new face-lift! With a new paint job and smooth surface, they will be ready for some action the moment you hear David Vining singing, "Oh what a beautiful MORNING"!





SAILING
Sailing is getting new sails – the marina will be a shiny beacon of FUN this summer!







MEAL CONTEST WINNERS

In our Fall Sparks, we ran a Contest asking YOU to Design Your Own Greystone Meal. Gervais and Alli were so impressed by all of the meal contest entries that they chose a winner for EVERY SESSION! We can't wait to see all of our winners in the Kitchen this summer! Without further ado, here are the winning meals:

JUNIOR CAMP

Virginia de Idiaquez's recipe for Bennett Burgers. Picture a super tasty version of a Sloppy Joe served alongside Corn on the Cob and Sweet Potato Rounds.

JUNE CAMP

Melanie McElroy's Sausage Macaroni Casserole. We guarantee this will taste even better than it sounds, especially when it's followed by Potato Chip Cookies for dessert!

MAIN CAMP

Elizabeth Pruellage's Penne Bolognese. This is not your average spaghetti dinner! Chopped up veggies in a meat sauce ladled over big rigatoni noodles plus Tiramisu for dessert—yum!

AUGUST CAMP

Alice Pittman's Tomato Basil Chicken. Tomatoes are at their best in August, so we can't imagine a fresher dish than pasta tossed with chicken, garlic, cherry tomatoes, and basil.















DECORATE YOUR BUNK SPACE

Decorating your bunk at camp can be SO FUN! One of the best parts of Opening Day is making your space feel like home. Here are a few things that might help when putting together the bunk of your dreams!

DRY ERASE BOARD OR MAGNET BOARD

You can even use a piece of poster board if you want to keep it easy!

PICTURES FROM HOME

One of the family, one of friends, maybe even one of a furry loved one at home! Having pictures of your friends, family, and pets is a GREAT way to start conversations in your cabin.

PLACE TO LEAVE NOTES

Make a space where friends can leave you notes throughout the summer. If you have a piece of poster board, I would recommend bringing some post-it notes to stick onto your very own message board!

NEW PICTURES

Leave room for pictures that you might take at camp with your new friends (hello photobooth!). These memories are the ones you will want to hang up for the rest of the summer!

KEEP IT SIMPLE!

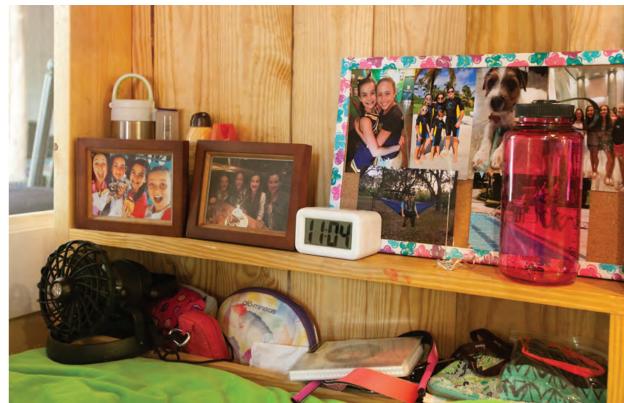
You are going to collect so many cool things while you are at camp. Whether its something you made in the FAC or something you picked up on a hike at Bear Mountain, make sure you leave plenty of space in your bunk for your collection of camp memories!











WHO WOULD WIN?

What would happen if the ultimate camp items faced off? When both are so beloved by campers and counselors alike, how do you decide which to pick? If you were making a pros and cons list, which would come out on top? Help us decide the Greystone champions!

FUNNEL CAKE

Meet funnel cake. Funnel cake is a camp classic - sweet, crispy, and with plenty of powdered sugar to top it off. To make it better, it's served by a star-studded crew - rumor has it that Jimboy's funnel cake recipe is a relic that has been passed on for generations. It's a true camp classic.



GRILLED CHEESE

Meet grilled cheese. A newcomer on the Carnival scene - gooey, buttery, and deliciously cheesy. Rumor has it that Ellen-Anne has spent hours in the kitchen feverishly searching for the right combination of bread, cheese, and butter. A true Carnival triumph.

TENNIS STAFF

Meet tennis staff. Tennis staff are known and loved throughout camp for their classic skit (is it fun??) and the great David Vining, their fearless leader. Full of funny traditions and cheesy jokes, not to mention the killer end-of-Main Camp tennis tournament, the tennis staff really brings the cool factor to those hot courts.



HIGH ADVENTURE STAFF

Meet high adventure staff. High adventure staff are known for their feats of daring and skill, as well as sense of humor. Whether heading up the pull team or speeding down the zip line, the high adventure team is always having a blast. They're known as much for their enthusiastic spirit as their perch high above camp - they're true camp celebs!









LIP SYNC

Meet Lip Sync. Beginning of camp cabin bonding experience, and every camper in camp's opportunity to shine on stage with her cabin. Tutus, the worm, funny song choices? It's a true camp favorite, and there's no feeling in the world like collapsing in laughter with your cabin as soon as you run offstage. #awesome.



COUNSELOR TALENT SHOW

Meet the Counselor Talent Show. What happens when counselors take the stage for the night? An adventure. Dancing Men Staff, crazy skits, and sweet choreographed dance moves - the Counselor Talent Show is where legends are made. If you didn't see it in the Counselor Talent Show, did it really happen?

CHALLENGE DAY

Meet Challenge Day. One of Greystone's oldest traditions and a defining factor of your camp wardrobe, Challenge Day is eagerly awaited at each session. Who doesn't love a good friendly competition (and maybe even some team face paint)? Whether you're screaming Rah for Odds or Kai-yai-yikis, there's no day quite like Challenge Day!



CARNIVAL DANCE CONTEST

Meet the Carnival Dance Contest.

The cherry on top of a night of great food and tons of fun, and the place to experience dance moves that may have never even existed before. Whether you're cheering on the outside of the circle or whipping your hair back and forth smack dab in the middle, the Carnival Dance contest is one of the most entertaining events that Greystone has to offer.

YOU DECIDE. CIRCLE YOUR WINNING OPTION FOR EACH PAIRING.









QUIZ: HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR CAMP BESTIE?

How well do you know your camp best friend? Take this quiz, guessing your best friend's answers. Then, check in with her to see how many you got right.

NEW TO CAMP? These are great questions to ask your Penpal, or you can make sure to ask your cabinmates when you get to camp!

FAVORITE THING TO GET AT SHOPPE: You: Bestie:		WANTS TO PASS A LEVEL IN THIS CLASS: You: Bestie:	
FAVORITE EVENING			UST BRING TO CAMP:
	Bestie:		Bestie:
LEAST FAVORITE JO	B ON THE JOB WHEEL:	EAVODITE DI	NING HALL SONG:
	Bestie:		Bestie:
FAVORITE CAMP DO	lG:	WOULD YOU	RATHER-
You:	Bestie:	Landsports	or fine arts?
WHAT YOU RUN TO	FIRST AT CARNIVAL:	You:	Bestie:
You:	Bestie:	WOULD YOU RATHER:	
PREFERRED REST H	IOUR ACTIVITY:		ay or Movie Night? Bestie:
You:	Bestie:		
FAVORITE CAMP MEAL:		WOULD YOU RATHER: Sprinkle shortbread cookies or dirt pudding?	
You:	Bestie:	You:	Bestie:
GO-TO DMC SPOT:			
You:	Bestie:	••••	
YEARS AT CAMP:		TOTAL YOU GOT RIGHT:	
You	Bestie:		













QUIZ: WHAT SHOULD BE ON YOUR SUMMER BUCKET LIST?

Whether it's rolling down the Pageant Court or having a DMC in the white chairs, we all have those things that make our summer complete. What must you do this summer? Take our quiz to find out the perfect things to put on your camp Bucket List, and then make them happen this summer!

- 1. My favorite memories always involve:
 - a. Thrills and more thrills
 - b. People that I love
 - c. Accomplishing something
 - d. Laughing really hard
- 2. If I created a class at camp, it would be:
 - a. Mountain Biking
 - b. DMC Class
 - c. Hair Braiding
 - d. Cat Camp
- 3. If I was a Gas Station snack, I would be:
 - a. Chex Mix
 - b. Chocolate Covered Pretzels
 - c. Original Lays Chips
 - d. Sour Gummy Worms

- 4. My favorite camp dessert is:
 - a. Dirt Pudding
 - b. Bread Pudding
 - c. Opening Day brownies
 - d. Sprinkle Sugar Cookies
- 5. My dream spring break is:
 - a. Bungee jumping! Whitewater rafting!
 - b. A road trip wtih my best friends
 - c. Getting crafty and creative at home
 - d. Beach and family board games
- 6. I love camp because:
 - a. It's just plain fun
 - b. My best friends are there
 - c. I get to try new things
 - d. I can be silly without anyone judging me













MOSTLY A'S:

Camp is all about adventure for you, so make sure to include some things on your list that will get your heart racing! Roll down the Pageant Court at Reveille. Jump in the lake that one day at Waterpark when it's really cold. Dance in the rain as often as you can. Catch the bar on the Leap of Faith. Take that class that always seemed a little "out there" for you. Enter the dance contest, and really go for it. Play in the mud every chance you get. Cheer for your team hard on Challenge Day.

MOSTLY B'S:

It's no secret why you come back every year - you're all about the people! Make the most of your time this summer by making your bucket list all about relationships. Have a DMC on every bench in camp. Meet someone new every day. Take a class without knowing anyone in it. Make a friend at least 2 years older or younger than you. Ask a Head Staff member on a Shoppe date. Memorize all the names at your new table on the first day.

MOSTLY C'S:

You love how camp allows you to try new things and grow, so focus on stretching yourself this year. You will feel so accomplished on Closing Day! Set your sights on the levels you want to pass early, and work towards them. Take at least one class every day that you've never done before. Practice a dance as a cabin and perform it in the Mini Talent Shows. Run all of the laps at Stumblers. Figure out what scares you a little bit, and do it anyway. This is the place to try!

MOSTLY D'S:

You love to laugh, and you do it a lot at camp! Make that bucket list all about letting go and being silly - where else can you do this kind of stuff and be loved for it? Wear a costume to all of your classes one day. Have a backwards day with your cabin. Suggest a theme night for your table in the Dining Hall. Take part in every dance party. Don't miss a Wildlife Wednesday or Freedom Friday. Laugh at Jimboy's jokes even when they're not funny. Make every day crazy hair day.

FACT OR FICTION

Think you can guess which of these statements is fact and which is fiction? Give it a shot and see how many you get right! (Answers at bottom of the page).







ACT	FICTION	
		1. "Are You From Greystone" was the first DH song.
		2. Dr. Margaret taught fencing as a counselor.
		3. There used to be clowns at Carnival.
		4. Greystone had a cat camp located behind the Palace.
		5. Greystone was originally located in Tennessee.
	0	6. There used to be a parrot that would fly around camp and land on people's shoulders.
		7. Jimboy will blob 100 times during the 100th summer.
		8. Sarah Brown brought the BLT to camp.
		9. Solveig once cooked dinner for Miley Cyrus.
		10. The canoe dock's "real name" is the summer dock.
	0	11. The Corned Beef Hash recipe was created by Dr. Sevier and passed down through the generations.
		12. Dr. Margaret won the gymnastics award every year.
		13. The Dining Hall was once located where the Gym is.
		14. This summer's Jr. Play is going to be "Seussical".
		15. Tuxedo was named by Jimboy's great grandfather.
		16. Under the Dining Hall, where the Lost and Found lives now, there used to be a typing class where campers learned to type on typewriters.
		17. Jimboy used to be in charge of the kitchen.
		18. Until the 1950s, Challenge Day was a week-long.
		19. We ate 13,200 bags of Beanitos last summer.
		20. When Laura was a counselor at camp, she was Department Head of Fishing.
		21. The Ceramics studio used to be the shower-house for all of the Tentalows.







MEET OUR SUMMER STAFF: CROSSWORD

We may be a little biased, but we think our 2018 staff is the best EVER! We know you're going to love them too, so we have them fill out Staff Bios on our website so you can get to know them a little better before you even get here. Find the Staff Bios by clicking on the link on our Homepage or by visiting: https://www.campgreystone.com/blog/tagged/summer--staff. All the answers for this puzzle can be found in their bios, so get searching! Who knows, it might even pay off this summer!









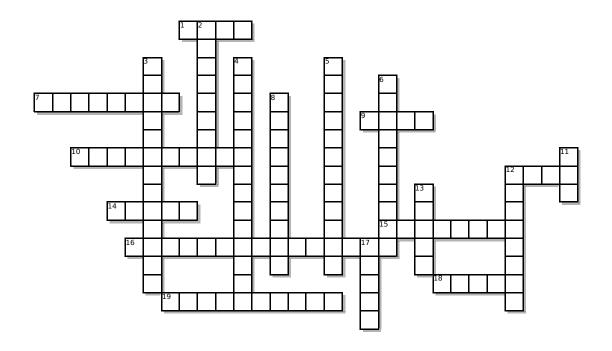








Staff Bio Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 You wouldn't guess that Anna Ford Pittard loves this school subject.
- 7 Rivers Owsley is doing this waterpark activity in her picture.
- 9 How many Carolines do we have on staff?
- 10 Where does Georgia Lydon go to school?
- 12 Simon Stokes will be the pastor at this session.
- 14 In how many ways is Junior Staffer Anna Katherine Daley double jointed?
- 15 What is Lilly Smith teaching this summer?
- 16 Where does Lauren Cheramie go to school?
- 18 How many years has Angela Bredeman been on staff?
- 19 She describes herself as spontaneous, adventurous, and hungry.

DOWN

- Where does Anna Covington want to move one day?
- 3 Which counselor knows every line of The Princess Bride?
- 4 What does Junior Staffer Maddie Wislar have to bring to camp with her?
- 5 This counselor is distantly related to Davy Crockett.
- 6 Playing the violin is one of her favorite activities.
- 8 Which counselor loves the Royal Family?
- 11 How many staff pictures have animals in them?
- 12 What is Junior Staffer Hanna Burlingame's hidden talent?
- 13 What movie genre does Jimboy love?
- 17 How many full summer staff have Sunflowers in their pictures?

READY TO JUMP INTO OUR 99TH SUMMER!!



























SPECIAL PACKING INFORMATION

In our Parent Handbook, we mentioned checking this Sparks for additional packing information based on events we may be having. This year, you do not need to pack anything extra beyond what is on our current Packing List.

Don't forget to bring these items already on our Packing List:

ALL SESSIONS:

Green and Gold items Dress-up clothes Clothes that can get messy

MAIN CAMP:

Derby Day clothes Fourth of July red, white, and blue Corn Roast hill-billy attire







BRAND NEW PHOTOBOOTH!

After many years of loving and using our old Photobooth, it is out with the old and in with the new! We can't wait for you to try out our new booth. Taking photos, videos, boomerangs, and more, you'll love this new setup!













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