



Camp Kata Kani Tales

Camp Fire USA Illinois Prairie Council



Welcome to Camp! A Summer of Outdoor Adventures!

Camp Kata Kani is so pleased you have joined us on our Outdoor Adventures, this summer. Every week is a different theme that explores one of the many adventures you may have in

the great outdoors. We are very excited and can't wait to share our enthusiasm. Our 3rd week of camp is themed: Red, White and Blue Week. We'll be celebrating patriotism, flags and

fireworks – all in anticipation of the USA birthday on July 4th. We are also looking forward to a visit on the wild side during our trip to Big Run Wolf Ranch in Lockport on Wednesday!

Our Garden – Help for the Hungry

Campers are continuing a garden project started by kids at the Woodridge Community Resource Center. We have heirloom tomatoes and peppers, cucumbers, a green bean tepee, squash and melons in the garden by the side of the cabin. Campers will have the opportunity to water and weed

the garden during their week and while doing so, learn not only what the plants are and how to take care of a garden, but how and why they are helping a part of their community. The vegetables will be donated to the Bolingbrook area food pantry. Since service learning is a big part of the core

values of Camp Fire USA, we will have other opportunities throughout the summer for community-based projects. If you know of a need in the community or would like to help volunteer a day with a project, please contact Holly “Berry”, your camp director for more details.

Please Remember to Send Every Day:

- Water bottle
- Bug spray
- Change of clothes
- Towel & swimsuit
- Lunch

Sneak Peek @ our week

Wednesday

- Field Trip to Big Run Wolf Ranch
- You need to bring a lunch today!
- **Don't forget to wear your camp t-shirt**

Thursday

- All Camp Extravaganza: Happy Birthday, America!
- Wear your Red, White, and Blue clothes!
- Grand Council Fire
- **You don't need to bring a lunch today. We will cook out our lunch today!**

Friday

- **NO CAMP** Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!

Make Every Day An Earth Day!

RECYCLING AT CAMP KATA KANI

It takes one person, one family, one community at a time to realize the benefits of living green. If you start talking to others about what you are doing to help the earth, maybe they will start doing the same things and sharing with others, and so on. Eventually, word and actions can reach tens to hundreds of people. Being silent is the earth's worst enemy.

Watch for your camper to bring home information for an easy way to recycle and help Camp Fire USA Illinois Prairie Council earn money. We are participating in the Cartridges for Kids recycling program, and we have an incentive your you! For each item your camper brings into camp, the camp will get points towards a special treat for the week. Sign up your work place to **turn in cartridges year 'round and we get bonus points! What a great way to keep these items out of land-fills!!** Recyclable items include:



- Printer cartridges
- Cell phones
- PDAs
- Laptops
- iPods and console games
- GPS systems



We are privileged to have several wonderful CITs this year, and one in particular, Aaliyah, is very talented. She has created some really cool name poems, and we want to share one with you here!

**Different
Individuals
Valuing
Each other
Regardless of
Skin
Intellect
Talent or
Years**



GOOD, CLEAN FUN!

We loved making volcanoes using vinegar and baking soda this past week! You can do the same thing for an eco-friendly and affordable way to help clean your kitchen sink pipes out. Pour some baking soda down your sink drain, 1/2 cup or so, then slowly pour a cup of vinegar down the drain. It will bubble just like our volcanoes and help keep your sink grease-free. If done on a weekly basis, you may just keep your sink from becoming slow draining or plugged!



Already have a plugged or slow-draining sink? Search a hardware store's plumbing shelves for a bacteria-based product. Their goal is to establish colonies of goop-eating, human-friendly **bacteria that keep drainpipes clear. To allow the "critters" time to establish themselves, pour in a little just before bedtime, after everyone has quit using the sinks.**

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Quote of the Week:

From Sandra Day O'Connor

"We don't accomplish anything in this world alone ... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something."

Camp Fire Builds Caring, Confident
Youth and Future Leaders!



JUST A FEW REMINDERS...

Don't forget to send a FULL water bottle, a nutritious snack, a lunch, sunscreen, and bug spray EVERY-DAY.

Afternoon pick up starts at 4:00 p.m. and ends at 4:15 p.m.

Please be sure to check your child's backpack daily. Important hand-outs, as well as crafts your child has done while at camp, will be in their backpack.

Don't forget to label all of your child's belongings with their name
ESPECIALLY WATER BOTTLES!!

It's a good idea to send your child in clothes that can get dirty. Please remember we are **OUTSIDE ALL DAY**—getting dirty is part of the fun! Put a swimsuit and towel in **your child's backpack**—you never know when we're going to get wet!

You may also want to put something on the seats (and floor) of **your vehicle so it doesn't get wet** or dirty.

Your camper may bring flip-flops or sandals in their backpacks, but **ONLY** for use when we play in the hose or water.

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Important Phone Numbers

Absent? Late? Emergency?

Questions? Concerns?

Need to reach Holly "Berry" our

camp director?

630-759-9723

If you have an emergency

call Berry's cell phone 630-854-8154

For billing inquiries & registration:

Administration Office

630-629-5160

Don't miss out on our Grand Council Fire Ceremonies this Thursday!

The kids work very hard on their skits and the bigger the audience, the more fun they have! Come see your child be recognized for one of their accomplishments at Camp on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. The show starts at 3:15 p.m. and will end about 4:00 p.m.!



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