



# Camp Kata Kani Tales

Camp Fire USA Illinois Prairie Council

## Welcome to Camp! A Summer of Outdoor Adventures!


Camp Kata Kani is pleased you have joined us on our Outdoor Adventures this summer. Every week we explore a different theme of the many adventures you may have in the great outdoors. We are very excited and can't wait to share

our enthusiasm! Our 8th week of camp is **themed: Let's Boogie.** The highlight of our week will be *Prom – 80's Style* for our All Camp Extravaganza on Thursday. This is a favorite event of campers and counselors. Campers may bring

dress-up clothes to change into, if they like.



## Please Remember to Send Every Day:

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

## Sneak Peek @ our week

*Wednesday:*

Field Trip to USA Roller Skating  
**Don't forget to wear your camp T-shirt** and bring extra socks to help prevent blisters!

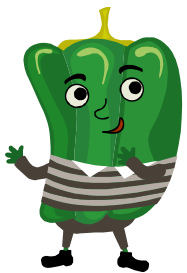
*Thursday:*

All Camp Extravaganza Event:  
**Prom-80's style**  
**We'll also be celebrating our 100 point mark** with our fundraiser - Cartridges for Kids - Campers will make their own mini-pizzas for a snack.

*Friday:*

CIT cook-out **DON'T BRING A LUNCH TODAY!**  
Grand Council Fire starts at 3:15 pm and ends at 4:00 pm

## 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. Our tomatoes have been moved to get more sunlight, and our

peppers are almost ready to be picked! Campers have been watering and weeding the garden and while doing so, are learning 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.



# Make Every Day An Earth Day!

## RECYCLING AT CAMP KATA KANI

Watch for your camper to bring home information for an easy way to recycle and help Camp Fire USA Illinois Prairie Council earn money. Throughout the year, we participate in the Cartridges for Kids recycling program. This summer, every item your camper brings in has helped the camp earn 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:



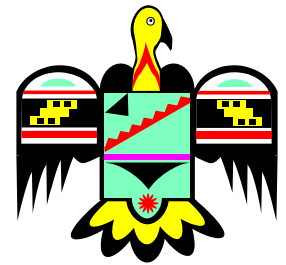
- Printer cartridges
  - Cell phones
  - PDAs
  - Laptops
  - iPods and console games
  - GPS systems
- Thank You!

## Quote of the Week:

from Chief Seattle

**“This we know; all things are connected like the blood that unites us. We did not weave the web of life; we are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.”**

This week's quote is from the book Brother Eagle, Sister Sky by Susan Jeffers. In this book, Chief Seattle's words have been transformed into an experience that children and families can understand and use to help create an awareness of a natural world that is rapidly losing its beauty. It further builds upon the 7 principles of our presenters from last week.



Our “Leave No Trace” friends Kate & Tracy taught us about environmental ethics for camping and hiking. We learned:

- The value of reviving natural areas, and methods to preserve them for future generations
- How to incorporate the “Leave No Trace” values to contribute to safe and fun outdoor trips
- “Leave No Trace” methods to help preserve limited recreational resources for today and tomorrow

Here are the 7 principles Kate and Tracy talked about:



1. Plan Ahead
2. Stay on the Path
3. Pack it in, Pack it Out
4. Leave What You Find
5. Be Careful of Fire
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

As our camp summer comes to an end, I hope you can fit some of these principles into your everyday life, as we try to do at Camp Kata Kani, thereby making Every Day an Earth Day!

- Holly “Berry” Anderson

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Camp Fire Builds Caring, Confident  
Youth and Future Leaders!

### Don't miss out on our Grand Council Fire this Friday!

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 Friday at 3:00 p.m. The show starts at 3:15 p.m. and will end about 4:00 p.m.!

Camp Kata Kani  
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

Visit us on the web!  
[www.campfireusa-illinois.org](http://www.campfireusa-illinois.org)

We were so very fortunate to have Kate and Tracy visiting us last week from "Leave No Trace". As their mission says, "the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics is an educational, nonprofit organization dedicated to the responsible enjoyment and active stewardship of the outdoors by **all people, worldwide.**"

Thank you for visiting!

[www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)



PARENTS, PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR KIDS TO CAMP WEARING SANDALS OR FLIP-FLOPS. FOR THEIR COMFORT AND SAFETY, THEY MUST WEAR SOME TYPE OF SHOE WITH A CLOSED TOE!

## JUST A FEW REMINDERS...

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

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 handouts, 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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