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Danyil "Dani" Safarov from Ukraine

During the summer of 2022 one of our campership recipients was Dani Safarov, a 6th grader, who spent two weeks at Kennolyn overnight camp. Dani came to the United States as a Ukrainian refugee after war broke out in his country. In February of 2022, Dani and his family were awoken by the sound of missile strikes in their hometown of Kyiv, Ukraine. It was decided that the family

would leave Kyiv and they were able to relocate to western Ukraine, finding shelter with a family they had just met. On March 15, 2022, Dani and his mother walked across the Romanian border and traveled to Bucharest where they met up with Olena DeKlotz, Dani's US quardian. Olena then took Dani with her back to Fresno, California, where he attended school and was welcomed into the community.

Dani returned to Ukraine in late August of 2022 in order to be with his family

and they are back living in Kyiv. Both his older brother and father are part of the military and must stay in the country. Despite the missile and drone attacks. Dani and his family are safe and are happy to be back together. Dani has been attending school, which had been online only but has moved to in person when the current situation with the war allows. He is also enjoying playing on a baseball team and being with friends.

Attending Kennolyn was one of the highlights of Dani's summer and provided a much needed respite after the hardships of war and his travel to leave Ukraine.

In the words of Olena, his US caregiver,

Thank you so much for this amazing opportunity. Dani was

the happiest I have ever seen him since the war started. He said he had the best time ever and wished he could stay for two more weeks!

Pear Kenriotyn camp, Thank you for giving me the scolorship for such a great time. I really enjoyed to spend z weeks As campo.
My favourite activities at campane:
Ping-Pong, Soccer, Water polo,
square and volleyball.
Also I've tearned how to polecy
poker. Now It's one of my favourite
poard games.

The food was great too! Out councilors were reading a bed time stony, and to the earth we've read the whole book! I really enjoyed time and camp, thank you.

All the best, Dani





Ben Bronstein

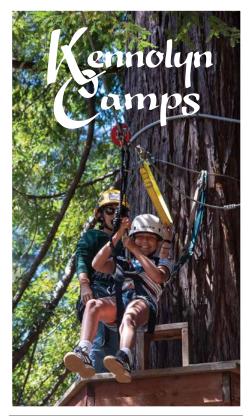


Abby Lindley

MMCF is saddened to announce the passing of Connie Wadsworth on March 21, 2023. Connie was the first foundation President, serving for 10 years. She and her husband Alan had a long relationship with Kennolyn that lasted for over 50 years! They took on many roles at camp, and all of their kids and grandkids attended Kennolyn. When Connie

stepped down as president, we created a campership in her name to recognize her dedication to Kennolyn and the foundation.

Meet some of your 2022 Campership





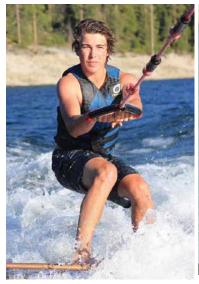


My younger son Billy also loved camp. Although he struggled with homesickness, his counselors were amazing and approached him with such love and kindness that he felt safe and is very excited about returning to camp. Thank you Caldwell Foundation!

-Alex White, parent of these 4th generation Kennolyn boys!



Recipients - 51 in all!











News from one of our partner camps:

Since 2016 MMCF has partnered with Via Services to provide funds to sponsor camperships. In 2022 Via Services became associated with AbilityPath, a Redwood City-based nonprofit. Both organizations strive to provide comprehensive services to those with developmental disabilities. They try to cover all areas of need and work to help individuals expand their capabilities.

When the pandemic hit, both organizations were severely hurt. So Via Services and AbilityPath combined, reducing administrative expenses, increasing funding for staff and client care, and becoming one of the largest providers of services for developmentally disabled individuals in the Bay Area.

The summer of 2021 brought a gradual return to in-person contact with their Social Saturday/ Sunday programs of weekend meet-ups with social and learning opportunities.

Bill the Camp Director's note below is an update on the summer of 2022.

Thank you for your generous support. During the summer, Via West served a total of 184 campers. **Your funding provided camperships to two teens** with opportunities to increase social skills and build independence. They had opportunities to try new foods and participate in talent shows, drum circles, horse-back riding, nature hikes & scavenger







Paolo and Etta from Via Services

Ava from Camp Wamp

hunts, art center activities like tie-dying & working with clay, testing patience and confidence on a ropes course, swimming, and creating recipes. More importantly they had an opportunity to make new friends, and build (hopefully) some lifelong friendships.

The amount of parents, caregivers and campers that were excited to be back was amazing. I heard from multiple people that this was the first time their camper had received services and support outside their family since the start of COVID. Our staff, which is comprised of mostly college students from across the country and internationally, truly appreciated the sense of community that working and living on camp provided.

With their new affiliation with Ability Path, Via Services has been able to expand offerings and this summer will host day camp and respite programs, youth and teen buddy/sibling overnight camp and adult respite programs during the summer of 2023 at their beautiful Via West facility in the Cupertino foothills.

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