LANALOG

2026

DEAR LANAKILA 2026,

I miss camp! I miss the smell of the pancakes at breakfast, the chaos of birthday night, Chipwiches at the Ameden League Finals, and the golden light of an amphitheater full of candles during Final Council Fire.

These memories always bring a smile to my face, giving me back so many images of everything we accomplished together this summer. This felt like one of the most impactful summers I've ever had the privilege to be part of. At every moment of every day, campers and counselors showed up for each other with their complete selves. I love that through each moment this summer, we worked hard at giving each other honesty, transparency, and love.

All summer we talked about being somebody. And as we sat by the fire on the final night of camp, I remember feeling everything at once. I felt exhausted and somehow more alive than I'd been all year. I was 100% full and 100% empty.

As I mentioned at Council Fire, in the back of the Mrs. Carol's Council Fire book that was passed down to me, there is a small piece of paper taped to the last page. It reads, "My son is my hero." I have turned those five words over more times than I can tell you because I don't think a hero is the strongest or the loudest person in the room. A hero can be anyone. A hero is vulnerable. A hero is brave. A hero shows up. A hero listens.

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If that is what a hero really is, then Lanakila is full of them. I watched campers whose summers were thrown off course by an injury decide, quietly and remarkably, to remake what fun could look like. I watched the campers and counselors continue to show up for each other, taking time out of their day to help someone in need. I watched nine-year-olds spend seven weeks away from home and go back genuinely changed. Most of you were heroes to each other all summer long without ever knowing that's what you were being.

We tend to think camp itself is the magic. But as Taylor Bucklin reminded us during his Sunday talk, the lake is just water. The trail is just dirt. A campfire is just wood until somebody lights it. What's actually special is the version of you that shows up at Lanakila. It is the version of yourself that tries new things, who cheers for other people, who doesn't take yourself too seriously. We don't really go to places that feel special. We bring the special feelings to the places we go.

In other news, I have also had the opportunity to see many of you at the Lanakila open house events all over the country. It is at these events that I get to re-connect with so many of you and not only hear what you've been doing in the offseason but reminisce about what made Lanakila so special in 2026. What I realized at these reunions is the fact that we live the magic on a day-to-day basis, but it's cool to be reunited in the offseason to re-energize ourselves and begin the countdown to the summer of 2027.

I walked away from the summer (and these open houses) with a feeling of love and admiration for what Lanakila brings to each and every one of us. I am humbled by the realization that we are all so lucky to have the opportunity to come to camp each year and learn how we want to view the world, who we want to be in our day-to-day lives, and how we can take the lessons we acquire at Lanakila to create our best selves.



Skol,

Ridge

BRYAN PARTRIDGE
Director of Lanakila









WE ASKED...

Lanakilians had lots to say in response to the Lanalog's survey questions!

WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU DID THIS SUMMER YOU'D NEVER DONE BEFORE?

"Shop, and sleep at a place without any family."
Ozzy Rogoway, Woodside

"I used a camp stove to cook our food on our 4-day pack."
Jacob Muralles, Hillside

"Played goalie in street hockey."
Siddh Iyer, Lakeside

"I made a cutting board."
McKinley Sullivan, Woodside

"In my entire life I have always heard of tennis but never tried it, so camp gave me an opportunity."
Daulet Ayazbayev, Hillside

IF YOU COULD RENAME A BUILDING, TRAIL, OR AREA...?

"'The Path of the Vikings' for the trail up to Council Fire."
Pietro Ruffato & Rui Chan, Lakeside

"'Bermuda Triangle' (triangle in road)."
William Greene, Hillside

"'Simon's Center' (renaming the Barn after myself)"
Simon Reichard, Woodside

"Change Woodside to 'Castleside.'"
Graham Davies, Woodside

"'Mini Morey' for the brook."
Isaiah Gray, Brookside





IF YOU COULD BRING ONE PERSON FROM HOME TO CAMP FOR A DAY, WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHAT WOULD YOU SHOW THEM FIRST?

"My grandfather; show him my tent."
Fritz R., Brookside

"My sister; the birdhouse I made in shop."
Jeremy Mutaka, Brookside

"My friend Bailey; the fire, or the history as we both really like history."
Will Cleborne, Hillside

"My dogs; the athletics field to throw the ball with them."
CB Hall, Lakeside

"My older brother; my sailing skills."
Ruslan Muftakhutdinov, Lakeside

"My uncle Kevin McGregor; the biking department."
William McGregor-Smith, Woodside

YOU ANSWERED!



TALES FROM A 5-DAY

There were three 5-day trips at Lanakila this summer. Here are some highlights from campers lucky enough to experience such epic journeys!

Where did you go on your trip?

Ty Andrews-Dahl: *The Rangeley Lakes canoe trip*

Hugh Hardy: *The White Mountain five-day backpacking trip*

Rowan Unger: *The Adirondack Lakes canoe trip*

What was a highlight of your trip?

TA: *The trip itself was really cool, when we got to the campsite the view was really good.*

HH: *The views on day three. You could see the surrounding mountains and the peak of our mountain was like a big field.*

RU: *Probably after portaging 1.2 miles—it was very rewarding and a perfect example of Type 2 Fun (Sam Danford taught me that Type 1 Fun is instant but Type 2 Fun means you will look back on it and realize it was actually fun).*

What did you find the most challenging?

TA: *The first and second day of paddling, the four foot waves were really high.*

HH: *The sleep was challenging because it was wet.*

RU: *Portaging the 1.2 miles and going waist deep in mud.*

Would you do a 5-day trip again?

TA: *I would want to try doing an Andro[scoggin] or Richardson [Lake].*

HH: *Yes, I want to do Adi[rondack] Lakes.*

RU: *For me it was a one time experience but it was so, so worth it.*

Tell us about the food on your trip…

TA: *Great. We had spaghetti, pancakes, hot chocolate and s'mores. Everybody helped to cook on the trip.*

HH: *Food was okay, it was good for what we could pack. We had protein balls and good snacks.*

RU: *It was actually pretty good. Danford and Davis did the cooking and we had all the spices so it was good. I came to really appreciate the trip food more than ever before..*



What's one moment from the trip that you will never forget?

TA: *The frog. If you know, you know... Patrick and the frog!*

HH: *The views.*

RU: *At one point we were just paddling in Bear Pond and we heard loons calling out to each other. It was really cool to hear. On night three we were at a good campsite and in the morning one loon was shrouded by a blanket of fog, like the island was lost and beautifully isolated.*





A BROOKSIDE LOKI

A Brookside Loki can be rare, as it is a difficult goal to accomplish. Luke Lundell achieved his full Loki in his second Brookside Year. Luke is a great friend to many and a fantastic role model of Loki in Brookside. He has inspired many to go for their Viking Honors. Luke shared some thoughts about becoming a Loki...

What made you want to become a Loki?

Luke: *When my sister first went to Hive, I was excited to go to Lanakila. I learned about the goals (Viking Honors) that they had, and I knew I could achieve something special.*

What are your two optional departments, and why did you choose those?

Luke: *I chose Music and Biking.*

Music because I like music so it was easy and fun. It was sometimes challenging because it took a lot of time, like attending choir three times.

I chose Biking because my sister is getting her high rank in Biking too. We go for rides around the lake at home. I like biking but there are a lot of tests.

When I go for my Tyr I am going to switch from Biking to Sailing because, like they said at Chapel, it's more of my bag.

What test did you find the most challenging to complete?

Luke: *Loki Fires in Campcraft, definitely. It took a long time and it isn't something you can really practice, there are so many parts of the test.*

Do you want to go for higher Viking Honors?

Luke: *Yes, I am working on getting my Tyr now. I would love to get my Thor and maybe one day if I have time I could get my Odin.*

How did it feel to be presented at Council Fire?

Luke: *It felt fun and exciting because this was the moment I was waiting for the five years before coming to camp.*

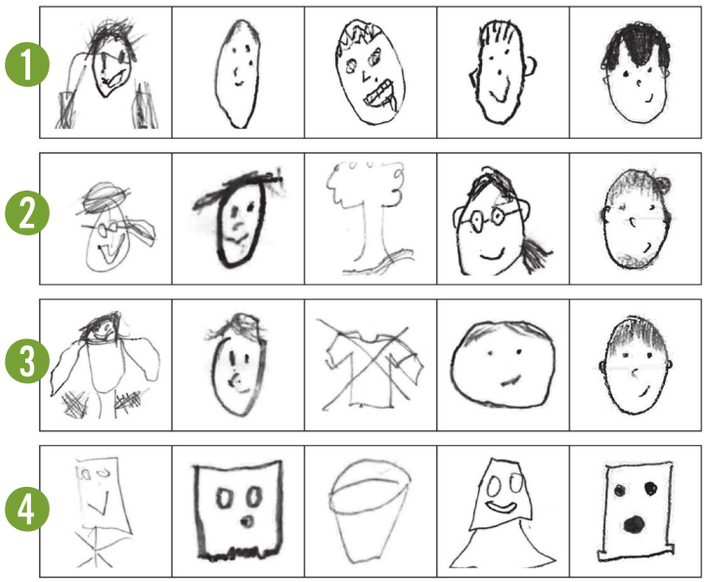
Do you have any advice for other campers who want to pursue their Loki?

Luke: *Just try when you have time. Never stop trying because even if you stop trying for a little while you can still do it.*

CAMPERS CREATE!

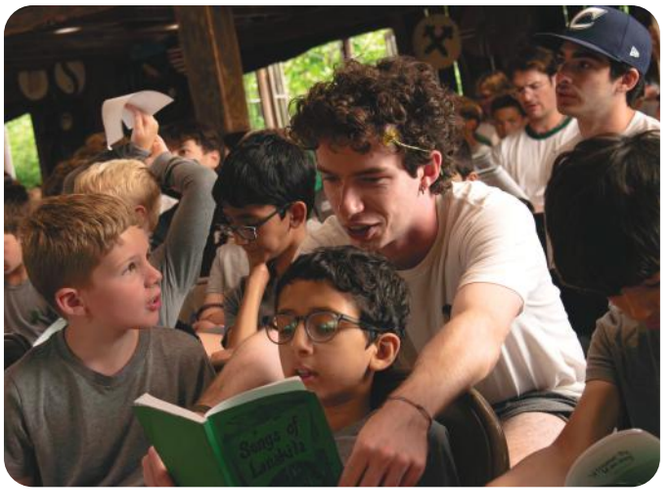
GUESS THE BRAINTRUST MEMBER!

Featuring drawings from Aidan Lever, William Robinson, Sam Magd, Ryder Weiss, and Griffin Johnson



Answers: 1. Ridge 2. Adin 3. Smitty 4. Skolbot





Vihaan & Mithrun Murthy's LEMONADE RECIPE

The Backstory, *by Vihaan Murthy*

Our grandmother used to make this recipe and taught it to me and my brother, Mithrun. When I came to Lanakila during the 1st half of 2026 I decided to make lemonade at the camp because: 1.) it was very hot, 2.) the campers liked lemonade and making food/drinks, and 3.) I thought my lemonade was really good (and better than the one being served at camp!)

So we started making lemonade in the dining hall and it was great! I decided to talk to Ridge and we agreed to make an event out of it, which became very popular. During our first trial, there was supposed to be a count of 10 campers participating; however, due to technical difficulties the count wasn't enforced, and 22 people came — way more than we'd expected!

During that period, Mithrun remembered that the original recipe had mint leaves. So, he rushed down to the brook to get some of the fresh mint leaves growing there. And the mint made the lemonade even more refreshing! I felt very happy when I saw people having fun making lemonade and enjoying it!

Ingredients & method:



- Squeeze lemons into glass, add water
- Add 2 spoonfuls of sugar
- Add 2 pinches of salt

STIR

- Add mint leaves (optional)

Drink, enjoy, and make merry!



BREAKFAST IN BED

Breakfast in bed is a long-standing tradition where, if a counselor sleeps in, the whole camp will slowly creep up on them in their tent or cabin and watch in amazement as Cutler and Ridge shower them in water and cereal! We had 2 Breakfast in Beds this year — Henry Curtis and Kyle Davidson, both Brookside Counselors! Here's what they had to say about it...

What did it feel like to wake up to the whole camp around you?

Henry: *Pretty mushy and cold. It was so surprising and funny to see such a large figure like Ridge towering over me!*

Kyle: *Very Surprising! Always a new way to wake up at Lanakila, but I didn't love this one.*

What cereal was poured on you?

Henry: *Cheerios, the best cereal to be poured over you.*

Kyle: *Raisin Bran, the raisins were easy to clean up but the bran was not.*

What do you think the worst cereal and liquid would be to get poured on you?

Henry: *Oatmeal and maple syrup. It would be wet, slimy and sticky. The maple syrup would make the oats stick to your body. Ew!*

Kyle: *Chocolate milk and Lucky Charms, the marshmallows would be so sticky and a nightmare to clean.*

Do you feel the breakfast in bed was justified?

Henry: *No, because my campers had been plotting this for weeks and were extra quiet in the morning so they wouldn't wake me up!!*

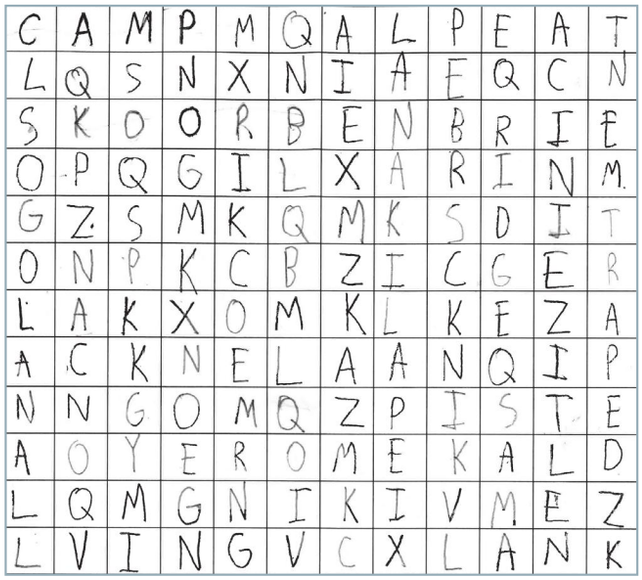
Kyle: *Partly, I would of course prefer a heads up, in fact I would love a back massage as an apology?!*

Would you ever sleep in again?

Henry: *Yes, the joys of a camp bed are just so great that the consequence of water and cereal are no competition.*

Kyle: *I really hope not ... buuuuttt, I can't make any promises.*

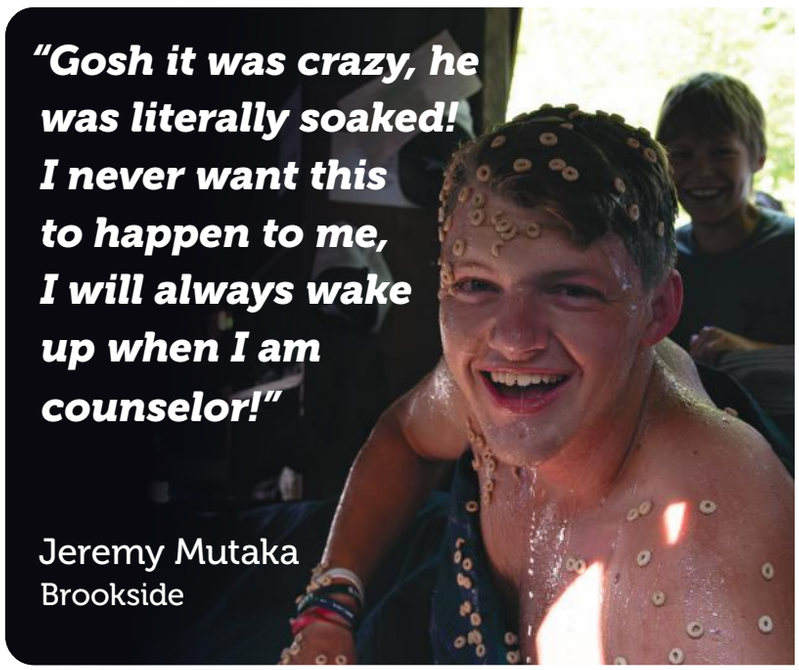
A LOAD OF LAUGHS



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Find the hidden camp terms in this Lanakila 2026 Word Search by Woodsider Zoran!

SKOL
LANAKILA
VIKING
CAMP
BONGO *(ultra hard!)*
DEPARTMENT
LAKE MOREY
RIDGE
LANALOG
BROOK



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FULL SESSION
Friday, June 25–Wednesday, August 11

1ST SESSION
Friday, June 25–Sunday, July 18

2ND SESSION
Tuesday, July 20–Wednesday, August 11

BRIDGE PROGRAM
Monday, June 21–Wednesday, August 11
Lifeguard Training, June 18–21

VISITING WEEKEND
Saturday, July 17–Sunday, July 18

LANAKILA'S 105th REUNION
Friday, August 13–Sunday, August 15



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