

# Surprise Lake Times

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## SLC: A HISTORY

*by Emily Kavanaght, Highlands*



Surprise Lake Camp was established in 1902. At that time, it was an all-boys camp, and I, Emily Kavanaght, was not there. I was not there 45 years ago. You know who was? The one and only Whammy! Whammy went out of his way for the “Surprise Lake Times.” A common question for Whammy is: how many years has he been here? Well, he has been here since 1972. This is his 45th year. A common question from the campers is: what are the changes/challenges of camp? Whammy says, “people come to SLC are always making camp better and better.” Now this next question only has three words: the purple hippo. My question has research from a book, “History of SLC” and there was a boy named Max (Hippo). What a coincidence! I asked Whammy: does it have anything to do with the purple hippo legend? Sadly, Whammy (supposedly the experienced one) says it does not have anything to do with it -- but he would like to remember it that way. I previously mentioned that SLC was an all-boys camp. Then, girls were placed on Teenside. Whammy said that this was so everyone could see each other more than one time a week.

In conclusion, SLC goes way back but the one thing that has not changed is that SLC is and always will be a home away from home. Thanks Whammy!

# THE LUNCH HUNCH

by *Cormac O'Malley, Journey's Way*



On Sunday, there was pesto and garlic bread for lunch. Honestly, the pesto was not as good as it looked. What was good about it? Well, the garlic bread was amazing, and the pasta texture was great. It was the perfect thickness pasta should be. However, it did not have much taste. I found myself trying it over and over looking for a bite that would taste like something, anything, but I had no luck.

## What did the campers think?

“I didn’t like it very much. It was too plain” - Roi 2/4 stars

“It was...unique” - Kol M. 1/4 stars

“The garlic bread was good, but the pasta was bland” - Avi G. 3.5/4 stars

“Awesome” - Miriam M. - 4/4 stars

# THOUGHTS ON CANTEEN

By *Jeremy Thurber, Frontier*

In camp, I think there should be more time at the canteen per session. You should get more food at the canteen, and there should be a day of camper free time where they should have their phones and do whatever they want. Campers should get more better food at snack. Also, bunk activities should be optional. Some people might say “don’t we have enough time at the canteen?,” “you have enough food,” or “you have a lot of free time.” Well, if we had more time at the canteen, it would attract more people to this camp. We should have more free time and freedom to do what we want. In our free time, we should be able to go to the canteen and get one thing. Finally, we should get more food because the space between lunch and dinner is a long time and snack is not enough. The reason you should have my suggestions are that they will attract more campers, and they will have a greater experience and want to come back to camp.

# TEVA

*by Sydney Shapiro, Upper Mountainview*



Teva, nature in Hebrew, has a lot of animals: guinea pigs, chinchillas, goats and more. Lulu, the returning Teva Specialist, loves the guinea pigs because they “talk” to you when you walk into the room. A lifelong animal lover, Lulu was determined to give campers and critters the best summer possible. Teva is important because it teaches campers how important the world is and how we can take proper care of it.

Lara, a camper at Surprise Lake Camp, said, “Teva is important to camp because a lot of kids like to go outdoors and like animals a lot.” Lara’s favorite animal is the parrot named Rabbit because last year the three hermit crabs were named after different animals. Lulu and Lara find Teva to be very important to camp.

# HOROSCOPES

*by Sydney Morris, Frontier*

**Taurus:** Conquering your fear of the diving dock will yield a high reward (possibly extra dessert).

**Aries:** You will find yourself in the center of the Roundup circle. Watch out for baby sharks.

**Gemini:** You may have doubted your choice in Specialty -- stick with it. Things will turn around.

**Cancer:** If you find yourself about to kill a bug, think twice. That bug has a family and will grow up to do big things.

**Leo:** Speak to Roni Lerner. She will hold great insight for your week to come.

**Virgo:** Get your hands in the dirt this week. Pick up a worm. They may be gross but, just like you, they serve a greater purpose.

**Libra:** Your friendship bracelet stitching may have been a bit off this week. To restore balance, put it down tomorrow and focus on yourself.

**Scorpio:** Camp can be a rough place, and conflict with your bunkmates is inevitable. Keep in mind that your words can hurt just as much as a punch. Watch your tongue and new friendships may blossom!

**Sagittarius:** Eat something other than plain pasta. You may actually like it.

**Capricorn:** The top of the climbing tower contains something more valuable than gold: courage.

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# TRAVEL SECTION

*by Nomi Solmsen, Upper Mountainview*

## **A Camper's Guide to Israel**

Do you ever wonder how it feels to be a counselor from a different country? At Surprise Lake Camp we have many staff members from all over the world, including Israel!

The difference between the United States and Israel is HUGE. Not only are the countries miles and miles away, but they are also totally different. But opposites attract, right? If they didn't than why would there be a bunch of Israeli counselor here? "Why might they come?" This is a question you might be thinking of.

Daniel, a counselor in Upper Mountainview's M7 bunk (the best bunk in camp), said, "I heard that the Surprise Lake Camp experience is amazing. I've been a camper before, so the combination of those two would be even better." She added, "I really wanted to go back to a camp and make the camper's experience as amazing as possible." Not only that, there are plenty of reasons to go to SLC.

As previously stated, there is a big difference between Israel and America -- from the food to the culture! Just ask Daniel! "Something very different about America is the food. The food here has way more carbs and oil." There are many other different things like the language, weather and culture. There are also some not-so-obviously differences like the food, beaches and the shops. Since so many things are different in America than Israel, here are a few of my favorites from Daniel herself.

"The people are delightful, the language is beautiful and my family is there! Everything is way cheaper and the culture is unique."

You can only imagine the places you'll go in Israel. The Souk, an Israeli outdoor market, is a great place to bargain for anything you could want. The Dead Sea is also a great spot to visit. There is so much more to explore and although it may seem small, this tiny country is jam packed with tourist sites, activities to do with your family and culture.

One of the most visited places in Israel is Tel Aviv. It is the largest city in the country. You may ask "what is the best restaurant in Tel Aviv?" Daniel said "the Vitrina is the best place and it has burgers. Lots and lots of amazing burgers!"

# ENGLAND TRAVEL

*by Max Hyman and Seth Shapiro, Frontier*

I interviewed Sam and Jamie. They are Frontier counselors from England. I asked them about what to do in England and British culture.

**Q: What are the best things to do in England?**

Sam: Visit the Globe Theatre, Saint Paul’s Cathedral, Parliament, King’s Cross and Camden Town

Jamie: Visit the London Eye, Big Ben, and Buckingham Palace

**Q: What are your favorite activities in England?**

Sam: Go to live music in London at Brixton Academy

Jamie: Playing soccer and rugby

**Q: What makes England special?**

Sam: Cultural diversity

Jamie: The people

**Q: What are three activities to do in England in 48 hours?**

Sam: Visit Parliament, visit Camden Town and go to the Kings Cross

Jamie: Go to a soccer match, drink tea, and eat fish and chips

# CORMAC’S CORNER

*by Cormac O’Malley Journey’s Way*



## Sudoku

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# FRANCE 2019 WORLD CUP REVIEW

*by Isaac Backenroth, Frontier*

## Group Stage Highlights

- 13 - 0!?

The USA beat Thailand 13-0 in their opening World Cup game. They broke the record for the highest scoring world cup game beating Germany 10-0 route of Argentina in 2007.

- Record Breaker

Marta beat the record for most goals in men or women's World Cup history with a penalty against Italy to make it 17. She beat Miroslav Klose's record of 16.

- Last Minute Drama

In the last game of the group stage Cameroon and New Zealand both needed a win to advance to the next round -- not a tie. Cameroon scored first but then scored on their own goal, almost all but ending their World Cup but then in the last second scored to advance in the final round.



## Knockout Round Highlights

- Bump in the Road

Right after the USA took the lead Spain tied it up and although the USA were heavy favorites, Spain held the USA until the 80th minute when Megan Rapinoe converted a penalty.

- Blockbuster Game

The most anticipated game of the tournament between the USA and France contradicted all the statistics. Although France had many more shots the USA still ended up beating France 2-1.

- A Big Upset

Sweden beat number 2 ranked Germany to reach the semi-finals.

## FROM OUR DESK TO YOURS

*by Sydney Morris and Ksenia Novikova,  
Editors-in-Chief*

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