

# the buzz



2025



## Dearest Hivers,

I've been thinking about you all a lot! I've been wondering how this next season is going for you. So much has happened since we said goodbye to Hive at the end of the summer. School, sports, clubs and activities, and all the other busy-ness of the Fall are sure to have kept you on the go. The same has been true for me, but I still find myself thinking about our Hive community often and what we learned and built together.

We created a pretty special place where we could let loose and be silly. And challenged ourselves to do better when mistakes were made. We celebrated each other's big and little wins and took pride in our own achievements. We thought about and practiced Living the Aloha Way. We persevered even when it was really, really hot! And through it all we sang. Like a lot. Like *all* the time — during meals, when hiking, when gathering quietly, when celebrating and all the times in between when we spontaneously made up songs about brushing teeth and picking up trash!

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During the year I find myself singing a lot and the other day I realized something pretty cool. Many of the songs we sing reflect important pieces of Living the Aloha Way. Seriously, it isn't too big a stretch. As we all well know by now, Living the Aloha Way is in part about being brave even when it's really hard, supporting each other, appreciating the beauty in our lives, and finding the fun in not so fun things. So where do camp songs come in? Let me show you:

*Have you ever been down the waterspout?  
To the very, very bottom of the water system?*

Well, neither have I, but our little alligator Alfred has, and he has some stories to tell! No doubt Alfred was brave even when it was hard to be.

*Let every good Hiver now join in a song, vive la compagnie!  
Success to each other and pass it along, vive la compagnie!*

There's nothing like sharing your own and celebrating others' proud moments.

*I love to wander by the stream that dances in the sun,  
So joyously it calls to me, "Come join my happy song."*

Moving through our days, there is much beauty to behold, we just need to be open to seeing it.

*She sings OOH, AHH, OOH, AHH  
That's how the Washy Woman washes her clothes!*

What verve for life the Wishy Washy Washer Woman has while washing her clothes down in the valley. We all could use a little jazz hand fun while doing less exciting things like homework or cleaning your room.

My challenge to you is to continue Living the Aloha Way—in whatever way feels right to you. Sing it out, if you feel so moved! Remember what you learned about being your best self at camp and continue bringing that to being your best self at home. And I hope being your best self wherever you are brings you happiness. Because—I can't help myself—*Happiness is anyone, and anything at all, that's loved by you.*"

I am looking forward to seeing some of you while I'm traveling with the other Directors this fall, but if I don't see you, just know that you're on my mind, and I'm sending all the hugs and camp songs your way.

Aloha,

*Ellie*



**Ellie Pennell**  
Hive Director

# WE ASKED...

## 1 What is the best thing you've ever **BUILT** at camp?

### Adirondack chairs!!

Ari S. (Hi), Elizabeth D. (Hi),  
Elizabeth M. (Hi), Mielle A. (Hi)

### My friendships

Avi R. (AQ), Ellie M. (Hi), Dallas M. (Hi),  
Lila C. (AQ), Cece B. (AQ), Hannah F. (AQ),  
Libby S. (AQ), Zoe H. (AQ)

### A fairy village hotel

Helena H.(Do)

### A floating raft with a fire on it in the lake

Audrey G. (Do) & Helena S. (Lo)

### My bracelet collection

Svara D. (AQ)

### Hilander project bench swing

Charlotte I. (AQ), Allison H. (AQ),  
Kavya D. (AQ), Elena L. (AQ),  
Isla B. (AQ), Nina K. (AQ),  
Emily K. (AQ)





**2** What camp moment always makes you **SMILE**?

**Rainbow's End**

Ariel W. (Hi) , Phoebe R. (Do),  
Rebecca H. (Do), Eliza C. (Do)

**Sleeping in on Sundays**

Bryant D. (Do)

**Swim check because I am so good at swimming and I wasn't scared**

Sophia T. (Do)

**Weekly trip to the library then eat grilled cheese for lunch**

Rowan A. (Lo)

**Arriving at camp for the first time and counselors cheering with pompoms and bee costumes—I was nervous but that made me feel better.**

Nina H. (AQ)

**3** What's one thing at camp that makes you feel **BRAVE**?

**When I go on hikes up huge mountains and going full session**

Dallas M. (Hi)

**Hearing about other people's experiences at Sunday Assembly**

Cece B. (AQ)

**My counselor**

Isla B. (AQ)

**Kayak T rescue and rolling**

Hannah F. (AQ)

**YOU ANSWERED!**

**4** What's your **FAVORITE SPOT** at camp? What makes it special for you?

**The dancing green because it's totally calm and has blueberries**

Campbell R. (Do)

**The comb because it is where I was able to use my ukelele for the first time at camp**

Faren O. (Do)

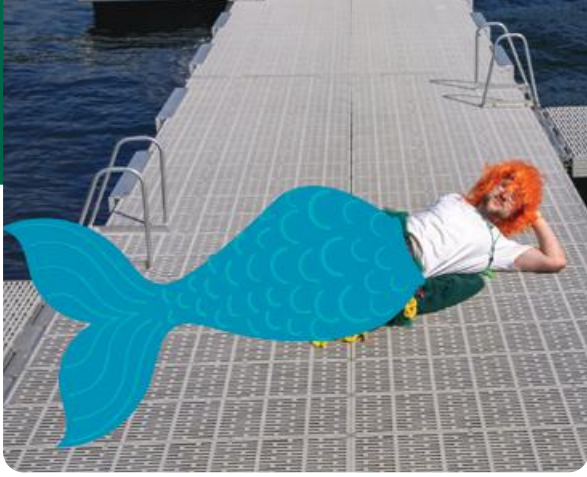
**Aloha Hill because that's where I had my favorite overnight**

Hannah B. (Hi)

**Rainbow's End because it's quiet, peaceful and a place to dream**

Libby S. (AQ)





## THE MERMAID OF LAKE FAIRLEE

An interview by Lenny Kanengiser & Zoe Harris (AQ)

**Q:** What is it like being a mermaid in a lake?

**A:** "It's great, especially during the summer when the Hivers arrive."

**Q:** How old are you?

**A:** "26,428 years old."

**Q:** How do you keep your hair so fabulous and luscious?

**A:** "I have a strict hair care regimen. Every morning begins with a comb-through. I use a dinglehopper that someone gave me from the dining hall. Then I borrow Snappy's milfoil-based shampoo and lily pad conditioner to give it that signature mermaid shine."

**Q:** What's at the bottom of the lake?

**A:** "Lots of goggles, a secret vault with the candy day candy, and my wardrobe of different outfits."

**Q:** What do you eat? Not many people know this, but mermaids are actually herbivores!

**A:** "We mostly feast on lakeweed, but it's a real treat when a canoe breakfast comes by and I get a donut!"

**Q:** How many thingamabobs do you have?

**A:** "As of right now I have 14 thingamabobs, but I'm always looking for another. Maybe I can ask Ariel for one..."



## HIVE MAD LIBS

by Ellie McKnight

Are you ready to have a \_\_\_\_\_-filled summer at camp?  
(noun)

At this \_\_\_\_\_ place, you can do many fun activities,  
(adjective)

including sailing in a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ in the woods,  
(noun) (verb)

and singing songs like this \_\_\_\_\_ *Planet* and *Greeting*  
(adjective)

*Means.* You will also \_\_\_\_\_ in tents, (although there are  
(verb)

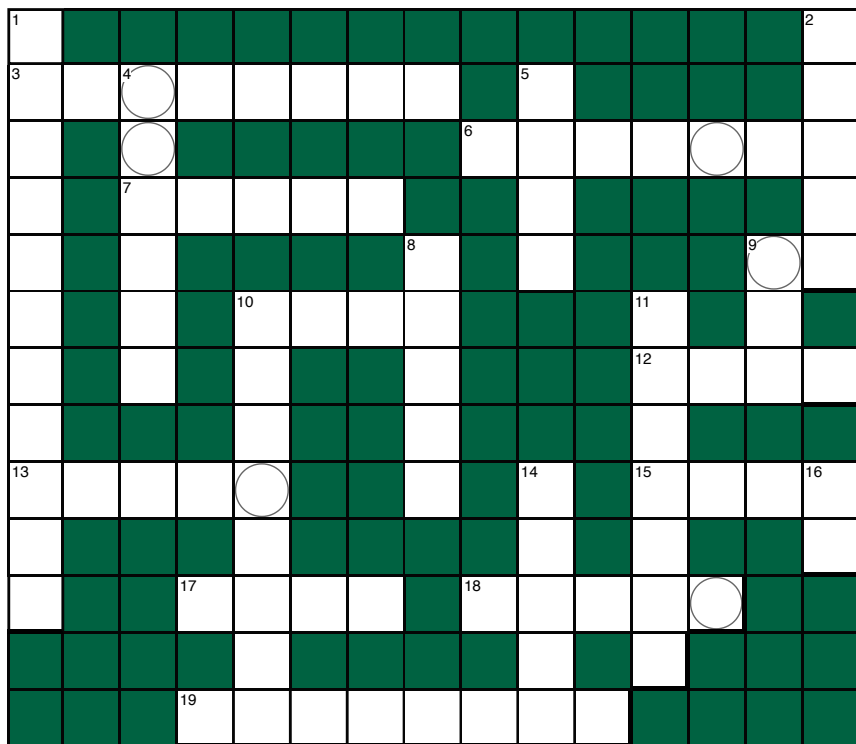
lots of \_\_\_\_\_). All in all, camp is a \_\_\_\_\_ place to  
(plural noun) (adjective)

be, and we promise that you will have an amazing \_\_\_\_\_.  
(noun)



# HIVE '25!

by Valea Lindauer-Cohen



## ACROSS

3. What we do every morning
6. What we put up on the wall in the Dining Hall
7. What Biff Fink ends most of his songs with
9. The abbreviation of Mary Knapp
10. The camp's name
12. What you put on sunburns
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Pennell (Camp Director)
15. I want to get a \_\_\_\_\_ in swimming
17. The bathroom
18. What some people try to complete
19. What Midis plan every week

## DOWN

1. A special place around the bend
2. What you do to counselors on their day off
4. A yummy treat we make sometimes
5. \_\_\_\_\_ wiches!
8. What we sleep in
9. A \_\_\_\_\_ off
10. Where Exploring and Landsports are
11. The lake that we're on
14. Hello in Hawaiian
16. What a unit does every morning

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## WOULD YOU RATHER?

**60%** Do the ropes course blindfolded

**40%** Try a new craft without using hands



By Skylar Wilson  
& The Mary Knapp Staff

to *Stick Season* by Noah Kahan

So I thought that if I put some bug spray on both my arms  
That it would cancel out the bug bites from mosquitoes to the wasps  
And it turns out for the most part that was actually okay  
Except for those darn ticks that just can't seem to stay away

### Chorus:

And I love Vermont but it's the season of the ticks  
And they get everywhere from my neck to my knee pits  
So I check myself more than two times every day  
After reveille and brush 'n' flush to keep those guys at bay

And I sleep each night knowing them ticks are off my back  
No Lyme disease for me and I can thank the Mary Knapp  
And they save each one on the great tick wall of fame  
So check for those darn ticks and please don't flush them down the drain!!!



## The Magic of Maybe

Anti-Q Sunday Assembly by Emily Whitely

*“Hi my name is Emily and this is my fifth and final summer at Hive. Over the past year I began middle school and started some new activities that took up a lot of my time after school. As you can probably imagine, some days were chaos. Luckily, my school provided us with the tools to help with the stress and one of the things they mentioned a lot was meditation. Taking time in your day to relax and take a breath. When they first introduced this idea, me and other people laughed and thought, “No way am I ever doing that in my free time.” I also thought of it as boring or unhelpful especially when they made us do it during school. I was scared if I actually participated with other people around, I would be made fun of.*

*Near the end of the school year, my life quieted down. When I didn’t have school or homework I would be on my phone or watching TV. But one day I found myself bored and decided just to lie down on my bed and notice the things around me. The trees outside my window, the sounds of the birds outside, the things on my wall. I felt a sense of peace I’d never felt before.*

*After that day, I started meditating more and more. Eventually, I started writing my feelings down in a journal after meditating. Every time I wrote what I felt down, I felt a little less silly than I had before. It wasn’t something I dreaded or felt forced to do anymore, it was something that let me become a better version of myself. Now when I think of meditation, I partly think of Hive, the misty lake in the morning, the beauty of nature, quiet moments after taps and during rest hour. I also remember how I was willing to try meditation after saying it felt silly and I wouldn’t like it, and how it reflects some of my camp experiences trying new things. Although it might not be as big as trying sailing or swimming for the first time, meditation is important to me. I am so grateful to have a place like Hive that reminds me of an important discovery about myself.”*

## Never

Anti-Q Sunday Assembly  
by Zoë Mattison

Never is a word people use most days,  
Whether they’re at camp or acting in plays.

Trying new things is not that bad,

But never prevents you from getting  
things you now wish you had

“Never say never,” is a saying I stand by  
Because truth be told never stops you  
from giving things a try.

Never can be used in a good way too,

Like never hurting someone but you also  
have to know what’s good and bad to do.

Even I say never but that doesn’t  
mean I’m right

Never saying never helps you find  
a brighter light.

Never say never because never  
is like a shut door

Not open to trying more.

Open up, try new things

Have an adventure,  
see what the day brings.



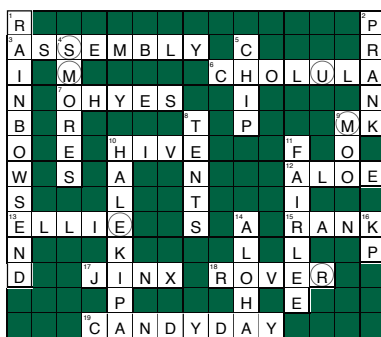
## Embracing Silliness

Sunday Assembly speech by Livy Galvao

“Good morning, everyone. My name is Livy. This is my first summer at camp. Today I will be talking about embracing silliness. Silliness is a big part of my personality and I’m not sure I would be myself if I wasn’t silly. One time I’ve been silly is when I went paddle boarding with my friends for the first time at Hive. At first, we started off pretty good. In the end we ended up losing the paddle to the paddle board, because we were being so silly and flopping like fish in the water to the point. We fell off the paddle board a few times which is what caused us to lose the paddle. Although we lost the paddle, at the end of the day we had a blast and embraced our true selves. But... RIP paddle.

Another moment at camp where I have been silly is specifically at rest hour when my shack family were all silent and I wanted to keep my sleeping counselors awake and I went over and tickled my shack mates and we all of a sudden started cracking up and went cuckoo bananas. If there is one thing I’ve learned, it’s that silliness doesn’t always come in an instant, but it’s something you grow into. For example, when you’re at a dance party you always start off feeling shy and not wanting to dance but, in the end, you end up dancing. Being silly allows you to make new memories with your friends that you’ll forever cherish. This is how I show my silliness and yours might be totally different but that’s totally okay. This is a sign to be silly and always stay silly.”

Hive 25!



Mystery word:  
SUMMER

## Letting Go

A Poem for Candlelight, Hive 2025  
by Zoe Harris

I’m going to miss  
The sound of distant laughter  
I’m going to miss  
the glassy lake  
I’m going to miss  
The friends I’ve made  
Singing at assembly  
They all matter so much to me  
Buzzing, buzzing,  
Like the bees.  
I know that you have to leave  
From exploring to archery  
Why must you have it so?  
When I could tuck you in my pocket  
And keep you there forever?  
I will let you go  
As if I have a choice because there’s  
something that I know:  
Everything you experience in rain  
or sun or snow  
Is made to be remembered  
And therefore made to let go.





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## Mark your calendars for 2026!

**FULL SESSION:** Friday, June 26–Wednesday, August 12

**1st SESSION:** Friday, June 26–Sunday, July 19

**2nd SESSION:** Tuesday, July 21–Wednesday, August 12

**1st INTRO SESSION:** Friday, June 26–Friday, July 10

**2nd INTRO SESSION:** Tuesday, July 21–Tuesday, August 4

**VISITING WEEKEND:** Saturday, July 18–Sunday, July 19

**ALOHA/HIVE REUNION:** Friday, August 14–Sun., August 16

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Sunshine, smiles, and canoeing on a  
BVD (BEAUTIFUL VERMONT DAY!)