

2021 Camp Schedule

1 WEEK SESSIONS

Early-Camp (*tentative*)
June 13 - June 19

Late-Camp (*tentative*)
August 16 - Aug 22

2 WEEK SESSIONS

Session A June 20 - July 3

Session B July 4 - July 17

Session C July 18 - July 31

Session D Aug 1 - Aug 14

4 WEEK SESSIONS

Session A/B
June 20 - July 17

Session C/D
July 18 - August 14

Winter 2020

Skylake Ripples

the Skylake
Yosemite Camp
Newsletter

From the Director's Desk

We want to thank the families and campers that had to endure the heartbreaking decisions of not having any 2020 summer camp sessions. We are forever grateful for the overwhelming support, understanding and patience of our Skylake families.

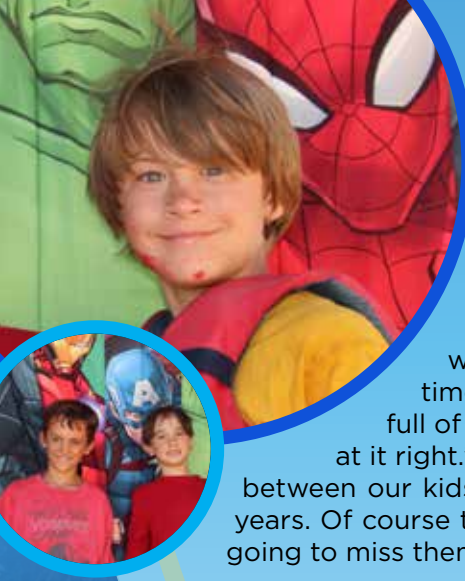
We spent a lot of time reviewing and comparing our course of action with other camps in our local camp association, and most were consistent with one another and their decisions. A few day camps were able to operate, however most California residential camps were closed.

We don't know where the country will be in terms of vaccines, infection rates, or therapeutics by summer 2021, but our focus is to look forward. Schools are now re-opening and we are going to learn a lot more in the coming months.

We have a number of different ways to ensure that we are able to give our young campers a joyful and complete summer. We will be ready for everything from a Covid safe camp that includes masks and social distancing, to hopefully a full return to a typical Skylake summer.

Because we have time to make these decisions, exact plans on how the summer will look are not yet finalized. We expect it will be early spring before there are any complete summertime safety protocols in place. In the meantime, we would love to hear any ideas you have.





What's a Parent to do?

education, and more to-do lists...) adding full-time distance learning and learning pod organizing has been a huge additional load to carry! I don't know about you, but parenting right now is straight up bizarre!

At our home we go from loving the schedule to counting the days until this pandemic is over and we're able to go back to normalcy. On a positive side, there are benefits we've all come to enjoy... my kids are first to say how much they love later wake-up times, the shorter school day while staying cozy under their blankets, and afternoons full of playtime! "Sometimes you get shown the light in the strangest of places if you look at it right." As parents, we have enjoyed the closeness of our family and the intensified bonds between our kids. I continue to wonder how my children will look back on this time in their adult years. Of course they still bicker, but they also have come to rely on one other in new ways. We are going to miss them when they eventually shuffle out the door (at light speed) into the teachers arms.

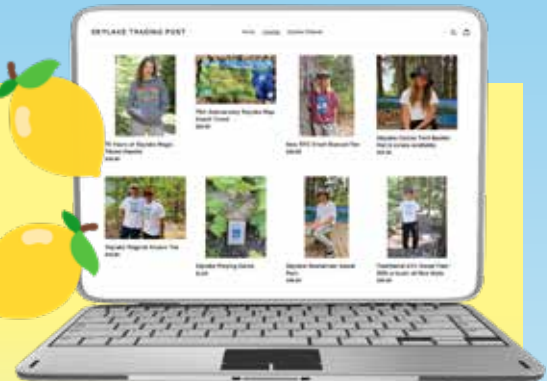
When this is over, we will celebrate having "our" time back to focus on careers, housework, and getting back into a normal groove of life. Of course, we can't ignore the very real danger of this pandemic, but if we can put light on the heightened and intensified love for our families, in the end, we hope to call this a win. Please stay safe, wear masks and social distance as we all move through this phase and get it behind us!



Trading Post Merchandise Now Available Year-Round

"When life gives you lemons, make lemonade..." With a fully cancelled summer season and a freshly stocked inventory of newly designed SYC

merchandise, a NEW venture was born. . . **A Virtual Trading Post! We now have hooded sweatshirts, sweatpants, bucket hats, beach towels, t-shirts, alumni shirts and playing cards for sale online!**



By the end of summer, we sent out an initial email to a handful of 2020 enrolled Skylake families announcing our "soft launch". (We wanted to be sure the system worked well and that our first transactions went smoothly!) As each order came in, it brought us so much joy to see names of families we know and love. It has helped us feel connected again when we hear the feedback about how happy everyone is with their purchases!

Please keep us in mind for your holiday shopping, birthday gifts or something for yourself! You can find the online store at [Skylake.com](https://www.skylake.com), by clicking on **"Trading**

Post" at the top right of the page. From there, select **"Catalog"** to see what's available!

All orders are filled and shipped within 48 hours. We hope you'll enjoy a little Skylake magic on your doorstep this winter!





The Creek Fire

This past Fall, it seemed like the entire State of California was aflame, and the southern portion of the Sierras was no exception. The fire designated the "Creek Fire" covered large areas of both Fresno and Madera Counties and became the closest threat to Skylake by coming within 6 miles of Bass Lake.

The "Creek Fire," now the 6th largest single fire in California recorded history and having over 2500 firefighters in action at it's height, stretched many miles and burned over 300,000 acres. The fire started in early September and is now fully contained, but it is still burning because there is so much fuel in the forest. It's expected that parts of the fire will continue to burn for weeks.

Skylake was lucky not to have anything worse than some smoke. The firefighters prevented the fire from entering the Bass Lake Basin and there are no visible signs that a fire even occurred anywhere near camp. Unfortunately some parts of the Ansel Adams and John Muir Wilderness areas were severely damaged and we are assessing how this will impact our backpack trips that visit those areas.

In the event of another fire, we are in full preparation mode to make sure Skylake remains safe and here for generations to come. We have done extensive clearing around the lodge and maintained a ground clearance of at least 10 feet on all trees within any developed areas. We are working to widen our defensible space around the entire perimeter and are looking to add to our own water storage and having traditional fire hoses available.

BEAR VILLAGE Temporarily Takes on a New Meaning

When things are going badly, the gift of laughter is a great stress relief. While Bass Lake was under a mandatory evacuation (*as a result of the Creek Fire*) we remained on high alert from a safe distance. With the help of Skylake security cameras, we felt some reassurance seeing the live feed and knowing we still had power and camp was safe.

One day while checking the live feed, we noticed one of the dumpster lids was wide open that had been closed the day before. The investigative work began... and sure enough the recording from the previous night revealed a family of bears moving in on our quiet camp. Mama bear and her cubs climbed in one of the dumpsters and made themselves at home. Fortunately, the locks on the dumpster next to it were secured and they gave up after pushing on it for a little bit. Although seeing wild animals get into human food is not something we normally condone, it sure was cute to watch them and know they were at least watching over camp when we couldn't. The dumpsters have since been emptied, and the bears were not harmed.



New Possible Opportunities for April & May



June is still eight months away and the opening of schools has been problematic. When practical, Skylake is committed to the return of campers to Bass Lake, potentially looking to open as soon as spring! Sometimes it is still cold and rainy, but we usually have phenomenal weather in April and May.

Historically, on a normal schedule, Skylake opens on Memorial Day weekend with two weekends of family camp followed by two weeks of staff training and then eight weeks of children's camp. But for 2021 (and depending on where the country is with Covid), we are considering some different options.

What we are hoping for, at the very least, is to host some family camps. We may also be able to do weekend retreats for just the kids. The option of "distance learning" from camp is also an idea. We are very mindful of the fact that continued isolation for kids is unhealthy, so whatever we decide, safety will always be the guiding force. As much as we would love to have a specific game plan immediately, that is just not feasible yet. As soon as we have confidence in a particular plan, we will communicate that with you.

Leadership Staff Update 2021

Drum role please as we announce our Leadership Staff for 2021. . . Matt Wallock, Alyssa Goldberg, Andre LeDe, Ally Thoits, and newcomer Leah Billeadeu!

Alyssa Goldberg was a long-time camper and former counselor. After a few summers away from Skylake, Alyssa is more eager than ever to return to help celebrate the magic at camp!

Andre LeDe has been a stellar counselor for a few years now, and last year he was our Lead Rope position for the Challenge course and Climbing Tower! He is now bringing his experience, fun personality and organizational skills to our leadership team!

Ally Thoits is returning to Skylake after a bit of a hiatus. Ally was a long time camper and also a counselor for two summers. Her younger sisters are also long time Skylakers and her Mom was both a camper and counselor too!

Leah Billeadeu is joining Skylake for the first time this summer. After a long history at a camp on the east coast, she is finishing her Recreation major in the spring. Leah's energy and enthusiasm will add much to our team! New and fresh ideas from new staff (alongside our Skylake traditions) is really something to look forward to!

And last but certainly not least, we will enjoy the triumphant return of **Matt Wallock** for his third year as Boys Head Counselor. Matt's calm level headed approach to all aspects of the position, full support and respect from both campers and counselors alike, Matt has been one of the best head counselors Skylake's ever had. Under his direction, Boys camp will continue to thrive due to his fair-minded approach to all aspects of daily camp life. Matt is a second generation Skylaker as well! His Mom, Aunts and Uncle all attended Skylake as campers and went on to be counselors also.

Fun fact: Matt's Aunt Sandy was Adrienne's Warbler counselor back in 1985!



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Staff Update for 2021

The excitement we had going into 2020 with our team of former staff members and campers (*and some brand new to Skylake!*) now continues into summer 2021 with even more excitement and prep! About 75% of our staff that were hired last summer will be returning for 2021.

Most college students are distance learning through their universities or doing a mixed hybrid style (*much like many of our campers*). Heading into the fall, our counselors are already so excited and dreaming big for the summer! Think about the connection points staff will have to share with our campers next summer!

In addition to the rehired staff, we are still receiving applications from new applicants. We start interviews for new applicants in November and expect to be fully staffed before the end of the year. Staff training will include tons of new information around supporting campers and each other in this new world we're all living in. Staff support pods will be linked to certain leadership staff as we work to make sure the information sharing is stronger than ever.

It goes without saying that former campers and CILTs have the potential to be extra special staff members. This group helps to carry on traditions while also continuing to grow in a serious leadership role with immense responsibility. As with returning staff, we also hold returning campers and CILTs to very high standards. Former CILT evaluations are read over and discussed during interviews. At least three summers have lapsed between the time this group have been campers. "The gap years" allow campers to grow and mature and come back to Skylake with a new set of responsibilities and challenges as employees of Skylake. We say every year that being a counselor will be the most rewarding and most challenging job they may ever hold.



Summer 2021 Enrollment Update

It was not long after the disappointing announcement of our cancelled summer season, that we were determined to set our sights on Summer 2021! After re-enrolling campers who wished to roll their 2020 enrollments forward, we then opened online enrollment in July. This was just two months earlier than we start in a typical year, and yet it felt so much earlier and even a little strange at first. We were overwhelmed with the early enrollment response and our moods were beginning to lift. "Finally, something to look forward to," was the email reply we received back from so many of you after sending your 2021 enrollment confirmations.

As of the middle of November, the girls' side of camp is now on waitlist for every session and age group, and we have limited availability on the boys' side of camp. Having camp fill up so quickly this year just reinforces what we have been seeing and feeling ourselves, that kids need camp more than ever right now. For those of you not currently enrolled for 2021 and still interested in the possibility, please reach out to us to see what we can do and to get you on a waitlist as soon as possible. Plans will change for some families and there are always cancellations and session changes from four weeks to two weeks that can open up availability.

We are also looking at the potential of adding a one-week session prior to our existing sessions, and a one-week session after Session D as a way to accommodate the high demand for the summer camp experience in 2021. We will communicate this information as soon as we can, and please let us know if you would be interested in the meantime.

15 of 30 female counselors for 2021 are all former campers! Carly Cuthrell, Charlotte Samuels, Gabby Brutman, Hannah Megery, Isabel Meyerson, Jane Friedman, Lilly Brooks, Lily Kohler, Maddi Conroy, Mary Diemer, Natalie Baehrend, Natalie Bruch, Nicole Pollack, Olivia Weinsten, and Sally Johnston. This list is likely to grow as more applications are coming in daily.

For male counselors, the following former campers hired for 2010 staff are Cameron Pollack, Max Fine, Michael Gavin, Miles Siegel, Steven Rhodes, and Caden Moskowitz.

If you know of anyone who you think has what it takes to be on staff, please have them contact us right away, positions are filling quickly!



Latest Enrolled Campers for Summer 2021



10TH YEAR!

Anna Klausner

9 YEARS

Jordan Amos-Grosser
Carly Goldblatt
Makayla Thoits

8 YEARS

Bryce Brenkus
Addie Chaiken Hamilton
Olivia Chaiken Hamilton
Kaedin Kurtz
Francesca Pelosi
Lela Rogers
Harry Setrakian
Ally Shaw
Caroline Spector-Townsend
Cole Strumpf

7 YEARS

Emily Chanawatr
Jaden Faerber
Cate Keifer
Charlotte Keifer
Jeremy Koren
Peter Koren
Charley Manser
Shay Moskowitz
Jack Noymer
Tenley Park
Adelaide Ryan
Alex Sanders
Eve Sarti
Laney Saye
Hayden Schneider
Maddy Suddleson
Allie Tarkoff
Mikayla Weinhouse

6 YEARS

Max Baker
Sacha Birdsong
Arabella Brenkus
Ryan Chen
Jaya Conmy
Grace Diehl
Lauren Escola
Sloane Fong
Evan Freeman
Kendall Gittings
Reuben Jaffe
Campbell Keith
Sadie Kieffer
Nate Kindler
Anders Leckie
Ashley Markatos
Luke Markatos
Riley Markey
Maddie Marshall
Luke McKane
Izzy Millman
Claire Monaco
Abby Moore
Sarah Morrison
Ajay Parikh
Andrew Pastis
Diego Rogers
Vaughn Rogers
Sarah Sargent
Will Spangler
Bennett Steifman
Ben Vernekoff
Gavin Vernekoff
Caden Weinhouse

5 YEARS

Jack Alley
Eliza Austen
Brody Barrington
Gaby Bartle
Darcy Bass
Alexa Blumenthal
Isa Burguera
Keira Cassidy
Pip Deery Devine
Cavan Donery
Jacob Durgin
Amelia Escola
Lily Haines
Alec Hoffman
Karina Hoffman
Nate Hurst
Evan Hwang
Trevor Jaffe
Jade Jamieson
Kaylin Kelly
Kyle Ko
Sydney Kroonen
Ethan McCormick

Daisy Melen
Krista Mendivil
Paige Monaco
Aidan Moses
Grant Moses
Cooper Mullane
Fallon Porter
Eli Portnoy
Sydney Reid
Sebastian Rogers
Becca Rosenblatt
Ingo Solomon
Connor Weinhouse
Amanda Wexler
Fountain Whitaker
Alayna Woodruff-Milner

4 YEARS

Emmet Arkin
Theo Birdsong
Tanner Bortel
Mackenzie Boyer
Megan Breslin
Felix Buckberg Michael
Jillian Cardwell
Caroline Carr
Sean Chen
Devon Conroy
Molly Darmody
Jesse Dittmer
Tommy Fannon
Tessa Fonarow
Calla Fox
Miller Friedman
Owen Ghaffari
Lizey Gibson
Harper Given
Jack Greenspan
Poppy Hallman
Charlie Hallman
Hayden Handler
Dane Hansen
Owen Hart
Dana Hathaway
Daphne Huffman
Pema Intara Zim
Luke Janosky
Violet Jones
Ryanne Kelly
Ava Kennedy
Ellie Kennedy
Claire Kowalski
Emerson Lehmann
Tuliah Lehmann
Sasha Lilien
Julia Lohman
Hannah Lunkewitz
Matt Malloy
Danny Marsh
Xavier Marsh
Simone McClary
Cece Millman
Ella Nielson
Noe Orgain
Jackson Ortiz
Logan Pagani
Harrison Reid
Charlie Roberts
Bodhi Rosen
Amelia Sarkisian
Noa Schimek
Naftalia Segal
Sky Shannon
Devyn Sherman
Bennett Sieck
Kendyle Silver
Audrey Smith
Noah Sonka
Sophie Sutton
Gram Thomas
Thomas Viane
Iris Weiner
Chloe Wyruch

3 YEARS

Pearl Abrahams
Vivi Abrahams
Leila Acevedo
Soren Alldredge
Logan Ashby
Julian Barnes
Charlotte Baron
Elizabeth Baskins
Isabella Baskins
Grace Berry
Layla Blumenthal
Andrew Buchanan
Avery Buchanan
Gracie Castaneda
Luke Chanawatr

Jack Childers
MC Coburn
Stephen Cohen
Asher Collar
Quincy Cooper
Zara Cooper
Cameron Cox
Zoe Cox
Audrey Czerniewski
Toby Danylchuk
Julia Delsol
Ben Ellis
Taliah Ellis
Ashley Fannon
Josie Fonarow
Blake Friedman
Maude Giroux
Sarah Giroux
Ellie Goldsmith
Fletcher Graham
Will Guichard
Julia Guillen
Oscar Hanson
Anyah Harron
Ash Harron
Alex Hatch
Cooper Hatch
Quinn Hathaway
Rylan Heslin
Josie Hicks
Carson Jordan
Connor Jordan
Summer Jordan
Mackay Kemp
Alex Kenworthy
Nola Kilar
Skylar Kimmel
Katie King
David Kossar
Graham Kroonen
Reed Kushner
Makenna Larkins
Cameron Lasman
Sebastian Lema
Riley Lenz
Mayer Levit
Levi Loewenstein
Carl Lunkewitz
Paul Lunkewitz
Audrey Markovich
Mackenzie Marlborough
Jasper McClary
Luca Measer
Eli Meisel
Hunter Meyers
Marli Moore
Abby Morrison
Carlos Munoz-Koster
Olivia Munoz-Koster
Finn Nash
Parker Nash
Jace Needleman
Tess Oreck
Anabel Orozco
Paulina Paredes
Robert Patterson
Marin Pollock
Vivian Porter
Will Portnoy
Peanut Rademacher
Sara Rice
Charlie Robinette
Brett Rosenblatt
Claire Schmidt
Sam Schmidt
Grey Shumow
Haley Simon
Lily Sjogreen
Sydney Solash
Tillie Solomon
Anna Viane
Owen Wagner
Sam Waldman
Elsa Wallin
Summer Weiner
Ava Westberg
Lana Westberg
Cassidy Williams
Ella Zaragoza-Aaron
Eleanor Ziperovich
Matias Ziperovich

2 YEARS

Josephine Adelstein
Shanti Alley
Beckett Alper
Rafa Amezaga
Agustin Angulo
Will Bailey
Amelia Baker

Everett Baker
Georgia Bass
Henry Berland
George Bessolo
Elinor Bither
Leo Bland
Marcus Bonanni
Lily Brandt
Zoe Brod
Simon Buckberg Michael
Eli Carlson
Lena Chasteen
Ollie Chinn
Char Covert
Will Cox
Katie Culp
Liam Daley
Teddy Daley
Sydney Danylchuk
Cecilia de Mare
Emma de Mare
Ceci Dean
Skye Dean
Bronwyn Del Negro
Miles Durgin
Zoe Dusig
Peter Eierman
Diego Fallon
Judah Feldman
Harper Finn
Adalee Foster
Finn Fox
Jaya Fox
Shane Fox
Thomas Fox
Sadie Franklin
Teddy Gardner-Berg
Chase Gensler
Chloe Gensler
Madison Gensler
Adriana Goldberg
Alex Goldsmith
Brody Goslin
Zack Goslin
Troy Gould
Skyla Grah
Harper Green
Sam Greenberg
Charlie Haas
Cooper Haas
Amelia Hann
Liv Hann
Josie Hanson
Krisjan Harnish
Kinley Haskins
Ryder Hess
Hilary Hogan
Belle Hogan
Zahara Jules
Daniel Justis
Taj Kaylani
Zane Kaylani
Ryder Koblick
Cole Landry
Joseph Lavezzo
Josie LeBlanc
Jamie Levinson
Max Marino
Aidan Maron
Ava Maron
Kellan Mazur
Makenna Mazur
Sadie McCulloch
Laney McGinn
Julia Meehan
Teke Meisel
Catalina Mendivil
Coop Mennick
Olin Meyer
Olivia Mooney
Gracie Moran
Daniel Morrison
Kai Orozco
Bean Owen-Ward
Lucas Pasewark
Reagan Patterson
Josiah Peterson
Felix Pipski
Juni Pipski
Madeline Quill
Ryley Quiroz
Zoe Quiroz
Ellen Rhodes
Sarah Rhodes
Isaiah Ring
Kaleb Ring
Sadie Robin
Quentin Roemer
Jordana Rogers
Oskar Roner

Connor Ross
Emily Ross
Zachary Ross
Louis Rotgin
Tyler Roth
Gemma Schaeffer
Rafi Schaeffer
Beau Schinto
Sofia Schnabel
Wyatt Shada
Zac Shada
Jack Shea
Rylan Sheedy
Lucas Shelton
Caroline Sherman
Claire Sibson
Charlie Sjogreen
Anson Skinner
Lu Skinner
Zoe Skinner
Eleanor Smith
Will Smolins
Wheels Snyder
Lily Tyler
Varun Vijay Mani
Isabelle Waxman
Lucas Waxman
Flynn Weaver
Presley Whitemans
Jacob Winnick

1st YEAR

Zac Adler
Ben Aker
Greta Alldredge
Will Anderson
Gregory Angulo
Rafa Avalos
Ryan Avalos
Rohmer Baumbach
Ami Berland
Jordyn Bernabe
Evie Bernstein
Ava Bice
Mia Blacklock
Hudson Blackmore
Grace Blackmore
Remi Bland
Leo Blenner
Agatha Blumenthal
Charlotte Bogan
Mateo Burguera
Luciano Buscemi
Danny Carlson
Amias Collins
Elliott Collins
Gabriella Cupps
Garrett Cupps
Tate Dean
Dylan DeLuca
Stela DiMatteo
Alexandra Dimitrova
Jack Henry Douglas
Breck Eagl
Andrew Escola
Sophia Espinoza
Bay Faulkner
Julia Ferraro
Wyatt Foster
Kaylin Franklin
Eli Fruchbom
Toma Galatanu
Wade Garoutte
Celine Gas
Everett Gilman
Evan Gold
Mason Goldberg
Carson Gould
Charlie Graham
Quinn Green
William Green
Joaquin Greenhut
Owen Gutierrez
Owen Hamer
Abigail Handlon
Avery Handy
Hailey Handy
Olivia Hanks
Natasha Harnish
Finn Harrington
Zoe Harrington
Molly Hastings
Brooklyn Hatch
Isa Hatch
Poppy Heathcote
Marlowe Henning
Bryce Heslin
Coco Hobel
Hank Hogan
Anderson Hopkins

Tova Jaffe
Mylie Jaquet
Cole Johnson
Owen Johnson
Claire Jordan
Cooper Kaeding
Angelina Kassner
Evan Kibler
Roxie Kimmel
Stone King
Judah Kornblith
Lucy Kramer
Oscar Kramer
Saskia Kroes
Korey Latham-Grayson
Zealand Law
Tyler Lenz
Shay Levy
Sloane Levy
Juliana Lindsay
Archer Lisenby
River Lisenby
Evie Lohonen
Tom Lowe
Angus MacFadyen
AJ Manela
Alex Marino
Tessa McCormack
Phoebe Measer
Jamison Meyers
Sage Meyers
Jonah Meyuhass
Siena Michelson
William Mooney
Neala Morris
Hatley Morrissey
Timothy Morrissey
Jacob Munoz-Koster
Maya Narayanan
Sam Narva
Cole Needleman
Harley Nichols
Juliet Nichols
Millie Oelman
Freddie Oman
Ripley O'Neil
Clementine Oxman
Ryan Pasewark
Charlotte Perry
George Perry
Grayson Porter
Mackenzie Porter
Rowan Porter
Annelie Quigley
Phoebe Quill
Pohaku Rademacher
Reid Rakowski
Quincy Reynolds
Taylor Richter
Eva Rico
Frankie Rivinus
Cliff Roark
Lu Roark
Olivia Roberts
Marlo Robin
Becker Ruzek
Cleo Schaeffer
Sadie Schwartz Susskind
Leo Sharkey
Abby Sherman
Hutton Shumow
Caroline Sieck
Arya Singla
Siya Singla
Ivy Smolins
Cora Solash
Josephine Solash
Morgan Sonka
Isaiah Tisdale
Isa Tracy
Pax Trollope
Pip Trollope
Grant Trujillo
Sienna Trujillo
Isabel Tully
Lucas Tully Femenia
Mav Van Roo
Jonah Vandeveld
Rose Vandeveld
Jay Weiner
Sophia Weiss
Hazel Welch
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Kate Zaragoza-Aaron
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