

## FALLING for the OUTDOORS

Junior Declan Packer and Senior Rocky Leitch take a trip into the wilderness.

Photos courtesy of Rocky Leitch



“Fishing is one of my favorite activities to do since you get to relax and get away from everyday stresses and just soak in and enjoy the beauty of the nature surrounding you.”

**ROCKY LEITCH ('23)**



“I love fishing because it is relaxing being in the serenity of nature and hanging out with friends and catching fish.”

**DECLAN PACKER ('24)**

## MADRONO takes KAUAI

Madrono staff members take a trip to Kauai.

“Going to Kauai started the summer off great. Having my Madrono hat was great since it blocked out the sun and reminded me of memories from Madrono.”

**TATE HARDY ('24)**



**TAKING IN THE SUN**, Juniors Tate Hardy, Scarlett Cummings, Gabby Loops and Meredith Glasson smile for a selfie. The Madrono staff members spent a week in Kauai right after school got out. “I had the best time with my friends in such a beautiful place,” Glasson said. Photos by Meredith Glasson

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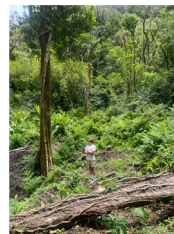
Sophomores Ivan Sandler and Gabe Boudtchenko take a trip to Maui together.

**Q** What was your favorite activity?  
On the third day when we took a day trip around the island. We saw a lot of cool places such as Twin falls. We ended the day by eating poke and went back to the resort.

**IVAN SANDLER ('25)**

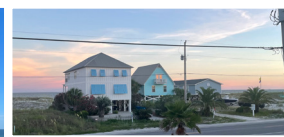
**Q** What was your favorite activity?  
We spent time kickin it at the beach and taking road trips to find some cool spots.

**GABE BOUDTCHENKO ('25)**



(left) **TAKING A HIKE** in Maui, Gabe Boudtchenko ('25) poses for a photo in the jungle off of the trail.

(right) **EXPLORING THE JUNGLE**, Ivan Sandler ('25) gets a candid shot while on a day hike in Maui. Photos courtesy Ivan Sandler



(left) **SMILING WITH FAMILY** Elsie Parigi ('24) poses for a group photo with family. Parigi got the chance to spend quality time with her cousins in Alabama.

(right) **AS THE SUNSETS** over the coast of Alabama beaches, Elsie Parigi snaps a photo capturing the beautiful sky. Photos courtesy Elsie Parigi

## ON the COAST

Elsie Parigi ('24) spends time with cousins in Alabama.

Junior Elsie Parigi traveled south to the coast of Alabama to spend time with her whole family. “I go to Alabama like every summer with my family who lives in Georgia,” Parigi said.

Gulf Shores is the destination that brings the family together to relax on the beach.

Each day her family would go straight

to the beach and soak up the sun.

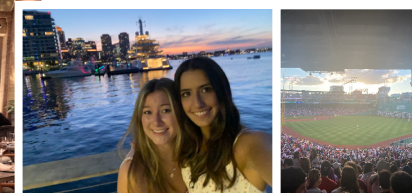
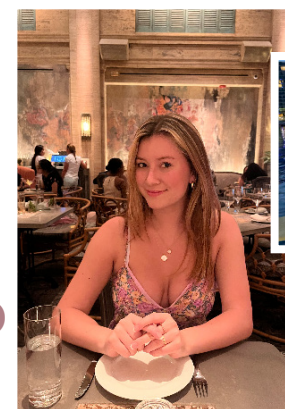
“The house we stayed in was right next to the beach so every day we would go,” Parigi said.

Spending the summer with Parigi’s mom’s side of the family is something that she always looks forward to.

“It is a large group: there are seven of us and five cousins, so it is always a lot of fun,” Parigi said.

## studying PSYCHOLOGY

Caitlin Bannon ('23) attends a Boston University psychology program.



(left) **GOING AROUND THE** city, Caitlin Bannon tries new restaurants.

(middle) **MAKING NEW FRIENDS** Bannon meets people from all over the country. Bannon was thankful to meet a new friend who was from the Bay Area and the two are still friends.

(right) **SPENDING TIME EXPLORING** the city of Boston, Bannon gets off time during the weekends. A favorite memory from the weekend was getting the chance to go to a baseball game with her classmates.

“I loved Boston and I met amazing people. The workload of Boston University’s AIM psychology program was rigorous, but there was plenty of downtime on the weekends.”

**CAITLIN BANNON ('23)**

# United States

## IN THE theatre

Rebecca Helft ('23) spends six weeks in Pittsburgh for a theatre program.

Rebecca Helft traveled across the country to be a part of a six week theatre program at Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh.

This program stood out to Helft since it has a history of being one of the best theatre programs.

“It is a super prestigious program that offered me a lot of classes I was super interested including ballet, vocal performance, and more,” Helft said.

Even though it was a far trek to get to, Helft felt at home since she had the

comfort of other PALY students who also attended the program.

“I ended up going with two other girls also from Paly, Sonja Meyers and Audrey Guo,” Helft said.

Once at the program though, everyone was split into majors so Helft ended up splitting away from her friends. This opportunity gave her a way to meet people from all over the country.

“I spent the majority of my time meeting totally new people, many of whom are now some of my closest friends,” Helft said.

