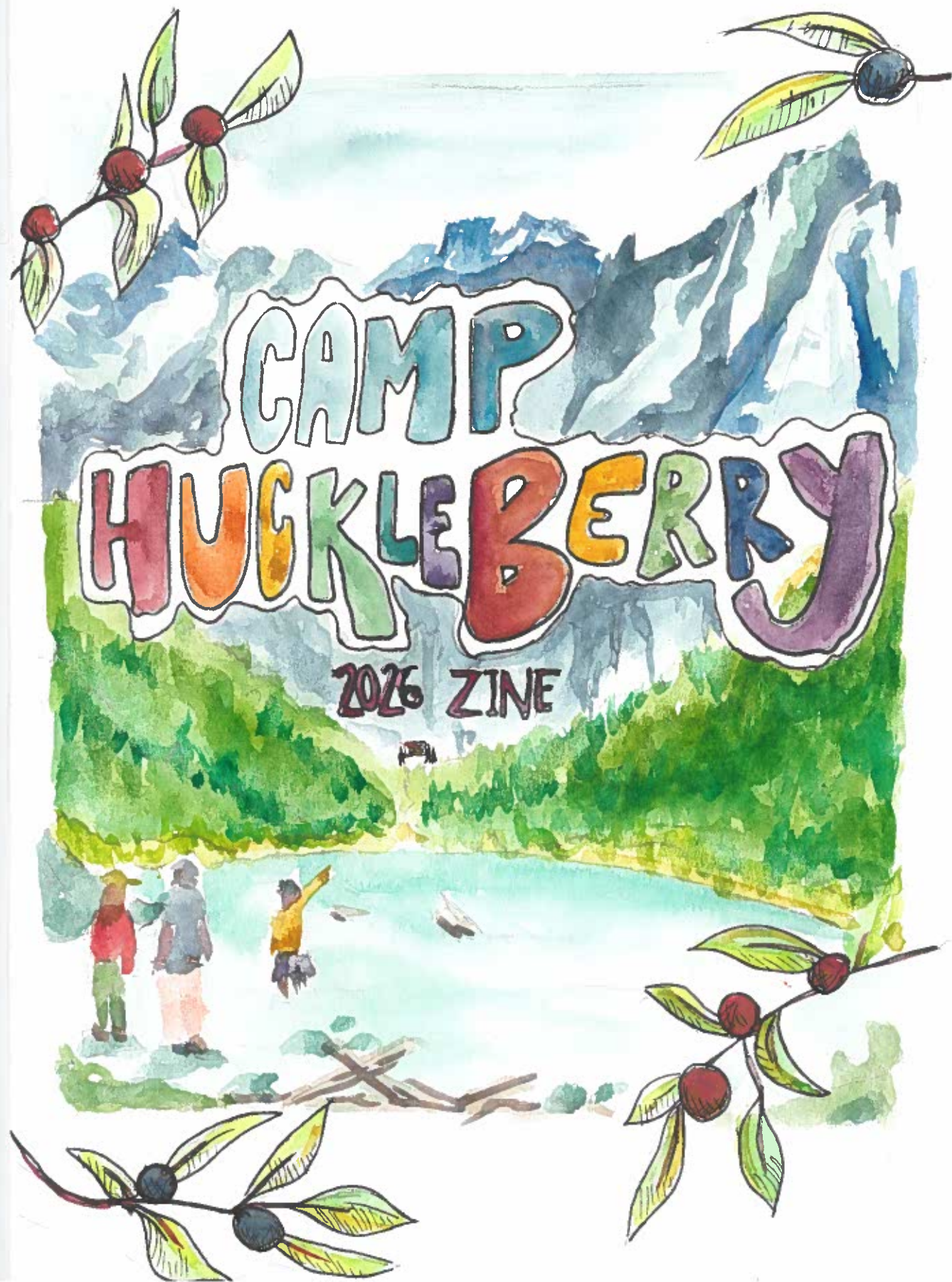




We are a group of young guides, instructors & cultural care bears, who started and continue Camp Huckleberry. We are all queer and love backpacking and want to share these joys with you. We can't wait to create magical experiences on the land with you all!

Many of us are fellow overthinkers and wished we had more info about the trips we were about to embark on. So together... we made this zine for YOU!!

We hope it provides some info about what to expect on this adventure. Remember that each year will be different and full of its own stories, challenges and joys. We are SO excited you are joining us this year!

In queer joy,

Alana, Avery, Ry, Levi,
Ellis, Maxx !!



CAMP HUCKLEBERRY

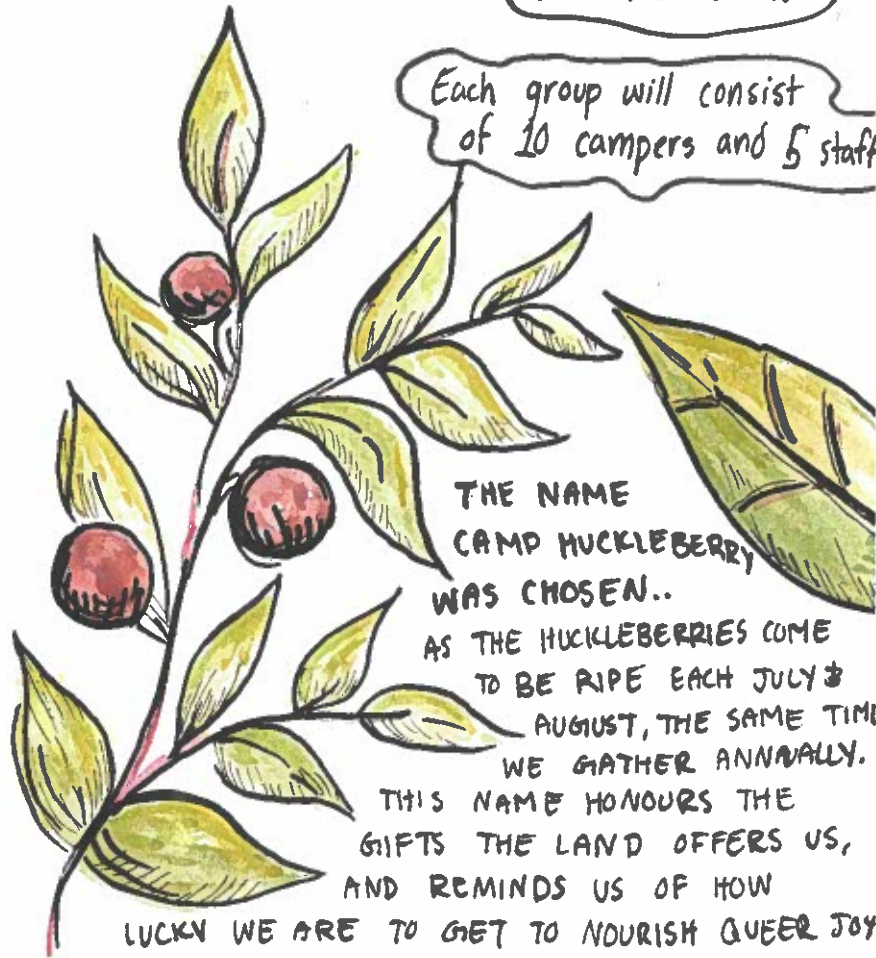
IS A 5-DAY BACKPACKING CAMP FOR 2-SPIRIT, QUEER & TRANS YOUTH AND THEIR ALLIES TO CREATE CONNECTIONS AND ACCESS BACKPACKING IN AN AFFIRMING & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

Each group will consist of 10 campers and 5 staff

THE NAME CAMP HUCKLEBERRY WAS CHOSEN..

AS THE HUCKLEBERRIES COME TO BE RIPE EACH JULY & AUGUST, THE SAME TIME WE GATHER ANNUALLY.

THIS NAME HONOURS THE GIFTS THE LAND OFFERS US, AND REMINDS US OF HOW LUCKY WE ARE TO GET TO NOURISH QUEER JOY



TOGETHER WE
AIM TO
CO-CREATE
A SPACE WHERE....

2-spirit, queer & trans
joy is celebrated.

We can express our
joy, expressions &
identities freely.

We are celebrated
for exactly who we are!

**LISTEN TO OUR
NEEDS + BODIES**

Be in an environment
where we can challenge
ourselves, take space
to rest & practice
being playful. Together
practice advocating
for our needs.

(LAND AS CO-CREATOR)

The land is seen and valued as an intelligent being that
we can foster relationship with. The land guides and
is a key contributor to our time together.

Youth Agency

Youth are treated as
experts of their own
needs, experiences and
knowledges. They are
trusted.

**All contributions
are valued.**

There is
no right way
to be a leader
or participant. We
value all forms of
contributions from
making people laugh
to helping with dishes.

**LEARN & SHARE
SKILLS**

We all have
different knowledge
to share. Together
we can learn
new things
in positive ways.

WHAT PAST
CAMPERS HAVE SHARED
ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE..

CAMP MADE
ME REALIZE
QUEER PEOPLE
ARE EVERYWHERE!

THE STAFF MADE
ME FEEL COMFORTABLE,
AND WERE ALWAYS
PATIENT. I FELT
SUPPORTED.

I WAS REALLY
NERVOUS BUT IT
WAS WAY BETTER
THAN I EXPECTED.

I HAD NEVER
DONE SOMETHING
LIKE THIS BEFORE &
NOW FEEL MUCH
MORE COMFORTABLE
HIKING.

I GOT TO HEAR
OTHER PEOPLE'S UNIQUE
EXPERIENCES &
MAKE NEW
FRIENDSHIPS!



DAY TO DAY AT CAMP HUCKLEBERRY

Below is the tentative schedule for your time at Camp Huckleberry. Each year's group is slightly different & we love to let your hopes & needs guide our schedule too!

DAY 1

- MEET THE GROUP - Introductions + Tour
- PACK, PLAN, PREPARE for the Trip
- DINNER at lodge, sleep near lodge.

DAY 2

- Early morning wake up
- Pack final items + food
- Drive together in van to trailhead
- Hike towards first backcountry campsite

DAY 3+4

The plans for Day 3+4 are co-created together as a group. Usually we do one day of hiking & one day of rest/exploring.

Activity Options Include: Art, Rest, Games
Hiking, Swimming
Ideas you have?

DAY 5

- Early morning wake-up. & pack up
- Hike towards trailhead
- Drive van back to lodge
- Closing Circle & Goodbyes/ See ya later.

AHHH! WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN I ARRIVE???

Many of us can feel nervous or anxious before arriving to camp. It is normal for uncertainties, and excitement to be running through our minds and bodies. We welcome you to show up exactly as you are ☺

When you arrive you will be greeted by the Office staff and then one of our staff will come meet you.

We will have art supplies available to draw or doodle while we wait for everyone to arrive.



Once we have the whole group we will do introductions, situate ourselves on the land, & do a walking tour before we start to prep for the trip.

FOOD

AT THE LODGE & ON TRAIL.

When we are at the lodge (parts of Day 1+2)
We will eat at a Buffet. There are many options.

On our trip we will eat meals on
the trail or at a campsite.

Some examples include:

• BAGELS

• PAD THAI

• OATMEAL

• NOODLE SOUP

• GRANOLA BARS

• HOT COCO

• PASTA

• SANDWICHES



We are happy to support you in
meeting your food needs +
preferences!

If you wanted to eat
bagels for breaky, lunch
& dinner because that
works best for you...

We have no fuss about it! We trust you know
yourself best!



SLEEPING

ARRANGEMENTS

On night 1 we will likely
sleep at an outdoor shelter
near the lodge.



For the rest of
the trip campers
will sleep in
tents with

1-3 other
campers.



Tent assignments will
be sorted by age, not
gender! Campers will
be supported in
creating a tent
culture to respect others
needs, privacy, and sleep.

BATHROOMS

At the lodge all bathrooms
are single stall & all-gender.

On the trip there is likely
to be outhouses at our
campsites. Campers will
also be taught how to use
the bathroom in the forest if they would like.



HIKING

Hiking is how we will move our bodies and gear across the land. Hiking with a big backpack can challenge our minds + bodies and we can often feel tired.



Hiking is also a great way to chat with

friends, tell stories and see, smell a hear the land around us!

When we are hiking we will split into 2 groups based on what pace people would like to travel on that day. Both groups will take many breaks to have snacks and take rests.

We will work as a team to get to our campsite. If someone's bag is feeling too heavy we will distribute the weight to others. During this trip we will practice leaning on eachothers unique strengths!

All contributions are valued!!

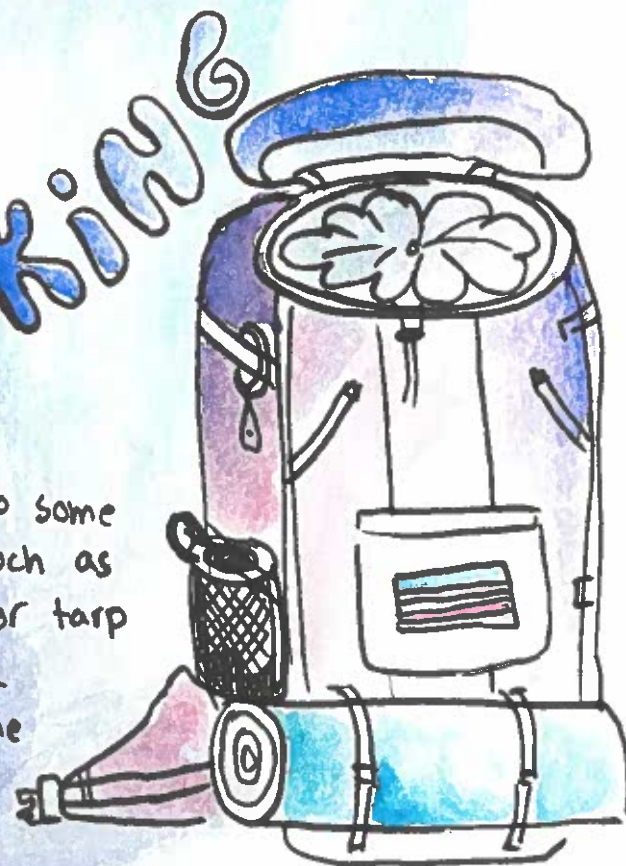


In your backpack you will pack the items on the gear list sent to you by Strathcona Park Lodge. If you are missing items please reach out prior to camp so we can support.

It's okay if it doesn't seem like it will fit, or carry on your back. We will show you some packing skills & help you out.

PACKING

You will also some group gear such as a tent piece or tarp as well as a portion of the group food!



CARE

NOTES

MEDICATIONS!

If you have regular medications please bring an extra set for your instructor to have as a backup. If you need medication reminders on trip we are here to help.

GENDER AFFIRMING CARE!

If you have any specific questions or need support brainstorming how to maintain gender affirming practices on trip - please reach out. For campers who bind or tuck we recommend finding options that work for strenuous, activity and hot days. We are able to support campers self administering injections while on the trail.

OTHER CARE ITEMS!

You are welcome to bring a small + light stuffed animal on trip.

In backpacking - things can get dirty. Please do not bring any items you are worried about damaging.



MEET THE TEAM

The Camp Huckleberry Leadership Team is so excited to meet you!

Below are our Bios so you can learn more about us.

Leadership Roster

July 21-25th:

RY, LEVI, ALANA, AVERY, MAXX

August 2nd - 6th:

RY, LEVI, ALANA,
AVERY, ELLIS



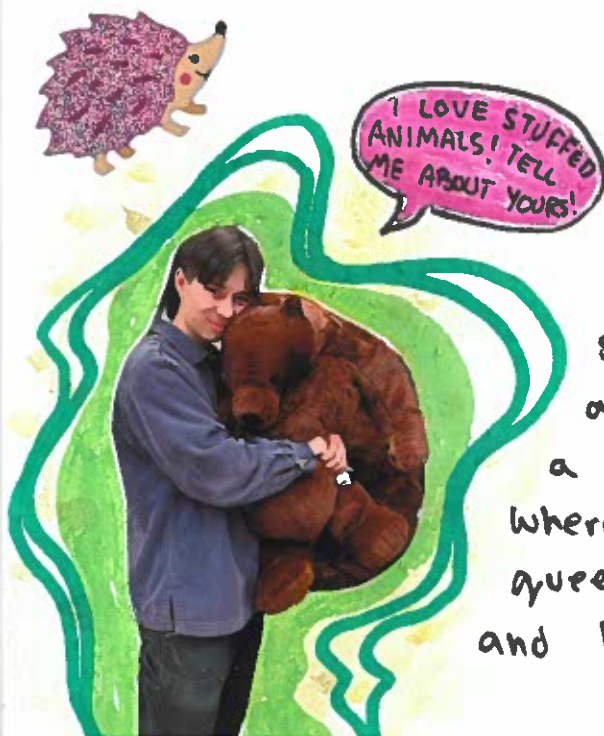
HI FRIENDS! I'M

ALANA

THEY / THEM

I'm one of your guides and
the founder of Camp
Huckleberry (which is my little
queer dream that came true)!

I am a trans snacc, non-binary & neurodivergent human
who deeply values my connections with the land, trees, berries &
humans around me. My educational/professional background is in
Adventure Guiding and Youth Support Work.



I like being silly, talking
about cats, and doing groovy
dance moves outdoors.
I am beyond excited
to see you all this
summer. I trust we
are going to co-create
a space on the trail
where we can be our
queer, weird, joyful selves
and be celebrated in that!!



Hi,



My name is Ry
(he/they/una) and
my role at camp
is Cultural support



Care bear. My background is in
youth mental health peer support
Here to have casual chats or
deep heart to hearts. Excited to
meet you!

Nakurmiik (thank you)

Ry



HI FRIENDS I'M

AVERY

(SHE/HER)



I'M A GUIDE AT CAMP
AND AM SOO EXCITED TO MEET

YOU ALL! I AM A PANSEXUAL GIG
WOMAN AND GREW UP ON THE
UNCEDCED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY
OF THE Iak'wənan PEOPLE.

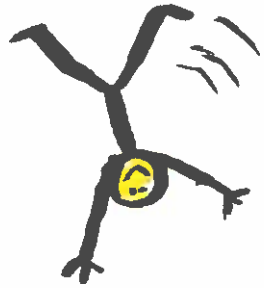
IN MY SPARE TIME I ENJOY ART, DANCING,
SEAKAYAKING, AND MORE. FUN FACT

ABOUT ME IS THAT
I CAN DRINK AN ENTIRE
TUICE BOX IN 10 SECONDS.
I AM BEYOND STOKED TO
SPEND A WEEK TOGETHER
SEE YOU SOON!!

P.S. I WILL BE THE CAMP GLITTER
FAIRY. I HAVE SO MUCH GLITTER
FOR US ALL.



Hi! I'm



LEVI!



(he/him)



I am a guide at Camp
Huckleberry and I am very excited
to meet all of you! I love
connecting folks to nature and
new forms of movement. I do
this through my role as a
snowboard instructor (winter) and
outdoor education instructor. I am
a queer transgender man and I
love to be creative.

My bio is boring but I am NOT!

See you
soon,



ELLIS

He/Him



HEY, I'M ELLIS! I AM SO
EXCITED TO BE VOLUNTEERING
AS A YOUTH MENTOR DURING WEEK
2 OF CAMP HUCKLEBERRY!

I attended camp as a youth in 2024 and I
am so happy to be back to learn, support
& grow with you! I live in Vancouver & just
graduated from Capilano University this year, studying
costuming for theatre and film...

So I like sewing & movies!

I grew up loving the
outdoors so I am
so grateful to go
on this trip with
you!



YIPEEEEE



MAXX/WOJIE/THEY/THEM



Hello! I'm
a guide in training
at camp Hucklberry.
I am trans nonbinary
and all around queer
person. In my free
time I love to play
music (cello, piano, guitar, ukulele).
I love spending time sea kayaking
along with being in the mountains.
I also love to draw and make
visual art along with writing songs.
I'm so excited to meet you
all and hear about all your
intrests and passions.



A MESSAGE to the RETURNING CAMPERS

HELLO! I hope you've been
well since we last saw
each other.

I'm sad to not be
able to join you at
camp this summer.

I hope to join
you again on the
trail in 2027.



I cant wait to hear stories from
CAMP HUCKLEBERRY 2026!

Have a great time out there♡

With care, Tim (he/him)

OUR FAVOURITE MOMENTS FROM LAST YEAR!

Connecting our queer
experiences to the
queerness of nature!

Laughing over
spilled macaroni!

THE 1st
Riverside Talent
Show!



WE ARE SO LOOKING FORWARD
TO CREATING OUR OWN UNIQUE
MEMORIES WITH YOU
THIS YEAR!

WE HOPE THIS
ZINE PROVIDED
SOME IMPORTANT &
FUN INFORMATION
ABOUT CAMP
HUCKLEBERRY!

IF YOU HAVE ANY LINGERING
QUESTIONS, PLEASE DON'T
HESITATE TO REACH OUT OVER
EMAIL OR PHONE.

CAMP HUCKLEBERRY
IS TRULY A
HIGHLIGHT OF
ALL OUR YEAR'S
AND WE ARE
COUNTING DOWN
UNTIL WE GET TO
MEET/REUNITE WITH
YOUR BRILLIANT
SELVES!

See you Soon!

Ry, Alana, Avery, Levi
Maxx & Ellis

