

Camp White Meadow

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The Director's Chair:

I cannot believe that three weeks are down already! We had a tremendous week of weather at The Meadow, and I am tired just thinking of all the fun happenings this week.

First off, congratulations to our College Day winners from last week, the Blue Villanova Wildcats team and their leaders Jason "Jay-Woo" Wooster and Samantha Ortiz. It was a great day of competition for everyone associated with the camp community.

All groups got out on trips this week for the first time this summer. The Pre-K/K and 1/2 groups went to see the animals at Turtleback Zoo on Tuesday, while 3/4, 5/6, and Teen Travel rode the slides at Camel Beach on Thursday. Teen Travel also took to the ice at Aspen Ice and got some ice cream at Dairy Queen on Wednesday.

The pajamas came out on Wednesday for our weekly Wacky Wednesday celebration, and many campers and parents came out to watch our staff softball team, the Stingrays, beat Camp Geshner later

in the evening. We finished the week with our weekly theme day, which this week happened to be Western White Meadow Downs day. Thanks to Alex and the Counselors in Training for creating a complicated scavenger hunt and horse races to send us all home for the week smiling.

Everyone at camp is getting excited for our SING! competition next Wednesday. All five groups have been practicing hard, and it is shaping up to be a close competition. I cannot wait, as it is always one of my favorite days of the summer.

See you all next week!

Until next time,
~Jonathan Roman

Icepacks Unlimited:

Happy Birthday to Sponge Bob Squarepants! In honor of our Sponge Bob Squarepants Band-Aids, we celebrated this past Wednesday! Though some may think they're too cool...you're NEVER too old to be wearing a Sponge Bob Band-Aid!

As you know, my job at camp is to take care of the physical well

being of the campers if anyone gets hurt or is not feeling well. Though we go through countless (Sponge Bob) Band-Aids, some injuries/ illnesses deem a note home letting you, the parents; know about something that happened at camp. The note is to inform you of what happened and a signature is requested so I know you are aware of the incident. Please make sure to get that back to me as soon as possible so we are all on the same page concerning your child.

Your kids are wonderful and though I do not like to see them when they are sad about the scrape on their knee, I enjoy the everyday interactions with them at camp! If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask. Be healthy and happy! Keep drinking lots of water and wearing lots of sunscreen!

~Liz

Boating & Nature:

Week 3 was very thrilling on the Meadow. We continued on our turtle hunting and added several small bullfrogs. Josh Gaines from ChewBroccoli and Luke Cadman from the Cocoa Puff Eatin'...Swaggin' Dragons helped with the turtle catching duties. We continued to enjoy the honeysuckle. We were able to spot those crazy looking braineacks all over the lake.

On the hiking front the Cocoa Puff Eatin' ... Swaggin' Dragons are going to the top of the Tourne on Friday. Until Next Week.

~Bruce

Crayons & More:

This week everyone was super creative as we made Native American Dancing Rattles, Molded Bead Shapes/ Animals, Edible Spiders and Mini Totes. The campers are having a wonderful time at Arts & Crafts!

I would like to remind everyone that Arts & Crafts is a



place where campers can get both creative and messy. At Arts & Crafts we sometimes use paint and markers that do not wash out of clothing. Each time these special materials are used, the counselors and I do everything we can to keep your children clean, but I would like to recommend that you send your camper with a smock if you are worried about ruined clothing. You camper may leave this at Art so that every time they are there, they can wear it. Also, if you have any other smocks that you would like to donate to Arts & Crafts, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.

Have a happy and safe weekend!

~Paige

Fruit Roll-Ups:

Week 3? Holy Moly! When we say we've really been "getting our feet wet" at camp, we're not lying! I'm so proud of all our Fruit Roll Ups because every single one of us got wet and went swimming this week, even if we were a little bit afraid. This week has been action packed with FUN! We started off with an amazing trip to Turtle Back Zoo! We saw all kinds of cool animals and rode the train around. We came back exhausted, but that means we had a great day. And when the older kids went on their trip, we just loved having the rule of the camp on Thursday. We hung out at the pool, practiced for SING, and as a special treat, we got to go on a nature hike with Bruce! Cool! And Western White Meadow Downs day was so much fun! We did a scavenger hunt, and it was so silly to see our counselors pretend to be horses as we bet who would be the fastest. Wow, what a week! Get ready for SING next Wednesday!

Have a super weekend,

~Lisa, Jamie, Liz, Sara, Eliza, Lauren and Gina (And Tessie and Alex, our CIT's this week- THANKS!)

Sour Skittles:

Bears and Lion of my! What a terrific time we had at the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange. The campers were able to experience feeding beautiful birds from Australia with a stick that had a sticky seed mixture on it that helped us to see the birds up real close! We also learned about reptiles and went on a fun train ride all around the park. The nicest part of our trip was how well we listened to our counselors. Nice job Sour Skittles!

Wednesday was neat as we walked around in our PJs and on Thursday we made an edible treat with Paige at Arts & Crafts! Yummy!

The theme day on Friday was awesome! The Meadow Downs is always a blast as the counselors pick jockeys to race with us. We "bet" on who we thought could come in first!

Many thanks to our counselors and CITs who continue to shine!

Enjoy,

~Barb, Erica, Christina, Jason, Molly, Jacky, Sabrina & Tom

Cocoa Puff Eatin' ... Swaggin'

Dragons:

Week 3 brought us some new activities; tenni ball and softball. The campers made sun catchers with Paige in Art!

Boating at Beach 3 is always a blast... we think we keep catching the same turtle-he let's us catch him; he wants to be with us- who wouldn't?

It's amazing to watch the campers during free swim... they are using the stokes they have been taught during instructional swim. We are looking forward to Camel Beach; rain or shine we're all getting wet anyway. Any whole camp trip is always fun!

Friday was Western White Meadow Downs, was your camper a jockey? It is the only time where betting for candy is encouraged. See you for week 4!

~Miss Nancy, Bobby, Rachel, Ryan, Rebecca, Dillon, Samantha,

Ray, Kelly and Mike. A big thanks to our CIT's Gus and Eric!

ChewBroccoli:

Waterslides, wave pools, and lazy rivers, OH MY! Our trip to Camel Beach this week was splash-tastic! We were so pumped to go on our first trip of the summer! During the week we demonstrated our sporting abilities with lots of soccer, boxball, kickball, and basketball. In addition, we got our tans on by the pool during free swim. On Wednesday, we sported our super comfy pajamas for pajama day! We made really awesome art projects with Paige, including Ojos de Dios and rattlers in honor of Western White Meadow Downs Day. Speaking of Western White Meadow Downs Day, we had a blast cheering on our counselors, supervisors, specialists, CITs and their jockeys! Wow. What a week! Next week is going to be filled with non-stop fun too, and we are truly looking forward to it as we prepare our vocal cords and put on our game faces for Wednesday's SING competition!

~Stacy & Co.

Two-Day Titans:

This was another great weathered week at camp! We spent Monday and Tuesday at the A-field playing soccer, volleyball, kickball, and practicing for SING! On Wednesday we enjoyed Aspen Ice and ice cream and Camel Beach on Thursday. So, we have another great week under our belts and are looking forward to SING this upcoming week!

~Lauren & Friends



Upcoming Events...

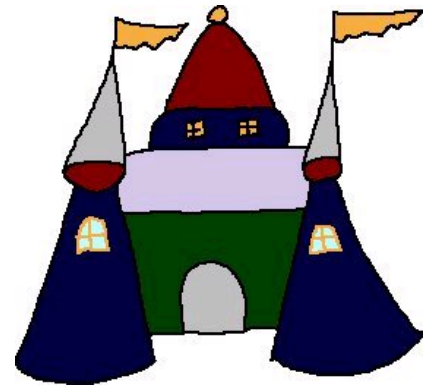


Friday, July 24th-
Aloha to Hawaii
Day

TEEN TRAVEL

Tuesday, July 21st- Medieval Times

Thursday, July 23rd- IMAX
(Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince)



WEDNESDAY, JULY
22nd-

SING!!!!

