

# Camp White Meadow

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## The Directors Chair

Wow!! Already two weeks down. Time really does fly when you are having fun. And we are having ourselves a blast.

On Monday, Camp White Meadow celebrated the United States with Red, White and Blue day!! We donned the clothing, sang patriotic songs, even our snack was red, white and blue. Yummy!!

Tuesday we all took time to celebrate the 4th of July separately, as camp was closed. I saw fireworks. Did you?

Wednesday welcomed us back to camp with a rain out!! We spent the day inside watching movies, making arts and crafts, playing Pictionary and other indoor fun. The 5th, 6th, 7th and ten travel groups hit the lanes for bowling. It was Liz out rolling Stacy by three pins. Nail Biting. By the end of the day, the sun started to shine through, previewing Thursday's glorious weather.

On Thursday we were back outside. We got in a full day of outdoor activities. Groups swam, hiked and played ball. While Teen Travel ran the surf in Seaside, the A-field started to hear the sounds of SING! for the first time. More on that in weeks to come.

Our week culminated with College Day. This year we celebrated the class of the South East Conference (SEC).

The teams were:

*Red Georgia Bulldogs* led by Pete Gryzmkowski and Jackie Meiseles

*Yellow LSU Tigers* under the guidance of Dillon McConnell and Christina Padilla

*White Kentucky Wildcats* cheered on by Matt Everett and Molly Lasicka

and  
*Blue Florida Gators* directed by Taryn Kimel and Chris Roman

The morning was hysterical. There was a tremendous amount of

team spirit as the pep rally had cheers, skits and speeches from the leaders.

The AM activities proved to demonstrate light-hearted competition and great sportsmanship. The swim meets, softball games, and volleyball matches were close and it was wonderful to see teammates support each other and applaud their opponents.

In the afternoon, we flexed our thinking muscles. Liz hosted the 4th annual College Day College Bowl. It was filled with trivia from the informative to the ridiculous, but our competitors handled it all in stride.

At the end of the day, we were all winners and we all had a great time. I personally would like to thank Alex Meiseles, our Athletic Coordinator, for putting together a wonderful College Day event.

And we are still getting geared up. Next week Luau, Crazy Hat Day, Trips to CamelBeach and Shawnee and Family Feedback night.

I want to remind all of you parents that we are planning one BIG Family Fun Night party this year so make sure you sign up now.

So there are already two weeks down. But we still have three to look forward to.

Until next week, stay safe and have fun.

Take care,  
Mark

## From the Fields

Happy Independence Day everyone! We had a great second week here at The Meadow. On Monday the Devastating Dessert learned how to play badminton, while the

Beach Bums practiced their tennis stroke. After we returned from our celebrations on the fourth, the Aqua Ninjas learned how to play BBK, or Basketball-Baseball-Kickball, while the Little Surfers practiced dribbling

for soccer.

Everyone was psyched for College Day, where four SEC teams competed. They are the Red Georgia Bulldogs, the Yellow LSU Tigers, the White Kentucky Wildcats, and the Blue Florida Gators. All of the groups competed, from swimming and track meets to soccer games, with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The 8 leaders did an excellent job organizing their teams and writing cheers. The results will be announced Monday. Until then, have a fun, safe weekend.

-Alex

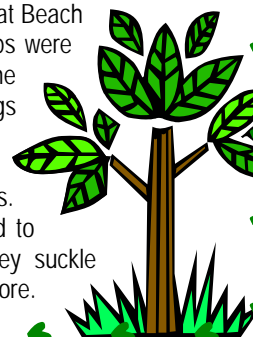
## For Arts' Sake

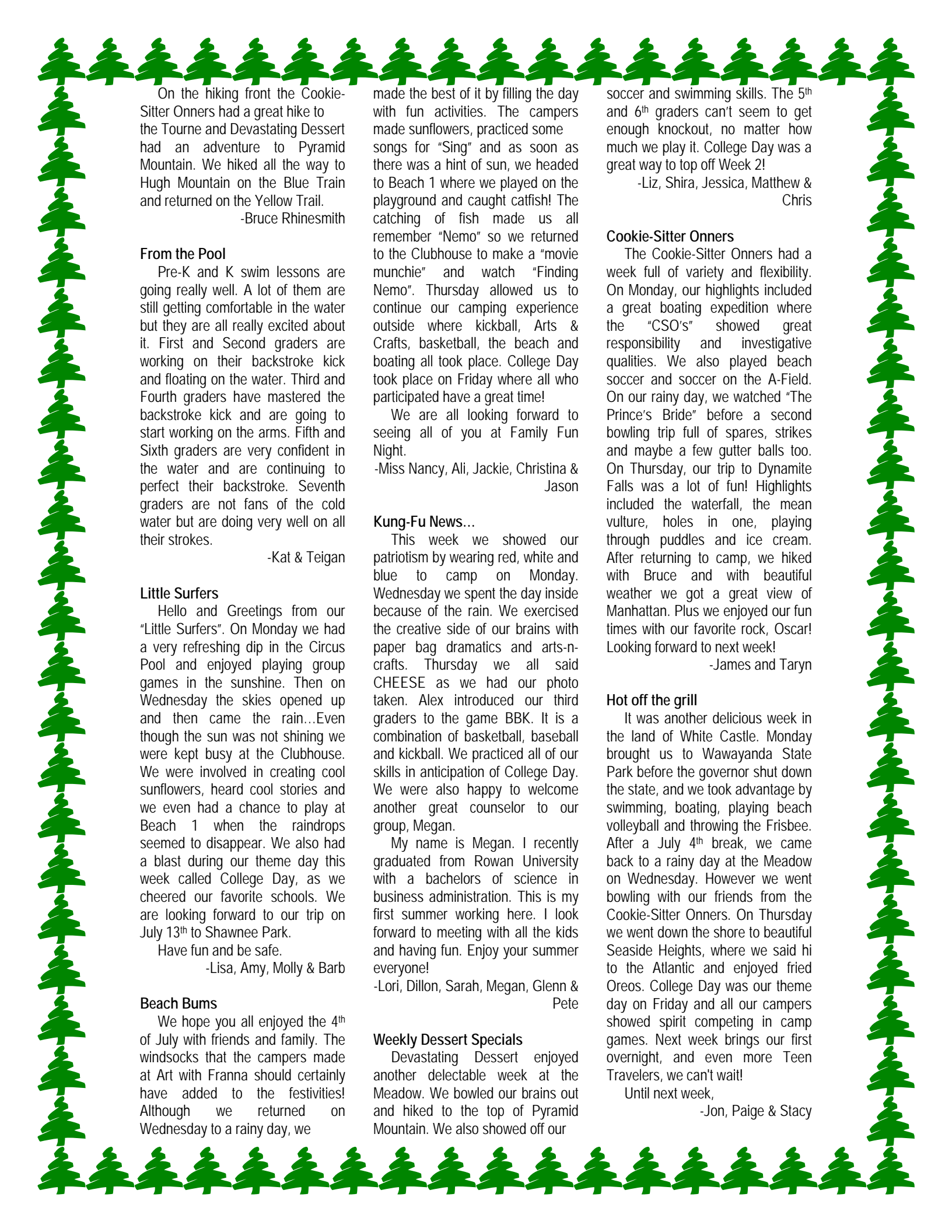
This week Arts and Crafts began with the Litter Surfers, the Beach Bums and the Devastating Dessert finishing their Fourth of July projects – windsocks and “firecrackers”. Tuesday we didn't have Arts & Crafts of course because camp was closed for the holiday. During our rainy day schedule on Wednesday, we made projects to inspire the sun to come back. The Litter Surfers and the Beach Bums made sunflowers from paper plates, colored paper, sunflower seeds and ribbons. Then the Aqua Ninjas painted flowerpots in which we will plant marigold seeds. On Thursday the Little Surfers and the Beach Bums made ocean scene pictures with grass, sand, blue paper and foam sea animals. Everyone had so much fun!

-Franna

## Boating/Nature

Week two began in exiting fashion on the lake at Beach Three. All the groups were in full swing on the water. A few frogs and turtles were seen on our various adventures. Many of us stopped to check out the honey suckle flowers along the shore.





On the hiking front the Cookie-Sitter Onners had a great hike to the Tourne and Devastating Dessert had an adventure to Pyramid Mountain. We hiked all the way to Hugh Mountain on the Blue Train and returned on the Yellow Trail.

-Bruce Rhinesmith

#### From the Pool

Pre-K and K swim lessons are going really well. A lot of them are still getting comfortable in the water but they are all really excited about it. First and Second graders are working on their backstroke kick and floating on the water. Third and Fourth graders have mastered the backstroke kick and are going to start working on the arms. Fifth and Sixth graders are very confident in the water and are continuing to perfect their backstroke. Seventh graders are not fans of the cold water but are doing very well on all their strokes.

-Kat & Teigan

#### Little Surfers

Hello and Greetings from our "Little Surfers". On Monday we had a very refreshing dip in the Circus Pool and enjoyed playing group games in the sunshine. Then on Wednesday the skies opened up and then came the rain...Even though the sun was not shining we were kept busy at the Clubhouse. We were involved in creating cool sunflowers, heard cool stories and we even had a chance to play at Beach 1 when the raindrops seemed to disappear. We also had a blast during our theme day this week called College Day, as we cheered our favorite schools. We are looking forward to our trip on July 13<sup>th</sup> to Shawnee Park.

Have fun and be safe.

-Lisa, Amy, Molly & Barb

#### Beach Bums

We hope you all enjoyed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with friends and family. The windsocks that the campers made at Art with Franna should certainly have added to the festivities! Although we returned on Wednesday to a rainy day, we

made the best of it by filling the day with fun activities. The campers made sunflowers, practiced some songs for "Sing" and as soon as there was a hint of sun, we headed to Beach 1 where we played on the playground and caught catfish! The catching of fish made us all remember "Nemo" so we returned to the Clubhouse to make a "movie munchie" and watch "Finding Nemo". Thursday allowed us to continue our camping experience outside where kickball, Arts & Crafts, basketball, the beach and boating all took place. College Day took place on Friday where all who participated have a great time!

We are all looking forward to seeing all of you at Family Fun Night.

-Miss Nancy, Ali, Jackie, Christina & Jason

#### Kung-Fu News...

This week we showed our patriotism by wearing red, white and blue to camp on Monday. Wednesday we spent the day inside because of the rain. We exercised the creative side of our brains with paper bag dramatics and arts-n-crafts. Thursday we all said CHEESE as we had our photo taken. Alex introduced our third graders to the game BBK. It is a combination of basketball, baseball and kickball. We practiced all of our skills in anticipation of College Day. We were also happy to welcome another great counselor to our group, Megan.

My name is Megan. I recently graduated from Rowan University with a bachelors of science in business administration. This is my first summer working here. I look forward to meeting with all the kids and having fun. Enjoy your summer everyone!

-Lori, Dillon, Sarah, Megan, Glenn & Pete

#### Weekly Dessert Specials

Devastating Dessert enjoyed another delectable week at the Meadow. We bowled our brains out and hiked to the top of Pyramid Mountain. We also showed off our

soccer and swimming skills. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders can't seem to get enough knockout, no matter how much we play it. College Day was a great way to top off Week 2!

-Liz, Shira, Jessica, Matthew & Chris

#### Cookie-Sitter Onners

The Cookie-Sitter Onners had a week full of variety and flexibility. On Monday, our highlights included a great boating expedition where the "CSO's" showed great responsibility and investigative qualities. We also played beach soccer and soccer on the A-Field. On our rainy day, we watched "The Prince's Bride" before a second bowling trip full of spares, strikes and maybe a few gutter balls too. On Thursday, our trip to Dynamite Falls was a lot of fun! Highlights included the waterfall, the mean vulture, holes in one, playing through puddles and ice cream. After returning to camp, we hiked with Bruce and with beautiful weather we got a great view of Manhattan. Plus we enjoyed our fun times with our favorite rock, Oscar! Looking forward to next week!

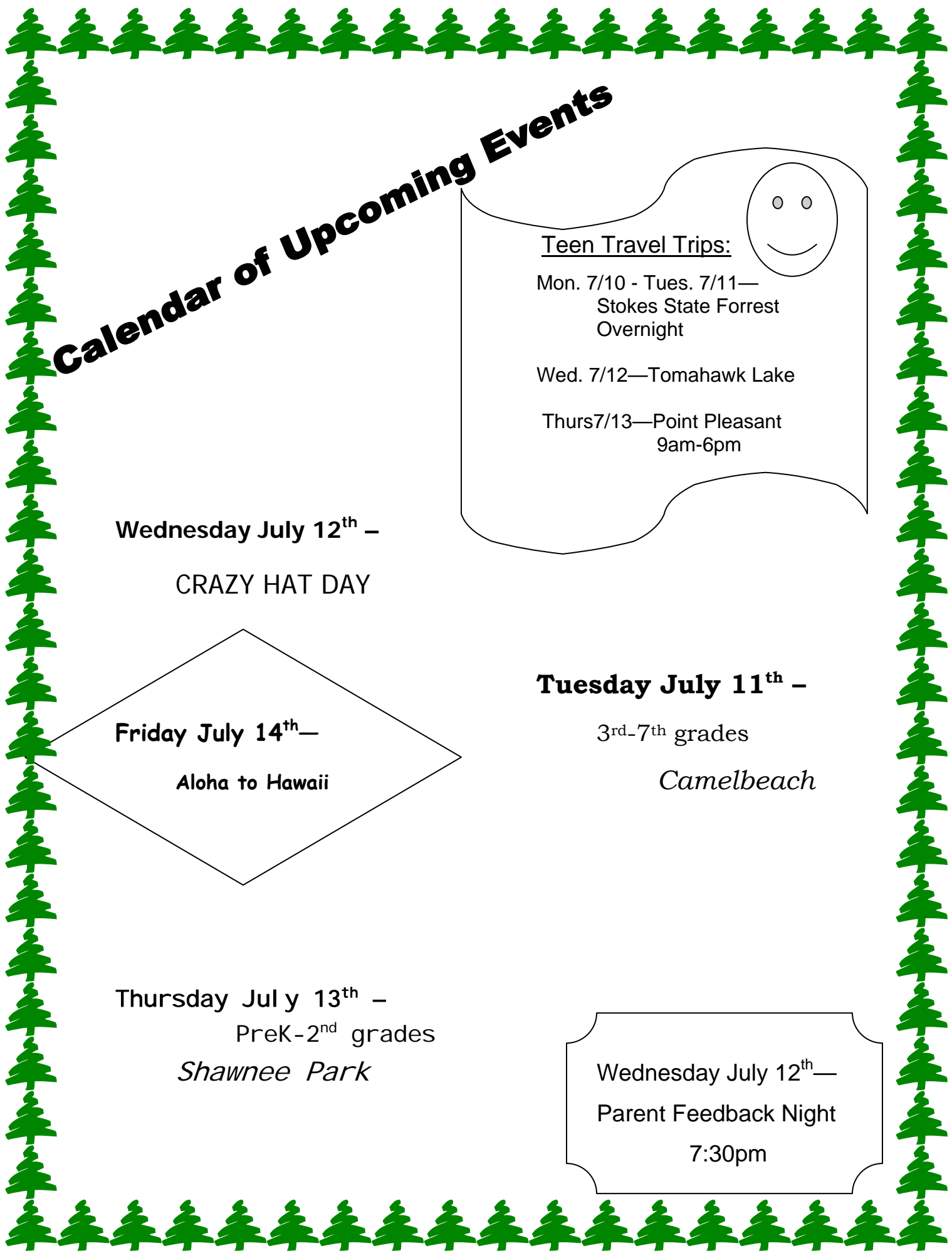
-James and Taryn

#### Hot off the grill


It was another delicious week in the land of White Castle. Monday brought us to Wawayanda State Park before the governor shut down the state, and we took advantage by swimming, boating, playing beach volleyball and throwing the Frisbee. After a July 4<sup>th</sup> break, we came back to a rainy day at the Meadow on Wednesday. However we went bowling with our friends from the Cookie-Sitter Onners. On Thursday we went down the shore to beautiful Seaside Heights, where we said hi to the Atlantic and enjoyed fried Oreos. College Day was our theme day on Friday and all our campers showed spirit competing in camp games. Next week brings our first overnight, and even more Teen Travelers, we can't wait!

Until next week,

-Jon, Paige & Stacy



# Calendar of Upcoming Events

Teen Travel Trips: 

Mon. 7/10 - Tues. 7/11—  
Stokes State Forrest  
Overnight

Wed. 7/12—Tomahawk Lake

Thurs 7/13—Point Pleasant  
9am-6pm

Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup> –  
CRAZY HAT DAY

Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>—  
Aloha to Hawaii

Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> –  
3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades  
*Camelbeach*

Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> –  
PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grades  
*Shawnee Park*

Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>—  
Parent Feedback Night  
7:30pm