

Camp White Meadow

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The Director's Chair

And there's three weeks in the books. I can't believe we are almost half way through camp!

This was truly our busiest week to date.

The week started off with a full day of activities on the A-Field. The Teen Travel group ventured out to Stokes State Forest for their overnight. They ate, they played, they glowed, they s'mored, and I think a few of them slept.

On Tuesday, we sent out our first Day Camp trip. It was off to Camelbeach for the 3rd-7th graders. Campers and counselors alike came back beaming, telling all about the wild slides, crazy pools, and the relaxation of the Lazy River.

On Wednesday, just as Teen Travel made it out to Tomahawk Lake, we were once again visited by our old nemesis, THE RAIN!!! But on this day, RAIN toyed with us. One moment, rain, next sunny skies, then the thunder. RAIN kept us guessing all day.

Also on Wednesday, I got the opportunity to meet several of our camp parents at our annual Parent Feedback Night. It was wonderful to share the stories of our camp's successes and also receive some really constructive suggestions to make camp even better.

Thursday was Trip Week Part Deux. Todd headed the adventure of our younger campers, Pre K-2nd grade, off to Shawnee Park for a soaking good time. There were more slides, activity pools and magic fun that kept everyone occupied for hours. Meanwhile on the home front, we saw the sun burst through and had our first beautiful day in a while. Franna kept us busy making our Festival Day banner and bird houses. Basket balls bounded, softballs soars, water splashed, birds chirped. Perfection in a day.

KAWABUNGA!!!

Friday was Aloha to Hawaii Day. The tropical breezes in the air made

the day majestic. We enjoyed smoothies for snack, played beach volleyball, made our own leis, swam in our lagoon and found the lost Hawaiian treasure. Thanks for Todd for organizing the fun.

Three weeks have really passed, huh? Next week SING!!!

So in the immortal words of Groucho Marx, "Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana."

Until next week, be safe!

Take care,
-Mark

From the Fields

What a great week 3! Last week ended with College Day, where everyone had a great time and competed with great enthusiasm. I would like to thank the 8 leaders again for doing such a great job. I would also like to congratulate the Blue Florida Gators, who were this year's champions of the SEC College Day. This week, the older campers have played a lot of knockout, while the younger campers have been playing soccer. Everyone had a great time at Aloha to Hawaii Day!

Have a fun and safe weekend.

-Alex

For Art's Sake

This week in Arts & Crafts our Little Surfers and Beach Bums began making Collage Containers with colored tissue paper, glue and plasti bottles. The Devistating Dessert began making paper weavings with colored paper and scissors. All the other art activities/projects have been devoted to the designing and adding our own personal touches (literally) to our banner for Festival Day. We are excited to debut our new banner this weekend. Hope to see you all there!

-Franna

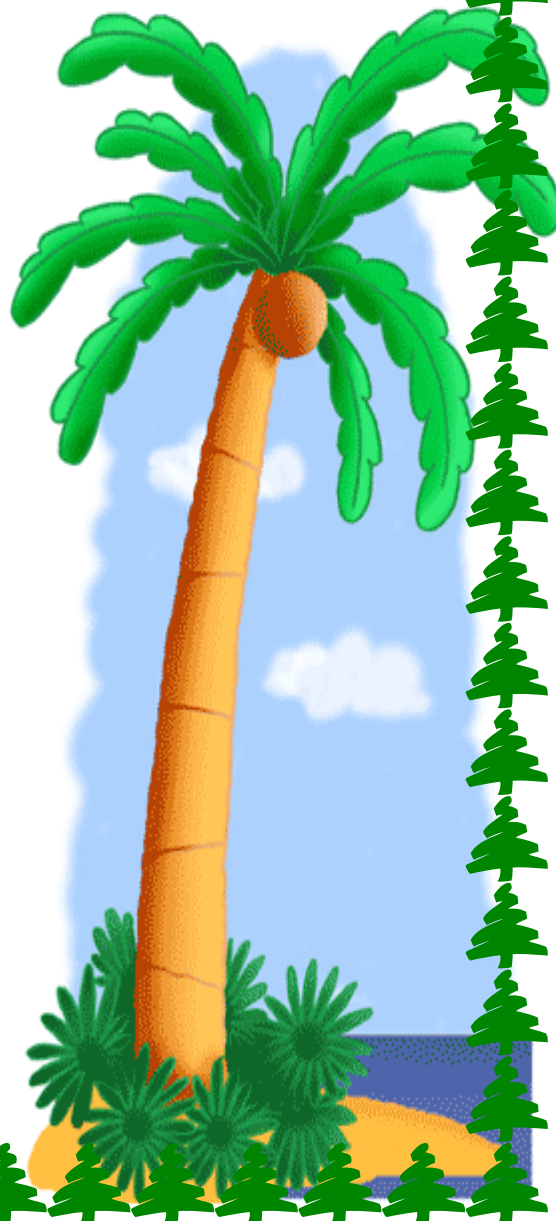
Boating/Nature

Boating at Beach 3 continues to be a blast. By week three the honey

suckle along the shore was in full bloom. Many of us stopped to get a little sample. Monday was a terrific day to spot the turtle hotel and down town turtle central city. We also keep hearing two bullfrogs, one near the cove and the other one by the lily pads.

On the hiking front the Aqua Ninjas had an enjoyable walk on the blue train at Pyramid Mountain. Next week's hikes will include the Tourne and Mt. Hope Mine area. See you on the trail.

-Bruce



From the Pool

There were not that many swim lessons this week due to the rain and fieldtrips. 3rd grade through 7th grade went to Camelbeach and spent the entire day going on water slides and swimming in the wave pool. The Little Surfers and the Beach Bums went to Shawnee Place on Thursday and played in lots of pools and playgrounds. All of the groups are starting to learn freestyle swim in lessons and it will continue into next week.

- Kat and Teigan

Little Surfers

Hi, from the Little Surfers! Now we have been working hard to settle into our camp routine, and we seem to be having fun trying to follow our schedule. When they hear us chant "put your finger on the gate and don't be late" they know that an adventure can't be far. We have some awesome swimmers in our group, Colin Leonard, Colin Hamilton and Trevor Skibicki showed us how they kick and glide so skillfully though the waters at the Circus Pool. While Alya Lopez, Sabrina and Jonathon Verikos and Frankie Migliore showed us their creative side as they created their neat sea creatures in sand during Arts & Crafts. We have some very serious beachgoers who enjoy designing structures in the sand. Some of our sandmakers were Joshua Bilkis, Emily Schoenberg, Jessica Bass and Alyson Cohen. A good time was had by all.

Until next week

-Amy, Lisa, Molly & Barb

Beach Bums

What fun we had on College Day. Everyone participated in line soccer and we had quite the track meet!! So it is said that the Blue Florida Gators won, however, everyone left feeling like a winner. Boating with Bruce is always a blast, so we hear there are a few vacancies at the "turtle beach". Swimming instruction continues. ALL the campers love the pool. We went to Beach 2 and swam-played Newcomb, built cities of sand and

enjoyed a picnic lunch-it was a true treat! We saw lots of silly hats-was that Miss Nancy or a bunny rabbit? We welcome Lindsay as a bright addition to the group. Make sure you say "hi" when you see her.

Until Next week

-Miss Nancy, Ali, Jason, Christina, Jackie & Lindsay

Kung Fu News...

We ended last week split in fours. We competed in College Day. The third and fourth graders spent most of the time using our feet. We played some intense games of kickball, soccer and BBK. This week we began our week at the beach, enjoying the vibrant shining sun. On Tuesday we had our fieldtrip to Camelbeach. We rode the waves in the wave pool, flew down the slides in tubes and floated in the lazy river. What a great fieldtrip!

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

Weekly Dessert Specials

College Day was a blast! The 5th & 6th graders participated in an exhilarating softball game and an exciting swim meet. They also showed off their brainpower during the college bowl. This week we splashed around Camelbeach and had lots of fun in the sun. Aloha to Hawaii Day was a terrific way to top off another outstanding week at the meadow.

-Liz, Shira, Matthew & Chris

The Cookie-Sitter Onners

The Cookie-Sitter Onners had a lot of fun this week! We showcased our rowing skills with boating on Monday, followed by multiple knock-out games and soccer. On Tuesday, we joined the rest of the camp for a trip to Camelbeach for some wet and wild fun! Did you see us on the Flow Rider? Wednesday brought more rain, but we practiced for Sing with great cooperation before going for ice cream at Denville Dairy!

We're looking forward to our roller skating trip, along with next week's trip to the FunPlex! Keep up the great job Cookie-Sitter Onners.

- James & Taryn

Hot off the Grill

This week was a fun and exciting week for our travelers. Monday we ventured out to Stokes State Forest for our first overnight of the summer. Assembling the tents and hunting for firewood was a great learning experience for all of the campers. Paige and Brett helped start the campfire and Jon, Stacy and Paige all worked very hard to get the charcoals lit to make hamburgers and hotdogs. We want to thank Christina and Alex for coming and helping out that night.

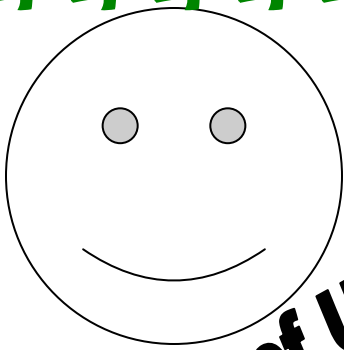
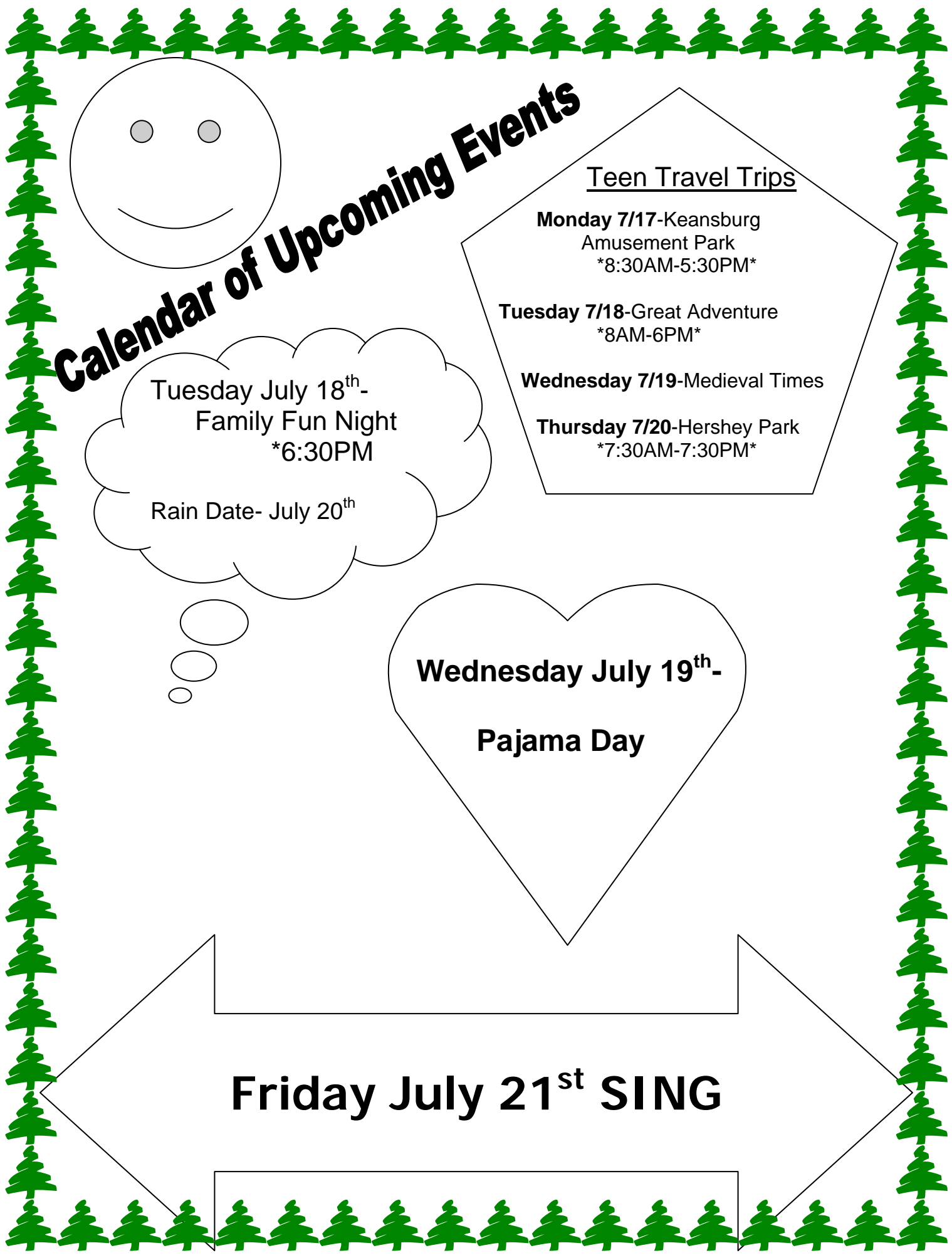
On Wednesday we went to Tomahawk Lake and had wonderfully wet time on the slides.

Thursday brought us to Point Pleasant and even though we couldn't go swimming the campers were able to enjoy the boardwalk to its fullest.

We are very excited for next week's trips! Have a fun and safe Festival Day weekend.

-Jon, Stacy & Paige





Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday July 18th -
Family Fun Night
*6:30PM

Rain Date- July 20th

Teen Travel Trips
Monday 7/17-Keansburg
Amusement Park
8:30AM-5:30PM
Tuesday 7/18-Great Adventure
8AM-6PM
Wednesday 7/19-Medieval Times
Thursday 7/20-Hershey Park
7:30AM-7:30PM

Wednesday July 19th -

Pajama Day

Friday July 21st SING