

Camp White Meadow

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The Directors Chair:

What a week! We welcomed in some new campers with the best week at the Meadow yet this summer.

Our old nemesis, the rain, stopped by on Monday, but we kept our spirits high at the clubhouse by competing in relay races and Frantic with Ali, spending time in the new Teen Center, making origami with Paige and Allison, and watching movies. On Tuesday, the lower camp went to Turtleback Zoo to say hello to all of the animals, while the older campers had the A-Field to themselves. Roles were reversed on Thursday, as the upper camp and I went to Tomahawk Lake and hit the slides while the younger campers spent the day at the A-Field. In between on Tuesday gator ball was played, Bruce let the boats loose, and arts and crafts was running at full capacity making collage containers. Friday brought Aloha to Hawaii Day, as the Wiggly Worms and Golden Dragons got surprised by the Fun Bus in the morning, and everyone spent the afternoon making necklaces, swimming, playing field games such as limbo, and drinking special smoothies made by our Counselors in Training.

Teen Travel was gone all week, as usual, with the Sprinkle Bubbles going to see Hairspray or Ratatouille on Monday, ice skating at Bridgewater Sports Arena on Monday, and going to Tomahawk Lake with us on

Thursday. The Silver Monkeys also went to the movies, Camel Beach, Dorney Park and Seaside. Great times were had by all.

Lastly, congratulations to Pat Maurer (counselor) and Madison Comatis (camper) for winning the camper/counselors 2-on-2 basketball tournament, and the Fast Fig Newtons for winning our annual SING! competition.

See everyone next week for Backwards Day on Wednesday, and Western White Meadow Downs Day on Friday! Oh yeah, I almost forgot, COLOR GAMES 2007 IS COMING!

Until then,
-Jonathan Roman



Health Check-Up:

With week 5 now coming to an end, I am amazed that this summer has come and gone so quickly. Aside from the minor cuts and scrapes, everything has been running smoothly and everyone has been enjoying the camp day. However, the past few days I have been observing some campers playing sports with a cast, splint, etc. This is a major concern that must be

approached. If your son/daughter has a cast, splint, etc., and has a bone or muscle injury they are not to participate in any sports/activities that could potentially irritate or aggravate their injury. If you wish your child to participate in any activities and he or she does have an injury as mentioned above, a certified doctor's note giving permission to participate in any sports or activities will be required. The main reason being not only to protect your son/daughter, but also to ensure that their injury does not become worse, resulting in an elongated healing period.

Also, any injuries occurring out of camp that require your son/daughters extremities to be immobilized should be reported to camp via note or phone call. On another note, I would like to thank the parents for returning the signed Notification Cards promptly. This ensures that you were notified of your son/daughter's injury.

I would like to wish everyone the best of health!

-Nick

From the Fields:

If there has been one thing on everybody's mind this week its gator ball. Both 5th & 6th and 3rd & 4th have been practicing their gator ball skills for next week's tournament. However, we can't forget about last weeks 2-on-2 basketball tournament, where Pat and Madison stole the trophy in

the last minute of a close game. Over in the lower camp 1st & 2nd showed me their basketball skills, as Pre-K & K showed me their line soccer skills. It's been a long and exciting week of trips and athletics and I'm sure everyone will be very tired this weekend.

-Ali

Creative Corner:

This week was FANTASTIC at Arts & Crafts. While we were stuck in the clubhouse on Monday we passed the time by folding origami, creating line designs, drawing our favorite thing to do on a rainy day and (of course) playing with lanyard. Tuesday brought great weather and birdhouse painting to the Fast Fig Newtons! Wednesday was filled with We've Dropped Our Socks and the Sprinkle Bubbles creating collage containers while the Golden Dragons created their favorite animals from the zoo with clay. On Thursday both Allison and Paige attending the fieldtrip to Tomahawk Lake and had a blast riding the slides and swimming in the lake! Friday was Aloha to Hawaii Day at the Meadow and all the groups were able to release their Hawaiian-side by creating leis, bracelets and pirate hats!

We would like to ask everyone in camp to please bring in a white tee shirt next week that can be tie-dyed. Please make sure that your shirts are in by Wednesday, and please make sure that your child's name and group are on the tag of the shirt. If you have any questions, please contact the camp for more information!

We are also still accepting donations of egg cartons, baby-food jars and any type of containers with a lid (such as butter containers, Chinese Food containers and jars). We would really like to say Thank You to everyone who has donated to the arts & crafts department. You are also heroes!

-Paige & Allison

Splishin' & Splashin':

This week 5th & 6th finished freestyle with a backstroke freestyle survivor challenge. All of the other groups started to learn breaststroke by practicing their frog legs on the wall. Then they moved to the water and did some relays with the kickboards. Next week we will work on breaststroke arms and then put the entire stroke together.

-Kat & Teigan

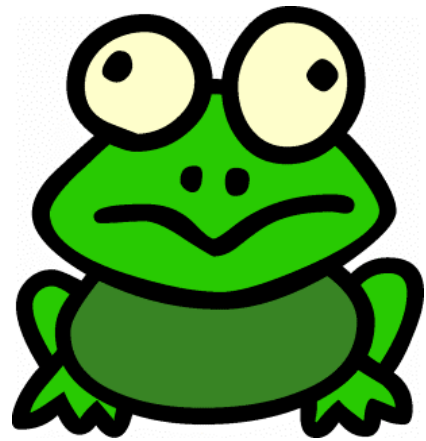
Boating/ Nature:

Week five started with a rainy day on Monday. With trips on Tuesday and Thursday, Wednesday was the day that saw a lot of thrilling action over at Beach Three. In the morning, we caught our first three frogs. One was a good size bullfrog and the others were tiny toads. We also caught turtles 19 and 20. The larger of the two we named stripes. In the afternoon we were able to catch turtle number 21 of the camping season.

On the hiking side of things, we have an exciting trip planned to Mr. Hope for on of our most exciting adventures of the year.

Week six should bring even more thrills on the trails and lake.

-Bruce



Wiggly Worms:

Tigers, lions, and bears oh my! That's what we saw at the zoo this Tuesday. We had a blast at the Turtleback Zoo! We saw cool reptiles and cute penguins as we strolled around the zoo. We could not believe how fast a bobcat could move and run. It was fun to see where the Three Bears live. They have a great place on a big hill surrounded by the woods. We had a good time having lunch with The Golden Dragons. We even had an extra treat of yummy cookies and refreshing drinks on the bus as we headed back to camp.

On Friday we had an awesome surprise...We had the pleasure of jumping, climbing and playing in the amazing Fun Bus! So many neat things to do in this indoor "bus" playground. We also loved going to Hawaii.

Aloha

-Barb, Sarah, Molly, Rachel & Liz

Golden Dragons:

What went on this week? Lots! Our trip to Turtleback Zoo was both educational and fun. We got to see many interesting animals. There were bats, penguins, cougars

and many more to see! I'm sure that many of the Golden Dragons will go back to Turtleback for another visit. On Wednesday Paige and Allison had a fun craft for us, we actually got to mold our favorite zoo animals out of clay - we can't wait till they dry! Thursday brought us a fun surprise - the camp all to ourselves and the Wiggly Worms! I almost forgot to mention Twin Day! Many of our Dragons and counselors got involved and looked great! Our counselor Christina and her twin Molly from the Wiggly Worms made great shirts with their photos on them! Lastly, we are looking forward to Aloha to Hawaii day on Friday. I'll let you have how we looked in our Hawaiian gear next week!

-Claudia and the Dragons

Fast Fig Newtons:

I'd like to start by saying "Thank You" to everyone for your warm, kind thoughts that you sent my way while I was in the Hospital. Also for your warm welcome back. It's great to be back!! I truly missed each and every camper.

Week 5 started with a rainy day, but the campers were terrific. We watched a movie - The Sand Lot, did arts & Crafts and Ali helped us busy with all type of relay races. Tuesday we had the camp to ourselves with 5/6- it was awesome- we swam all day and played games. Wednesday was Twin Day - as your camper who some of the twins were?!? Thursday was our trip to Tomahawk Lake - truly a spectacular place to spend a day!!

The week ended with... "Aloha to Hawaii" - just another fun day!

Enjoy the weekend, see you for week six!

-Miss. Nancy, Gabe, Jackie, Dillon, Jess, Liz & Steve

We've Dropped Our Socks:

Things keep getting better and better here at the meadow for "We've Dropped Out Socks! It all started a bit slow on Monday, with lots and lots of rain. Our group kept busy at the clubhouse, doing origami, watching movies, and working on our lanyards. Tuesday and Wednesday, the sun started shining and it was back to the A Field to continue playing sports and swimming. Thursday, it was off to Tomahawk Lake in Sparta. Every camper had a great time swimming and diving into the lake. Groups also took on the 7 water slides in the park. Some groups actually did them all twice!

I've saved the best for last! As week five started, we also found out that We've Dropped Our Socks was the winner of the Star Chart for the first 4 weeks! Campers worked hard everyday at camp, earning stars with good behavior, singing loudly, helping put equipment away, and staying safe. A congratulations goes out to everyone as we await our special treat.

That's all for now! Till next week,

-Matt and friends

Sprinkle Bubbles:

Things cooled off for the Sprinkle Bubbles this week just as the Mets and Yankees heated up! The chilly temperatures and storming

rains brought us straight to the movies on Monday, but not before a very enjoyable morning in the clubhouse's Teen Center. The new games and equipment in the Teen Center were terrific! The campers had a choice to either watch "Hairspray" or "Ratatouille". Both got mixed reviews from our movie critics.

Tuesday, the shivering continued during our trek inside the Bridgewater Sports Arena. We have some fabulous skaters in our group! The ice-skating was a unique summer experience full of thrills and spills. We also played video games and other sports games, along with Laser Tag. One team won by 17,000 points and some would say it wasn't even that close.

Wednesday's sports games were close contests. The Ultimate Frisbee match-up ended in a 5 - 4 O.T. thriller and the Capture the Flag competition ended in a 0 - 0 stalemate. We also participated in some very fun games while learning at swim instruction!

Tomahawk Lake was a blast and what a fantastic day we had! We're excited about Aloha to Hawaii Day!

-James, Patrick & Caity

