



Week 2 All Camp Newsletter

*See below for a recap of what we've been up to this week,
and visit SmugMug for more photos!*

DAY CAMP

Director: Dan Stahl

Somehow, someway, we managed to get through Survivor Week at GA Day Camp. The campers had a wonderful time using teamwork throughout the week to complete all the Survivor activities. These activities, combined with great field trips, made for a fantastic Week 2. We didn't just survive we flourished!



Field Trip Recap: Jumping Jacks and Get Air - KOP

The Pathfinders made their way to Jumping Jacks on Wednesday. The inflatable playground entertained the group for a great time. The campers were worn out from jumbo slide, ocean world playhouse, and the obstacle course! The kids left with huge smiles on their faces as Jumping Jacks made their day.

The Trailblazer group took to the skies and bounced around Get Air - KOP. Get Air was a tremendous time. The highlights included camper versus counselor dodgeball, obstacle course races, crazy flips, and the ninja warrior course. The campers left ready for more, while the counselors are still catching their breath! Get Air was a resounding success. Check out SmugMug for pictures and video!



Please note: We discourage sending spending cash with your child on field trips. Everything they need is provided!



Assembly Period?!?

This year, campers have the opportunity to participate in whole camp challenges that build troop spirit every day. Campers worked hard this week to win the Troop Totem Pole for their troop! At Assembly, campers were given the chance to demonstrate teamwork and cooperation through fun camp competitions. Campers cheered on their counselors during a Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament, worked together to create troop cheers, and participated in Minute to Win it games!



Week 3 Sneak Peek

Next week we welcome a new activity to our rotation – Archery! As a reminder, we will be closed on Wednesday, July 4. Thursday is ‘Dress as a Super Hero Day’ as our theme for camp next week is Heroes and Legends.

ITTY BITTY and ADVENTURERS

Itty Bitty 1

Katie and Sandy

Itty Bitty 1 had a very fun and exciting second week of camp! We explored outside in the creek and went for a nature walk on the trails. We also went to the pond and saw some frogs and a turtle! We had STEM with Ms. Kelsey and created ramps using LEGOs and pool noodles. In cooking this week, we made worms in dirt! We also had a visit from Ms. Linda the Librarian who read us stories about the Fourth of July. For Art this week, we made Olympic Medals and made an island using different objects we collected from nature!



Itty Bitty 2

Sam and Imani

Itty Bitty 2 had an adventurous second week of camp. We explored the creek and went for a nature walk in the woods. We also saw frogs and a turtle at the pond. In Art, we made our own Olympic medals and collected nature items from the outdoor classroom to make our very own island. Ms. Linda visited us on Wednesday and read us some 4th of July stories. We also

celebrated Ethan's birthday on Wednesday with muffins. In cooking, we made worms and dirt with Ms. Andrea!



Adventurers 4s

Jacqui, Anna and Charlotte

The 4s had a great week! We had a blast learning new skills in the pool and making art and snacks with Ms. Kelly. We loved music and library time and also visited the preserve where we heard frogs croaking. The field trip to Jumping Jacks was awesome and we enjoyed meeting new friends in other camps! We had a great time in Science on Friday and can't wait for next week!



Adventurers 5s

Eilis, Abbie and Maggie

We started the week off with music and the amazing water slide! We loved trying to splash our counselors. Big wheels were a blast, we had so much fun racing our friends! At the creek we caught minnows with our nets and had fun finding interesting rocks. We also heard loud frogs at the preserve. We ended the week with some super cool science experiments! Sadly, the week is over but we can't wait to see our friends next week!



All Stars Carson and Emma

We had a great Week 2 at All Stars camp! Soccer Shots were here three days this week and they taught us the fundamentals of soccer. The campers also enjoyed playing soccer, hockey, basketball, steal the bacon, and kickball throughout the week. On Friday the campers went fishing. We hope to see everyone back next week for Nature Explorers camp!

Art and Snacktivity with Kelly

In art this week we used salt dough to create some personalized projects! Look below for the recipe to make salt dough at home! All of the campers made Olympic medals to wear. Our adventurers also used salt dough and nature items we collected to create and design their own islands! The 5s also did an apple volcano science experiment using baking soda and vinegar. Then we made treasure maps. All Star campers made the medals and also basketball nets and jerseys to wear!



Salt dough

1 cup of salt
2 cups of flour
~1 cup of water

Add dry salt and flour then add water slowly until it becomes the consistency of Play-Doh. Bake at 325 degrees for an hour.

Academics and Enrichment Camps

Study Skills Jr.

Counselor: Ellen

During our second week of camp, the Study Skills Jr. students learned important highlighting skills. They looked for “signal words” – words that generally mean, “Something important is going to follow! Get your highlighter ready!” We also discovered the importance of “chunking” what we read, and how to take notes from textbooks and lectures, and the students learned “speed writing” techniques to aid them in these endeavors.



Students also focused a good deal of their time this week on writing research papers on animals of their choosing. They learned to be discerning about sources, searching for ones that are credible and at their reading levels. They also developed their note-taking skills and learned

tricks for paraphrasing and organizing. Their five-paragraph research papers were then crafted, and the results were quite impressive! Through this process, the students continued to sharpen their keyboarding skills, so critical for school success. During the second week we also focused on test preparation techniques, test-taking strategies, and essay-writing skills.

Finally, we reviewed all the material covered these last two weeks, and the students took an “open binder quiz”, just to practice test-taking strategies. I also gave them a “Back to School Survival Packet” for them to review before school starts in the fall. We then celebrated all their hard work with an awesome snack time party, had a “type off”, practiced our vocab on freerice.org, and more.

I know that these active learners will utilize the strategies and techniques learned in this class so that they will have an advantage when tackling assignments in the academic road ahead. It was a terrific two weeks with these motivated students. It has been such a pleasure teaching them! I wish them every success in their academic adventures in the future.

Forensics Academy Counselor: Kristen

In Forensics Academy, students explored the basics of solving crime scene investigations. They practiced their observational skills, conducted fingerprint tests, determined the blood type of unknown individuals, analyzed hair under the microscope and identified unknown powders. The skills students learned in the beginning of the week helped them solve a “crime” at the end of the week. This week an iPhone was stolen from a teacher! It was up to the students to analyze evidence gathered at a scene, find the iPhone and identify the culprit! They did a great job!



Magnets and Motors Counselor: Vik

This week in Magnets and Motors Camp, we discussed how magnets repel and attract. We also spent time looking at how magnets can float due to their forces. We also created electromagnets and tested to see how strong they were. Thanks for a great week!

Model Rocketry

See SmugMug for photos and video of the big launch!

SPORTS CAMPS

Girls and Boys Basketball

Coaches Caramanico and Fenerty are back again this week for Girls and Boys Basketball Camp. The players continue to get their skill work in during the morning sessions and then get an opportunity to use them in the afternoon games.

Then there was the special treat this week, a visit from a 2018 National Champion Villanova Wildcat, Dhamir Cosby-Roundtree! Most players received an autograph. What a day!



Girls Soccer

Coach Wetzel is back again this year for Girls Soccer Camp. The hot and humid weather was a factor, but the girls stayed hydrated and cooled off in the pool after getting their work in on the turf. The players continue to show great progress, going through drills/ skills in the morning and finishing with games in the afternoon.



Thanks for a great week!