



Germantown Academy

Day Camp & Summer Programs

Week 3 All Camp Newsletter

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

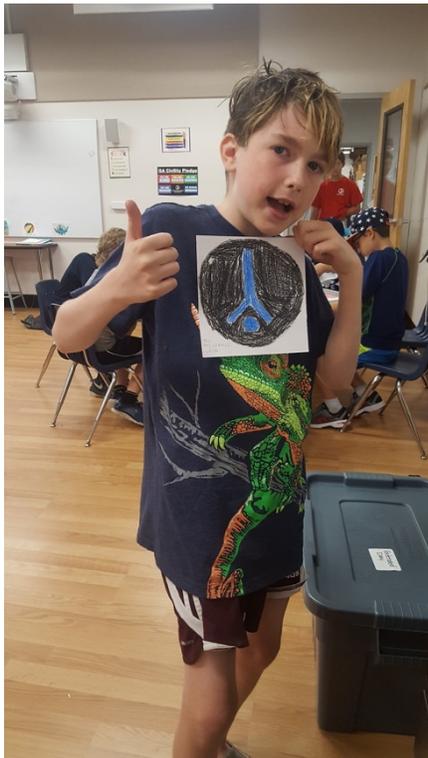
DAY CAMP

Director: Dan Stahl

Superheroes and legends in their own right, our campers spent the week battling the heat, new activities, new challenges, and a holiday in the middle of the week! As we quickly approach the middle of the summer, I thank you for entrusting us this precious period of time with your campers. I sincerely hope that we are fulfilling those hopes and dreams of a great summer and I welcome any feedback you might have as we continue to make this the best summer yet!



Activities Recap



This week in **Art**, Pathfinders discovered their inner hero by creating their own superhero handprints or making a superhero cityscape. Trailblazers dabbled in graphic design by creating their very own logo for either their personal superhero name, something they like, or initials.
– Erica, Art Director

We do so many fun activities in our **Games** block, but one of our favorites has definitely been the Island Survivor game, where campers team up and cross the gym with a scooter and three jump ropes without touching the floor!
– David, Games Director

This week in **Yoga**, we did Ultimate Twister and a yoga obstacle course. For Ultimate Twister, each troop was divided into teams of two and the campers who were still on the Twister mat after 5 minutes earned points for their team. For the yoga obstacle course, campers practiced frog hops, crab walk, bear crawl, balancing on yoga blocks, and a variety of yoga poses. – Laura, Meditation and Mindfulness Director

In **Science** this week, we studied gases and how they can be used to fill up balloons. Campers used soda bottles, baking soda, and vinegar to create carbon dioxide and fill up balloons. In addition, campers met the hero theme challenge by creating a device that would help “save the day” for a plastic egg filled with beans. Great work everyone! – Vik, Science Director



Assembly Period

At Assembly each day, troops have the opportunity to win the Troop Totem Pole by participating in a variety of camp competitions. Campers are challenged to work in unison to compete in a variety of challenges. This week, Trailblazers participated in the “spit-out” challenge, while Pathfinders created their own life-size superhero!



Week 4 Sneak Peek

Next week is all about making a mess! Most of our activities will involve some sort of mess, so please dress campers appropriately! This is not the week to wear the new shorts or Nikes...

ITTY BITTY and ADVENTURERS

Itty Bitty 1 Katie and Sandy

The third week of Itty Bitty Camp was very hot, but we had a blast! We made a 4th of July wreath and a fire hat for art this week. We had a special visit from Barren Hill Fire Department and we got to explore their fire truck! To keep cool on this hot week, we had a blast swimming in the pool. We also made Rice Krispie treats in cooking. For sports and games this week, we played a color matching game using different colored balls and hula hoops. We also went for a scavenger hunt and explored around the campus. We had fun on Thursday when we dressed up like Superheroes!



Itty Bitty 2

Sam and Imani

Itty Bitty 2 had a great third week! In Sports and Games, we had a race to place all the different colored balls into their corresponding hula hoop and had a ball toss. In Art, we made a fire hat and a 4th of July wreath. We had a blast swimming in the pool and cooling off during this heat wave! In cooking, we made some yummy Rice Krispie treats. We also got to play some games on the iPad for STEM this week. Getting to sit on the fire truck was also a highlight!

Adventurers 4s

Abbie, Charlotte and Anna

The 4s had another great week! We started the week with music, cooking, and even a scavenger hunt. On Thursday, we were visited by a fire truck and had so much fun seeing what's inside and then playing in the fire hose sprinkler! Later we had a great time in the water slide. It was a great week to keep cool with lots of water activities!

Adventurers 5s

Elis and Chloe

What a hot week this was! Luckily, we were able to swim and use the water slide to keep cool. We watched soda explode in science and made a ping pong ball float in the air! It was awesome! I think our favorite activity was getting to sit in a fire truck and play with the hose. Can't wait for more adventures!



Nature Explorers Jacqui and Carson

Despite the short week, the Nature Explorers managed to see and explore a lot of nature! We had the most fun at the creek with the nets. Most of us were able to catch a few minnows! We also took a trip to the Preserve with some binoculars and saw a turtle, fish, a frog, and some birds! We saw a toad on one of our nature walks and we found a tree that looked like a chair to take our picture on. We are really looking forward to fishing tomorrow and going for a nature scavenger hunt!

Specialties with Kelly

We got creative with art this week by designing our own 4th of July wreaths! For our second project, we decorated firefighter hats. Our nature campers made rock mandalas and self-portraits from items we collected outside.

Snackivity was a blast (and sticky!) when we made red, white and blue Rice Krispie treats. In science we did a Mentos and Coke experiment and also practiced balancing a levitation ping pong ball using a hair dryer.

In sports and games, we played “super heroes vs. villains” where the superheroes had to freeze tag villains that were trying to capture the heroes jewel. We also played “kryptonite” where two teams faced off to try and throw all the kryptonite (green balls) on the other team’s side.



Academics and Enrichment Camps

Planet Math Counselor: Lisa

Planet Math has blasted off at Germantown Academy Summer Programs! Campers are engaged in learning about time, money, shapes, place value, as well as addition and subtraction. Every day is a new adventure exploring math concepts and manipulatives. You can count on having a great time on this planet!

Chemistry of Cooking Counselor: Mike

We used science to make lots of different foods this week! Monday was all about eggs, and we made meringue, mayonnaise, chocolate mousse, and learned how eggs act as an emulsifier. Tuesday we tackled gluten, exploring the effect of baking soda and baking powder on pancakes. Thursday we learned about crystallization, making mini marshmallows, ganache, and ice cream. We also pulled taffy that turned into rock candy. Hopefully you will try some of these techniques with your camper!



Art Quest

Art Quest Jr: Painting and Drawing

This week, we began with an **Exquisite Corpse** group drawing, inspired by the **surrealist artists** from the 1920s. Then we studied reptiles. Using **chalk pastel**, **paint** and **collaging** techniques, we created camouflaging reptiles. Next, we looked at paintings from **Wayne Thiebaud**. Using acrylic paint and canvas board, campers designed their own cakes after we perfected drawing

cylinders. Finally, we learned about **facial proportions.** Using, color pencils, campers drew **self-portraits.**



Art Quest Sr: Fabric and Nature

This week, we have been talking a lot about combining our love of the **natural environment** with our role as artists in the world. We began the week talking about **Eco Warriors**, and how we can be Artists and Eco Warriors at the same time. We created **walking sticks** by combining **dried flowers, leaves, and natural elements** onto beautiful branches with intricate **wire** and **yarn**. We looked at artist posters from the **Celebrate Peoples History** book to explore the combination of **art + activism**.

We have also been looking at the fabric work of artists **Ana Teresa Barboza, Toshiko Horiuchi-Macadam, Olek, Danielle Clough, Faith Ringgold and Judith Scott**. We have been making observations and discussing what we see within the shapes and textures of the variety of materials used. We have been making our own **weavings on cardboard looms with yarn, embroidery thread, and fabric strips**. We have also practiced a simple embroidery backstitch to make small **felt patches** for our backpacks. We have started making no-sew pillows which we will paint with **glue resist** and will do work with felting at the end of the week! This group is a fabulous batch of artists, who love to make jewelry on the side. They are getting to know each other with our group ice breakers and games.



Clay and Pottery

Clay and Pottery campers learned all about the basic **handbuilding** techniques: **pinch, coils and slabs**. They also learned about two different clay **adhesion** methods, one being **slip and score** and the other being water smoothing. Starting out with the **pinch pot method**, we made pinch pot creatures and used the newly learned slip and score method to put their creations together.

Adding a little ancient culture to our lessons we learned about **Ancient Japan's pottery**. The Ancient Japanese had amazing pottery that they created called **Jomon**. The word Jomon means **cord**, so we learned about **coil pottery** and how to attach coils together as well as create **abstract forms** with them. Students also learned how to use the **slab roller** to create flat



consistent pieces of clay, which they were then able to make plates and cups and boxes with. We finally ended the first week with creating pottery inspired by **Ancient Egypt**. We used all the skills we learned that week to create our own **canopic jars** inspired by camper's **spirit animals**. For the jar we rolled out slabs, and for the lid we used pinch and slip and score to create the spirit animal lids.

Throughout the week campers also worked on learning how to throw on the wheel, center the clay and pull up walls. Overall, it was a fun week of learning all the basics of pottery!

SPORTS CAMPS

Baseball

What a week it has been for baseball camp! Coach Ginter and his staff have spent the week working on hitting, fielding, and using those skills in game situations. Even though the weather has been a bit extreme at times this week, the campers have been working hard and enjoying themselves during the games.



Girls and Boys Basketball

In what is the third and final week for basketball camp, coaches Fenerty and Carimanico have continued to run players through drills that will develop their dribbling, shooting, and passing skills. This has been the week to participate in the indoor camp, but the campers certainly don't work any less!

Soccer: Goalkeepers and Strikers

Coach Wetzel is back for this specialized camp for goalies and strikers. During the week, when it hasn't been too hot, the players have been working on the specific skills needed to both score goals and stop them. This is a popular week for soccer players and the campers have done an excellent job!

