



GATE HILL GAZETTE

Spring 2014

NEWS FROM THE HILL

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Final Enrollment Reminder

Groups & buses for Summer '14 have been rapidly filling up! To join the GH family again for this summer visit us online and enroll today through our website.

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There's just a few short weeks to go until we kick off another summer of fun! Every last little bit of camp is getting topped off with a finishing touch, but families new and old have a bit of preparation too! So you've read the Parent Handbook (posted on Camp-in-Touch), and your forms are in; now comes the fun bit! Getting crazy with hats and silly with socks! Everyone at home can get involved in dress up days, and we hope your family gets creative and colorful with every Gate Hill theme day this summer.

Below are all of the days where your campers will need a unique piece of clothing:

- July 3rd: **Red, White & Blue Day** (Wear Red, White and Blue clothing)
- July 11th: **Silly Socks Day** (Wear your silliest socks!)
- July 17th: **Wild West Day** (Wear a simple costume)
- July 18th: **Gate Hill Spirit Day** (Wear GHDC colors or GH gear)
- July 28th: **Lets Tie Dye Week** (Remember to bring your items to tie dye!)
- August 1st: **Buddy's Sport Jersey Day** (Wear the jersey of your favorite team)
- Aug 11th, 12th & 13th: **Gate Hill Olympics** (Wear your team colors)
- August 15th: **School Spirit Day** (Represent your school spirit)
- August 18th: **Wear Tie Dye Day** (Maybe something you made this summer!)



New for 2014 Update! Early Childhood and Camp-on-Wheels

A major focus for 2014 has been creating an even better experience for Villagers in our **Early Childhood program**.

- Renovated Jr. Baseball diamond
- A new creative Playdeck at the Jr Zipline, for campers waiting to ride
- A woodland storytime circle, for play-along Forest Fables
- Villager only special events! Buddy Bear's Picnic, Bubble Guppies Splash Party, Mini Chefs' Day and more!
- Morning circle time to discover the days activities, and rock out to the Villager song!
- An early afternoon period for 3 & 4 yr olds for thoughtful imaginative play or a nap for those who need it!
- New cot beds for Buddy's Playhouse, our indoor play pavilion.

Our **Camp-on-Wheels program** keeps on rolling in 2014 with a huge host of new activities and games. What will you find in tomorrows camp-on-wheels bag? Cross your fingers for: LEAP Explorer Pad Learning Tablets, Bop-it Smash, Tetris, Cube-bots, Simon Says, Wiki Stix, Rush hour Jr, and other exciting new puzzles and travel games.



Villagers even got their own Camp on Wheels improvements! For buses that host our younger riders, look out for extra goodie bags of engaging toys and activities, including puppets, doodle pads, figurines, emerging reader books, sticker scenes and more!



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See you on the fields... *Josh*

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JUST WEEKS TO GO PREPARING FOR CAMP

We try to make transitioning from school to Gate Hill as seamless as possible for our families. We provide lunch, transportation, backpacks, water bottles and even laundry service for towels and bathing suits! There are just a few items that campers need to be ready for their amazing Gate Hill experience: swimsuits, sandals, sunscreen and smiles! For further details, we recommend reading the parent handbook, which was emailed to families and can also be found on your Camp-in-Touch account.

In the coming weeks, you can expect a welcome call from your child's Division Leader. These calls help us to get to know your family better. Our Director of Camper Care, Erica, is already touching base with families in need of special dietary considerations. In addition, details about transportation will be coming the week of June 16th. We look forward to seeing many of you again at Camper & Parent Orientation on June 14th (for up to entering 3rd Grade).

As always, if you have any concerns or questions about this summer, please don't hesitate to call or email. It's incredibly important to us that we partner with all of our families to ensure that our campers get the best Gate Hill experience they can.

BE OUR GUEST THE GATE HILL PLAYERS

We are very excited to announce that this year's summer musical is "Beauty and the Beast". Campers choosing the elective for weeks 1-4 this summer will be preparing with our talented theatre and music staff for a evening performance hosted at camp! Friends and family are invited to attend and cheer on The Gate Hill Players. Campers with musical talent can join the show by being part of the camp band elective and the props and sets will be designed by campers in our Explorers: Arts and Sciences program.



NEW FRIENDS FOR 2015 CAMP SATURDAY

On Saturday, August 2nd, Gate Hill will be opening its doors to families and campers who will be considering Gate Hill for the first time in 2015. It is a great chance to show your friends what all the fuss is about! These "Campers In Training" will enjoy a mini day of Gate Hill games, arts, swimming, and enjoy a BBQ lunch with a special visit from the ice cream truck! Camp Saturday runs from 10am-2pm and private family tours will be available throughout the day. The event is designed for prospective families for summer 2015 with campers aged 3-10yrs. To RSVP please call 845 947-3223 or e-mail us at info@gatehilldaycamp.com. Spread the word!



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SAVE THAT DATE!

**CAMPER & PARENT
ORIENTATION**
June 14, 2014

Villagers (3, 4 & ent K)
10am – 11:30am

Sr. Pathfinders (ent 2nd)
10am – 11am

Jr. Pathfinders (ent 1st)
1pm – 2pm

Jr. Pioneers (ent 3rd)
1pm – 2pm

CAMP DATES 2014
June 30–August 22

Camp is closed on
Friday, July 4th

Camp Saturday
Saturday, August 2nd

2015 Enrollment
Begins August 1st

