

THE GATE HILL NEWS

Summer 2018 – Week 3



MONDAY

Campers were feeling the heat today for the start of Lanyard Fever Week! Lanyard stations were set up around camp, including giant lanyards for campers to do and lanyards for campers to use all week long. Ask your child to show you a new stitch he or she learned!

TUESDAY

History was made at Gathering on Tuesday when we had a special "Tacky Teal Tuesday" event. Counselors landed on "Wheely Wheely Wacky," which meant that Nico had to SHAVE HIS HEAD! It was also photo day so campers and counselors posed for group shots together.

WEDNESDAY

Did somebody say ice cream?! Sundae on Wednesday was a huge hit today! Caramel sauce, chocolate syrup, and sprinkles topped the mountains of ice cream that campers had this afternoon. Rock n Roll decorations and music kept everyone in the sundae mood!

THURSDAY

Today we broke all the rules with Don't Try This At Home Day! Gathering began with a Leadership watermelon eating contest, and lunch featured pie eating by the counselors! Villagers and Jr. Path got Wacky and Wet with Wacky Zacky, and Sr. Path, Pioneers, and Mountaineers participated in some Organized Mass Chaos. We ended the day with a special snack: dirt in a cup!

FRIDAY

We showed our Spirit today with bandanas, clapper necklaces, ribbon wands and Gate Hill (temporary!) tattoos! We also learned at Gathering that we earned enough Gate Hill Challenge points to have The Josh and Tony Challenge next week! This summer, Division Leaders were recruited to be on Team Josh (Green) or Team Tony (Orange). We hope your camper wears either green or orange next week to show their support!



WHO HAS THE MOSTEST???

This Monday of week 3
Was another fun day,
The monarch came out,
And he had something to say!

The campers listened hard,
And were ready to compete,
And before the monarch spoke,
They were fast on their feet!

He scratched his gold crown,
And a smirk then arrived,
He had the best idea,
"Who has the crispest high five?"

Similar to an applause,
Hi fives were all around,
So many campers were happy,
Impossible to find one frown.
Then it came pretty clear,
That the monarch had to say,
The two winners for week 3

Were Amanda (Vg5A) and Hayes from B1A!

Even though hands were sore,
The camp sill cheered loud,
And Amanda and Hayes,
Stood with their medals so proud.

Be ready for next week,
When the monarch swoops in,
For he will have another task,
That maybe YOU can win.

Extension Information: Now that summer is off to such a successful beginning, many families are inquiring about extending their child's stay at camp. Extensions are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in extending your child's stay at camp, please email or call us with the week(s) that you are interested in. We will check availability and get back to you!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

Nico W.
Katie H.
Matthew B.
Jillian A.
Greyden F.
Jason R.
Miles B.
Sophia M.
Chris A.
Sophie E.
David R.
Grace C.
Kaia O.
Woo Woo!!!!

THINK SWIM!

Once campers finish the American Red Cross learn to swim program they continue to expand their swimming skills in classes created by the GH swim directors.

Guard Start (Junior Life Saving) – teaches campers how to safely observe and rescue swimmers in distress by actual use of life guarding techniques as approved by the ARC. In addition campers continue to work on and improve their stroke techniques and endurance.

Trident—teaches campers many aspects of canoeing and boating including paddling and using the boat as a rescue device. Campers also learn how to use masks, fins and snorkels.

Master Swimmer—campers learn the different aspects of competitive swimming from strokes to turns and starts with the use of extensive swim workouts and clinics. There are time trials in all the events along with the Gate Hill Triple Crown of Swimming to test campers endurance and competitive instructs.

Aquatic Associate—campers, under the direction of a WSI, are taught the basic techniques of teaching swimming and are paired with an aquatic staff member as an assistant teacher to work with campers.

At the end of the course the aquatic associate prepares an actual lesson and teaches a class!

...“lets go swimming!”

WEEK FOUR AT THE HILL

Monday - Gaga Madness Begins

Tuesday - Project Morry Swim-a-Thon

Wednesday - Project Morry Swim-a-thon & Gate Hill Players perform The Little Mermaid

Thursday - Wild West Day and Villager Pony Rides

Friday – 3-5-7 Celebration

THE LITTLE MERMAID JUNIOR

The Gate Hill Players are excited to present a Disney classic, The Little Mermaid. Princess Ariel has always been fascinated with what lies on land, but is forbidden to go their by her overprotective mother, Queen Triton. On one of her rebellious visits to the surface, she falls for Prince Eric. She wants so desperately to be with him that she makes a deal with Ursula and her eels (Flotsam and Jetsam) that she will trade her beautiful voice for a pair of human legs. What will Queen Triton have to sacrifice to save her daughter? Come see the Gate Hill Players and their magical retelling of Disney's The Little Mermaid!

GAGA MADNESS

GA, GA, GA! Week 4 marks the start of GAGA Madness week. Campers are placed in groups to represent 4 legendary teams in this week-long tournament; the Super Slappers, Happy Highsteppers, Dynamic Dodgers, and Wacky Wallbusters! Cool bracelets keep teammates feeling close, expert GAGA Madness referees keep competition fun, and scores go towards the all-camp total for their team! Campers will be showing off their Spirit, Effort, Teamwork and Sportsmanship all week!

PROJECT MORRY

An annual tradition at Gate Hill, the Swim-A-Thon is a fun and meaningful event to benefit *Project Morry*. This organization supports youth in our community, and it is one that Gate Hill and the Male Family has supported since its inception in 1996. The nonprofit organization was created to honor the memory of Morry Stein, former Director of Josh's childhood sleep-away camp. The program provides a nine year commitment of support and mentoring for underserved youths, and is anchored by a full summer sleep-away camp experience. The Project Morry Swim-A-Thon is an optional event on **Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 4**. So get ready to swim, walk, or doggie-paddle some laps for Project Morry! Look out for a pamphlet in your camper's backpack.



Private Tours for Prospective Families: Spread the news! We are hosting private tours at camp on July 22nd and August 4th. Tell your friends to call camp to book a spot and get a sneak peak at Summer 2019!