

# THE GATE HILL NEWS

Summer 2017– Week 3



## MONDAY

Box stitch, staircase, cobra and more! Lanyard Fans across camp are reaching fever pitch this week with jumbo lanyards to find and complete around camp, lanyard on the bus, and this weeks art projects challenging campers at every age!

## TUESDAY

Bring out your smiles and comb your hair—its photo day! Campers joined their group counselors and Division Leaders for a photo. Elsewhere, eagle eyed campers were racking up the point total for the Gate Hill challenge with several golden eggs found today! .

## WEDNESDAY

With great power comes—great costumes! We were marveling at crowds of Wonder Women and Supermen! Meanwhile the Villagers had a special visit from Captain Do-Goodly, crime fighting nice guy, and his sidekicks in an interactive theatre show!

## THURSDAY

What a knockout day! Each Division had their own time to shine in the "Bounce Zone!". Campers braved obstacle runs, super slides, climbing challenges, and even risked a total 'Wipeout' jumping ball to ball on our inflatable rides! Giant beach ball soccer, and even a regular ol' bounce house proved popular

## FRIDAY

We showed our Spirit today with orange bandanas and Gate Hill (temporary!) tattoos! While the rain kept us inside, rumors spread of the Gate Hill challenge total creeping up and up towards our first prize—The Josh and Tony Show. Josh is looking to reassure his fans he is "No squash". While Tony is focusing on building his fan support and insisting that he is "No baloney"



### WHO HAS THE MOSTEST???

The Monarch appeared  
For all campers to see,  
He was especially excited,  
For it was finally week 3!!

The monarch looked jumpy,  
And anxious to share.  
His idea was amazing,  
So he shouted from his chair.

"Who has lots of energy,  
And wants to get off their rump?  
What camper here today,  
Has the mostest highest jump!?"

Without any hesitation,  
They all got off of their seat,  
Some camper had small hops,  
And some had huge leaps.

It was obvious to everyone,  
These campers could bounce  
I think the monarchs relatives,  
Actually felt the jounce.

Wacky zacky and the monarch,  
Surveyed the whole scene,  
And finally found two campers,  
That looked like jumping jelly beans

After the deliberation,  
The moment of the day,  
Went to two deserving campers,  
Andrew from B2A and Logan B1A

The camp went wild,  
And hi fives were all around,  
The big smiles from their friends,  
Made every frown go upside down.

Be ready for next week,  
When gaga madness will begin,  
And maybe you will be the camper,  
That gets the Mostest Monday 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!!!

Sophia M.  
Matthew B.  
RJ C.  
Gabi L.  
Sam B.  
Jillian A.  
Chris A.  
Garry S.  
Greyden F.

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, Senior Mountaineer Camper Night & Senior Pathfinder Late Stay

**Tuesday** - Project Morry Swim-a-Thon

**Wednesday** - Project Morry Swim-a-thon & Gate Hill Players perform Jack's Nightmare

**Thursday** - Powerhouse live and Villager Duckie Day

**Friday** – 3-5-7 Celebration

### JACK'S NIGHTMARE: A HOLIDAY HEIST

Now you've probably wondered where holidays come from - if you haven't, I'd say it's time you've begun! Join the Gate Hill Players as they embark on a colorful adventure through the wondrous Forest of Holidays. Based upon Tim Burton's iconic *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, this vivid new version of the classic tale tells the true story of what really happened on that fateful night, and how a sad skeleton learns the meaning behind all of the many different holidays we celebrate throughout the year. Join the infamous Jack Skellington, Oogie-Boogie, Sally, Zero, and all their friends on this magical, musical journey!

### GAGA MADNESS

GA, GA, GA! Week 4 marks the start of GAGA Madness week. Campers are placed on teams 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. Our expert GAGA Madness referees keep competition fun and keep score for each team as it goes 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.



**CAMP SATURDAY:** Send your friends to get a sneak peak at Summer 2018. July 29th, 12am-3pm. This event is recommended for ages 2-10, so have your friends RSVP for an awesome day!