

THE GATE HILL NEWS

SUMMER 2014– WEEK 5



MONDAY

Twirl, twist, and band it up! Camp couldn't have been more colorful this week as our campers were busy designing their wearable art for Let's Tie Dye Week! Thank you to the talented Arts Staff for helping our campers to make such fun and one-of-a-kind creations. Please see page 2 for information on how to wash your tie dye.

TUESDAY

Tony started off the day with his traditional "Tony's Dance Tuesday's" and had the whole Gate Hill Gathering dancing to the "YMCA". Later in the afternoon, Steve Max visited camp and challenged all our campers to the "Simon Sez" skills. Everyone was belly-laughing as they were tricked and fooled by Steve's super quick "Simon Sez" tricks!

WEDNESDAY

Kings and Queens and Bishops too, want to wish the best to you! On Wednesday we celebrated all of the campers who don't celebrate a summer birthday, while also celebrating for Gate Hill as we are in our 25th summer under Male Family ownership. What's better than some birthday cake and music at lunch. Happy Birthday to you, woo woo!

THURSDAY

Unplug and get social! Today was a fun twist on social media with "posts" around camp by our very own Gate Hill celebrities and a "selfie booth" with thumbs-up and tweet props (check out the "selfie" folder on the website to see them!) Each group had a box full of questions to help get the campers focused on real face to face conversation, with an appreciation for being off the grid!

FRIDAY

Yankees, Mets, Giants, Jets, Rangers, and Devils fans were all around today as we showed our pride for some sports team favorites! And just like at a stadium's concession stand, campers were excited to choose a special snack from the surprise Ice Cream Truck! Awesome job on winning the Gate Hill Challenge Prize #2! In other sports news, the Week 5 Leagues trophy goes to the Pioneer Racing Red Slides and the Mountaineer Green Sox!



With the madness behind us,
The monarch did appear
The campers were excited,
For miles you could hear them cheer.
He had a certain swagger,
And walked with a beat,
He then loudly explained,
They had to get off of their seat!
The music was pumping,
And the kids were all boppin',
The monarch explained,
The challenge was very awesome!
The monarch then said,

With a certain kind of groove,
I want you to work hard,
For the **bestest dance move!!**
Chubby Checker would be proud,
Of the dancing that was done,
It was very obvious to all,
This challenge was super fun
Then the monarch finally saw,
The best dance he's ever seen,
And it was from the group **B3A**,
Yup you guessed it, it was **Dean!**

The cheers and the roars,

Were especially loud,
It was obvious that camp,
Was so very proud.
Stay tuned for next week,
For so much more fun,
It promises to be a great week,
With no rain and all sun!

Congratulations Dean, you have the Mostest in Week 5!!!

PHOTOS ON THE WEBSITE– Don't forget to check out "Camp Wide" photos each week! This section includes photos from all divisions at morning arrival, the Gate Hill Gathering, and more! This week, we also have a "Selfie" folder from Unplugged & Social Day!

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DIVISION WEEK

What a special Week 6 we have planned! Our Annual "Division Week" is designed to give each division a unique day, all of their own. On Monday the Mountaineers will get to relax and hang out with their friends for Gate CHILL Day! They'll have a designated "chill zone" with limbo, tug-o-war, & kanjam, as well as some cool new electives. On Tuesday, The Villagers will splash in the pool with duckie friends, while the Explorers will visit Bear Mountain's nature trail and zoo for their expedition! Wednesday will brrrrring in a chill with the Pioneer Snow Day! Summer sleigh riding and snow cones all around! Thursday is a day for all divisions—CARNIVAL!!! Awesome new booths this year include Alien Pinball, Haunted House Range, and a Water Shooter Duck Race Game built by the Explorers! Friday will finish out the week with bubbles in the air for Pathfinder Bubble Blast. Division Week is something to look forward to every year as we grow up at camp!

TIE DYE WASHING

The majority of groups received their tie dye item this Friday. The dye is set by heat rather than washing. We have heat-set all tie dye items prior to sending them home. As a precaution, please wash separately for the first washing. Thank you! We can't wait to see all of the eclectic designs and brilliant colors at camp on Monday of Week 8— Wear Your Tie Dye Day!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

(in order of Birthday)

- Gregory Goody
- Serena Buncher
- Harrison Gerson
- Haley Janush
- Beth Goodman
- Erin Boyle
- Nicholas Wolff
- Benjamin Goldfarb
- James Sadler
- Farrah Slonim
- Lisa Goldstein
- Rodger Grant
- Brandon Striano
- Brian Wolfson
- Harlan Diamond
- Matias Weintraub

Woo Woo!!!!

I've got the mostest bestest dance move in Week 5!



WEEK SIX AT THE HILL

- Monday** - Mountaineers Gate Chill Day
- Tuesday** - Villagers Duckie Day & Explorer Expedition
- Wednesday**—Pioneer Snow Day & Mountaineer Trip
- Thursday**— Carnival
- Friday** - Pathfinder Bubble Blast

WACKY WHEEL WEDNESDAY

Josh was the real winner this Wednesday as the Wacky Wheel went round and round! Groups **VG5B, G2A, G3B, B4B,** and **G8/9** spun "Josh as your Counselor" which was truly a gift for him! He had a blast rallying with B4B at tennis, crafting with VG5B at Art Adventures, catching with G8/9 at Lakeside, playing GA GA with G2A, and rowing with G3B at the lake!

**Come on Gate Hill...
You've got to spin it to win it!**

Today we sadly said "until next time!" to some of our Gate Hill friends who had their last day for 2014. Remember to stay connected on **Social Media** throughout the year! See you at Reunion!