

THE GATE HILL NEWS

Summer 2016– Week 5



MONDAY

So many new friends got off the bus and were welcomed warmly into their groups. Thumb prints were added to the group rocks and now they are almost complete. Tye Dye began in art and the colorful shirts are truly works of art! Campers picked their favorite colors and tried out swirls, ombre and bullseye patterns. Kurt Gallagher sang with the Villagers and everyone really rocked out!

TUESDAY

Tony started the day with the Tuesday dance party and campers jumped up to do the Chicken Dance with him. Campers kept their eyes peeled all day for signs of Challenge Eggs, they could feel the prize was close! The Junior Mountaineers had a great Late Stay and showed the parents all that they have been doing so far this summer. They had a blast on the fields and in the pools!

WEDNESDAY

There were SO MANY silly socks! From stripes to cats to super heroes with capes, everyone showed off such personality with their feet. The super groups of B1C, G4A, B5A, B6A & G7A won a dance party with Wacky Zacky. He surprised each group by showing up with music in the middle of an activity and got the party started.

THURSDAY

Best...Day...Ever! Carnival is a favorite tradition for both campers and staff. Just the mere mention of it makes all Gate Hillers grin. The whole field was full of games and rides to enjoy with friends. Campers rocked out to the music, posed for photos at the photo booth and bounced all afternoon. From the swing carousel to the cotton candy, to the friendship rings, it couldn't have been more perfect.

FRIDAY

The campers have worked hard with teamwork and hunting for challenge eggs to earn enough Gate Hill Challenge Points for the second prize. The Ice Cream Truck came to camp and victory tasted so sweet! In Leagues, the competition was extra close as campers put their all into every sport they played. The Racing Red Sliders won for Pioneers and Buddy's Cubs for Mountaineers. Congratulations to all for a great week of competition.



WHO HAS THE MOSTEST???

The monarch appeared early,
And had a trick up his sleeve,
He came prepared with a challenge,
That not even Wacky Zacky would believe.

He wanted a big challenge,
For each and every face
Something that was different,
Like from way out in space.

The monarch reflected,
Upon Tony's big win,
He remembered Josh's face,
After it was in the big salsa bin.

And then it came to him,
He knew the challenge for sure,
He wanted to see the wackiest face!
That would not make the GH brochure!!

As the monarch surveyed the faces,
He was very happy to see
That there were two obvious winners,
Daphne P (G4C) and Alex B (BXC).

Wacky Zacky was so proud,
And so were their friends,
They were so very amazed,
With how their face muscles did bend

Now don't you worry,
If you didn't win this time
There are 3 more Mondays,
For you to be a part of this rhyme!

Gate Hill Early Enrollment for the Summer of 2017 opens Friday, August 5th. Take advantage of the best pricing of the season, with further discounts available if you pay in full by November 1st!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

Sam M	7/25
Dani G.	7/26
Ava M.	7/26
Erin S.	7/26
Sam W.	7/26
Olivia F.	7/28
Benjamin T.	7/28
Haley J.	7/29
Serena B.	7/29
Beth G.	7/30

Woo Woo!!!!

THINK SWIM!

The Trident swim group always ends the summer with an awesome canoe trip to Lake Sebago. Campers and lifeguards get to test out their boating skills by paddling around the lake on a scavenger hunt. Campers look forward to this trip and can't wait for it to happen next week! Keep up the great job in swim instruction, the Trident level is just around the corner! ...*"lets go swimming!"*



WEEK SIX AT THE HILL

Monday - Pathfinder Bubble Blast & Sr. Mountaineer Trip

Tuesday - Mountaineer Gate Chill Day & Jr. Pioneer Trip

Wednesday - Pioneer Messtival

Thursday - Explorer Expedition & Villager Pony Rides

Friday - Villager Oreo Olympics

TIE DYE WASHING

The majority of groups received their gorgeous, one-of-a-kind tie dye item this Friday. Each item was "heat set" to stop the colors from bleeding. Although these items have been dried, we suggest washing and drying them again separately to ensure no color will transfer onto other clothes. We can't wait to see all of the beautiful colors on display Monday of Week 8 for our annual Wear Tie Dye Day!

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 week will start with bubbles in the air (and everywhere!) for Pathfinder Bubble Blast. On Tuesday, the Mountaineers will get to relax and hang out with their friends for Gate CHILL Day! They'll have a designated "chill zone" with fun backyard games as well as some cool new electives. On Wednesday, the Pioneers will get extra, crazy messy at the Messtival, a new activity debuting this year. On Thursday, the Explorers will visit the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum for a Star Trek Starfleet Academy experience. What an epic expedition! The Villagers will round out the week with Oreo Olympics. They will roll, stack, count, and munch on Oreos. Division Week offers something to look forward to every year as we grow up at camp!



Today we said "goodbye for now!" to some of our Gate Hill Friends. We can't wait to see you at Fall Festival, and of course next summer! If today was your last day, all bathing suits and extra clothes should have come home. If you're missing something, please let us know! Stay connected on **Social Media** throughout the year!