## THE GATE HILL NEWS

Summer 2016 - Week 8



#### **MONDAY**

Campers arrived looking pretty groovy and colorful for TIE DYE day! It was like our very own Gate Hill rainbow! Campers wore their most exciting tie dye creations from bandannas to shirts to socks! The Junior Mountaineers enjoyed a trip to Splashdown where camper favorites included the Croc Creek Lazy River, Humunga Halfpipe, and Arctic Mammoth.

#### TUESDAY

Since we flip-flopped Island Day and Birthday Bash due to unpredictable weather, Tuesday was treated like Wednesday at camp! We had the final spin of the Wacky Wheel for 2016 and the groups won a very special visit from the Gate Hill goats! Happy birthday to all of our friends who have nonsummer birthdays, today we celebrated you with the Gate Hill Birthday Bash. The cake was a big hit!

#### WEDNESDAY

Tony turned up the music and got everyone on their feet for an early morning dance party! Campers got low for the limbo! How low can YOU go?? Island Day was a blast! There were SO many floats in the pools to relax and play on. Campers loved the extra time in the pool. The Bug Juice Bar was complete with drinks and snacks and campers had a pool-side treat.

#### **THURSDAY**

Message in a bottle, a day to celebrate and remember summer highlights. Groups wrote down their favorite Summer 2016 memories and put them in a bottle. They went down to the lake where they used a slingshot to release the bottles. What a memory in itself! In the final showdown for leagues, Buddy's Lakesiders won both Mountaineer and Pioneer leagues. Congratulations to all players and coaches for a great last competition.

#### FRIDAY

Sunshine and smiles all around for the last day of camp! We had a wonderful day complete with swimming in the pools, playing on the fields, and spending quality time with friends. The last day always makes it hard to say goodbye, but the camp traditions make it all the easier. T-shirts and memory boxes gave us something to remember, the dance party gave us something to celebrate, and the burning of the year set us on track to get ready for next year. See you next summer!













#### **ODE TO THE END OF CAMP**

As we gather together, For one very last time, I wanted to share with you, An end of summer rhyme.

As I think about this summer, So many memories came to mind, From group rocks on day one, To all of the eggs you did find.

So what will happen next, Is unbelievably so fun, I will talk about 8 weeks, While your snack melts in the sun.

Sundaes on Wednesdays, And Simon Sez with a new friend, Don't forget red, white and blue, Who would think it could end?!

Then it was Week 2-And boy was that so great, Crazy hair and the challenge, There was nothing to hate! Halloween during week three, With sidewalk chalk to boot! I loved the trick or treating, And the Halloween house—BOO!

Gaga Madness was intense... But the best was, um oh my gosh, It was the week when we saw, Tony finally beat JOSH!!

I have to hand it to big Tone, He ate the hot salsa with such ease, He is such a supreme athlete, And beating me wasn't a breeze.

Silly sock day and carnival, And we made our tie dye too, Week 5 was amazing, And the cotton candy? WOO HOO!

Then each division had their time, Bubble blast and Gate Hill Chill, Don't forget the expedition and Oreos, And messitival was messy at Gate Hill.

I'm getting to the end, And now it's getting kinda sad Remember Pokemon Olympics? The Jiggly Puff team was not at all bad. The Village loved the castle, And the game show was great, Now I have to talk about... The final week, and that's 8.

Tie dyes and birthdays, With leis on Island Day, A message in a bottle, And now we get to today...

This camp is my family I love you all with my heart, This summer was very special, And you all played a huge part.

The miles of smiles I saw, Could take us so very far It made me realize one thing, Each employee at camp, is a total rock star!!

So good luck this year, And wear for GH gear with pride We will see you in 2017, For another fun summer ride!!

One Camp. One Love. Gate Hill.

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Andy V.

Anna H.

8/18 Alex D. 8/19 Danny A. 8/20 Julia M. 8.20 Shayne E. 8/21 Ethan W.

Woo Woo!!!!

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### September 24th

- Fall Festival (for current & new families, geared for Village-grade 4)
- **Trailblazer Reunion**

#### Camp Dates 2017

Monday, June 26th to August 18th (camp closed Tuesday 7/4)

Please stay in touch by checking your email, the camp website, Facebook, and Twitter throughout the year!















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