

CAMP YOMAWHA NEWS BULLETIN - Week 1

What's Happening Next Week, 7/7 - 7/11:

This week is America week! All campers will be assigned to a team (Red, White or Blue) for our Fun Friday field day events.

Monday is Picture Day! Wear your camp shirt and remember to bring in your order form and payment (\$21.95) if you are buying individual camper photos. All campers receive a group photo.

Monday is also our Late Night. Beginners (Kindergarten) campers will be departing camp at the regular time, while all Juniors and Explorers campers will be staying at camp for an extra swim, dinner, and our infamous Egg Drop! Bus drop off begins at 7:30 pm. Please call ahead or send a note if your Juniors or Explorers camper needs to come home at the regular dismissal time.

Tuesday is the Explorers trip to Dynamite Falls Mini Golf! Wear your camp t-shirt.

Wednesday is Favorite Character Day! Come dressed from head to toe as your favorite character from a story or show... we can't wait to see who arrives to camp!

Thursday the Explorers will be going to the Staten Island Yankees Game. Wear your camp t-shirt.

Friday is Red, White and Blue Day! Dress in your team colors and get ready to have fun in our relay races and games!

Reminders:

Camp Yomawha is a peanut free camp. Please keep lunches free of peanut butter and other peanut products.

Please label all your child's items with permanent marker. If any items are lost, you can give a note with the list of items with the child's name and group to your bus counselor and we will do our best to get them back to your child.

A Note From Shara...

Welcome back to Camp Yomawha! We are off to a great start this summer. It has been wonderful watching all of the kids participating in all of the new camp activities! As I look around, I see children learning new things along with their new camp friends! I love walking out of the office and hearing all the kids singing awesome songs in Music. I look forward to a safe and fun summer! Keep smiling. :) - Shara Perlman, Camp Director

What the rest of our supervisory staff are saying...

Julie Rubin is returning for a third summer at camp, this time as the Explorers Unit Head. "I'm excited to be back and excited to be with the Explorers this year, and ready for all the trips! We had a wonderful trip to New Roc City this week, everyone had so much fun."

Carlos Lamour, a veteran camper, CIT, counselor and sports instructor at camp, is joining us as the Juniors Unit Head this year. "I'm very excited about the new challenge of being a unit head, I'm looking forward to getting to know all the kids and having a safe and enjoyable summer."

Martha Cooney is back at camp for the second year as the Beginners unit head. "The Beginners have been fantastic this week with their cheering, enthusiasm and good behavior! I'm so happy to be a part of this great camp community again this summer."

What's Happening in Our Program Areas?

Pool - We are excited to welcome Jackie, our new head lifeguard, this summer! All campers were tested for ability this week to begin lessons and everyone has been enjoying cooling off during free swims!

Boats, Petting Zoo, Playground and Multi-Purpose Sports Court - This year the camp Boating area has been expanded with a second dock and boating instructors. There is also a new Petting Zoo where campers can meet and greet a cow, ducks, chickens and more furry friends. The Playground area is as popular as ever, and everyone was excited to use the new Multi-Purpose Sports Court. The knowledgeable instructor at the new court has been teaching fundamentals of tennis, volleyball and basketball.

Nature - Kasha, our new Nature instructor, has led the groups in building two different bird hides, going fishing and catching crayfish, and identifying poison ivy. The groups have also explored the new camp garden, where we are growing tomatoes, peppers, watermelon, cucumbers, zucchini, canteloupe, basil and flowers. The Doves won a Nature award this week for a great job building a shelter in the woods.

Dena - Our Rock Wall instructor Dena Lobel is back for a second summer at camp, to everyone's . This week at the wall we went over rules, what it is to rock climb, and talked about supporting each other, cheering each other on, and rock climbing techniques. The great thing about the rock wall, says Dena, is that it is "giving kids who wouldn't have the opportunity to do this a chance to do it... and watching their faces light up when they accomplish something." Why did Dena come back to camp? "The kids are awesome! I love the kids." Campers who reached the top of the wall this week: Matthew Kalachev from the Blue Jays and Sera Knobler from the Flamingos. Supply counselor Anthony made it too!

Art - Our wonderful Art instructor Nancy Ortiz-Surun has also returned to camp this year and reestablished the Art Zone, where groups have been doing introductions, exploring identity and finding the good things in themselves. They also have been studying curved

and straight lines. The Doves and the Swans made Power Shields to establish identity, choosing an animal with traits that were admirable or similar to their own. The Dragons group created impressive acrostic poems, some featured later in the newsletter.

Drama - Kim, our fabulous new drama instructor, has joined us at camp after working with the After School Program at the Y this year. Groups have had a blast coming to drama this week and getting to know each other through group games, dramatic interpretation and expression!

Dance - Dance with our new instructor Monifa has rocked this week. The younger groups played musical chairs while the older groups learned different combinations and choreography. The Dragons and the Crows did an excellent job in Dance this week and showed loads of enthusiasm!

Music - Our new Music program is off to a great start with instructor Gideon introducing the ukelele to campers, and teaching classic songs as well as playing favorite songs by request. This week the groups learned some traditional American songs including Grand Old Flag, America the Beautiful, and This Land is Your Land.

Shalom - Shalom is a new program this year incorporating themes of peace ("Partnership..Everyone.. All together... Caring.. Everywhere"), groupwork and literacy with instructors Angela and Aditi. This week's groups made peace flags outlining a peace path leading to the Shalom area, and did group and partner yoga activities. Groups have also read books together, with group read-aloud, partner and individual reading. The Cardinals made peace signs to hang in the trees and decorate the area's railings, and the Cardinals and Robins groups both won the Peace Prize for helping to spread peace at camp.

Sports with Asa - Everyone has loved going to sports with week with our new instructor Asa, who will be doing both sports and trips this year at camp. This week campers enjoyed playing medic, soccer and kickball, and the Doves and Flamingos are "the medic champions"!

Sports with Eddie - We're lucky to have a second new sports instructor Eddie, for even more fun athletic activities at camp! The groups have been focusing on soccer this week with Eddie, doing good warm ups, fun drill work and learning fundamentals. Everyone has been participating and the Hummingbirds and Ducklings have been the most enthusiastic groups. What does Eddie like about camp in his first week? "The kids. They're hilarious. I'm always laughing. They're good kids."

And of course... everyone has had a blast at GA GA!!!

Created By Campers...

Acrostic identity poems created in the Art Zone with Miss Nancy

**Does participate in
All the
Known sports
On
The
Agenda**

by Dakota Oramas, Dragons camper

**Sensitive when comes to crying
Truthful sometimes
Always txt msg
Caring 2 family n BFFs
Eats a lot when it comes to food
Yellow is my favorite color**

by Stacy Colon, Dragons camper

**Likes to travel
Usually friendly
Interested in sports
Shares games with his cousin**

by Luis Rodriguez, Dragons camper

**Cares about others
Has high ambitions
Answers to a higher calling
Rises to the occasion
Loves life
Eager to excel
Never gets down with haters
Easy going**

..that's how I do!

by Dragons counselor Charlene Humbert

**Bus rider
Rhythm on my ipod
Yearning to run
Always happy about trips
Never about fighting**

by CIT Bryan Navarro in collaboration with Miss Nancy

[More Group Stuff...](#)

Meet the Cardinals, the Mighty Mighty Cardinals!

The Cardinals group has loved having fun in the pool this week, playing soccer with Asa and climbing the rock wall. "My group is the best!" says counselor Melissa. Co-counselor Educar says everyone in the group has done a great job listening. "They're the nice counselors!" says Max Silver, Cardinals camper, about his leaders and CIT Jesus.

What are the Cardinals' favorite things to do at camp?

Carson - Swimming

Max - Soccer and Rock Wall ("I did it last year and I still like it")

Ben H- Club

Adrian - Ga Ga and Rock Wall

Evan - Club

Arghya - Ga Ga, and "the coolest is Nature"

William - "I love swimming"

Ben W - Soccer

Nico - "I love Ga Ga"

Alexe - Swim

Carson - Boating

"Strawberry shortcake, cream on top. Tell me the name of your sweetheart. M-O-C-K-I-N-G-B-I-R-D-S!" - Group cheer created by the Mockingbirds. The Mockinbirds have grown in their enthusiasm this week, say counselors Leany and Stephanie. They are good at teamwork, working together to make up their group cheers, and love swimming and get dressed really quickly! They also enjoyed playing volleyball with Asa and working on their peace pictures at Shalom with Angela.

"I like when we spend time with each other." - Bats camper Max Koerner-Imas, on the friendship between the Bats and Hawks groups.

What do you like best at camp?

"Tennis and court sports." - Peter Rosales, Sparrows camper

"Reading the story of Abiyoyo in Shalom." - Grayson Thomson, Sparrows camper

"Boating." - Esteban Quinones, Sparrows camper

"Sports." - Theo Yanos, Sparrows camper

"Morning Meeting" - Joanis Arthur, Robins camper

"Swimming in the pool and going underwater!" - Ariana, Robins camper

GROUP CHEERS!

The whole camp came together this week to enjoy a performance from each group. Every group worked together to make up their own song and/or dance. All the groups showed great enthusiasm and teamwork. The Eagles and Chickadees got everyone excited with their creative performances and camper Max Starcevic-Casto of the Crows blew everyone away with his dance routine!

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who got a group or activity award this week!