## THE GATE HILL NEWS Summer 2016 – Week 1



### **MONDAY**

Finally, camp has begun and it was a perfect start to the 2016 summer season! With smiles and joy, old friends reunited and new friendships began as campers spilled off the busses for the start of the best summer ever. Groups began to work on the now traditional Group Rocks and the Villagers sat with their teddy bears for a special Teddy Bear Picnic. What a great day to be a camper at Gate Hill!

### **TUESDAY**

Casting began for the camp musical, The Descendants! Campers young and old are excited for the chance to take part in the popular show. Scripts will go home on Friday and you can also download one from the GH website at www.gatehilldaycamp.com/ghplayers In the pools, campers got to meet their swim instructors and start working on new skills after a long winter's break.

### WEDNESDAY

It's that time again folks, Wacky, Wheel Wednesday. Wepresentitives from groups VB, G1A, G2A, G4B, G5A, B7/8B stepped up and spun for victory! The wheel landed on Wheely, Wheely, Wacky and the whole camp won karaoke at lunch. What fun! It was also Sundae on Wednesday. Campers got to pick from a variety of sweet toppings and voted for their favorite. Yummy!

### **THURSDAY**

Steve Max, the master of Simon Sez, came to camp and put on a super fun, high energy, hysterically funny Simon Sez show! Campers and counselors alike were trying to keep up with the directions and be the last one standing. Friends, new and old, shared silly stories and laughter as they spent this first week together at camp. It was truly a sight to see.

### **FRIDAY**

Patriotic music topped the Gathering playlist this morning as we celebrated the 4th of July decked out in red, white and blue. Campers were recognized for acts of kindness by their friends and counselors by receiving a special note from Buddy the Bear at Gathering. Buddy Note recipients were called up to start a great day at camp with our morning cheer...When I say "Gate" you say "Hill"...









#### WHO HAS THE MOSTEST???

Hear ye oh hear ye! Said the monarch to the camp, It has been one whole year, Since I've seen a Mostest Monday Champ!

The kids were ecstatic, And cheered from ear to ear, Dare I say they were excited? To see the monarch appear!

The monarch donned his cape, And swung his scepter with glee, His crown was extra large, For even the smallest villager to see! The scene was all set...
Every camper at gathering had a huge grin,
What competition will he choose,
For the campers to compete in?

With a stroke of his chin, The monarch's decision was in place, "The first competition of 2016 is, Which camper has the most excited face!!"

What happened at gathering next, Was such an amazing sight to see, The monarch now had to choose a winner, He had a very hard time...who could it be? Finally a decision was made, And the decision was not easy... It was Elara from G1A, And Sutton from G2B!!

The entire camp was elated, They cheered so loud and so clear, If you listened hard at home, I am sure you too could hear!

Now don't you worry, If you didn't win this time There are 7 more Mondays, For you to be a part of this rhyme!

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** TO YOU!!!

Kieran S. 6/25 6/26 Jules F. 6/27 Jane D. Jordan D. 6/27 6/29 Derek K. 6/29 Jordan I Mary M. 7/1 Steven H. 7/1 Ellis B. 7/2

Woo Woo!!!!

### THINK SWIM!

The Preschool Aquatics program consists of three levels that teach fundamental water safety and aquatic skills. The program aims to meet the safety and developmental needs of this age group in a fun and dynamic way. The campers learn to swim through songs, games, and play! ..."lets go swimming!"





### **WEEK TWO AT THE HILL**

Monday - Camp Closed for 4th of July

Tuesday - Crazy Hat & Hair Day

Wednesday - Musical IQ and Senior Pioneer Late Stay

Thursday - The Gate Hill Challenge and Jr. Pioneer Late Stay

Friday – Group Match Day

Late Stays give campers an opportunity to share camp with their parents. They begin at 5:30pm and include a scheduled swim, evening electives, and a BBQ dinner. Campers stay at camp at the end of the day rather than going home on the bus. It's a special evening for our campers, so we ask that siblings do not attend. Thanks! Please check the calendar for your camper's late stay dates. Be sure to bring your bathing suit and sneakers so you can play too!

Please remember to keep us informed with all your questions and concerns. Division Leaders and Directors are always available for phone calls and emails. We would LOVE to hear your feedback!

### **TELL YOUR** FRIENDS!

IRIAL DAY FOR NEW FAMILIES!

