

THE GATE HILL NEWS

SUMMER 2015 – WEEK 2



MONDAY

Porcupines, falcons, and wallabies, oh my! Nature Nick paid a special visit to our Villagers and Pathfinders, who watched with intrigue as they learned all about his exotic animals. Nick rescues and adopts these curious and friendly creatures, and joyfully spreads the word about their personalities, feeding and sleeping habits, info about their habitats, and other fun facts!

TUESDAY

Can you believe that Gate Hill celebrated its 64th Birthday this week? After making its debut in 1951, Josh and his family bought the camp in 1989. That was the first step for our Birthday Bash celebration today! Delicious Cake, party decorations, and some bus photos made this day extra special, as well as the Late Stay Evening for Sr. Pioneers!

WEDNESDAY

Rockland, Orange, Westchester, Bergen, NYC, and even schools around the country were all represented on this annual School Spirit Day! What a great way to make connections with new camp friends. Once again the wheel spun and spun for Wacky Wheel Wednesday, this time landing on the BOUNCE PARTY for groups B1B, B2B, B3B, G5A, and VG5B. What a prize!

THURSDAY

The rainy start to this day gave us the chance to try out some of our coolest rainy day activities. Some of the campers' favorites were Circus Arts, Wacky Sports, and Laser Maze Madness. Thankfully the clouds cleared, making way for Gate Hill Trailblazers and Sr. Mountaineers to head to Splash Down Water Park in Fishkill, NY. Their day was full of water slides, tubes, and meandering in the lazy river. The Gate Hill Challenge also kicked off on this day. See page 2 for more!

FRIDAY

What a fun, fresh, and full Friday! The Gathering was a festive one, as campers were decked out in camp bandanas for Gate Hill Spirit Day. Norm & Allison announced all of this week's accomplishments at the pool, two staff members won the raffle for their dress-up-day participation, and the Dance Team performed a spectacular hip hop routine! This afternoon, the Buddy's Cubs won the Leagues Cup in Pioneers and Mountaineers. Congratulations to all teams!



The second week of camp
Is one of the best,
Campers are moving and grooving,
And camp is full of zest!
The monarch waltzed out,
With his normal, curious smile,
He had a great challenge,
And he was to say it with style.
I know it's not Tuesday,
When you usually get in your groove,
However I'm very curious,

WHO HAS THE MOSTEST???

Who has the silliest dance move???
The campers were in awe,
And they couldn't believe,
To dance on a Monday?
Now that's something fun to achieve!
Campers were twisting
And doing The Monkey,
Then one camper emerged,
It was Zoe from G1C!

But the monarch was not done,
Choosing the dance champ,
For Dylan S. from Trailblazers,
Was the other best dancer in camp!
Two great dancers,
All in one week!
What will be next Monday?
You will have to wait and see!

Congratulations Zoe and Dylan, you have the mostest in Week 2!

Extension Information: Now that summer is off to such a successful beginning, many families are inquiring about extending their child's stay at camp. Extensions are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in extending your child's stay at camp, please email or call us with the week(s) that you are interested in. We will check availability and get back to you!

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THE GATE HILL CHALLENGE

Points, Prizes, & Surprises! The Gate Hill Challenge brings our whole camp community together in a common goal—Gaining points to win prizes for everyone! Through special activities and a weeks long scavenger hunt, campers can gain points towards our 3 amazing prizes!

250,000 Points: The Josh and Tony Challenge Show!

500,000 Points: A snack-time visit from the Ice Cream Truck!

750,000 Points: A top secret prize for everyone at camp to take home!

Keep your eyes out for Challenge eggs, We are up to **41,475 points!**



THINK SWIM!

Did you know that it is common for campers to participate in several lessons before they successfully demonstrate each skill? That is okay! It is not important how quickly they move through a level, but that they acquire each skill.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

(in order of Birthday)

Sophie Roth 7/6

Wyatt Cloutman 7/ 6

Caleb Landres 7/7

Bailey Link 7/7

Katy Fisher 7/7

Andrew Markovich 7/8

Lee Gelfand 7/8

Jen Hirsch 7/8

Sammie Katz 7/8

Zack Suzzan 7/8

Nico Waller 7/9

Matthew Branch 7/10

Pam Batista 7/10

Gabi Lacen 7/10

Jillian Abramson 7/11

Woo Woo!!!!



WEEK THREE AT THE HILL

Monday - Lanyard Fever Begins!

Tuesday - Photo Day & Jr. Pathfinder Late Stay

Wednesday - Crazy Hat Day, Jr. Mountaineer Trip, & Jr. Pioneer Late Stay

Thursday - Gate Hill Messival & Sr. Pathfinder Late Stay

Friday – Kurt Gallagher sings with the Villagers & Pathfinders

LATE STAYS

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!

CAMP SATURDAY: Send your friends to get a sneak peak at Summer 2016, August 1st, 10am-2pm. This event is recommended for ages 3-10, so have your friends RSVP for an awesome day!