

THE GATE HILL NEWS

Summer 2016 – Week 2



MONDAY

CAMP CLOSED
FOR
JULY 4TH!

TUESDAY

Oh the crazy hats and hair that came to camp on this crazy hat and hair day! There were ponytails, spikes, mohawks and more; campers and counselors were showing their personality with some incredibly silly headwear. The Trailblazers headed out for a day trip to the Castle in Chester, NY.

WEDNESDAY

The Villagers and Pathfinders felt the rhythm as they made beats with Musical IQ. They had to listen carefully and then repeat back what they heard using the djembe drum. It was so much fun! The Wacky Wheel spun fast for the lucky groups VG5B, B2C, G3A, B4C, B6B & B7/8A. They won a dance party with Wacky Zacky!

THURSDAY

In the morning Buddy the Bear greeted campers with his new look as they arrived! In the afternoon the Gate Hill Challenge began and what fun it was! The younger campers pretended to be hippopotamuses gathering food and had to get as many beach balls (food) onto their plates as they could. Older campers had to work as a team to use large parachutes as slingshots to knock down castles on the other side of the tennis court.

FRIDAY

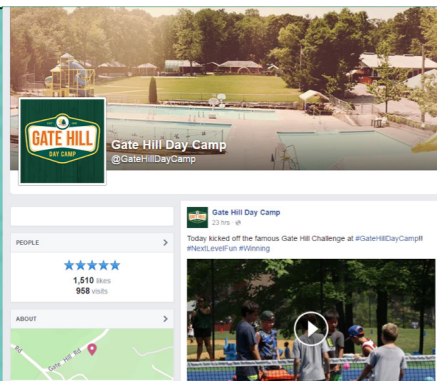
It was a great day to be a camper. The Gathering had such a celebratory feel as campers stood to be recognized for their accomplishments in the pools. Norm and Allison were so proud of every camper for working hard and trying their best! Buddy's Cubs won the Leagues Cup in both the Pioneer and Mountaineer Leagues Elective. Congratulations to all teams! Group Match Day was a great new success. Has anyone seen Waldo???



JOIN US ONLINE FOR "SNAPSHOT" VIDEOS

Gate Hill is very excited to launch an all new program of video content for our community. Several times each week throughout the summer we will be posting on social media short "Snapshot" videos. These will give a glimpse into life at camp that our families don't usually get to see, and highlight some great memories caught by our Videography Team. Don't miss another "Snapshot" now or during the year:

- Like us on [Facebook](#)
- Follow us on [instagram](#)



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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

Sean M.	7/4
Jolie L	7/5
Erin P.	7/5
Wyatt C.	7/6
Sophie R.	7/6
Olivia U.	7/6
Caleb. L	7/7
Bailey L.	7/7
Reed C.	7/8
Sophie E.	7/8
Sam H.	7/8
Jen H.	7/8
Andrew M.	7/8
Zach S.	7/8
Brady C.	7/9
Nico W.	7/9
Gabi L.	7/10
Matthew B.	7/10

Woo Woo!!!!

THINK SWIM!

The Learn to Swim program at GH consists of six comprehensive levels that teach campers of all ages and abilities how to swim skillfully and safely. The program gives campers a positive learning experience. Each level includes training in basic water safety, such as knowing when and how to call for help and helping a swimmer in distress. All aquatic and safety skills are taught in a logical progression. The objective is to teach people to swim and to be safe in, on and around the water ... "lets go swimming!"

THE GATE HILL CHALLENGE: COMING TO YOU ON THURSDAY!

Get ready Gate Hill, we're geared up and ready to go with our annual Gate Hill Challenge 2016! This cooperative special event lasts through Week 6, and gives our camp community an opportunity to work together to earn Challenge Points (CPs). When your campers come home raving about The Gate Hill Challenge, you'll probably hear eggs, eggs, eggs!

In addition to the silly and cooperative games campers will play to earn points, they'll also be on the lookout for special colored eggs around camp that are very valuable. So make sure to look behind a rock, under a table, or even on top of a counselor's hat! Eggs will be hidden around, begging to be found. The CPs add up and will get us three rewards—something fun, something with food, and something to take home!



WEEK THREE AT THE HILL

Monday - Lanyard Fever Begins, Senior Mountaineer Trip & Junior Pioneer Late Stay

Tuesday - Photo Day, Mountaineer Trip & Junior Pathfinder Late Stay

Wednesday - Sidewalk Chalk Day

Thursday - Halloween in July & Senior Pathfinder Late Stay

Friday - School Spirit Day

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 2017 July 30th, 10am-2pm. This event is recommended for ages 2-10, so have your friends RSVP for an awesome day!