

THE GATE HILL NEWS

SUMMER 2015 – WEEK 3



MONDAY

Everyone got to show their colorful, curly, creative side with Lanyard Fever Week! Spiral Staircase, Barrel, Double Box, Twisted Cobra, Zipper, you name it! Campers made key chains and bracelets, decorated pens and even sunglasses! The view around camp (and the buses!) on Monday and throughout the week always had campers totally focused on these colorful projects at hand.

TUESDAY

Hey Macarena! Dancin' with Tony Tuesday had everyone out of their seats at The Gathering, dancing to this popular line dance. It's always fun to see Tony, Nico, and Zac leading the way, teaching us some moves! They had us smiling all throughout the day so we could say "cheese!" for our group photos! Printed photos will be shared with families at the Fall Reunion.

WEDNESDAY

The Wacky Wheel was at it again on this Wednesday! This week, B1C, G2A, B4B & the VA Red Teddies struck gold with a GAGA Madness prize. The crazy hat wearing wewesentatives had the magic touch so campers could gear up for the big GAGA Madness event coming up in Week 4. Along with the enthusiastic counselors, an expert referee kept score.

THURSDAY

We all rolled up our sleeves on this Thursday for a new camp special event...The Gate Hill MESSTIVAL! From finger paint to wet shredded paper, the activities had everyone laughing as they played the supposed-to-be messy games! A special shout out goes to our Arts and Sports Specialists (and their leaders Danielle, Tony, & Garry) who spearheaded the messy fun. These "big kids at heart" showed such teamwork that truly sets the stage for all of us here at Gate Hill.

FRIDAY

We had a jam packed day on this spectacular Friday! It all started with the weekly Aquatics Report with Norm and Allison, applauding all of the accomplishments at the pool! Then, the LITs announced the details of the Project Morry Swim-A-Thon (see p.2). Kurt Gallagher sang with the Villagers & Pathfinders, and Jonathan Kruk told stories of Colonial times with the Explorers! In a Leagues nailbiter, the Pioneer Green Sox AND Mountaineer Green Sox won Buddy's cup!



The Monarch's cape was waving,
And his face was so bright,
He was excited for this Monday,
He knew this day would be outta sight.
The campers were anxious,
And wanted the chance,
To be crowned with the medal,
And do a victory dance.
The Monarch then bellowed,
From the bottom of his chest,
"I want to see the **mostest silliest face**,

WHO HAS THE MOSTEST???

And I will crown the very best!"
There were tongues wagging all over,
And some cheek muscles were torn,
Kids were laughing and giggling,
And soon the silliest faces were born.
The sovereign head of camp,
Recognized two faces that were silly,
One was **Gianni** from **B1C**,
And **Jack P.** from **B4C!**

The campers were ecstatic,
And almost broke into a parade,
Because of the pride they felt,
For the faces their peers made!
The Monarch was also proud,
Of the contest that was just had,
So tune into next week's mostest,
It will certainly not be bad!

Congratulations Gianni and Jack, you have the mostest in Week 3!

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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PROJECT MORRY

An annual tradition at Gate Hill, the Swim-A-Thon is a fun and meaningful event to benefit *Project Morry*. This organization supports youth in our community, and it is one that Gate Hill and the Male Family has supported since its inception in 1996. The nonprofit organization was created to honor the memory of Morry Stein, former Director of Josh's childhood sleep-away camp. The program provides a nine year commitment of support and mentoring for underserved youths, and is anchored by a full summer sleep-away camp experience. The Project Morry Swim-A-Thon is an optional event on **Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 4**. So get ready to swim, walk, or doggie-paddle some laps for Project Morry! Look out for a pamphlet in your camper's backpack.

GAGA MADNESS

GA, GA, GA! Week 4 marks the start of GAGA Madness week. Camp is split to represent 4 legendary teams in this week long tournament; the Super Slappers, Happy Highsteppers, Dynamic Dodgers, and Wacky Wallbusters! Cool bracelets keep teammates feeling close. Our expert GAGA Madness referees keep competition fun and keep score for each team as it goes towards the all-camp total for their team! Campers will be showing off their Spirit, Effort, Teamwork and Sportsmanship all week!



THINK SWIM!
Did you know...a great way to show interest in your campers' swim progress this summer is to ask them to show you a skill learned or practiced in swim lessons this week. You can then incorporate the skill into a fun game to play in the pool this weekend! For example, if they practiced the flutter kick, play Sharks and Minnows all doing that kick!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

(in order of Birthday)

- Garry Schragenheim 7/12
- Greydon Frank 7/14
- Kyra Spigle 7/14
- Miles Buikema 7/14
- Carleigh Schlissel 7/14
- Adam Lipman 7/14
- James Moise 7/15
- Jackie Vougiatzis 7/15
- Danny Lee 7/15
- Clara Friedman 7/15
- Ray Kutzin 7/18



Woo Woo!!!!

WEEK FOUR AT THE HILL

- Monday** - GAGA Madness begins & Sr. Mountaineer Camper Evening
- Tuesday** - Project Morry Swim-A-Thon & Explorer Trip
- Wednesday** - Project Morry Swim-A-Thon & GH Players Evening Performance (details below!)
- Thursday** - BMX Stunt Show
- Friday** - 3-5-7 Year Celebration & Sr. Mountaineer Trip

PETER PAN

From the Jolly Roger to Pixie Hollow...from Mermaid's Lagoon to Skull Rock...second star to the right, and straight on 'til morning! The Gate Hill Players invite you to fly away to Neverland in a timeless musical adventure...*Peter Pan!* Frolic with the Lost Boys and the Neverland Pirates, soar with Tinkerbell and the Pixies, battle the notorious Captain Hook, all in a high flying adventure for the whole family. Never grow up with *Peter Pan!* Please join us promptly at 6:30pm for a 6:45 show.

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!