

# THE GATE HILL NEWS

Summer 2017– Week 4



## MONDAY

Gaga Madness began with a GA, GA, GA! Bringing together 5 Gaga pits, music and pumped up games—Happy Highsteppers, Dynamic Dodgers, Super Slappers and Wacky Wallbusters got geared up with team wristbands and a pumped up tournament! We saw multiballs, jailbreaks, wall deflections and more. The competition continued through the week. Who would win! The competition was fierce!

## TUESDAY

A big THANKS to everyone who participated in Project Morry. Through donations and sponsorship we are working together to raise money for other children to have a camp experience they might not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy. We have so much fun at camp all summer so we want to share the love. For more information about Project Morry visit <https://projectmorry.org/>

## WEDNESDAY

Project Morry continued for a second day as we stretched out our muscles and pushed for more laps! A huge BRAVO to the Gate Hill players for their work on Jack's Nightmare: a Holiday Heist!. It was an amazing show that had the audience on their feet and clapping along. A huge thank you to directors Greggo, Keirsten and Carly for sharing your talents!

## THURSDAY

QUACK! Our Villagers were joined by hundreds of little squeaky yellow friends in the pool today as we celebrated our annual Ducky Day! Meanwhile the rest of camp was enjoying The Wild and Wacky show of Powerhouse Studios. Whether they were shaking their booty, throwing rubber chickens or "volunteering" their favorite counselors for a cream pie in the face—campers were laughing and loving the riotous show.

## FRIDAY

We had to say goodbye to our 4-week friends today but the friendships made will last forever! The Gaga Madness final scores are in. It was a tight race but the Dynamic Dodgers won with 5775 points, Happy Highsteppers came second with 5655 points, followed closely by the Super Slappers with 5400 and Wacky Wallbusters with 5050 points. We also celebrated campers and staff that have been part of the Gate Hill family for 3, 5 or even 7 years with special edition gear.



## WHO HAS THE MOSTEST???

The monarch's face  
Was a bit different this day,  
Stern and serious,  
In a mysterious way.

The focus that beamed,  
Was obvious by all,  
What could this task be?  
Is it related to gaga ball?

The kids were in suspense,  
We thought they would burst  
Wacky zacky was even silent,  
Now that is the first!!

Then the monarch belted,  
It was heard in every place,  
"What camper has the mostest,  
Competitive GAGA game face!!"

Before you knew it,  
The campers faces did change,  
They scowled and gritted,  
There was such a wide range.

Wacky zacky and the monarch,  
Had a hard time choosing a kid,  
They search and they stared,  
And then they finally did!!

The two lucky campers,  
Ready for the big week,  
Were Lila from G3A  
Charlie from B1B

Be ready for next week,  
For another fun chore,  
We promise it won't be,  
An ho hum kind of bore.!

To view this week's pictures, go to [www.gatehilldaycamp.com](http://www.gatehilldaycamp.com), login to "Parent/staff login" to access your Camp-in-Touch account, the link and password is shown there! Enjoy!



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

Ray K.  
Kelsey C.  
Calvin R.  
Kristina A.  
Olivia C.  
Alyssa S.  
Mina R.  
Neil B.  
Elena L.  
Jack U.  
Nia K.  
Nate G.

Woo Woo!!!!

## THINK SWIM!

Gate Hill wants to be sure that parents are kept up to date with campers' progress during swim instruction. To help facilitate that, Gate Hill Achievement Cards are sent home on Friday of weeks 2, 4, 6 & 8. Skills should be checked off showing growth within a camper's swim level. If a camper finishes an entire swim level, an American Red Cross card will go home instead. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about your child's swim lessons! ...*"lets go swimming!"*

## WEEK FIVE AT THE HILL

**Monday** - Welcome New Friends, Tie Dye Week Begins, Sr Mount trip & Kurt Gallagher visits

**Tuesday** - Welcome New Friends continues & Junior Mountaineer Late Stay

**Wednesday** - Nature Nick & Explorer Late Stay

**Thursday** - GHDC Carnival

**Friday** – Group Match day



## TIE DYE PREPARATION

Next week is Tie-Dye Week! When your camper goes to Art, they will make an awesome, wearable creation. Please send in a labeled item of clothing for your child to dye. T-shirts, tank tops, cotton socks or shorts all work beautifully. Many campers also enjoy using their white Gate Hill shirts to dye—they'll look totally groovy on "Wear Tie Dye Day" on **August 14th**. For best results, please make sure that any new garments are washed before coming to camp (old items are okay too!), and that they are 100% or high count cotton. Be sure to label items with name and group, and get ready for a colorful Week 5!

## GATE HILL CHALLENGE UPDATE!

Josh and Tony competed hard all week in the Josh and Tony Challenge. This annual event takes place all week at Gathering and nobody, camper or counselor, can guess what silly and messy event they will have to compete in next! Their kickoff competition was the "Spa Day" race! Counselors helped by jetting them with water, and packing on a face mask as they were blindfolded with cucumbers. After a tight finish in the seaweed wrap Josh snuck through to victory for round 1. Thursday began with a shaving foam covered extravaganza. Nico and Zac joined the fun, and helped their teammates by launching sponges for Josh and Tony to catch on their sticky shower cap heads. Combined with madcap laps and foam covered chest bumps with counselors everyone was completely foamed! Tony claimed victory for round 2. Now a tie breaker was needed...what would it be...? For Friday Morning we headed to the pools, with a great race between Josh and Nico on one team, and Zac and Tony on the other. J+T started by racing to put on their flippers and snorkel masks, and passing the baton to Zac and Nico as they raced to the top of the slide tower. Nico was first out of the slide as they climbed onto giant inflatables for the next stage. Target practice with water jets and then javelins brought them across the pool, and finally Tony and Zac made it first to the finish with a cannonball ending! Well done to all of the competitors, Team Tony won 2017!

Today we said "goodbye for now!" to some of our Gate Hill Friends. We can't wait to see you at Fall Festival, and of course next summer! If today was your last day, all bathing suits and extra clothes should have come home. If you're missing something, please let us know!