

THE GATE HILL NEWS

SUMMER 2015 – WEEK 4



MONDAY

The Wacky Wallbusters, Happy High Steppers, Dynamic Dodgers, and Super Slappers, loved the spirit (and sweat!) during GaGa Madness this week! The Dynamic Dodgers took the gold with 4,825 points! The Josh and Tony Challenge also kicked off this Monday (see page 2 for the latest details!). Our day closed with a special Senior Mountaineer pool party camper evening.

TUESDAY

After swimming our hearts out, the results are in! Gate Hill campers and staff swam a total of 18,308 laps, which equals 114.43 miles! Thank you for your dedication to the Project Morry Swim-A-Thon! The Explorers had an engaging trip to *Museum Village* in Monroe, NY where they made their own candles and experienced a late 19th Century school house!

WEDNESDAY

Kudos to the Gate Hill Players for an outstanding, stand-up-ovation kind of performance! From start to finish, *Peter Pan* wowed the audience with lively music, graceful dancing, funny jokes by Captain Hook's Tic Tock Croc, and adorable scenes with the Pathfinder Starkeepers! We couldn't have done it without Directors Greggo, David, and Carly! Thank you for your passion!

THURSDAY

What's really wacky about Wacky Wheel Wednesday? When it's done on Thursday! This week, counselors from G1B, B2C, B3C, BXC, & VB5A spun the wheel, landing on Super Special Snack from Bob's Super Secret Stash! Yum! The BMX stunt show was a huge hit today. The bike riding performers had us all cheering for their tailwhips, no handed jumps, supermans, and more! It was also a special afternoon for Villagers in the pool for their Ducky Day!

FRIDAY

Once again we had a beautiful, jam packed Friday! We finished another week of electives, where the leagues champs were Pioneer Green Sox and Mountaineer Lakesiders! We also thanked campers for their dedication to Gate Hill on their 3rd, 5th, or 7th year here! We sadly said goodbye to some friends on their last day, but the mood was lightened with Josh's Joke Friday and the dance team! If today was your last day, we'll see you soon!



Once again a Monday arrived,
And the monarch was wild,
He had an unbelievable challenge,
one for each and every child.
He growled with laughter,
He knew that this one was the beast.
He anticipated that the campers,
Would hate this one the least!
With his human like paw,
He scratched his right ear,
Then howled to the whole camp,

WHO HAS THE MOSTEST???

This challenge you should not fear!
The monarch opened his jaw,
And with a gentle and fun roar,
"Let's see the best animal impression"
Something you can't buy at a store!
The barking and chirping,
That was heard around camp
Made it difficult for the monarch,

To find the best champ.
he searched and searched
and finally he did see,
**Marin from GXA and
Michael B. from B1B!**

The campers hooted and hollered
when the medals were received,
What will be next week my friends?
well we'll have to wait and see!
**Congratulations Marin and Michael,
you have the Mostest in Week 4!!!**

Today we said "goodbye for now!" to some of our Gate Hill Friends. We can't wait to see you at Reunion in the fall, 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!

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GATE HILL CHALLENGE UPDATE!

What a fun week of friendly competition it has been! Because of the effort and teamwork of Gate Hill campers to rack up the points, Josh and Tony competed in the challenge all throughout the week. Monday was the kick off event, and on Wednesday there was an obstacle course and climbing event. Two campers supported the competitors as they built a foam tower, zipped down a noodly slip n' slide, climbed an inflatable course, and then raced to knock down their towers. Thursday was an intense and messy quiz show of "Are you Smarter than a Gate Hill Camper?" Correct and incorrect answers resulted in green or red squirting paint all over the contenders and their counselor assistants! Josh showed up to Thursday's water balloon competition with a broom—hoping to sweep the race! But, it was a big win for No Bologna Tony. The last event on Friday was at the pool—water basketball, kayaking, and more.....a grand finale win for JOSH!

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 an 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 20th**. 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!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

(in order of Birthday)

- Calvin Revenell 7/19
- Piper Karnilaw-Maurice 7/20
- Kristina Aguirre 7/20
- Gabriela Shenkin 7/20
- Georgia Green 7/21
- Carly Hessler 7/21
- Neil Bhargava 7/21
- Mina Bhargava 7/21
- Alyssa Kramer 7/24
- Sam Wolfe 7/26
- Ben Tamas 7/28
- Harrison Gerson 7/29

Woo Woo!!!!

THINK SWIM!

Did you know that you can practice your strokes even when you are not in the water? This can help you work on the proper leg and arm movements and commit them to memory!



WEEK FIVE AT THE HILL

Monday - Welcome New Campers & Tie Dye Week Begins

Tuesday - Jr. Mountaineer Late Stay

Wednesday - Silly Sock Day & Explorers Late Stay

Thursday - Carnival!

Friday - Pajama Day

PAJAMA DAY

Get comfy with this new dress up day! Next Friday, campers can roll out of bed and come to camp as is! If your camper chooses to wear a nightgown, we suggest wearing shorts underneath to ensure comfortable play. Also, please keep in mind that summer days get hot, so save your cozy flannel PJs for a winter day when you're missing camp. Slippers are okay to start off the day, but don't forget to pack sneakers and pool

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

If you are interested in extending your child's stay at camp, please let us know the weeks you're interested in. We will check availability and get back to you!